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UPCOMING EVENTS

*University Club
Downtown Grand Rapids
Meetings begin at 12:15 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.*

----- We Serve -----

**Tuesday, September 6,
First luncheon meeting: Cross-
Cultural Communication, Alan
Headbloom**

Tuesday, September 6, First
Eyeglass Recycling Session, 6 -
8:00 pm

Monday, September 12, Season
Opening of Grand Rapids Lions
Club Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, September 13,
Making Homes Healthier, Paul
Haan**

Tuesday, September 13,
Eyeglass Recycling Session, 6 -
8:00 pm

Monday, September 19, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, September 20,
Veterans Home Care, Jennifer
Cordelier**

In Memory of Theodore James (Jim) LeRoy July 18, 1922 – July 8, 2016



Former Lion Theodore James (Jim) Leroy died on Friday, July 8, 2016. He was born in Detroit on July 18, 1922 and was 94 years old. Jim joined the Lions in 1988, sponsored by Bob Lalley (Rob's father). The LeRoy's and Lalley's were good friends in Grand Rapids, before Jim was transferred to Detroit. The families rekindled their relationships when Jim retired, and he and his wife moved back to Grand Rapids.

Jim was a very active Lion, coming to most luncheon meetings and participating in every activity. He was very active at the Carnival, which the Lions sponsored, where he worked closely with Lion Don Nelson (deceased) in the food tent. He collected eyeglass donations and organized our golf outings (Lions had sponsored 4 during the summer). Rob Lalley recalls that, "Jim was a very handy guy" at Lions events and in his home life. Jim was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award in 1990 and, for the year 1998-99, the Henry Voet Meritorious Service Award. He resigned in late 2007 due to health reasons.

Jim began his career at the Ford Rouge Plant as a draftsman. He joined the US Army Air Corps during WWII and served on the Northern Mariana Island of Tinian before returning home to marry his high school sweetheart, Betty Glunz. They were married for 69 years before her death last year. During that time, he was a sales representative for US Steel in West Michigan and

the Detroit area, retiring after 40 years. In addition to the Lions Club, he was an active member of the IHM Parish where service and athletics played an active role. In 1958, he was asked to start and coach the youth football program and did so for 11 years. He also was a member of the Ushers Club and the Men's Golf League, God's Kitchen, Meals on Wheels and was on the Board at The Village of Health Hills. Summers were spent on his boat, pulling kids on skis around Michigan lakes. Jim and Betty lived in the Village of Heather Hills for 10 years. The family was grateful to Faith Hospice and Community Caregivers for the comfort, care and guidance.

Jim's Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 11 at St Robert of Newminster Catholic Church. Jim and Betty had 4 children, Nancy, James, Lawrence and Cynthia (deceased). He is also survived by two sisters-in-law, 4 grandchildren, a great grandson and several nieces and nephews. Rest well our old friend.

Tuesday, September 6 **Cross Cultural Communication, Alan Headbloom**



Alan Headbloom has been helping foreign-born professionals for over 30 years so that they can communicate and interact with increased comfort and accuracy with Americans. They include physicians, educators, quality assurance engineers, and American human resource staff, supervisors and employees. This continues to be very important with increasing interaction among people with different backgrounds and languages due to trade, education, travel and immigration.

Mr. Headbloom has experience in cross-cultural communication on 6 continents. As an applied linguist, he has worked with professionals in the fields of accounting, architecture, auditing, customer service, engineering, finance, management, marketing, medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, quality assurance, religion, research & development and sales. He holds master's degrees in both Applied Linguistics and Teaching English as a Second Language, and a bachelor's degree in German.

He has presented at professional conferences and co-authored a book on the difficulties of English grammar and pronunciation for Japanese learners. In 2013, he and his collaborators created *Feel Like You Belong*, a multi-resource web portal and TV show. He interviews immigrants and expatriates to learn how one goes about belonging in a new land, new language, and new culture. For non-natives, we dissect American culture, American English slang and even American humor. He has lived, worked and traveled through much of the world and continued to study new languages. His next goal is to begin studying Arabic.

His is married to Kim Roberts and live outside of Grand Rapids. They have two adult daughters. He is a long-distance runner, does volunteer work and enjoys looking at dictionaries.

Tuesday, September 12 **Lions Bowling League Competition Begins!**



The fall Grand Rapids Lions Club Bowling League starts on Monday, September 12 and runs through Monday, December 19. Northfield Lanes will again be the place for Lions, spouses or significant others to test their skills. It is located at 2222 Plainfield Ave NE. This is a non-competitive league, so all are welcome to



join in the socializing and fun. Some Lions go out to dinner after bowling, selecting the place that night, but you don't have to bowl to join the bowlers for dinner.

Our bowling secretary, **Lion Fred Martin**, said, "There are no qualifications, other than being able to throw a bowling ball down the alley." The cost is \$160.00 per person and includes a banquet in April at the conclusion of the second half of bowling. Shoes are available for rental. Practice starts at 4:40 and bowling starts at 4:45. It usually finishes by 6:15 pm. If you can't bowl full time, substitutes are often needed. You are also welcome to come to the alley to heckle the bowlers and get to know the other Lions. To sign up or ask questions, please contact Fred Martin at fmartin@allegragr.com or 901-0578.

Tuesday, September 13 Making Homes Healthier, Paul Haan

The mission of the Healthy Homes Coalition is to improve children's health and wellbeing by eliminating harmful housing conditions. The Coalition's mission is to have all children grow up in healthy homes free of environmental hazards, accomplished through policy, advocacy, outreach and education, direct services and continuous collaboration. The Coalition is an outgrowth of the successful *Get the Lead Out!* Campaign, and was incorporated 2006 to sustain the effort to end childhood lead poisoning in Grand Rapids and to apply lessons learned from lead to other children's environmental health issues related to housing.



Lead contamination in drinking water has been a major issue in the news. In the early years, the Healthy Homes Coalition focused on lead poisoning, radon and carbon monoxide as priority issues. With US-FEMA support, the issue of fire safety was added. Over time, research and listening to the community revealed that asthma was a major concern that can be impacted by addressing children's housing. The connections between asthma and housing conditions are clear not only for asthma attacks, but also for the development of asthma. As a result, the Coalition is now assisting nearly as many families with asthma concerns as with lead poisoning concerns. Services for families with children with asthma include tailored home assessments, linking to asthma-specific resources, and assistance with integrated pest management. Continuing to build a strong, solid foundation to eliminate these threats, the Coalition continues to build a comprehensive approach to ensuring that children's homes are healthy and free from environmental harm.



Paul Haan, Executive Director of the Healthy Homes Coalition, will talk to us today. Mr. Haan was a community organizer in many roles for many years before he joined the Coalition. Because of the Coalition's and Mr. Haan's successful work, he was appointed to the State of Michigan's Child Lead Poisoning Elimination Board by Governor Snyder in June 2016. He said, "It is an honor to be asked to serve in this important role. We have a 15 year history of effectively fighting childhood lead poisoning in West Michigan, and I look forward to leveraging that knowledge in service to all the children of Michigan." He has also been recognized for his work with Healthy Homes through the following honors: Christine Nelson Professional Service to Children Award, Family Futures

(2013), Special Tribute, Rep. Schmidt and Governor Granholm, State of Michigan (2011), Communicator of the Year, Interchange (2005), and the Governor's Hometown Health Hero, Michigan Department of Community Health (2004).

40th USA/Canada Leadership Forum September 15-17, 2016, Omaha, Nebraska

Last year as you may recall, the Forum was held in Grand Rapids for the 2nd time and Michigan Lions volunteers helped the Forum to be the highest rated in the last ten years. **PID Lion Gray Anderson** is the General Chairperson of the 40th USA/Canada Leadership Forum this year in Omaha. So, from our perspective, the event should be a super learning experience.

If you want to attend, you need to register at www.lionsforum.org. The registration fee is \$295. You can register for hotels and learn more about the forum at this site. Attend as a part of your vacation out west or you can go with other Lions on a bus, which Michigan Lions are trying to arrange. Also, if you will be attending or you want to ride on the chartered bus, call or email Lion Gary Anderson.

See Lion Tom Dandridge's Art Show

Pastels, pen & ink and charcoal --- These are what you can see at Lions Tom Dandridge's art show. Until October 31, the artwork will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Grand Rapids. Westminster is located two blocks south of Fulton Street on Jefferson Avenue. Parking is in the parking lot just south of the church. You can visit the show on Sunday, and from Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Check with Tom Dandridge if you have questions about his art: tdandridge1@comcast.net or 616-863-9241.

A Lion in the News!

On August 2, the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce announced that the winner of its 2016 ATHENA Award is **Lion Shelley Irwin**, the 27th winner of the award. The announcement said that Shelley is the producer and host of WGVU's "Morning Show" and several local PBS shows.

The chamber described that, "The ATHENA Award winners are honored for their leadership, have mentored and provided opportunities for women, and contributed to the community in a positive way." She was chosen from 10 finalists, each judged on their commitment to the ATHENA "tenets" - authentic self, relationships, giving back, collaboration, courageous acts, learning, fierce advocacy, celebration and joy. The President of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce said, "She has 'relentlessly' given back to West Michigan, making her an 'exemplary model' of the ATHENA Leadership Model." As we Lions know, he said, 'She has a sincere passion to make a difference in our community by elevating those around her.'



The article cited Shelley's background:

- She has won five straight Gracie Allen Awards for Outstanding Program Host from the Alliance for Women in Media and multiple honors from the Michigan Association of Broadcasting and the Associated Press.
- She has been a vocal supporter of women in the community and active with a number of female-focused organizations and events: Girls on the Run; Gazelle Girl Half Marathon/5K; Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore; Michigan Women's Foundation; Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council; and more.

- She serves on eight boards and more than 15 committees focused on “advancing professional success” and “enhancing the quality of life” in West Michigan. She also was named the first female president of the Grand Rapids Lions Club.

Shelley and the finalists will be honored at the ATHENA Awards Celebration on September 15 at the JW Marriott in downtown Grand Rapids, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will feature the presentation of the ATHENA Young Professional Award and five ATHENA Scholarships to women over 30 who are pursuing higher education degrees. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce if you want to attend. The event is \$50 for [chamber](#) members, \$75 non-members and \$700 for a table of 10 people. People can register for the event [online](#).

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