



Nuda Veritas

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Monday, January 23, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, January 24,
Advocacy for Native
Americans, Vicki Karlson**

Monday, January 30, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, January 31, Lions
Board Meeting, ABVI, Noon (any
member is welcome)

**Tuesday, January 31,
Eyeglasses Recycling Project
& Dinner, Jamark Labs, 6:00
pm**

Monday, February 6, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, February 7, Program
To Be Announced**

Tuesday, February 7, Recycling
Center Open, 3:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, January 24th

Advocacy for Native Americans, Vicki Karlson

Vicki Karlson is a graduate of Rockford High School who started her career at Michigan Bell in her senior year. She retired early in 1994 after her son's graduation from college. During her retirement, she has helped her husband with computer applications for his business, worked for a financial manager and helped run a beauty salon.

Then, volunteering became very important. First, she volunteered at the Fredrick Meijer Gardens. She explained, "Being involved in the first 10 years was very exciting. Meeting the sculptors, and welcoming the members to special events were some of my favorite times."

Things changed for Vicki in 2004 when she joined a volunteer group from her church on a mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The volunteers worked with the local Lakota people to help improve their quality of life on the reservation, such as by doing home repairs. Volunteers learned the Lakota culture through their interaction with the Lakota people. After three years of volunteering in the office and kitchen, she became the Volunteer-Coordinator. She retired from that position in 2011, but continued with a Women's Project of her own until 2015. She now continues to visit and advocates for all Native People.

Tuesday, January 31

Eyeglasses Recycling Project & Dinner

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Jamark Labs

No Meeting at Noon at the University Club!

The Eyeglass Recycling Session/Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, January 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (with dinner about 6:00 pm). During these hours, please come and bring a guest or a prospective member who are interested in a hands-on service project. You can come any time after 3:00 pm. The mission trips

could not happen if we don't have enough glasses to take on the trip.

The Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center is at Jamar Labs at 4282 Brockton SE, Suite D, Grand Rapids. It is approximately 1/2 mile east of Broadmore Avenue, about 1 block north of 44th street at the first traffic light and on the east side of Brockton. It is the northern-most suite in a series of connected businesses. Parking and the entrance are available in the front of the building. If you have questions or want more information, please contact **Lion Scott Brady** at scottbrady2120@gmail.com or 616-283-0260, or one of the other committee members.

Note: *The Recycling Center is open every Tuesday from 3:00 – 8:00 pm.*

Editorial Apology: My apology for sending a previously sent newsletter as I flew out the door on vacation on January 9 and clicked the wrong newsletter. There was no information on the luncheon programs since they were not confirmed at the time. However, I include the other news (that follows) which was contained in that issue.

Thank You Continued – Meijer Kids Holiday Shopping Event

Anne Baird and Mike Thibodaux wish to add their thanks to Lions and others who not recognized in the last issue: Shelly Irwin, Bob Winchester, Cindy Rogers and Tom Murphy's daughter's, Erin.

Again, special thanks to:

- * GVSU Lions Campus Club Students
- * 24 Grand Rapids Lions Club Member Volunteers
- * Don Jakel for his cash register assistance
- * Shelley Irwin for photo shoots
- * Linda Thibodeau
- * Bill and Molly Fleetham for "Meet and Greet" at the door

We are sure their Christmas celebrations were happier because of your kindness and time.

If you want to get involved next year (participating or helping to organize the event), please contact Anne Baird (baird@surfree.com) 616-446-9496 or Mike Thibodaux (muthibodeau@gmail.com).

January Birthdays of Lions

Richard Nelson	January 4
John Rice	January 4
Michael Thibodeau	January 4
Mike Luhn (former)	January 5
Collen Mulder	January 9
Wayne Beuschel	January 15
Molly Fleetham	January 21
Mary VanderLugt	January 21
M. Lynn Dandridge	January 24
Donald Jakel	January 31
Robert Winchester	January 31

Other Lions News:

Blind Dinner Date: Tentatively mark your calendars – March 2, 2017. More information will be forthcoming.

Michigan Lions Forum: Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18 for this annual educational forum in Lansing. You will meet Lions from across the state and have the opportunity to learn about how to orient new Lions, effective communication, organizing a club project, how to laugh for your health and so forth. More information in the next *Nuda Veritas*.

Rockford Lions Chili Cook-Off: Reserve Thursday, February 23 for this annual Chili Cook-off. If you have a a great chili recipe, new challengers are welcome. Or, if you just like chili, the cost is \$8 for all you can eat. (More information in the next issue.)

February Vision Mission Trip: The vision mission team will be going to a town of about 65,000 called Rio Verde in the state of San Luis Potosí in Mexico. It is located NNW of Mexico City. The team is leaving on Sunday February 12 and returning on Friday February 17. There will be 4 days of clinic (Monday - Thursday) The local Lions clubs will host the team. The following is a list of mission team members, comprised of 6 doctors and 15 support staffers.

Mission Team Members

Gary Alfred Anderson
Cheryl Anderson
Scott Brady
James Baird
Michelle Burkhardt-Bullion
Adam Carlson
Richard Carlson
Heather Cotter
Patrick Droste
Sherah Eavey
Jackson Eavey

William Fleetham
Kenneth Frary
James Junod
Gail Ann Junod
Jean Ann Kraai
Gail McCready
Katelyn Millett
Kathryn O'Bee
Brent Spoelstra
Mary Beth Tupper