



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

**Tuesday, February 7, Walking
through Heritage Hill, Tom
Logan**

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

February 12: Vision Mission
Team Leaves for Mexico

Monday, February 13, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, February 14: Happy
Valentine's Day – Remember Your
Sweetheart!**

**Tuesday, February 14, Ice
Sculptor/ArtPrize, Randy Finch**

Tuesday, February 14, Recycling
Center Open, 3:00 – 8:00 pm

Monday, February 20, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, February 7

Walking through Heritage Hill, Tom Logan

About ten years ago, Tom Logan, Ph.D. talked to us about the development and history of the Heritage Hill neighborhood in Grand Rapids. He had recently authored and published the book, "Almost Lost: Building and Preserving Heritage Hill", a nationally recognized historic and one of the largest historic neighborhoods in the National Register of Historic Places.

An excerpt from the Heritage Hill website says this on Dr. Logan's book: "We nearly lost it. In the 1960's and early 1970's, the Grand Rapids Heritage Hill neighborhood was in great danger of being razed piece-by-piece. It has instead been extensively restored and preserved – a tribute to many active and determined residents of Heritage Hill, then and since."

Dr. Logan has followed up by writing a shorter new book, "Walking Tours of Heritage Hill." In essence, he builds upon his earlier book by describing five walking tours covering different parts of the neighborhood. These walking tours can be taken in an order and over different days or months. The book includes photos and descriptions of houses not just of notable people, but of different architectural styles and other interesting facts. Dr. Logan hopes to weave into his presentation the information from both of his two books. He will have books to sell if members are interested.

Dr. Logan has done historical research of homes for the Heritage Hill Tour since 1989. His degrees are in city and regional planning from the University of Wisconsin and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He served on the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission and renovated six houses in historic neighborhoods. He and his wife lived in Heritage Hill for over 30 years.

Tuesday, February 14 Ice Guru/ArtPrize Artist, Randy Finch

With extensive culinary training and more than 20 years in the ice sculpting business, friends and business partners Randy Finch and Derek Maxfield own and operate Ice Sculptures Ltd in Grand Rapids. Together with their team, they design and execute ice sculptures that have been featured on national television, recognized in industry media, and included at movie premieres, celebrity galas, concerts and sporting events. Now, their sculptures are captured on Food Network's primetime series, Ice Brigade, for example, creations like pool tables, bowling lanes, grand pianos, carousels and putt-putt courses.

They are from small towns in Michigan, originally drawn to the culinary arts, not only to fulfill their love of science and art, but also eventually found their true calling in ice sculpting. Before and after college, they both worked in restaurants honing their culinary and ice sculpting skills and realized their affinity for ice carving.

After a few job transitions and endless practice, they started carving ice and selling it locally, using their car trunk as a makeshift studio. They would sculpt a block of ice right on location. They still work long hours as full-time chefs in order to support themselves. However, they started Ice Sculptures Ltd in 1994. Some of their earliest sculptures included swans, hearts and buffet pieces made for country clubs throughout Detroit and Grand Rapids. The company is now thriving and has more than 10 employees.

They shared their ice carving methods, techniques, and ideas in "Ice Sculpting the Modern Way" (Delmar Learning, 2004). They placed among the top 25 in "ArtPrize" and coached the ice sculptor on the U.S. Pastry team that won "Best Ice Sculpture" in the 2009 Coupe du Monde de la Patisserie in Lyon, France. Randy and Derek still both live in Grand Rapids.

Blind Dinner Date: March 2

Up to 80% of the information you take in each day is processed through your eyes. Now, imagine your day if you were living with limited or no vision. How would you read this letter, pour yourself a cup of coffee, or get to and from work? These are a few of the many challenges thousands of residents in our community face each day.

The Grand Rapids Lions Club and our **Presentation Sponsor *RX Optical*** are proud to present the **12th Annual Blind Dinner Date**. Through this fundraising event, 100% of funds raised through the Blind Dinner Date will benefit local children and adults in meeting challenges caused by their vision loss so they can live independently, confidently, and with dignity. They are helped by the following non-profit service providers: Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health, Ken-O-Sha Early Vision Program, Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Grand Rapids Lions Fund at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

In addition to an evening with drinks, dinner and lively conversation, you'll hear the inspiring story of Bill Robinson's, the new Director of the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, journey from vision loss to independence. We will also recognize the achievements of several professionals from the eye care community.

The Blind Dinner Date will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at Thousand Oaks, 4100 Thousand Oaks Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Tickets are available online through

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blind-dinner-date-2017-tickets-31074409395>, by emailing **Lion Rick Stevens** at rstevens@abvimichigan.org or signing up at a luncheon meeting.

Lions Michigan Forum Saturday, February 18

The Lions Michigan will be held on Saturday, February 18 at the Causeway Bay Lansing & Convention Center. The center is just south of I-96 at 6800 South Cedar in Lansing. This is an annual educational forum in Lansing. This is a great opportunity to learn professional skills, information useful for Lions success and to meet Lions from across the state. A brochure will accompany this mailing, allowing you to see what will be presented and to register.

Our club will reimburse you for your registration cost (\$40). In the past, our members who have attended have often met early on Saturday morning to car pool, if they haven't gone down the Friday night. If you are planning to attend, please contact Craig Nobbelin, c.nobbelin@yahoo.org or 616-458-0471. He will put you in touch with other who are going.

Other Lions News:

February Birthdays of Lions	
Patrick O'Hare	February 2
Arthur McWilliams	February 9
Michael Murphy	February 22

Rockford Lions Chili Cook-Off: This is a repeat reminder. If you like "Chili", enter your Chili in the cook-off or RSVP if you just like to eat chili: contact Kim Neveau at kimneveau@yahoo.com. The date is Thursday, February 23 beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$8 for all you can eat – any or all of the 10 varieties of chili. The Chili Cook-off is at the American Legion, 330 Rockford Park Drive N.E., Rockford

Club Officer Training: This training will take place on Saturday, February 25 at Paws with a Cause, 4646 South Division, Wayland. Registration is 8:30am – 9:00 am and the Program is from 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

District 11-C1 Convention: Mark your calendars! Our Lions District Convention, *Endless Horizons*, will be held on Saturday, April 1 (no April Fool's joke) at the American Legion Post in Rockford. It is close by, so let's have a good representation from our club. Our International Director from District 10, Jenny Ware, will be our guest speaker at the dinner. If you can't stay for dinner, at least come for the educational sessions in the morning and the business meeting in the afternoon. More will come in future editions of the *Nuda Veritas*.

LCI – 100 Years of Service, 200 Countries: Mark Your Calendars! The Lions International Convention will be held on June 30 – July 4 in Chicago – where it all began and right in our own backyard. This is your most convenient chance to attend an LCI convention, let alone the 100th Anniversary of the organization. Registration cost is: regular \$180 from January 14 - March 31, and late registration will be \$200 from April 1 until convention. Special notes: *Michigan Night* is an Interactive Dinner Show at Tommy Guns Garage on July 2; the *Michigan Hotel* is The Hyatt Regency McCormick; *Amtrak* is cheapest form of transportation since parking is pricey.

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