



# 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 20, Lions  
Bowling League, Northfield  
Lanes, 4:45 pm

### **Tuesday, February 21, Getting the Truth, Joe Koning**

Tuesday, February 21, Recycling  
Center Open, 3:00 – 8:00 pm

Monday, February 27, Lions  
Bowling League, Northfield  
Lanes, 4:45 pm

### **Tuesday, February 28, Eyeglasses Recycling Project & Dinner, Jamark Labs, 6:00 pm**

**Thursday, March 2, Blind  
Dinner Date, Thousand Oaks,  
6:00 - 9:00 pm**

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

## **Tuesday, February 21 Getting the Truth, Joe Koning**

Joe Koenig's book, *Getting the Truth*, provide principles to obtain truth, facts, and detect deception. The principles not only teach one how to analyze communications, but also provide insight and instruction into how to ask the right questions, in the right way, at the right time. A poorly constructed or timed question can actually prohibit one from getting the truth.

The goal of "Getting the Truth" (and any fact-finding mission) is to produce "perfect communication" between the parties. Mr. Koning defines perfect communication as:

1. Knowing what was said and why it was said; and,
2. Knowing what wasn't said and why it wasn't said.

To summarize from his website: "It's about reading between the lines, distinguishing truth from deception, and learning to sculpt your questions to get the truth.

In addition to his recent foray into being an author, Mr. Koning had a long-standing career in Law Enforcement as an Inspector with the Michigan State Police Department and has had 40 experience investigating in both the public and private sectors. He has multiple degrees including: Management Study for Police Leaders FBI National Academy, Masters in Public Administration from Eastern Michigan University, and a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting from Wayne State University. He currently works as a Private Investigator and Certified Fraud Examiner through his business KMI Investigations LLC.

Consider inviting a guest to this presentation. You can purchase Mr. Koenig's book at the meeting on Tuesday, February 21.

## **Tuesday, February 28 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, February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (with dinner about 6:00 pm). The vision mission team has returned from Rio Verde in the state of San Luis Potosí in Mexico where they provided vision services and glasses for residents. 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 Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center is at Jamark 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](mailto: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.*

## **Blind Dinner Date featuring Bill Robinson March 2, 2017, 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

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 date of the Blind Dinner Date is getting close. So, you should make your reservations soon! The event 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 Ben Eavey** at [ben@eavey.com](mailto:ben@eavey.com) or 616-235-2772, or signing up at a luncheon meeting.

## **Grand Rapids Lions Club Endowment Fund Closing in on \$800,000**

With end of the year contributions and gratitude to the two anonymous members who matched new contributions to our Endowment Fund, the fund was valued on December 31, 2016 at almost \$790,000 (well, exactly \$789,919.57). What this means is that the fund was almost *four-fifths of the way toward the goal of one million dollars*. Wouldn't it be nice to reach our goal by our Club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November 2019?

In the last 3 months of the year, twenty Lions members contributed to the endowment. Carl's Club (\$400 per year) gained 2 new members (\$800) and existing Carl's Club members gave an extra \$3,700. There were also smaller donations totaling \$250. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

The Endowment Fund is a fund that is part of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation (GRCF), which manages and invests the funds. Based on a formula, the GRCF allocates funds every year that our Club can use to help our charities and needing individuals. This is in addition to the funds that we raise through our fundraising events. The Lions Board makes the decisions on how the funds were be donated each year.

## **Other Lions News:**

**Gearing-up for 2019 (our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Now & 1940's Style:** Vice-President Ed Thauer will lead a committee to explore ways about how our Club should celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. Ed will be the Club's President then. In the meantime, your Editor will look back at what was happening with the club in the past and prepare articles to be published in the *Nuda Veritas*. Our archives have editions that date back to 1944. I will try to prepare and publish articles each month.

**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](mailto: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 back yard. This is your most convenient chance to attend an LCI convention, let alone the 100<sup>th</sup> 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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