



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 -----

April 16, 2017

*Hope your Easter or
Passover was Happy &
Blessed*

**Tuesday, April 18, State of the
City, GR Mayor Rosalynn Bliss**

Tuesday, April 18, Eyeglass
Recycling Session, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Tuesday, April 25, Eyeglass
Recycling Session & Meeting,
6:00 – 8:00 pm (No Dinner)**

**Tuesday, May 2, Refugee &
Immigration in West Michigan,
Christian Hawkins**

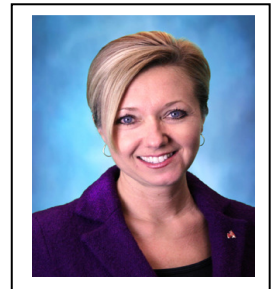
Saturday, April 29, 9:00 am – 5:00
pm, Community Eyeglass Wash &
Sort Day

*Note: The **Recycling Center** hours
are 6:00 - 8:00 pm through the
remainder of this year.*

Tuesday, April 18

State of the City, Mayor Rosalynn Bliss

Mayor Rosalynn Bliss will speak to the Grand Rapids Lions Club for the first time. She is likely to talk about the issues from her second State of the City address that took place on March 2. These issues focused on:



- Progress on police and community relations, including every GRPD officer wearing body cameras, and racial bias studies and training in the department. More City residents are being trained and hired to reflect better the community served.
- Continuing focus on developing affordable housing, including a Housing Advisory Committee to address many issues concerning affordable housing and developing a \$1 million trust fund as seed money.
- Racial equity initiative: Grand Rapids is a tale of two cities within the City of Grand Rapids. One city tells of high-poverty neighborhoods that are racially diverse and economically unstable with barriers for minority-owned small businesses, while the other is growing and prosperous. Stakeholders will create steps to increase equitable employment and reduce disparities, including a dashboard to track progress.
- Immigrant education program: Based on community feedback and working with Grand Rapids Public Schools, the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan and Sister Cities International, an academy will be launched to provide a safe place for people to come together to learn how to connect with local government and how to receive services and how to get engaged."
- Working toward "small giant" status, which would support

companies that choose to focus on quality, rather than expansion, as Mayor Bliss says, “to make Grand Rapids the ‘small giant’ of the country.”

Mayor Rosalynn Bliss became the City of Grand Rapids’ first female Mayor when she took office on January 1, 2016. She previously served as a Second Ward City Commissioner for 10 years. She also is an adjunct professor at Grand Valley State University’s School of Social Work. She earned bachelor’s degrees in psychology and criminal justice from the University of South Alabama and a master’s in social work from Michigan State University.

Mayor Bliss is President of the Michigan Municipal League and serves on the boards of the Downtown Development Authority, Experience Grand Rapids, Grand Valley Metro Council, Kent County Land Bank Authority and Interurban Transit Partnership, among many other organizations. She has received numerous awards, such as Crain’s 100 Most Influential Women, Grand Rapids Business Journal’s 50 Most Influential Women in West Michigan and 5-time recipient of 40 Under Forty distinction award, West Michigan Public Relations Society of America’s Communicator of the Year Award, ATHENA Young Professional Award and more.

Tuesday, April 25
Eyeglasses Recycling Project (NO 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, April 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be no dinner since there will be food served on Saturday at the Community Eyeglasses Wash & Sort extravaganza. Please come and bring a guest or a prospective member who are interested in a hands-on service project. We need to empty the boxes and process more glasses for the next vision mission trip.

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 or 616-283-0260, or one of the other committee members.

Note: *The Recycling Center is open every Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.*

Community Eyeglasses Wash & Sort Day
Saturday, April 29

The Grand Rapids Lions Club has scheduled an all-day Community Eyeglass Wash & Sort for Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. All our members, spouses, friends, kids are invited. In addition, we are inviting other Lions Clubs and others who wish to participate to join in the fun. We want to get a jump on next year's vision mission trip.

You can come any time and stay as long as you want. If you have not participated in the eyeglasses recycling, this is your chance! You can see other club members and possibly meet members of other Lions clubs. If you have a group that will be coming, please let Scott Brady know. (contact info below)

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Grand Rapids Lions Club Results of 2017 Board Elections

Your votes for our annual elections for the Board of Directors for 2017-18 are complete. The results are: Membership Director (2-year term) – **Lion Gary Anderson**; Directors (3-year terms, 1st term) – **Lion Ben Eavey, Lion Colleen Mulder & Lion Kyle Travis**. Congratulations to our new directors!

Other directors and officers who are continuing the Board are: Chairman of the Board Don Jakel, President Shawn Eyestone, Vice President Ed Thauer, Directors Erik Anderson, Richard Boland. Bill Fleetham, Secretary Craig Nobbelin and Treasurer Jeff Kraai.

Participate in the White Cane Drive Friday & Saturday, May 6th & 7th

The White Cane Drive will take place on Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7. This year, the fundraising event will only be at the Walmart Store on Alpine. The new manager at the Cascade Walmart denied our request to collect this year, and there were poor collections in Downtown. Our club will concentrate our “people resources” at the Alpine Walmart for both days. We still need volunteers – either Lions or others who want to help visually impaired kids in special programs get eye glasses or others who often have many other challenges. We need to help these kids in developing these students’ full potentials at Ken-O-Sha. There is no cost to the families who are eligible for these eyeglasses

Sign-up at the meetings or contact or contact Lion Bill Fleetham at 204-2421 or grpedopt@gmail.com to sign up. Your fellow Lions need your help, even for an hour (perhaps 2 or 3) to solicit donations. The committee needs your help (in at least one-hour segments) during the following times:

Location	Day	Times (1 or more 1-hour shifts)
Walmart – Alpine NW	Friday, May 5th	12-1:00, 1-2:00, 4-5:00, 5-6:00
	Saturday, May 6th	10-11:00, 12-1:00, 1-2:00, 2-3:00

Let’s have a good turnout! If you have questions, contact either Anne Baird (baird@surfree.com) 616-446-9496 or Bill Fleetham (grpedopt@gmail.com) 616-204-2421. Thanks to all those who have volunteered!

Coast to Coast Raffle

You still have plenty of time to purchase a 2016 raffle ticket for the Choose Your Coast Raffle is here! With each raffle ticket purchased, you will have a chance for two to travel to New York, San Francisco, Orlando or Seattle for a four day – three-night trip.

Tickets are \$20 each, or 6 for \$100. The proceeds of the raffle benefit ABVI, one of our major charities. The drawing will be held on June 2, 2017. Please contact Lion Rick Stevens at ABVI to order your ticket(s): 616-458-1187 or rstevens@abvimichigan.org.

Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club

As we approach our 100th anniversary in 2019, as the club looks forward, this series of articles looks back on the activities of the club, this time drawing upon some of the earliest Nuda Veritas editions that we have in our archives – spring 1944.

The Tuesday weekly luncheons continued at the Pantlind Hotel We share some thoughts and programs from the May 1944 editions:

- A world-famous authority, Wayne Hanson, in Youth leadership spoke after his return from Brazil;
- Loyd Lee present information about the industrial firm Grand Rapids Winters & Compton Corp;
- John Swets of the Boys Vocational School in Lansing talked the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency;
- The Lions met at Greenfield Country Club doe a [War] Bond Auction; The goal for the year is \$8 million.

The Nuda Veritas had a variety of “tid-bits” in the May issues, including:

- The Lions moved to a new office in the Civic Auditorium, with a new phone number – 9-8287. Several bouquets were received after the opening.
- In the bowling league, Fox’s Cougars, Culver’s Leopards, and Mol’s Hyenas tied for first place with records of 28 – 17.
- The Boy Scouts thanks the Lions for a “splendid appreciation dinner, for which more than 2,000 attended.
- Point to remember: “If you feel that you must tell the faults of someone, then tell your own. You will not only have more to talk about, but can easily confine yourself to the truth.”
- Officer elections were announced: Loyal Shively was the new president and Wallace Muir the 2nd vice president.
- Dan Palmatier (many older members knew him), commenting on the cruise wrote asks Lions going to buy a suitable gift and “that if everybody’ll cooperate, this committee feels that we will have 110 happy women on board. A wait list was established just in case someone couldn’t go at the last minute.
- Also on the cruise, “. . . and for goodness sakes, plan to be there before the boat sails at four in the afternoon --- it’s tough catching up with it after it leaves the cock”

Other Lions News:

LCI – 100 Years of Service, 200 Countries: Mark Your Calendars! Time is getting short for this once in a lifetime event. 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 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.

Lions Annual Meeting: Mark your Calendars! The 2016-17 Annual Meeting will be held on June 6, 2017 beginning at 6:00 pm. The location will be announced later. Our current President, Shawn Eyestone, will preside. Since most Lions and significant others are unlikely be going to the LCI International Convention in Chicago at the end of the month, the program will offer videos and commentary about the 100th Anniversary of the International Lions Club's founding as we begin the month.

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