



# Nuda Veritas

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### University Club

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

----- **We Serve** -----

Tuesday, September 5, Addressing  
the Opiate Epidemic – How to  
Save a Life, Dr. Sandy Dettmann

Tuesday, September 5, 6:00 – 8:00  
pm, First Eyeglass Recycling Work  
Session of the New Season



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Monday, September 11, 4:45 pm,  
Lions Bowling League Starts,  
Northfield Lanes

Tuesday, September 12, To Be  
Confirmed – An email about this  
program will be sent to members

Tuesday, September 12, 6:00 –  
8:00 pm, Eyeglass Recycling Work  
Session

Tuesday, September 26, Noon,  
Board of Directors Meeting, ABVI

October 19, West MI Projects  
Night, Mark your Calendars!

## Year End Report from Your Treasurer

Our year that just ended June 30, 2017 was successful and I thought it would be a good time to update our membership on some of the financial matters of our club

The General Fund – this is the corporation we host our lunches and parties through. Dues are billed throughout the year based on a member's status. Currently the fund is financially pretty healthy, mostly because one lunch a month is hosted by the Eye Glass Recycling Program. Our primary revenue is from dues and was around \$37,500 with some other small sources of income. Our primary expense is meals/parking at the University Club and was \$17,800. Other costs are dues to Lions Clubs International / Lions of Michigan, along with wages to the Secretary & Treasurer. The carry-forward balance in this fund is \$13,408.

The Charities Fund – this is the corporation we run all our fund raisers through, such as the Blind Dinner Date, Drive for Vision and the Used Eye Glass program. In addition, we allocate annual amounts we receive from our funds held at the GR Community Foundation, which was \$39,000. Total allocations to charities this year by our Lions Club was \$118,179 which was higher than the prior year by \$19,000.

Our balance of funds held at the GR Community Foundation was \$793,529 at June 30, 2017. The balance went up quite a bit this year due to a nice matching contribution received from two members of our club. The amount of spendable funds for this year was \$39,000. This is part of the \$118,179 allocation mentioned above.

Additional information is available for any member who requests it.

Treasurer Jeff Kraai

**Happy Belated Birthday  
for Summer Babies**

Patrick Droste	June	4
Stephen Mulder	June	4
Sharon Barton	June	11
Frederick Martin	June	14
James Junod	June	16
Richard Bolhuis	June	21
Benjamin Logan	June	25

Sherah Eavey	July	1
Bill Fleetham	July	5
Robert Lalley	July	5
Patrick Mullen	July	6
Cheryl Anderson	July	9
Scott Brady	July	18
Kayla Roggenbach	July	18
Robert Snyders	July	18
Craig Nobbelin	July	20
Mark Kosciuszko	July	20
Ryan Smith	July	25
Richard Stevens	July	25
David Kok	July	27
Shawn Eyestone	July	29

Kim Gary	August	1
Kristen Plafkin	August	1
Richard Boland	August	2
Jana Kim	August	5
Nickolas Allen	August	6
Mark Oberlin	August	7
Stephanie Anderson	August	12
David LaGrand	August	13
William Reese	August	14
Gary Anderson	August	15
Benjamin Eavey	August	15
Robert White	August	26

**Tuesday, September 5  
Addressing the Opiate Epidemic –  
How to Save a Life, Dr. Sandy Dettmann**

The use or misuse of opiates and their use and abuse is a growing issue throughout the United States. While the U.S. has about 5% of the world's population, it consumes about 80% of the global supply of prescription opiates. In 2015 and 2016, Michigan health-care providers wrote 22 million prescriptions for opiate drugs – 11 million in each year. This is more than the entire population in the state. It is enough to provide every Michigan resident with his or her own bottle of narcotics, according to state data.

Opiates are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opiates, such as fentanyl and prescription pain relievers (for example, OxyContin, Vicodin and codeine). They can be highly addictive. Opiate deaths has now surpassed both gun and traffic accident deaths.

Joining us today to talk about the opiate epidemic will be Dr. Sandy Dettmann, a board-certified addiction medicine specialist in Grand Rapids in private practice at The Dettmann Center, P.C. She uses medication-assisted treatment to help people stop using alcohol and/or drugs.

A graduate of both University of Michigan and Michigan State University, she is an educator and an active member in the community, determined to make a difference as a community advocate. She has made her life, her career and her passion about caring for and protecting the rights of individuals who have been marginalized, shamed, blamed, and even punished for their diseases - alcoholism, mental health disease, and drug addiction.

**Tuesday, September 12  
To Be Confirmed**

An email will be sent when this program is confirmed

**Lions Bowling League Kicks-off  
Monday, September 11**

The fall Grand Rapids Lions Club Bowling League starts on Monday, September 11 and runs through Monday, December 18 at Northfield Lanes. Lions, spouses or significant others will test their bowling skills no matter what the skill level is. 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, but you don't have to bowl to join the bowlers for dinner, or vice-versa.

Northfield Lanes is located at 2222 Plainfield Ave 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](mailto:fmartin@allegragr.com) or 901-0578.

## Grand Rapids Lions Club Donations (FY 2016-17)

Beyond providing service to individuals and organizations needing help, our club donates funds raised through fundraisers, gifts and disbursements from our Lions endowment fund that is managed by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. Following up on Treasurer Jeff Kraai's report on page one, the following table shows the donations approved by your Board of Directors in FY 2016-17.

<b>Grand Rapids Lions Club Charities Donations (FY 2016-17)</b>		
<b>Organizations</b>	<b>Donation Totals</b>	<b>Sources / Fundraisers</b>
Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$52,363	BDD, Drive for Vision, Foundation / Other
Cherry Health (GRLC Vision Clinic)	\$27,660	BDD, Drive for Vision, Calendar Raffle, Other
Ken-O-Sha Low Vision Program	\$9,391	BDD, White Cane Drive
Grand Rapids Community Fdn (Lions Foundation)	\$5,899	BDD, Drive for Vision, Calendar Raffle
Eyeglass Recycling & Vision Mission	\$4,603	GRCF Foundation Disbursement / Other
Lions of Michigan Service Foundation	\$3,000	Foundation / Other
Bear Lake Camp (State Project – VI, Disabled)	\$2,000	Foundation / Other
Opportunities for the Blind & VI (camp)	\$2,000	Foundation / Other
West Michigan Miracle Field (4 <sup>th</sup> of 5 payments)	\$2,000	Foundation / Other
Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$1,000	Foundation /Other
Eversight / Michigan Eye Bank	\$1,000	Foundation / Other
Leader Dogs	\$1,000	Foundation / Other
Sight Seer Service (Reading Service Worldwide)	\$1,000	Foundation / Other
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services	\$1,000	Foundation / Other
High School Recognition Lunch / Gift Certificates	\$800	Foundation / Other
Kids Shopping at Cascade Meijer (net cost)	\$599	Foundation / Other
Hearing Aid Program -via Lions of MI Foundation	\$573	Foundation / Other
VI Student Field Day (in spring)	\$554	Foundation / Other
Youth Exchange (District Program)	\$500	Foundation / Other
Lions All State Band	\$500	Foundation / Other
Mel Trotter Ministries (for eyeglass program)	\$500	Foundation / Other
Other Donations / Expenses	\$237	Foundation / Other
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,179</b>	
<i>Blind Dinner Date: 10% to Lions Foundation, 42% to ABVI, 33% to Cherry Health, 15% to Ken-O-Sha</i>		
<i>Drive for Vision: 5% to Lions Foundation, 76% to ABVI (80% of 95%), 19% to Cherry Health (20% of 95%)</i>		

## Grand Rapids Lions Club 2017-18 Annual Calendar

(as of Aug 2017)

**Note: Weekly** - Some events occur weekly (There may be exceptions):

- Noon luncheon meetings, 12:15 pm, University Club, Sept 5 - May 29
- Eyeglass recycling, every Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Eyeglass Recycling Center
- Bowling, 4:45 pm, Northfield Lanes (Sept 11 - Dec 18 & Jan 8 - Apr 16)

Month	Day	Time	Event/Meeting
Aug	28	4:00-9:00+	Golf & Picnic, Wallinwood Golf & Anderson's
Sept	21-23	Thu - Sat	USA/Canada Forum, Portland, OR
Sept	27	Noon	Lions Board Meeting, ABVI
Sept	27	6:00-8:00 pm	Lions Meeting, Eyeglass Recycling Center
Oct	19	6:00-9:00 pm	W. MI Lions' Projects Night, Rockford American Legion
Oct	31	6:00-8:00 pm	Lions Meeting, Eyeglass Recycling Center
Nov	10-12	Fri - Sun	Lions of MI Leadership Institute, Higgins Lake
Nov	5 to 9	All week	Vision Mission Trip to Jamaica
Nov	28	Noon	Lions Board Meeting, ABVI
Nov	28	6:00-8:00 pm	Lions Meeting, Eyeglass Recycling Center
Dec	2	7:30-11:00 am	Kids Meijer Shopping Event, Cascade Meijers
Dec	TBD	TBD	Lions Holiday Party
Dec	TBD	12:15	Lions Luncheon Holiday Raffle, University Club
Jan	30	Noon	Lions Board Meeting, ABVI
Jan	30	6:00-8:00 pm	Lions Meeting, Eyeglass Recycling Center
Feb	18	Saturday	MI Lions Forum, Crown Plaza, Grand Rapids
Feb	5 to 9	All Week	Vision Mission Trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Feb	27	6:00-8:00 pm	Lions Meeting, Eyeglass Recycling Center
Mar	1	6:00-9:00 pm	Blind Dinner Date
Mar	27	Noon	Lions Board Meeting, ABVI
Mar	27	6:00-8:00 pm	Lions Meeting, Eyeglass Recycling Center
Apr	14	Saturday	(tentative) 11C-1 District Convention, TBD
Apr	24	6:00-8:00 pm	Lions Meeting, Eyeglass Recycling Center
May	4-5	TBD	White Cane Drive, Walmart, Alpine (tentative)
May	15	Noon	Student Recognition Luncheon, U-Club
May	TBD	TBD	VI Students Field Trip
May	18-19	Fri/Sat	MD 11 District Convention, Holiday Inn, Grand Blanc
May	29	Noon	Lions Board Meeting, ABVI
May	29	6:00-8:00 pm	Lions Meeting, Eyeglass Recycling Center
Jun	2 or 9	7:30-1:00 pm	VI Sports Day, Wealthy Elementary School
Jun	TBD	6:00-9:00 pm	Lions Annual Meeting, TBD
Jun	18	Noon-7:00 pm	Drive for Vision, Quail Ridge

*TBD = To Be Determined*

## ***Other Lions News***

**We Bid Farewell to Three Lions:** Lions **Dr. David DeBraber & Dr. Jed Emms** find their schedules do not allow them to participate in meetings and services. Lion and retired Pastor **John Tobian** is moving to Florida.

**Welcome to Our Six New Lions:** Be sure to welcome the six Lions new members that were approved over the summer. Or give them a call or email to welcome them! Here they are:

- ✓ **Lions Jeane Allard:** Jeane is sponsored by Lion Anne Baird and is a retired school principal. She and her husband, Tim Allard, live in East Grand Rapids on Oakwood SE. Her cell phone # is 616-450-7812. Her email address is [Jeane.allard@yahoo.com](mailto:Jeane.allard@yahoo.com).
- ✓ **Lion Nicholas Allen:** Nicholas is sponsored by Lion Pat Mullen and works in New Business Development at Custer. He is married to Andres Allen. They live on Bayberry Farms Drive SW in Wyoming. His cell phone # is 616-862-3931; work is 616-456-0340. His email address is [allennichplas@att.net](mailto:allennichplas@att.net).
- ✓ **Lion Matt Hulswit:** Matt is also sponsored by Lion Pat Mullen and works at Owens-Ames-Kimball. He and his wife, Jill Hulswit, live on Lenawee Street SE in Grand Rapids. His cell phone # is 616-450-6635; work is 616-456-1521. His email address is [matthulsit@gmail.com](mailto:matthulsit@gmail.com).
- ✓ **Lion Mark Kosciuszko:** Mark is sponsored by Lion Renee Mika, is an optometrist and works at Cherry Health in Wyoming. He and his wife, Claudette Charney, live on Boulder Ridge NE in Belmont. His cell phone # is 517-449-2535; work is 616-965-8333/ His email address is [markkosciuszko@cherryhealth.com](mailto:markkosciuszko@cherryhealth.com).
- ✓ **Lion Drew Wessell;** Drew is sponsored by Lion Pat Mullen. He and his wife, Moira Wessell, live on Taos Avenue NE in Ada. His cell phone # is 616-666-5006. His email address is [drew.wessell@gmail.com](mailto:drew.wessell@gmail.com).
- ✓ **Lion Ann Zoellner:** Ann is sponsored by Lion Anne Baird and is retired from her educational career. She lives on Pinnacle Run SE in Grand Rapids. Her email address is [annzoellner@gmail.com](mailto:annzoellner@gmail.com).

**Grand Rapids Lions Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee:** This committee will plan the celebration for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club, which will be in 2019. Any Lion who is interested in serving on the committee should contact Ed Thauer at [ed.thauer@designunderwriting.com](mailto:ed.thauer@designunderwriting.com) or 616-957-3380. The committee will be meeting at Ed's office on September 26 at 7:30 am.