



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, March 3, Bowling League,
Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, March 4, Melvin Jones
Fellowship Awards & New
Member Induction, PID Gary
Anderson**

Thursday, March 6, **Blind Dinner
Date**, Goei Center, 6:00 pm

Sunday Night, March 9, Daylight
Savings Time Begins – Set your
clocks ahead 1 hour at bedtime

Monday, March 10, Bowling League,
Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, March 11, To Be
Confirmed**

Monday, March 17, Happy St.
Patrick's Day!

Monday, March 17, Bowling League,
Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, March 18, To Be
Confirmed**

March 21 - 23, Lions District 11-C1 &
11-E1 Convention, Doubletree Hotel
by Hilton, Holland, MI

Tuesday, March 4

Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards & Induction of New Members, Gary Anderson

The Lions Clubs International Foundation's Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognizes donations of \$1,000. It is the backbone of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), providing 75 percent of the foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work, a MJF is an honor presented to those who donate \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others.

Contributions are made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum, or in installments of a minimum of \$100 over a five-year period. Melvin Jones Fellows receive an attractive lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter. It is also possible to make a donation and choose the MJF recipient later. Write "Melvin Jones Fellow to be named later" on the check or bank draft.

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) program is a way for donors to extend their commitment to LCIF. There are 54 recognition levels beyond the initial \$1,000 MJF contribution with a unique pin for each giving level. After contributing \$100,000, donors become Humanitarian Partners.

The Fellowship was established in 1973 and the Progressive program began in 1986 in response to Lions' request for a way to extend their commitment to LCIF. As of the end of November 2013, there are 357,424 MJF recipients and 67,537 PMJF recipients worldwide.

Fourteen Grand Rapids Lions Club members have been invited to the March 4 luncheon meeting to receive their awards. Also invited are the two newest members who will be inducted at the meeting if they are able to attend. Please attend this meeting to find out who these people are.

**Tuesday, March 10
Program to Be Confirmed**

Unfortunately, the program for this meeting was unable to be confirmed by the publishing deadline for the Nuda Veritas. When it is, please look for an email announcing what it is.

**Blind Dinner Date – March 6, 6 – 9 PM
The Goei Conference Center
Make Your Reservations Now!**

If you can read this, it may not be too late to make your reservations for the Blind Dinner Date. Please contact one of the event's co-chairs, Bill Reese or Shawn Eyestone.



blind

dinner date

Your company can still reserve a table for 8 for a discounted price of \$600. Individual tickets are available for \$75 each for you, your spouse or significant other and your friends or colleagues. Introduce new acquaintances to the Lions Club and perhaps they may want to become members. [For any remaining sponsorship options, tickets, or other information about the Blind Dinner Date](#), please email at dinner@grlions.org or call either of our co-chairs Bill Reese at 616-361-6000 x 3016 or Shawn Eyestone at 616-777-5292.

This is the **8th Annual Blind Dinner Date**, "Life Without Limits," hosted by the Grand Rapids Lions Club. It will honor local programs and people serving those who live with vision loss and to raise funds to benefit our major charities: Grand Rapids Lions Vision Clinic at Cherry Street Health Services, early vision program for children at Ken-O-Sha, the youth programs at the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Grand Rapids Lions Fund at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. We will look for you there!

Lions District 11-C1/11-E1 Convention

The annual 11-C1 Convention, a combined convention with District 11-E1, takes place from Friday, March 21 – Sunday, March 23 at the Doubletree Hotel, Holland (MI). Some members go up for the whole fun weekend, while a number of Lions members go for the day on Saturday for lunch and for the business meeting in the afternoon.

A highlight of the Convention will be a luncheon presentation by Past International President Sid Scuggs. Past International Director Gary Anderson says he was a great LCI President and is a great speaker. Friday will be a Sports Fanatic Theme where you can dress up with your favorite team's "costume", Saturday features some workshop, the lunch, business meeting and the formal dinner, and Sunday wraps up with a memorial breakfast on the District Lions who dies this past year.

The Grand Rapids Lions Club will pay for the \$10 Registration Fee and Saturday's \$13 lunch. Our Lions Club has 10 votes at the business meeting, so let's make sure we have 10 members at a minimum. (As of publication deadline, we have 4 Lions planning to attend.) Any Lions member can be a delegate. Please contact Craig Nobbelin if you want to attend the Lions District Convention by March 6: c.nobbelin@yahoo.com or 616-458-0471.

“Involve a U.S. Veteran” to Become a Member of Our Lions Club

The Lions want Veterans! The Lions Clubs International Board of Directors approved a pilot program earlier this year to waive the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans of all ages. The “Involve a U.S. Veteran” pilot program is only being offered in the United States. It will waive the charter or entrance fee for any qualifying veteran who joins a new or existing club between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2015.

Eligible veterans included retired U.S. military personnel or honorably discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs international will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 to the first 5,000 qualified veterans that join a local club.

Our club has several members who have served in the U.S. armed forces and represented our country with distinction. Let’s try to recruit some more veterans to join them!

Other Lions News

Reserve the Dates – White Cane Drive: Friday and Saturday, April 18th & 19th 2014. More information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

Lions Board Begins to Act: Since May 2013, strategic discussions and planning has been taking place, as reported at the February 4 luncheon meeting. At its February 25 meeting, the Lions Board of Directors began to discuss the recommendations from the several committees, beginning with the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. These will be acted upon at the Board’s March 25 meeting in order to allow you to vote on them in the first part of April. Your adoption in April will set the stage for building a stronger club, one that will allow us to grow and better serve our community and the world where Lions Clubs exist. There are over 3.5 million Lion members in 46,000 clubs in 208 countries or geographic areas.

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