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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

----- We Serve -----

Monday, April 14, Bowling League,
Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, April 15, Senior Millage –
Know the Facts, Speaker TBD**

Friday & Saturday, April 18 & 19,
White Cane Drive

**April 20, Have a Happy & Blessed
Easter!**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2014 Senior
PGA Gold Event Benton Harbor,
Brent Curtis**

**Tuesday, April 29, 25, 6:00 pm,
Jamark Labs, Eyeglass Recycling
Work Session & Dinner**

**Tuesday, May 6, Student
Recognition Day**

*Sunday, May 11, Remember
the Mothers in Your Family!*

**Tuesday, May 13, Eyeglasses
Recycling Video, Lions TBD**

Tuesday, April 15 Senior Millage – Know the Facts

On January 23, 2014, the Kent County Board of Commissioners approved placing the Senior Millage on the August 5, 2014 ballot. The Senior Millage will be for 8 years at 0.5 mills. A representative supporting the millage will talk with us at today's luncheon.

The Senior Millage was approved by ballot votes in 1998 and 2006. The Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan administers the Senior Millage for Kent County. Among services directly relevant to Lions service include the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Cherry Street Health Services and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.

The Kent County Senior Millage serves 17,000 people a year with 43 different services. These services help them live independently in their home and provide a range of services, from health promotion programs, transportation and volunteer opportunities (for the more active senior), to in-home services for the more frail. The millage benefits Kent County residents 60 years of age or over, and their caregivers.

95% of the Service Millage funds are dedicated to services. Half of those funds support priority services that include home delivered meals, personal care aides and medication management. These programs save public resources in the long run because they keep older adults healthy, delaying or preventing more skilled care and helping them age at home where they want to be.

The August 5, 2014 ballot reads:

“Shall Kent County levy .50 of one mill which is equal to 50 cents per \$1,000 of the taxable value on all real and personal property subject to taxation for the period 2014 through 2021 inclusive for the purpose of planning, evaluating, and providing services to

persons age 60 years or older? This millage is a renewal of the previously authorized millage of 0.33 mills which expires following the 2013 levy and a new additional millage of 0.17 mills. The amount raised by the levy in the first calendar year is estimated at \$10,000,000.

In Kent County there are 27 local authorities that capture and use, for authorized purposes, tax increment revenue from property taxes levied by the County . . . [it goes on to list the 27 local authorities which benefit]. Yes or No.”

Tuesday, April 22 2014 Senior PGA Gold Event Benton Harbor, Brent Curtis

The 2014 Senior PGA Championship in Benton Harbor, Michigan will be played on May 22 - 25, 2014, at the Golf Club at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor. The event was played there in 2012, and is slated to return again in 2016 and 2018. It is presented by KitchenAid.

The event is the 75th Anniversary of the oldest, most historic and most prestigious championship in senior golf. More information about the event and the golf course can be found at <http://www.pga.com/seniorpga/players/2014-senior-pga-championship-field-list>. One of the amazing features about this course is that every hole has significant water hazards and major sand “traps” (It is built on dunes and low-lying land.)

Brent Curtis, Championship Manager, Corporate Hospitality for 2014 Senior PGA Championship, will tell us about the event at today’s meeting. Mr. Curtis was a former Assistant Golf Professional at South Bend (IN) Country Club. He has 14 years in the advertising industry in various sales and management positions in South Bend and 4 years in the consumer services industry as a general manager in Toledo, OH. He started with the PGA of America in 2011. Mr. Curtis earned a Degree in Marketing from the University of Kentucky. He is married to Angel with four children

Urgent Request - White Cane Drive 2013

Volunteers are still needed for the White Cane Drive that is set for **this coming Friday & Saturday, April 18 and 19**. If you have not signed up, **PLEASE** contact Bill Fleetham at 616-940-3104 (H), 616-957-4102 (W) or fleetham1@comcast.net, **ASAP!** to see where you are needed.



The funds raised through this fund raising event will help to pay for lenses for the glasses for visually impaired children in special programs at Ken-O-Sha.

The White Cane Drive will take place at these locations:

| Location | Day | Times |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Downtown | Friday (only) | 11:00 am – 1:30 pm |
| Walmart – Alpine NW | Friday | 3:30 – 7:30 pm |
| | Saturday | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm |
| Walmart –28 th St. SE | Friday | 3:30 – 7:30 pm |
| | Saturday | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm |
| Walgreens – Forest Hills | Friday | 3:00 – 6:00 pm |
| & Cascade Road | Saturday | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm |

Did You Miss the Announcement - Coast to Coast Raffle 2014

It is spring and your opportunity to purchase a 2014 raffle ticket for the Choose Your Coast Raffle is upon again this year. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. The proceeds of the raffle benefit ABVI. You can purchase a chance, you choice, for travel for two to New York, San Francisco, Orlando or Seattle. The drawing will be held on June 6, 2014. Contact Lion Rick Stevens at ABVI to order your ticket(s): rstevens@abvimichigan.org or 616-458-1187.

Race to Your Dream - MD 11 State Convention, May 16-17, 2014

The annual Lions MD 11 State Convention will be held on May 16-17, 2014 at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek, Michigan. The featured speaker at Saturday's banquet will be Immediate Past President Wayne Madden. If you are interested in attending all or part of the convention, and would like to serve as a delegate at Saturday's business session, please let me know. You will have to be registered to serve as a delegate. The Grand Rapids Lions Club will cover your registration fee. It is likely that some of members will attend, if only on Saturday. You can go to the Lions of Michigan website to set more information: <http://lionsofmi.com/calendar-of-events/2014-md11-state-convention/>.

Other Lions News

27th Annual Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Drive for Vision – Call for Sponsors: Our event committee is soliciting companies or individuals for a range of sponsorships for our annual golf outing. Please contact Jamie Junod if you know of one who might be willing to sponsor one of the levels. Brochures will be available at the meetings or you can call him at 616-560-2164.

Reserve the Dates:

- **White Cane Drive:** This coming **Friday and Saturday, April 18th & 19th 2014.**
- **VI Sports Day: Saturday, May 31**
- **Lions Club Annual Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 6:00 pm, Location TBD**
- **Drive for Vision, Monday, June 16**