



# 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 -----**

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

**Tuesday, May 6, 12:00 Noon,  
Student Recognition Day (*Note  
the Early Start time!*)**

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

**Tuesday, May 13, Senior Millage –  
Know the Facts, Speaker TBD**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2014 Area  
Agency on Aging, Stephanie  
Hecksel**

Monday, May 26, Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 27, 6:00 pm, Jamark  
Labs, Eyeglass Recycling Work  
Session & Dinner**

Saturday, May 31, Morning, Wealthy  
Elementary, VI Sports Day

**Tuesday, June 3, Luceon  
Meeting, Program TBD**

Tuesday, June 10, 6:00 pm, Lions  
Annual Meeting, Blythefield Country  
Club

## Officers/Directors Elected & Proposals Passed!

On April 15, 2014, the slate of officers & directors and the draft revised Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation were approved by the members – unanimously!

The Articles and Bylaws were brought up to date and revised so that the new governance structure can be implemented beginning immediately. This structure, legal changes and updated language were the result of a year’s planning efforts and review of the documents by our “legal team” of Lions members.

For the Lion’s year 2014-15, the following Board of Directors were elected at the meeting:

- Chairperson of the Board: Scott Brady (2 yr. term)
- President: Don Jakel (2 yr. term)
- Vice-President: Shawn Eyestone (2 yr. term)
- Director: Ryan Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> 3 yr. term)
- Director: Scott Embree (1<sup>st</sup> 3 yr. term)

They will join Board members who are continuing: Eric Anderson, PID Gary Anderson, Bill Fleetham, Dick Boland and Membership Director Jacqueline Smart-Parrish. The Treasurer (Jeff Kraai) and Secretary/Editor (Craig Nobbelin) are appointed annually to their positions and serve on the Board.

**Tuesday, April 29  
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, April 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. All Lions, spouses and guests are encouraged to participate. There are still many, many boxes of glasses to process. Let’s have a good showing! If you haven’t been there before or recently, it is a good time and goes fast.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact **Lion Brent Spoelstra** at [bespoelstra@yahoo.com](mailto:bespoelstra@yahoo.com) or 616-283-0260, or one of the other committee members.

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 entrances are available in the front of the building.

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

**Tuesday, May 6, 12:00 Noon**  
**Student Recognition Day (note early start time)**



This long-standing tradition, the annual Grand Rapids Lions Club's Student Recognition Day, will be at today's meeting. The students who will be recognized show what is positive about our community's youth. We will celebrate their talents and achievements in the 16th year in this current format (Previously, it had focused on sports).

Each school's leadership selects two students based on the student's all-round contribution during high school, not just in sports or academic achievement, but also for their leadership and school and community involvement. We are likely to be impressed and inspired again by what we hear. The principal or guidance counselor from each school typically presents the students. Parents are invited.

Nine Grand Rapids schools will be represented:

- ☆ Grand Rapids Public High Schools:
  - Central
  - City
  - Ottawa
  - Union
- ☆ Two Catholic High Schools: Central and West
- ☆ East Grand Rapids High School
- ☆ Christian High School

Students will receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Grand Rapids Lions Club and a gift certificate from Schuler Books, paid for jointly by the bookstore and the Lions Club. Unfortunately, **Lion Shelley Irwin** has a conflict on this day and won't be able to interview students at the meeting, as in past years. Pictures will be taken with **Lions President Scott Brady**. **Lion Ryan Smith** organized this event again this year.

**You Can Still Buy Your Ticket! 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. "Where do you want to go? The drawing will be held on June 6, 2014. Contact Lion Rick Stevens at ABVI to order your ticket(s): [rstevens@abvimichigan.org](mailto: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/>.

### *Mother's Day Thoughts*

No sincere human being can deny the importance of mothers in the world and her place in a child's life. At the same time, a person needs to have that unique sense for realizing this fact. Of course, for all of us, our mothers are just like God. But, it is also true that not everyone is capable of expressing this fact in our own words. However, some of sons and daughters have done this job marvelously. As food for thought as you think about you own mother and those you have known, here are three:

*"The noblest calling in the world is that of mother. True motherhood is the most beautiful of all arts, the greatest of all professions. She who can paint a masterpiece or who can write a book that will influence millions deserves the plaudits and admiration of mankind; but she who rears successfully a family of healthy, beautiful sons and daughters whose immortal souls will be exerting an influence throughout the ages long after painting shall have faded, and books and statues shall have been destroyed, deserves the highest honor that man can give."*

~ David O. McKay

*"The mother, more than any other, affects the moral and spiritual part of the children's character. She is their constant companion and teacher in formative years. The child is ever imitating and assimilating the mother's nature. It is only in after life that men gaze backward and behold how a mother's hand and heart of love molded their young lives and shaped their destiny."*

~ E.W. Caswell

*"Many scholars have concluded that you cannot really understand John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, unless you understand his mother Susanna Wesley. She was so instrumental in his life that she inevitably affected the movement and its direction. Americans know that Abraham Lincoln led this nation through perhaps its time of greatest crisis; but who was it that made Abraham Lincoln the man that he was? I know what Lincoln thought. He said it was his mother. I would submit to you this morning that there is not a person sitting here that in one, five, ten, a thousand different ways has not been forever influenced by their mother. I firmly believe that you cannot understand who a person is and what motivates them until you understand their past. And you cannot understand a person's past without understanding the source that co-created that person along with God-their parents."*

~ Unknown

## Other Lions News

**27<sup>th</sup> 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:

- **VI Sports Day: Saturday, May 31**, Wealthy Elementary School
- **Lions Club Annual Meeting: Tuesday, June 10**, 6:00 pm, Blythefield Country Club
- **Drive for Vision, Monday, June 16**
- **Summer Picnic:** Date and Location TBD