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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Monday, September 30, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, October 1, Cry Until You
Laugh, Kim Sorelle**

Monday, October 7, Bowling League,
Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, October 8, 9-11 Relief
Efforts by the Salvation Army,
Mike McKee**

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

**Tuesday, October 15, Deaf & Hard
of Hearing Services, Deb Atwood**

Thursday, October 17, 6:00 pm,
West Michigan Projects Night,
English Hills Terrace

Monday, October 21, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, October 22, Sailing into
Retirement: Bill & Judy's "Most
Excellent Adventure," Bill & Judy
Stellin**

October 29, Eyeglass Recycling

Tuesday, October 1 Cry Until You Laugh, Kim Sorelle

How did you or would you respond if your physician diagnosed your condition as cancer? Today's speaker wrote a book that has been described by readers as "... riveting, and I could not put it down," "... inspirational and encouraging," and "... down to earth, funny and engaging." The Website Amazon describes the book: "*Cry Until You Laugh* chronicles the life of a woman who first faces her own cancer diagnosis and then her husband's just a few months later. Real, riveting, and raw, the author tells her story while adding both insightful wisdom and clever humor. Once this book is opened it will be very difficult to put down until the end."

After a long career in business, Ms. Sorelle is now Executive Director of Rays of Hope for Haiti. Rays of Hope International is the organization that the Lions partnered with on our eyeglass mission trip to Haiti. It is a ministry which specializes in assisting and partnering with organizations and individuals to send supplies or family members on projects in Haiti and many other third and fourth world countries. It is a volunteer-based organization. She has 5 married children & 9 grandchildren.

Tuesday, October 8 9-11 Relief Efforts by the Salvation Army, Mike McKee

The Salvation Army was the first relief agency to reach Ground Zero September 11, 2001, reporting within a half-hour after the first plane crash at the World Trade Center site. About 39,000 Salvation Army officers, volunteers and staff provided assistance during that time. They served relief workers at the scene for nine months until operations at Ground Zero officially concluded in May, 2002. This relief effort, called "Operation Compassion Under Fire" gave The Salvation Army full control of the feeding operation at Ground Zero. It served 3.2 million meals during those months and provided emotional and spiritual counseling

and support to rescue and recovery-personnel.

This action is what The Salvation Army does every time tragic natural or manmade events occur. It offers a variety of services in response to disasters: shelter, emergency assistance, donations management, emotional & spiritual care, emergency communications, disaster management, clean-up & reconstruction and partnerships with other local and disaster services. Mike McGee of The Salvation Army will talk about its activities during the 9-11 disaster.

You Are Invited to the West Michigan Lions Clubs Projects Night Thursday, October 17, 6:00 pm

The 22nd West Michigan Lions Clubs Projects Night will be held on Thursday night, October 17, 2013, beginning with a social hour at 6:00 pm at English Hills Terrance at 5179 West River Drive, Comstock Park 49231. Dinner is served buffet style and begins at 7:00 pm. You should be on your way home by 9:00 pm. The host clubs for the event are the Rockford Lions Club and the Lyon/Muir Lions Club. This event represents the coming together of many Lions Clubs from the west side of Michigan to celebrate the Lions goal of service and to present of donations for Lion State and Regional Projects who serve visually impaired people.

Attendees will also hear about some of our statewide projects: Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Lions of Michigan Foundation and the Michigan Eye Bank. In addition, you will have chance to learn about the other statewide projects when you visit their exhibits and talk with representatives. Many clubs use the occasion to donate their fund to the charities in attendance. It's a great time to learn about the causes the Lions of Michigan support. Because the Grand Rapids Lions Club presents their donations to our charities throughout the year, our President usually reports this fact rather than handing our specific checks.

You are invited to attend! It is a good event, especially if you are a newer member or Lions who haven't attended recently. Your Lions Club will cover the \$11.00 cost for anyone who wants to attend and your Board has committed to filling a table of 10 members --- at least! As the largest Lions Club in this area, we need to be well represented! If you want to attend, please contact Craig Nobbelin at 616-458-0471 or cnobbelin@sbcglobal.net no later than Friday, October 11.

West Michigan Miracle League Dedicated



Several hundred people and many children with handicaps attended the West Michigan Miracle Field dedication on a very nice day - Saturday, September 21 at 12:00 pm at the Nate Hurwitz Field. This is the first field to be finished at the Art Van Baseball/Softball Sports Complex located about a mile east of the intersection of US 131 & 10 Mile Road. The sports complex 12 field layout (8 minimum in phase 1) has been designed to host tournaments and serve various age groups. Also planned is an adjacent playground designed for individuals with disabilities, once funds have been raised.

The Nate Hurwitz Field is made of a specialty designed rubber, so kids with physical or mental disabilities can get around without any problem. The bases and infield are designed into the surface, so there is nothing to trip over. About 40 kids had a chance to play to play baseball for the first time.

The total Art Van Sports Complex will cost about \$6 million, with the Miracle field costing about \$550,000. The Grand Rapids Lions Club Board of Directors pledged to contribute \$10,000 to help build fund the "Miracle Field", matching a pledge that the Rockford Lions Club made. Our pledge will be paid over 5 years, beginning in 2013. A picture of the Lions Club logo and our name are pictured along the third base side. Lions represented at the dedicated were President Scott Brady & his wife, Mary, 2nd Vice President Don Jakel, Secretary Craig Nobbelin and Membership Director Jacqueline Smart-Parrish.

Michigan Lions Leadership Institute

The Lions of Michigan will hold the 15th annual Michigan Lions Leadership Institute and the Lions Graduate Institute on November 8-10, 2013 at the R.A. MacMullan Center in Higgins Lake, Michigan. The cost for the institute, including 2 nights lodging and 6 meals, is only \$175.00 per person. All Lions can attend, with the club paying the registration fee for members.

In a relaxing atmosphere, presenters will conduct group sessions. Offerings include personality styles, personal effectiveness, the essence off leadership, listening and speaking skills, managing change, settings goals, team building and conflict resolution.

While reservations are due September 30, members can probably be made in the first part of October, although space is limited. Members could call or fax the Lions of Michigan office to reserve a spot (Phone: 517-887-6640 or Fax: 517-887-6642). (The Leadership Institute brochure is again included in this mailing a separate attachment.) Please let Craig Nobbelin if you are attending (616-458-0471 or cnobbelin@sbcglobal.net).

Lions News

Lions Club Strategic Planning: The two Lion Club committees addressing strategic planning issues over the summer completed their work and submitted their reports to the Board of Directors for its September meeting. The committees addressed 1) structural issues and 2) various membership and management issues in arriving at their recommendations. The goal is to strengthen the club and increase membership through action on the recommendations.

Your Board of Directors discussed and adopted the recommendations in the reports. Later this fall, a presentation and discussion will be the topic at one of the luncheon meetings.