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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Monday, November 25, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, November 26, 6:00 pm,
Jamark Labs, Eyeglass Recycling
Work Session & Dinner

Thursday, November 28 – Happy
Thanksgiving!



Monday, December 2, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, December 3,
Improvements for Your Golf
Game, Scott Seifferlein

Monday, December 9, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, December 10, Affordable
Care Act, Lody Zwarenstejn

Tuesday, November 26

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, November 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. All Lions, spouses and guests are encouraged to participate. There are still pallets of glasses to sort, wash, measure and log for future mission trips.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact **Lion Brent Spoelstra** at 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 and back of the building.

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

Tuesday, December 3

Lessons from the Game of Golf, Scott Seifferlein

As a speaker, writer, and golf coach, Scott Seifferlein has shared his golf and business secrets with hundreds of thousands of golfers around the world. He has helped golfers of all levels and professions - even a few dozen celebrities. His 20 years in the business include coaching golfers in Michigan, South Carolina, New York and Florida. He currently coaches golfers at the prestigious Watermark Country Club in Grand Rapids.

Scott Seifferlein, PGA Professional, speaks to many groups. The presentation is polished, funny, compelling and has been enjoyed by many audiences. He is as a golf teacher/professional.

"Everybody knows that golf is a very powerful medium for building relationships and developing business," Mr. Seifferlein said about his book "The Game of Golf and the Art of Business." Please attend so that you can polish off your golf game – all winter long in your dreams.

Remember: Meijer Kids Shopping Day Saturday, December 7, 2013

You still have a chance to volunteer to drive and help visually impaired and disadvantaged kids shop at our annual Meijer Kids Shopping Day on Saturday, December 7 at the Cascade Meijer store, just east of I-96. Volunteer lists will be passed around at the luncheon meetings for you to sign up or you can contact **Lion Mike Thibodeau** to volunteer (muthibodeau@gmail.com). You will join members of the Grand Valley Campus Club who volunteer every year.

If you would like to donate funds to help with the finances, please donate when we "pass-the-hat" at meetings or send your contribution to Grand Rapids Lions Club, c/o Jeff Kraai, 2276 Old Dominion Ct SE, Kentwood, MI 49508. Lion Mike Thibodeau noted that that each additional \$75 donated means that an additional kid can participate. This day brightens the holiday season for visually impaired and needy children in our community . . . and their families.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE FOR KIDS SHOPPING

- 8:00 a.m. Pick-up at Saboath Ministries (1823 South Division)
- Parents drop off visually impaired students at Meijer
- Donuts, coffee, juice & fruit upon arrival
- 8:15 – 10:30 a.m. - shopping & wrapping
- Children driven home as they finish

You should receive communication from Lion Mike Thibodeau on your assignment. If you have questions, please contact Mike at Tuesday's meeting or by e-mail at muthibodeau@gmail.com.

Lions Holiday Open House – Saturday, December 14

Earlier this month, you should have received by email your formal invitation to the **2013 Holiday Open House** at the home of Kim and Pam Gary. If you didn't receive one as a club member, consider this your invitation:

- Date: Saturday, December 14, 2013
- Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Location: 7635 Luca Vista Drive, Rockford, MI
- Refreshment: Heavy Hors D'ouerve's & Libations
- Reservations: \$25 per person (reservations required)
- RSVP: By December 7, 2013 to Craig Nobbelin (cnobbelin@sbcglobal.net)

Directions:

From 131 N - exit 10 mile Rd and turn right on 10 mile.
Turn right on Oak/Jericho (1st street past Childsdale)
Turn Right into River Bluffs Development on Ella Terrace.
Follow to Luca Vista, turn right onto Luca Vista and follow until end.

From East Beltline N - Do the Michigan turn around on Kroes Avenue to access Kroes. Turn right on Kroes, go past the 1st stop sign and turn right on Jericho (in front of Rockford High School). Turn left onto Peter Creek Drive. At end, turn Left on to Luca Vista Drive and follow to end.

***** Lost - Call 616-863-1179

Michigan Eye-Bank, Lion Enid Carlson

I (Enid Carlson) recently attended the fall meeting for the Michigan Eye-Bank (MEB). I am not sure all of you know, but I am the District 11-C1 Eye-Bank Representative. I want to give you some updated information on what we have done as a club in donations, what we can do, and how our contributions have helped recipients in the district and Grand Rapids.

First, we have been steady in the last two years in giving the MEB \$250 as an annual donation. This does not count the \$330 dollars that I raised in pin sales, mostly from our club, or any private donations. Did you know that each pin that was purchased provided a person with a pair of corneas? You can count on me selling them again, once they have decided on a design. In addition, please note the following statistics on corneal transplants for our district and the Grand Rapids area.

- **54 transplants** in Grand Rapids.
- **156 transplants** in District 11-C1
- **205 donors** allowed this to happen by previously signing up to give the gift of sight
- District 11-C1 contributed a total of \$10,652 to the Michigan Eye-Bank in FY13, a **56% increase** from FY12

Traditionally, an individual needing a double cornea transplant will have them a year apart. So it is reasonable to assume the numbers reflect individuals who received these services. Isn't it great that we had such a significant contribution?

Now, let's look at some additional opportunities for how the Grand Rapids Lions can increase our support to the MEB this next year. Two fellowship donation opportunities allow us to donate to the MEB and reward someone for their humanitarian contribution in the community. These fellowship award donations can be given to one individual or many. 1) Our annual donation to the MEB could go for one of these awards. 2) My additional request to the Grand Rapids Lions Club Board of Directors is to consider giving one of these awards annually to a worthy individual and we, as a club, can make an effort to increase our giving to the MEB by participating in one or both of the following fellowships. The Board of Directors will consider this request.

Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship

A longtime friend of the Michigan Eye-Bank, A. Charles Weir, was a respected and beloved leader among the Eye-Bank's Board of Directors for decades. A retired educator, Weir spent 34 years as a teacher and administrator for vision-impaired children at the Michigan School for the Blind. He was also a coordinator for the Midwest Regional Center for Deaf-Blind Children, serving a five state region. An active member of the Bretton Woods Lions Club, Weir held many offices, including Club President, District Governor and Council Chair for District 11-C2. Additionally, he served as a Director of The International Association of Lions Clubs.

The A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship is a recognition opportunity for those who donate \$500 or more in one fiscal year to the Michigan Eye-Bank or for people for whom a donation was made by others. Sight Conservation Fellows receive an attractive silver lapel pin, certificate and a congratulatory letter. Sight Conservation Fellows who make additional \$500 donations to the Michigan Eye-Bank, or in whose name \$500 donations are made, become part of the Sight

Conservation Progressive program. Progressive Fellows are awarded a new lapel pin and congratulatory letter for each subsequent donation. (The first lapel pin is a one-stone silver pin. For each \$500 donation thereafter another stone is added to the pin.)

William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship

As a retired educator and superintendent of schools, William “Doc” Barr spent 42 years devoted to the development of youth. His passion for service extended further when he joined the Sparlingville Lions Club in 1956 (followed by the Highland Park and the Novi Lions Clubs. Holding many offices, Doc took his dedication a step further and served as Governor to the Lions of District 11-A2 in 1992-1993, and then joined the Midwest Eye-Banks and later the Michigan Eye-Bank Board of Directors.

A recognition of humanitarian work, a William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship is awarded to those who donate \$1,000 or more in one fiscal year to the Michigan Eye-Bank or for people for whom a donation was made by others. Knights for Vision Fellows receive an attractive gold lapel pin, certificate and a congratulatory letter. Knights for Vision Fellows who make additional \$1,000 donations to the Michigan Eye-Bank, or in whose name \$1,000 donations are made, become part of the Knights for Vision Progressive program. Progressive Fellows are awarded a new lapel pin and congratulatory letter for each subsequent donation. (The first lapel pin is a one-stone gold pin. For each \$1,000 donation thereafter another stone is added to the pin.)

If you have any questions or want to learn more, please do not hesitate to contact me (Enid Carlson) at enid@ecngroup.us or 616-481-8273.

Half Way to Our Goal of One Million Dollars!

The Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation has surpassed the halfway mark in its goal of accumulating a \$1,000,000 endowment for the benefit of our charities and service activities. As of September 30, 2013, the value of the endowment reached \$538,070. The recent increase since the June 30, 2013 was the result of growth in the endowment and the receipt and deposit of the final John Pridgeon estate check of \$14,353.40. The total gift from the Pridgeon estate over the last year was \$89,353.40.

The Board of Directors and the Foundation Committee are also thankful for the members that continue to contribute to Carl’s Club. The attached is your record of giving over the years. We hope that more members will commit to joining us in Carl’s Club. If I have left anyone out or missed any years of giving, please let me know.

Don’t forget about your contribution for ‘2013.

Lynn Francis

Lions News

- ❖ **Stay Tuned:** Holiday Luncheon, Chevron Awards, Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards & Holiday Raffle may have to be rescheduled

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