



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

**Tuesday, December 10, Lions
Holiday Luncheon/Raffle, Chevron
Awards & Induction of New
Members**

Monday, December 16, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, December 17, 6:00 pm,
Jamark Labs, Eyeglass Recycling
Work Session & Dinner**

**Tuesday, December 24 - NO
MEETING!**



Wednesday, December 25
*Have Yourself a Very Merry
Christmas!*

**Tuesday, December 31 – NO
MEETING!**

Wednesday, January 1, 2014
Happy New Year!

**Tuesday, January 7, First Meeting
of 2014**

Tuesday, December 10

Lions Holiday Luncheon/Raffle, Chevron Awards & Induction of New Members

Due to a mix-up in schedules and high demand at the University Club, the Grand Rapids Lions Club has had to move our Holiday

Luncheon to December 10. We will need to start promptly to accommodate the good cheer, the awards (13 members), the induction and the annual holiday raffle.

The Monarch Chevron Awards will be presented to recognize Lions for their longevity as Lions and as members who have served the community for many years. The Grand Rapids Lions Club makes these awards starting with 10 years of service, and in increments of 5 years thereafter. While not all can join us, the members highlighted here have earned their Chevrons and should be recognized for their years of service.

We also hope to have new members who joined within the last 6 months to induct and one transfer new member to welcome.

And with more holiday cheer, our ever-anticipated holiday raffle will be offered, with holiday gifts and surprises being selected as the lucky winners. Bring extra cash or a big check to buy tickets to increase your chances. The profits go to our charities!

Lions Monarch Chevron Awards

(sponsors in parentheses; * = deceased)

Ten Year (10)

Cheryl Anderson (Gary Anderson)
Anne Baird (Pat Droste)
Tom Cowden (Colleen Mulder)
John Rice (Jeff Dodson)
Bob Snyders (Dennis Cobler)

Fifteen Year (15)

Jim Kaiser (Mark Oberlin)

Twenty Year (20)

Tom Dandridge (transfer)
Ed Thauer (* Newman Dawe)

Twenty-Five Year (25)

Judge Ben Logan (* Don Nelson)

Thirty Year (30)

Wayne Beuschel (* Mike Hale)
Harry Jones (* Joe Trenshaw)

Thirty-Five Year (35)

Lynn Francis (* Kurby Evans)

Forty-Five (45)

Keith Crittenden (* Clare Harder)

Tuesday, December 17
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, December 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Because the change in date of our Holiday Luncheon and the holidays, the Board of Directors decided to have a work session and dinner at the Eyeglass Recycling Center. All Lions, spouses and guests are encouraged to participate. We will continue sorting, washing, measuring and logging eyeglasses 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, except during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.*

Lions Holiday Open House – Saturday, December 14



In November, 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



A Brief Update for FY 2012-13 from Our Treasurer, Jeff Kraai

General Fund

This is a 501(c) 4 corporation which we use to fund our noontime lunches and a few parties, such as the holiday social, installation banquet and a summer picnic. Revenue primarily comes from member dues. The largest costs are the meals/parking for lunches, the parties and dues to Lions Club International & the Michigan District. The summary of the results for the year ended June 30, 2013 is:

Revenue	\$ 45,594	
Expenses	<u>\$(46,326)</u>	
Net loss for the year	\$(732)	
Fund balance (end of the year)		\$ 6,983

For the current year, it looks like the loss will be around \$(1,400). We may need to consider an increase in dues on July 1, 2014.

Club Policies:

This is a reminder of some of Lions Club policies:

- ◆ There is no lunch charge for guests who are prospective members.
- ◆ New members now get ½ off dues for the first six months (this was formerly 1 year).

Activities Fund

This is a 501(c) 3 corporation that we use for fund raising activities. Some of the larger fund raisers are the Drive for Vision golf outing, the Blind Dinner Date and the Calendar Raffle. For the year ended June 30, 2013, we contributed \$81,531 in support of our mission. The 3 largest recipients of the funds were the Association for the Blind & Vision Impaired, The Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Street Health Services and the Early Child Vision program.

Grand Rapids Lions Foundation

Our club has a designated fund inside the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. Our balance on June 30, 2013 was \$496,036. The fund generated \$17,853 in spendable income that was used to support various charities.

Detailed information on any of the information above is available to any member. Just let Jeff know.

Consider Our Foundation for Year-End Donations

In the last Nuda Veritas, it was reported that the Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation has passed the halfway mark in its goal of accumulating a \$1,000,000 endowment for the benefit of our charities and service activities (\$538,070 as of 9/13/13). We invite you to keep the momentum going by joining many members by contributing on an annual basis. You can contribute any amount by sending a check to the Grand Rapids Community Foundation (185 Oakes St SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503) and mark on the check the "GR Lions Club Foundation" or you can send it to our Treasurer Jeff Kraai. As noted last month, you can become a member of Carl's Club by contributing \$400 for a couple or \$200 for an individual. Please consider a donation in any amount for 1913.

Note: Attached as a separate document is a revised GR Lions Club organization chart for the program year 2013-14.