



# Nuda Veritas

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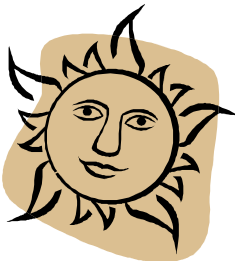
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**Summer Picnic:** Date and Location  
TBD

Enjoy your Summer!



**September 9, 1<sup>st</sup> Luncheon  
Meeting of the Year 2014-15**  
(NOT the Tuesday after Labor Day!)

**Eyeglasses Recycling Program:**  
After June 3, no summer hours are currently scheduled, but be on the look-out if a work session is called. You should note that the Eyeglasses Recycling Program received several pallet-loads of used eyeglasses in early July.

## **Volunteer at the White Caps Game on August 1** **- Help Raise Funds for the Michigan Eye-Bank -**

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Michigan Eye-Bank will hold its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration at Fifth Third Ball Park in Comstock Park. With that celebration, the Eye-Bank has been given the opportunity to run the 50/50 at the West Michigan Whitecaps game on that evening, just like they did in April on short notice. However, because it is the same night as the Celebration, the Eye-Bank was having a hard time coming up with volunteers that are willing to help out with selling tickets for the 50-50 raffle.

As in the spring, the Eye-Bank is requesting Lions volunteers and friends from throughout our District 11C1 to volunteer to help them raise some money? It you want to know what that was like, ask Ralph Holewinski (619-813-7516) who did it in April.



Here's what the Eye-Bank needs: 18-20 volunteers from with the ability to be mobile and sell 50/50 tickets in the stands - from 5:15 pm until the end of the 7th inning. Volunteers must be 18+ and should dress for the weather. They will receive a voucher for a hot dog and drink to use in the ballpark that evening. As of the end of June, they only had 4 volunteers. Knowing the Lions, we think the District can pull this off! Let's have a good representation from our club!

Think about it. It's a Friday night, and you'll still have time to go to the beach or to your cabin on the weekend.

If you want to volunteer, please contact Alison Claerhout Wright, Community Relations Manager, Michigan Eye-Bank at (800) 247-7250 (main) or her direct line at (734) 780-2638.

## Grand Rapids Lions Club Report on the June 10, 2014 Annual Meeting

Sixty-one Lions and guests attended the Grand Rapids Lions Club's Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, June 10** at Blythefield Country Club. Socializing and music was followed by with dinner (entrée' of sirloin steak or walleye) and the formal program. **Master of Ceremonies Lion Chuck Fry** (MC Fry) held forth over the evening.

After dinner, MC Fry announced good news . . . that no Grand Rapids Lions Club members had passed away this year and then recognized the 4 new Lions who joined over the last year:

- Lion Joshua Nyman
- Lion Kyle Travis
- Lion Thaddeus Phelps (transferred)
- Lion Derek Moore

MC Fry introduced outgoing **Lion President Scott Brady** for comments on the past year. Scott noted that many successful service and fundraising events were planned and completed this year, in addition to the regular luncheon meeting and programs. In addition, many in the club spent hours and hours participating in the planning process that is designed to strength the club and increase membership so that the club can do even more. Lion Scott singled our Lions Past-Presidents for taking on the challenge and leading the process and asked those present to stand-up to be recognized. (*Editor's Note: More information will be communicated in future editions of the Nuda Veritas.*)

MC Fry made the Award Presentations that included:

- ☞ **Rookie of the Year Award:** Candidates are Lions members who join Lions within the past 2 years and have demonstrated good attendance, shown initiative, motivated others by setting a good example and participated in Club projects. Last year's recipients, **Lion Scott Embree** and **Lion Ralph Holewinski**, were given a replacement plaque for the **Joseph M. Trenshaw Memorial Rookie of the Year Trophy**. This year's Rookie of the Year Award was shared by two Lions who demonstrated the traits primarily through the eyeglass recycling programs and mission trips: **Lion Gail Junod** and **Lion Jean Kraai**. This is the first time that our Branch Internet Lions Club members have received this award.
- ☞ The **Lion of the Year** is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to the success of our club during the past year. This year's award was announced, but because the Lion was not present in this meeting, it will be presented in the fall. Member and guests attending were sworn to secrecy to not reveal the awardee's name over the summer.
- ☞ The **Henry Vogt Meritorious Service Award** is the highest award that the Grand Rapids Lions can bestow. If the Lions motto is "We Serve," the motto for the Henry Vogt Award is "We Serve for a very long time." The recipient of the award is chosen by the Past-Presidents of the Grand Rapids Lions Club that involves a process that our members aren't privy to and our Past-Presidents won't reveal. However, all of us understand that the award represents a lifetime of service to the club and a heartfelt respect for the awardee. Last year's recipient, **Lion Richard Stevens**, was given his permanent plaque for this honor, replacing this large trophy. The Lions Past-Presidents selected **Lion Charles Fry** as recipient of the high recognition of the **Henry Vogt Meritorious Service Award**.

MC Fry recognized the **Current 2013-14 Board of Directors** and retiring board members:

- ☞ Lion Shawn Eyestone (2014)
- ☞ Lion Ryan Smith (2014)
- ☞ Lion Richard Boland (2015)
- ☞ Lion Gary Anderson (2015)
- ☞ Lion Eric Anderson (2016)
- ☞ Lion Bill Fleetham (2016)
- ☞ Lion Jeff Kraai, Treasurer

- ☞ Lion Craig Nobbelin, Secretary
  - ☞ Lion Jacqueline Smart-Parrish, Membership
  - ☞ Lion Marilyn Tyree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - ☞ Lion Don Jakel (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)
  - ☞ Lion Scott Brady, President
  - ☞ Lion Immediate Past President Anne Baird
- \* Terms of office in parentheses*

**Retiring Board Member:**

- ☞ Immediate Past-President Anne Baird

MC Fry invited Past International Director to the podium to install the **2014-15 Officers and Directors** of the Grand Rapids Lions Club:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☞ Lion Scott Embree (2017)</li> <li>☞ Ryan Smith (2017)</li> <li>☞ Lion Eric Anderson (2016)</li> <li>☞ Lion Bill Fleetham (2016)</li> <li>☞ Lion Gary Anderson (2015)</li> <li>☞ Lion Richard Boland (2015)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☞ Lion Jeff Kraai, Treasurer</li> <li>☞ Lion Craig Nobbelin, Secretary</li> <li>☞ Lion Jacqueline Smart-Parrish, Membership</li> <li>☞ Lion Shawn Eyestone, Vice President</li> <li>☞ Lion President Don Jakel</li> <li>☞ Lion Chairperson Scott Brady</li> </ul> |
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*\* Terms of office in parentheses; Under the new structure, treasurer and secretary will be appointed annually; membership director will be elected every two years, alternating with the election of the vice-president; and, the vice-president, president and chairperson will serve for two years in each position.*

**Lion Immediate Past-President Anne Baird**, presented outgoing Lions President his plaque and his gift in recognition of her outstanding service for his year as Lions President. **Thank you, Scott!**

MC Fry introduced new **Lions President Don Jakel** and presented him with his President's gavel.

**Lions President Don Jakel** thanked Chuck Fry for encouraging him to return to this Club after a somewhat lengthy hiatus. Don said they met at a library function and Don saw Chuck's Lions pin. They started a conversation, and that led to attending a meeting and, now, here I am. Don also thanked Rob Lalley for asking me to join the Board of Directors 4 years ago. As a Director, I have learned a lot more about the Club, our members and about Lionism.

"While I am thanking people," Don said, "we all owe our gratitude to Rick Walker for facilitating and Scott Brady for leading us through the strategic planning process that led to the reorganization of our Board, our Officers and how we plan and carry out the mission of our Club." Don also thanked the many Past-Presidents who headed up subcommittees to develop the nuts and bolts of our plan. "Their efforts are greatly appreciated," Don added.

Don briefly explained, "Our strategic plan calls for engaging all members in the activities of our Club and in their choice of projects and committees . . .publicizing our activities more frequently so the entire community knows what we do . . . and increasing our professionalism. If we accomplish these things, it will lead to increasing our membership, which means we can serve more people who are in need of our services."

Don set forth his goals for the Club for the coming year, following the strategic plan:

1. "Continue with great speakers at lunch meetings with the last meeting each month a dinner at the eyeglass recycling center. Our first meeting will be September 9 at the University Club.

2. Institute a concerted public relations effort to get the word out about our projects and the numerous people we serve.
3. Encourage our existing members to join committees. I would like each committee to have 2 co-chairs and maintain records of each event, so we have back up and can pass on best practices to future committee chairs. I will be calling each member throughout the summer to determine how best you can serve the Club and our community.
4. Expand the Membership Committee to 10 or more members so we have a greater ability to reach more potential recruits.
5. Work with the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to implement our new governance structure. Speaking of governance, I want to take a moment to thank Shawn Eyestone for his extensive work on revising and updating our By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation.”

Don emphasized, “We have a great nucleus of members who give a tremendous amount of their time and talents. I want to encourage all of our less active members to find a project to get involved in and realize how satisfying it is to help those in need. I want to see us increase our presence and impact on those who we serve. Please call me anytime with your ideas on how we can improve our service to you and to others.”

“I am humbled by your faith in me to serve as your President,” Don concluded. “I will do my best to justify that faith. Thank you.”

## Other Lions News

**Drive for Vision:** With another successful golf outing on June 16, initial dollar figures estimate that the event raised \$21,936 that will be donated to Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Cherry Street Health Services for our Vision Clinic, the Ken-O-Sha low vision program and the Grand Rapids Community Foundation for our Lions endowment fund.

**White Cane Drive:** The White Cane Drive solicited \$5,015 which will be used to purchase glasses for the students in the Ken-O-Sha low vision program.

**VI Sports Day:** This event for visually impaired children drew over 200 VI youth and their families for “picture-perfect” event on a sunny Saturday. Of course, the Lions volunteers always have a good time. Lions who haven’t participated should come next year.