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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 3, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45
pm

Tuesday, November 4
Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, November 4, GRCC
Celebrates 100 Years, Steve
Ender

Tuesday, November 4, Eye-
glasses Recycling, 6:00–8:00 pm

Monday, November 10, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45
pm

Tuesday November 11, Veterans
Day, Honor our Vets!

Tuesday, November 11, InterOil
– The Real Story, Gaylen Byker

Ask One – Ask a Veteran to a
Lions meeting in November!
Ask them to join as a member!

Tuesday, November 4

Grand Rapids Community College Celebrates 100 Years, Steve Ender

Grand Rapids Junior College was the first junior college in Michigan on September 21, 1914, after the University of Michigan faculty passed a resolution encouraging the establishment of junior colleges in Michigan. It initially operated out of Grand Rapids Central High School. Four years later, it received its initial accreditation.

Over several years, the junior college moved to its current location and acquired several buildings. By the 1980's and 1990's, the junior college was rated among the finest nationally. In 1989, it began offering classes in Ottawa County through the Ottawa Area ISD Career Tech Center. In 1991, the junior college separated from the Grand Rapids Public School District to become an independent public institution and was renamed Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC). As the college continued to experience growth, the college was fortunate enough to acquire the former Davenport College after Davenport moved to the suburbs in order to expand.

Our presenter at today's meeting, Dr. Steve Enders, became the ninth chief executive of GRCC. During his more than 30 years in higher education, Dr. Ender has held numerous teaching, counseling and administrative positions and has published extensively in refereed journals as well as textbooks.

His most recent position prior to the GRCC presidency was serving as president of Westmoreland Community College. He is a Richmond, Virginia native, holds a bachelor's degree in business management (Virginia Commonwealth University), master's and doctoral degrees in education (University of Georgia), and has completed post-doctoral studies at The Snowmass Institute in Snowmass, Colorado and Harvard University. He resides in Grand Rapids with his wife and is the father of two adult children.

Tuesday, November 11 InterOil – The Real Story, Galen Byker

Since launching and having held many positions in the company, our speaker today, Gaylen Byker, will tell us his story about InterOil. He will describe its history of energy discovery, evolving from a developmental company into a producing company, and many stories of trials and tribulations.



InterOil was founded in 1997 and is an independent oil and gas company with a primary focus on Papua New Guinea. It is developing one of Asia's largest gas fields as a joint venture with France's Total and Oil Search of Papua New Guinea. Its exploration licenses cover about 16,000 square kilometers in the Eastern Papuan Basin.

A native of Hudsonville, Dr. Byker is a former international businessman and former President of Calvin College in Grand Rapids. He is also a director for InterOil Corporation. He served in the United States Army from 1967 until 1970.

Following his service in the Vietnam War, he attended Calvin College, graduating in 1973. He received a master's degree and a JD in World Politics from the University of Michigan, as well as a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. After completing his education, he worked in the fields of international banking and energy and also taught at American University of Beirut. Dr. Byker married Susan Lemmen in 1970 and they have two daughters. Dr. Byker retired as president of Calvin College at the end of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Saturday, December 6, 7:15/8:00 am Meijer Kids Shopping Day

Plan to get up early to volunteer on Saturday, December 6 to help give visually impaired and disadvantaged kids a happier holiday season! This annual Meijer Kids Shopping Day will take place at the Cascade Meijer store, just east of I-96 on 28th Street SE. Several Lions with vans will pick up some of the kids from Saboath Ministries about 7:15 am, while parents of visually impaired will be brought to the store by their parents by 8:00 am. The kids will be given a light breakfast and Grand Rapids Lions, GVSU Campus Club Lions and other volunteers will help the kids shop. Volunteers will also help wrap the kids' gifts before they are given rides home.

At least 35 kids will use their \$75 gift cards to shop (\$15 from Meijer; \$60 from the Lions Foundation). "Pass the hat" donations from the Lions luncheons meetings will supplement additional costs and may allow additional kids to be served. Volunteer lists will also be passed around at the luncheons for you to sign up, or you can volunteer by contacting either **Lion Mike Thibodeau** (muthibodeau@gmail.com) or **Lion Anne Baird** (baird@surf.free.com).

If you might not be at the meetings and would like to donate funds to help with the finances, please send your contribution and mark "kids shopping" on your check to: Grand Rapids Lions Club, c/o Jeff Kraai, 2276 Old Dominion Ct SE, Kentwood, MI 49508.

Lions Holiday Social

What do you get when you take Farcies Mushrooms, Toasted Goat Cheese Crostini, Satay Chicken with Thai Sauce, Tandoori Sliders, Perfect Manhattan, Bell's Winter White, Rolling hills with a dusting of snow overlooking the beautiful Rouge River and YOU and your spouse/significant other: The start to a fantastic Holiday Social.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Holiday Social: Saturday December 6th, 6 pm at Kim and Pam Gary House** (Same as last year). The Catering Company will dazzle us with a wide selection of creative Hors d'oeuvres and sweets and, of course, your favorite beverages. Come to celebrate joyfulness of the Holiday season amongst friends. A formal invite will follow.

Other Lion's News:

Calendar Sales: Calendar Raffle Sales are returning for the year 2015. Plan to purchase at least one for yourself and consider buying them for your valued clients. The prizes are the same as last year: \$25 gift cards for restaurants owned by Restaurant Partners or Gilmore Collection of Restaurants. Stay tuned for more information from Jamie Junod.

Two New Members: The following new members have joined the Grand Rapids Lions Club this fall:

- * **Lion Mike Murphy**, sponsored by **Lion Pat Mullen**, is a returning member who once served as president of the club. He works at J.W. Messner Company. Over the last year, he has been helping with the development plan that is part of our strategic initiative.
- * **Lion Mary Chelsky, O.D.**, sponsored by **Lion Brent Spoelstra**, joined the Branch Internet Club. She works at West Michigan Eyecare Associates. She will be participating as part of the mission team on our mission trips to Mexico and other areas.

More complete profiles of our new members will published in a future edition of the newsletter.

Matching Grant from LCIF Approved: In September, the LLions Clubs International Foundation approved a 50-50 matching grant for \$10,233.90 prepared by the Eyeglasses Recycling Committee and approved by your Board of Directors. **Lion Sharon Barton** lent her considerable grant writing skills to the effort. The grant will be used to upgrade laptops, upgrade software and purchase other needed equipment which will improve the program's efficiency both at the recycling center and on the mission trips. Matching funds will come a \$2,000 grant from Raymond James (**Lion Mark Oberlin**), funds from the eyeglasses recycling materials salvaged (and sent to California) and the Grand Rapids Lions Foundation. Thanks to all the Lions who are part of the Eyeglasses Recycling Committee!