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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Monday, February 29, Lions Club
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, March 1, Calvin
College Eye Mission, Larry
Gerbens**

Tuesday, March 1, Eyeglass
Recycling Center, 3:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 3, 6:00 – 9:00
pm, Blind Dinner Date, Thousand
Oaks Golf Club

Monday, March 7, Lions Club
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, March 8, Getting
There – The Book in Each of
Us, Buck Matthews**

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Tuesday, March 1

Calvin College Eye Mission, Larry Gerbens

Calvin College students and Dr. Larry Gerbens have taken time away from the classroom during the January Interim break to visit underserved area to provide eye examinations and provide eyeglasses that closely their refractive error. Calvin students work at our Eyeglass Recycling Center and take the eyeglasses processed there to use.

They spend about 13 days in Tijuana, Mexico and vicinity to provide this service. The students also learn about Mexican culture. The students then go back to University of CA - San Diego to participate in Calvin College alumni activities there.

Dr. Gerbens is the preceptor who organizes and guides this experience working to provide health and pre-health students with opportunities for experiential learning and has organized the trips in his role as Calvin's pre-health adviser. "I'm advising on the big picture issues—putting together the opportunities for shadowing, volunteering, leadership and research that students need to get into graduate school," said Dr. Gerbens.

The role brings together Dr. Gerben's roots in medicine, a 30-year ophthalmology practice in the Grand Rapids with his work as a gift officer at Calvin for the last seven years. He is also working to secure opportunities for students in the Grand Rapids medical community.

Tuesday, March 8

Getting There – The Book in Each of Us Buck Matthews

TV and radio personality Buck Matthews, host of "The Buck Matthews Show" in the 1970s and weatherman for Channel 8 and WOOD Radio in the 1960s, once was a household name in Grand Rapids.

In the nine years of the show, he interviewed well-known celebrities, including comedians, musicians and other famous people, such as Red Skelton, Phyllis Diller, Benny Goodman, Dave Brubeck, Pearl Bailey and Maya Angelou. Of Maya Angelou, Buck said, "She was an amazing person, was very gracious and her answers to listeners were wonderful."



Buck's first novel, "Uncommon Women," a tale of a married couple's journey into the past. After a series of publisher turndowns, he put the book away in a drawer. His son Chip said, "I think it's beautifully written," Chip finally persuaded his father to publish it as an e-book. "Getting There" is his second book, about which he will talk today.

While serving at Selfridge Air Force Base U.S. Air Force north of Detroit in the 1950's, Buck took a part-time job as an all-night disc jockey at a radio station. By the time he was discharged, the radio bug had bit. He became an announcer for WJR-AM in Detroit in the late 1950s. After his stint at WOOD in the 1980s to mid-1990s, he became general manager of Blue Lake Public Radio. After many years a columnist, he decided after he retired from Blue Lake Public Radio in 1995, he would start writing fiction.

Outside his career, he served on the boards of directors of Opera Grand Rapids and the Grand Rapids Symphony, and became president of the board for the former Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids. He served as co-chair with Lois Poppen of Festival of the Arts in 1974, and was awarded the Arts Council's Art Award in 1982 for his contributions to the cultural life of Grand Rapids.

10th Annual Blind Dinner Date Thursday, March 3, 2016, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

It is not too late to come to the 10th Annual Blind Dinner Date on Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. It will be a fun evening, be capped off with inspirational thoughts from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein. He is the first blind person elected to the Michigan Supreme Court. We will also be acknowledging the achievements of professionals from the eye care community.

Tickets are \$75.00 each and can be purchased by emailing **Lion Rick Stevens** at rstevens@abvimichigan.org, signing up at Tuesday's luncheon meeting, or online through EventBrite. The link is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blind-dinner-date-tickets-5662033294>.

Other Lion News:

Board Member Elections: Three Board of Director positions are open this year – Vice President (6 year commitment (VP, President & Chairman of the Board) and 2 director position (3 year terms); Contact Scott Brady soon if you are interested. Voting will be by email at the end of this month.

Drive for Vision Charity Golf Outing: Remember to mark your calendars, solicit sponsors (new and old) and plan to participate or volunteer on **Monday, June 20, 2016**. Based on the best knowledge, it will be at Quail Ridge Golf Club.

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