



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, March 28, Lions Club
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, March 29, Board
Meeting, ABVI, Noon

**Tuesday, March 29, Eyeglass
Recycling Work Session & Dinner,
Jamark Labs, 6:00 pm**

*Friday, April 1, Fool someone
today. Happy April Fool's Day!*

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

**Tuesday, April 5, Alternatives
in Motion, Coleen Davis**

Tuesday, April 5, Eyeglass
Recycling Center Open, 6:00

Monday, April 11, Lions Club
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

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*Recycling Center Open Every
Tuesday, 3:00 – 8:00 pm*

Tuesday, March 29

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, March 29 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm (with dinner about 6:00 pm). During these hours, please come and bring guest or prospective members who are interested in a hands-on service project. Your participation this week is very important. If you haven't come for a while, we'd like to see you.

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 of the building. 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.

Note: *The Recycling Center will be open every Tuesday from 3:00 – 8:00 pm.*

Tuesday, April 5

Alternatives in Motion, Coleen Davis

Alternatives in Motion, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1995 by Johnnie Tuitel and George Ranville to provide for unmet mobility needs. Its mission is to provide quality used wheelchairs, and routine wheelchair repair services to individuals and families who demonstrate financial need to promote independent, healthy and active lifestyles. The organization believes everyone should have the opportunity to participate in society and not be hindered by mobility issues. It relies heavily on donations of new or gently used mobility equipment. Since 1995, it has provided mobility assistance over 1,254 times in 130 Michigan communities and 17 other states!

The organization was started after Mr. Tuitel was recovering from surgery and he that learned he needed a new wheelchair, but his insurance company denied him coverage for it. Johnnie was furious because he knew if this was happening to him, it was happening to others. He teamed up with George Ranville, a Grand Rapids resident, who went through a similar experience getting a chair for his brother-in-law. The two started raising money and making their cause known.



At today's meeting, Coleen Davis, Executive Director will talk about Alternatives in Motion. Ms. Davis has had over ten years of successful Non Profit leadership from United Way to Big Brothers Big Sisters. She is committed to the organization and connects individuals to an organization's mission. In addition to proven competencies in the development field and implementation of strategies, she has created lasting relationships and implemented cost reduction initiatives while not sacrificing quality.

GVSU's Dinner in the Dark

Again this year, the Grand Valley Lions Campus Lions Club will host its Dinner in the Dark. It is a free community event which is being held in the Grand River Room, #2250 of the Russel H. Kirkhof Center at Grand Valley State University (# 32 on the VGSU map) on Sunday April 10th at 7:00 pm. Parking for the event will be in the metered lot in front the library and in the student lots (lots don't get ticketed on weekends).

The event is meant to raise awareness for the Leader Dogs for the Blind as well as donations. A dinner will be provided which will include pasta with Alfredo and marinara sauce, salad, cookies and brownies.

Dinner in the Dark gives people an opportunity to experience what it is like to live with a visual impairment. Guests will have the opportunity to get blindfolded and guided by trained volunteers in walking around and receiving & eating their dinner. A representative from Leader Dogs will be speaking. There will also be a special guest who is currently paired with a leader dog away at college who will speak about her experience. There will be baskets on the table for donations to help reach our goal of \$1,000 for Leader Dog for the Blind.

Several Grand Rapids Lions attended this event last year. It was a great success which was hosted by enthusiastic Lions members and was a really enjoyable evening. Please consider attending – and you won't have to cook that evening! The Campus Club Lions are our future Lions who will leave the college campus and return to their communities to carry on the work of serving future generations. Let's show them that we care by attending and giving our support. Thank you!!!

Please direct any questions to the GVSU Lion's President: Jake Devine @ devineja@mail.gvsu.edu or Anne Baird at baird@surf.free.com or 616-446-9496.

[Allendale Campus Map](#)

Coast to Coast Raffle

It is spring and your opportunity to purchase a 2016 raffle ticket for the Choose Your Coast Raffle is here! With each raffle ticket, you can purchase a chance for two to travel to New York, San Francisco, Orlando or Seattle for a four day/three night trip.

Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. The proceeds of the raffle benefit ABVI, one of our major charities. The drawing will be held on June 3, 2016. Please contact Lion Rick Stevens at ABVI to order your ticket(s): 616-458-1187 or rstevens@abvimichigan.org.

Other Lion News:

White Cane Drive: Please reserve **Friday May 6 and Saturday May 7** so that you can participate in the *White Cane Drive*. We will be collecting at the Walmart's on 28th Street (Cascade) and Alpine Avenue both days and downtown on Friday Noon. More news and sign-ups will be shared in April.

VI Sports Day: Tentatively reserve **Saturday, June 11** in the morning for the annual *Visually Impaired (VI) Sports Day*. A confirmed date and more information will come in a later *Nuda Veritas*.

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