



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** -----

Tuesday, April 26, Lions Board Meeting, Noon, ABVI

Tuesday, April 26, Eyeglass Recycling Work Session & Dinner, Jamark Labs, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 3, GRCC: The Second Hundred Years, Steve Ender

Tuesday, May 3, Eyeglass Recycling Center Open, 3:00 – 8:00 pm

Friday & Saturday, May 6 & 7, White Cane Drive: Please see article in this newsletter

Tuesday, May 10, Working with International Visitors, Alan Headbloom

Tuesday, May 10, Eyeglass Recycling Center Open, 3:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, May 17, Student Recognition Day, Lion Ryan Smith & Shelley Irwin, Noon

Tuesday, April 26

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, April 26 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 is always 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 is open every Tuesday from 3:00 – 8:00 pm.*

Tuesday, May 3

The Second Hundred Years, Steve Ender

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) celebrated its centennial anniversary — 100 years serving the educational and workforce readiness needs of the community. It was founded in 2014 as Grand Rapids Junior College by the Grand Rapids Board of Education after the University of Michigan faculty passed a resolution to encourage the establishment of junior colleges in Michigan. In the '50s and '60s, legislative acts further clarified the role of community colleges in Michigan. This, along with current needs of the community served, provides the College with direction and purpose.

A century ago, GRCC started in one building - in Grand Rapids Central High School. Today, it has campuses on the lakeshore, as well as satellite sites in Grandville, Rockford, Lowell, and Byron Center. Eight faculty members taught rhetoric and composition, mathematics, history, biology, physics, Latin, and German. The first graduating class numbered 49 students. Under the 1966 Community College Act, the state of Michigan included postsecondary vocational-technical education in the definition of the community college program. Now, after all these years, GRCC now offers more than 45 occupational and liberal arts programs.

In 1991, Kent County taxpayers voted to redistrict GRJC, which became Grand Rapids Community College. For the first time, GRCC had its own Board of Trustees and its boundaries were extended beyond the Grand Rapids Public School District to include the 20 districts within the Kent Intermediate School District. In 2015-16, it served more than 29,500 full or part-time students.

Community colleges have a distinct role among our country's educational institutions. It offers accessible, affordable education to all who want to improve their knowledge and skills to achieve success at work and in their lives. GRCC continues to evolve, changing the way it educates its students and adapting its offerings through demands from business and societal changes.

Today's speaker, Steve Ender, Ed.D., has been President of GRCC since 2009 (Its 9th President). He will talk about what the 2nd century might hold for GRCC. He has more than 30 years in higher education in numerous teaching, counseling and administrative positions. His most recent professional position prior to the GRCC presidency was serving as president of Westmoreland Community College. A Richmond, Virginia native, Dr. Ender holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Virginia Commonwealth University; master's and doctoral degrees in education from the University of Georgia; and has completed post-doctoral studies at The Snowmass Institute in Snowmass, Colorado and Harvard University. He has published extensively in journals and textbooks. Dr. Ender resides in Grand Rapids with his wife, Karen Gislason Ender, and is the father of two adult children.

White Cane Drive: *More Volunteers Needed!*

In less than two weeks, the White Cane Drive will be upon us. It is set for **Friday & Saturday, May 6 and 7**. The White Cane Drive committee is calling for Lions and other volunteers to staff downtown locations on Friday noon and at two Walmart locations on 28th Street and Alpine Avenue on both Friday (3:30 – 7:30 pm) and Saturday (9:00 am – 1:00 pm). Here the schedule:

Location	Day	Times (1 or more 1-hour shifts)
Downtown	Friday (only)	11:30 am – 12:30 pm and 12:30 – 1:30 pm
Walmart – Alpine NW	Friday	3:30 – 7:30 pm (1 hour shifts)
	Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm (1 hour shifts)
Walmart – 28 th St. SE	Friday	3:30 – 7:30 pm (1 hour shifts)
	Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm (1 hour shifts)
Walgreens – Forest Hills	Friday	3:30 – 7:30 pm (1 hour shifts)
& Cascade Road	Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm (1 hour shifts)

Every spring, we have the opportunity to help in the Lions White Cane Drive to raise funds to pay for eye glasses for visually impaired children in special programs, and who often have many other challenges in developing these students' full potentials at Ken-O-Sha. There is no cost to the families who are eligible for these eyeglasses,

We extend invitations to our all of our Lions – Regular, Affiliate & Branch . . . and family or friends to join in this worthy fundraising event. It is fairly easy for members to participate. All you do is ask people if they would like to help visually impaired kids get glasses or something like that. It can be an interesting study on who gives and who doesn't give. As Lions, we don't know which of the people walking by may have been helped by the Lions, or know someone that was – friend, parent or child.

To sign-up, sheets are being around passed at our meetings and at the Eyeglass Recycling Center. Or, you can contact Lion Bill Fleetham at 204-2421 or grpedopt@gmail.com to sign up.

Whether or not you are able to volunteer, you can also make a donation as part of the White Cane Drive. (Send donations to Treasurer Jeff Kraai, Grand Rapids Lions Club, 2276 Old Domain Ct. SE, Kentwood, MI 49333) Letters will also be sent to companies asking for contributions.

Board of Directors: New V.P. Elected, Two Directors Reelected

Congratulations! The 2016 election results are final and unanimous. **Lion Ed Thauer** will be the new Vice President, while two existing Directors, **Lion Erik Anderson** and **Lion Bill Fleetham**, were reelected as Directors for the Grand Rapids Lions Club Board of Directors.

Ed begins a six year commitment, serving for two years each as Vice President, President and Chairman of the Board. Erik and Bill will serve three year terms. They will join 9 other Lions members to serve during the year from July 2016 to June 2017.

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:

New Lions Member: New **Lion Joshua Thorp** was approved by the Lion Board and inducted at our noon luncheon in a brief ceremony on Tuesday, April 12. He is married to Lindsey and lives on Kelsey Street NE in Grand Rapids. He is a Chiropractor in the partnership Kooistra Chiropractic in Wyoming. His sponsor is Scott Embree.

White Cane Drive: Please sign up for the White Cane Drive on **Friday May 6 and Saturday May 7**. Please see article above in this Nuda Veritas.

Tuesday, May 17 – Student Recognition Lunch: Please attend our normal luncheon where we will recognize 16 students, 2 each from each high school for their achievements. This event will begin early at 12:00 noon.

May Social Events: Wednesday, May 18: Still looking into a “day game” with the West Michigan White Caps.

2016 Annual Meeting: Mark your calendars, the 2016 Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual Meeting will be on **Thursday, June 9** at 6:00 pm at Blythefield Country Club on Northland Drive NE. You should be receiving your formal invitation around mid-May.

VI Sports Day: Reserve **Saturday, June 11** in the morning for the annual *Visually Impaired (VI) Sports Day*. 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. If you would like to approach a company to ask for a sponsorship, brochures will be available at our meetings, contact Jamie Junod at 616-224-1574 or junodj@stifel.com or go to the website at <https://driveforvision.wordpress.com/2016/03/27/2016-sponsorship-opportunities/>.

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