



# 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, May 24, (NOTE: Last  
luncheon meeting of the year)  
Opportunities Unlimited for the  
Blind, Gwen Botting**

Tuesday, May 24, Eyeglass  
Recycling Center Open, 3:00 –  
8:00 pm

Tuesday, May 31, Lions Board  
Meeting, Noon, ABVI

**Tuesday, May 31, Eyeglass  
Recycling Work Session & Dinner,  
Jamark Labs, 6:00 pm**

Tuesday, June 7, Eyeglass  
Recycling Center Open, 3:00 –  
8:00 pm

**Thursday, June 9, Lions Club  
Annual Meeting, Blythefield  
Country Club, 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

Saturday Morning, June 11, VI  
Sports Day, Wealthy Elementary  
School

**Monday, June 20, Grand  
Rapids Ophthalmology Drive  
for Vision, Quail Ridge**

## Tuesday, May 24 Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind Gwen Botting

Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind (OUB) programs help people with visual impairments to develop skills of blindness, helping them become competent, confident, contributing, tax paying, working adults. OUB provides summer camps and work experiences that focus on educational goals. It utilizes teaching methods and strategies that encourage campers to be as confident and independent as possible, safely, while keeping learning fun! Its goal is that every child, teen, young adult and adult with or without a visual impairment who comes to OUB Camps or works for OUB learns self-reliance skills and expands their dreams for their future success.

OUB partners with Camp Optimist, which has a day lodge, sports fields, teaching kitchen, tent platforms, and shower building. The camp also features our camp garden. It also partners with Indian Trails Camp for recreational activities that include swimming, boating, and rock climbing. Together, the two camps have eco-diversity with unlimited potential as “the” place to develop a love for swimming, boating, hiking and exploring while learning about nature, developing mobility and orientation skills, activities in daily living, and social skills.

OUB’s Executive Director, Gwen Botting, will talk to us today about the mission and activities. She was the President of Michigan Parents of Children with Visual Impairments for 12 years and the parent of a blind college student. Gwen has served on the OUB Board of Directors for several years and oversees the operation of the organization.

Gwen is a graduate of Knox College and Calvin College. Gwen and her husband, Jim, have two children: Greg, who is blind, graduated from Alma College. Greg spent his second semester of his sophomore year attending the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. They live in Ionia, MI.

**Tuesday, May 31**  
**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, May 31 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm (with dinner about 6:00 pm). During these hours, please come and bring a guest or a prospective member who are interested in a hands-on service project. Your participation is always important. We have lots and lots of eyeglasses to process at all stages before a mission trip in November. A decision has not been made whether there will be any work sessions to Sort, wash and process glasses over the summer. Stay tuned for an announcement.

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](mailto: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.*

**All Members Are Invited!**  
**Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 9, 2016, 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

Formal invitations to the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Grand Rapids Lions Club will be sent soon. The event will be held on:

Date: Thursday Evening, June 9, 2016  
Time: 6:00 – 6:45 Social Time  
6:35 – 9:00 Dinner & Program  
Location: Blythefield Country Club, 5801 Northland Drive, Belmont, MI  
Cost: No cost for members & one guest; \$35.00 for additional guests

There will be remembrances, introductions of this year's new members, award presentations and installation of new officers for the 2016-17. During the social time, a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be available. The evening will be accompanied by our own pianist, Jack Kimmell.

**Last Call - Coast to Coast Raffle**

Last Call! You will need to purchase your "2016 Choose Your Coast Raffle" tickets very soon to have a chance to go to one of four destinations along America's coasts. With each raffle ticket purchased, you will have 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](mailto:rstevens@abvimichigan.org).

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You – White Cane Drive Volunteers –

Many volunteers from the Lions Club and Ken-O-Sha School (teacher, students, other volunteers) made the White Cane Drive possible and successful. The funds raised will help buy glasses for children who are blind or visually impaired from birth through age five. These children often have other developmental challenges. Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. Our club has raised funds during the White Cane Drive for many years. A "Mail Campaign" is currently underway.

We really appreciated the volunteers' support in coming out to "fill in the ranks." Also, if we missed anyone, Co-chairs Anne Baird and Bill Fleetham give their apologies. (Let your editor know if you were missed & we will recognize you in a later newsletter edition.) We could not have done it without everyone's help!

Lions Anne & Bill



"Our newest volunteer"

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### Lions

Anne & Jim Baird  
Diana Bergquist  
MP Chelsky  
Dave Delorm  
Pat Droste, MD  
Ben Eavey  
Bill Fleetham  
Molly Fleetham  
Don Jakel  
Rob Lalley  
Kathy O'Bee  
Mark Oberlin  
Renee Mika, MD  
Bob & Alice Snyders  
Ed Thauer  
Rick Walker  
Bob White  
Bob Winchester

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### Ken-O-Sha Teachers, Students & Others

Anna Aurand  
Lisa Baker  
Sandy Barner  
Cynthia Brown  
Michelle Cameron  
Mary Cok  
Michelle Conley  
Linda Cross  
Maria Jimenez  
Paula Johnson/Carson  
Alyssa Kaminski  
Sandra Kelly  
Michelle Koistra  
Emma Kuipers  
Carol Lillie  
Rita Loper  
Julie Love  
Katie Sanders  
Nora Sanders  
Nancy Ortiz  
Shannon Spettel  
Liz Tanja  
Dawn VanSledright

Other than the Mail Campaign, the proceeds from the public fund gathering were just summited in time for publication. At our three locations, here are the results:

Walmart – Alpine Avenue:	\$ 905.33
Downtown:	\$ 92.00
Walmart – Cascade on 28 <sup>th</sup> St:	\$ 758.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,755.33</b>

## Other Lion News:

**Award at the District Annual Convention: Grand Rapids Lion Cheryl Anderson** received the Eversight Barr Fellowship from Eversight (formerly called the Michigan Eye Bank) (She also received the Presidential Medal of Service later that evening at a different convention for stepping up to chair the store at the USA/CANADA Forum that was held in Grand Rapids last Septembers. As the District Newsletter noted, she is a “very deserving lady Lion!”

**June Social Event:** The June social event will be the Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual Meeting on the evening of Thursday, June 9! Let’s celebrate the Lions Club before we break for the summer. (Well, “almost break” for the summer since we will still have VI Sports Day on June 11, the “Drive for Vision” golf fundraiser on June 20 and maybe another social event over the summer.)

**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](mailto:junodj@stifel.com) or go to the website at <https://driveforvision.wordpress.com/2016/03/27/2016-sponsorship-opportunities/>.