



# 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, October 5, Lions Club  
Bowling League, Northfield  
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, October 6, Dispute  
Resolution Center of West  
Michigan, Chris Gilman**

Monday, October 12, Lions Club  
Bowling League, Northfield  
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, October 13, MSU  
Grand Rapids Research  
Facility, Liz Lawrence**

Thursday, October 15, 6:00 pm,  
District Projects Night, English  
Hills Terrace (advance  
reservations required)

Monday, October 19, Lions Club  
Bowling League, Northfield  
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, October 20, VI  
Student Field Trip to Camp  
Tuhsmehta**

## Tuesday, October 6

### Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan, Chris Gilman

The Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan is a nonprofit organization which is part of a network of Michigan community mediation centers. It helps people learn how to communicate and work together to constructively solve their differences peacefully and constructively, using the services of a trained mediator.

This mediator brings both parties together for discussion, and together they create their own solution to the problem. The Dispute Resolution Center can help in nearly any type of situation, including landlord-tenant disputes, educational issues, parenting disputes, employee grievances, disagreements between neighbors, small claims issues, and many more. It can help people resolve conflicts either privately or in the courts.

The Dispute Resolution Center serves Kent, Ionia, Lake, Montcalm, Mecosta, Newaygo, and Osceola Counties. Cases come to us directly and through the court. Parties may choose to start with mediation before filing a case in court by contacting the center directly, or a judge may suggest or order mediation.

In 2013, the center handled nearly 500 cases, 304 of which were court-referred. It's funding comes from grants, service contracts, and fees.

Today's presenter, Christine Gilman, is the center's Executive Director and an attorney. Prior to this she was a Domestic Relations Mediator (2007-2013), Staff Attorney at the Legal Assistance Center (2006-2012) and Attorney/supervising attorney at Legal Aid of Western Michigan (1991-2001). She earned a BA in political science and government and her JD degree from Tulane University Law School.

**Tuesday, October 13**  
**MSU Grand Rapids Research Facility,**  
**Elizabeth Lawrence**

On June 18, 2015, ground was broken for the Michigan State University Grand Rapids Research Center on the site of the former Grand Rapids Press building at the corner of Michigan Street and Monroe Avenue in downtown Grand Rapids. This building will allow the College of Human Medicine to advance its trajectory of NIH-funded research growth. It follows the 2010 opening of the Sencha Center, a facility constructed specifically for medical education and not designed to accommodate research laboratories.

Both these projects are part of a long-range strategy that involves MSU partnering with the Van Adel Institute and Grand Valley State University to lease laboratory space to support new NIH-funded researchers recruited to Grand Rapids. Through December 2014, the medical school recruited 18 principal investigators and their scientific teams to West Michigan, which now fully occupy all desirable laboratory space available to MSU in Grand Rapids. Over the next two years, the college anticipates recruiting another 6 to 9 additional principal investigators, for a total of 24 to 27, plus their research teams.

The \$88.1 million, six-story, 162,800-square-foot research facility will include research program spaces and five core labs that will benefit MSU College of Human Medicine scientists and researchers from MSU's partnering institutions. The core labs include bioinformatics, flow cytometer, long-term storage, and analytical and advanced microscopy.

Elizabeth Lawrence, Senior Associate Dean for Planning, Finance and Administration, MSU College of Human Medicine, will talk to us today about the facility and its potential to serve as a gateway to the "medical mile" as well as a magnet to attract business in life sciences and growth in the biotechnology sectors in Grand Rapids. Previously, she was Assistant Dean, Capital and Strategic Planning at the College, Director of Clinical Support & Chief Operating Officer of the MSU Health Team and Operations & Quality Improvement Manager of the MSU Student Health Center. She earned her BS Degree in Medical Technology at MSU and her MHSA in Health Sciences Management at the University of Michigan.

**West Michigan Lions Clubs Projects Night**  
**Thursday, October 15, 6:00 pm**

Your Lions Board of Directors has reserved a table for 10 members to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> West Michigan Lions Clubs Projects Night. At publication, 8 reservations remain, and the Club will pick up the cost for the dinner.

The event will be on Thursday night, October 16, 2014 at English Hills Terrance (5179 West River Drive, Comstock Park 49231). A social hour begins at 6:00 pm, followed by a buffet-style dinner at 7:00 pm and the program. The evening typically adjourns by 9:00 pm.

The host club for the event is the Lyon - Muir Lions Club. This event represents the coming together of many Lions Clubs from the Western Michigan to celebrate the Lions goal of service and for many clubs to present of donations for Lion State and Regional Projects who serve visually impaired people.

There will be presentations from Bear Lake Camp, Eversight, Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Lions of Michigan Foundation. It's a great time for members to learn about the causes the Lions of Michigan support. Many Lions Clubs present their donations to their chosen charities at this event. However, since the Grand Rapids Lions Club presents its donations to our charities throughout and at the end of the year, our President often reports this fact rather than handing out specific checks.

During the social hour before the buffet dinner, attendees can visit and talk with representatives for some of the Lions' statewide and District 11C1 projects:

- \* ABVI
- \* All State Band
- \* Bear Lake Camp
- \* Eversight
- \* Leader Dogs for the Blind
- \* Lions of Michigan Foundation
- \* Paw's with a Cause
- \* Sight Seer Radio.

If you want to attend, please contact Craig Nobbelin at 616-458-0471 or [c.nobbelin@yahoo.com](mailto:c.nobbelin@yahoo.com) no later than Wednesday, October 9, 2015.

### **Appreciation Dinner for PDG Diane Wehby Sunday, October 25, 2015**

PDG Diane Wehby ably served as 11-C1's District Governor in 2014-15. Her leadership was a no-nonsense, constructive style, with a little fun thrown into the mix, which served the Lions in our district well. Her leadership will be celebrated at an Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at the Rockford Community Cabin, 220 North Main Street, Rockford, MI 49341.

The cost is \$20 per person or \$35 for two persons. Registrations with payment (checks) should be made payable to the Lions of MI, District 11-C1 sent to: Sue Ferris, District Editor-The Pulse at 3776 Clyde Road, Lyons, MI 48851. For questions, contact Sue Ferris at [twoltwo@homeworkswildblue.com](mailto:twoltwo@homeworkswildblue.com).

### **Thank You Lions Volunteers USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

Lynn Francis and Craig Nobbelin, on behalf of our Lions Club, would like to thank the Lions and other volunteers for their service at the Airport in welcoming Lions to West Michigan for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel Forum Registration Desk. The volunteers served in an exemplary fashion and had a good time doing so. Here are their names:

#### **At the Airport:**

- One Shift: Dick Boland, Sherah Eavey, Shawn Eyestone, Boyd Griswold, Jeff Kraai, Paul Lytekeinen, Fred Martin, Steve Mulder, Mark Oberlin, Cathy Oberlin and Steve Rose.
- Two Shifts: Ann Baird, Jim Baird, Dave DeLorm, Lynn Francis, Vicki Francis, Kim Gary, Patrick Keenan, Kathy O'Bee and Rick Walker.

#### **At the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel Forum Registration Desk:**

- One Shifts: Scott Brady, Mary "MP" Chelsky, Diane Jakel, Don Jakel, Jean Kraai, Rob Lalley, Mike Malinowski, Mike Murphy, Steve Shubert, Rick Stevens, Mary Swanson, and Tom & Judy Thompson (Bay City)
- Two Shifts: Gail Junod, Bill Reese
- Three Shifts: Kathy O'Bee

## Other Lions News:

**Meijer Kids Holiday Shopping:** Save the date – Saturday morning, December 5, 2015

**Lions Foundation Fund:** The Grand Rapids Community Foundation (GRCF) holds and manages the Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation endowment for our charitable donations. The GRCF annually transfers a certain proportion (based on a formula) for the Club's use as donations to complement the funds we raise and donate every year. A part of the GRCF fund transfers can be carried over into future years, as decided by your Board of Directors. **The balance of the endowment as of June 30, 2015 was \$566,818.44.** Our Club's goal is reach an endowment of one million dollars.