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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 26, Lions Club
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, October 27, Lions
Board Meeting, ABVI, Noon

Tuesday, October 27, 6:00 pm,
Jamark Labs, Eyeglass Recycling
Work Session & Dinner

Saturday, October 31, **Have a**
SCARY HALLOWEEN!

Monday, November 2, Lions Club
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, November 3, The
Truth about Violent Crime and
Public Safety in Michigan,
Chris Becker

Monday, November 9, Lions Club
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, November 10, The
Gem Program, Brandon
Eisentrager

Tuesday, October 27

Eyeglasses Recycling Session & Dinner,

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Jamark Labs

No Meeting at Noon at the University Club!

The Eyeglass Recycling Work Session/Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, October 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. All Lions, spouses and guests are encouraged to participate. There is still work to do in order to get enough used eyeglasses processed to ship to the Haiti by November, for the mission trip in February.

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 Eyeglass Recycling Center is now open every Tuesday from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This will accommodate volunteers who want to do work earlier as well as those who are able to work in the evenings. This will not change the meeting, dinner and work session on the last Tuesdays of each month.

Tuesday, November 3

The Truth about Violent Crime
and Public Safety in Michigan, Chris Becker

What do you really know about violent crime and public safety in Michigan and, right here in Kent County? What are the kinds of crimes that are considered "violent?" What are the trends? Does

the type or proportion of violent crime vary among geographic areas? How safe are we and what is being done to help keep our communities (and us) safe?

Chris Becker, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Kent County, will share information on “The Truth about Violent Crime and Public Safety in Michigan.” Chris is also a former member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club.

Chris started work for Kent County Prosecutors Office right out of law school and has been there 20 years. He has tried over 170 felony circuit court trials, specializing in child abuse, sexual assault, and vulnerable adult abuse. He has also tried over a dozen homicide cases in his career. About 5 years ago, he was promoted to Chief Assistant and is now responsible for the day-to-day operations and supervising a staff of 33. Chris is a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a BA in International Relations and a 1995 graduate Valparaiso University School of Law.

Lions “After Hours”

Lion Kim Gary stated that “One of the goals of the social committee is to have some sort of social event once per month. The intent is they should be *fun*, *casual* and *quick*, as we all have busy lives.” Our first one:

- Tuesday, November 10, 2015 – Rare Beer Tasting
- 4:30 – 6:00pm
- Alliance Beverage, 4490 60th Street (next to Steelcase Pyramid)

Come sample and learn about some of the rare beer of some of our local craft breweries, like Founders KBS, Bell’s Planet Series, a Smoked Porter . . . My son, Brendan, is a certified Cicerone who will lead the discussion. No need to RSVP - just show up!

Also, we are only about 2 miles from the Eye Glass Recycling Center. So, you may want to join them for a work session afterward if you wish (If you haven’t sampled too much . . .)

If you have some ideas for fun, casual events for the future, please let me know. Our next event after this will be the Holiday Social in December.

Lion Kim Gary (616-291-5438, kimlgary55@gmail.com)

Report on October 20 Presentation: “Into the Woods” Nancy Calvi & Joe DeJong

Do you remember going to a camp somewhere “into the woods” when you were a kid? Well, thanks to the Grand Rapids Lion’s Club, 35 students with visual impairments from Kent ISD went to Camp Tuhsmehta in Greenville, Michigan on May 7, 2015. Students participated in activities, such as archery, crafts, rock wall climbing, canoeing, and “s’mores” around the campfire. Nancy Calvi has been with the Kent County Intermediate School District for 30 years and a Teacher Consultant for the Visually Impaired, organized the event and will be sharing pictures and information about the trip. Joe DeJong, one of the students, will be sharing some of his experiences from his day at Camp T. Michelle Cameron, Joe’s O&M Instructor will accompany Joe.

The Grand Rapids Lions Club has supported these field trips geared to blind and visually impaired students for several years to provide experiences for blind and visually impaired youth usually don’t

have. Less expensive trips which are located in West Michigan, like this one, and are alternated with more expensive field trips farther away. The “away” trips have included Greenfield Village and Chicago. Every year, we get reports about how meaningful these trips for the students, was well as their parents and staff.

Other Lions News:

Meijer Kids Holiday Shopping: Remember to save the date – Saturday morning, December 5, 2015 to volunteer to help! More news and sign-up sheets will be coming in November.

NEW! Grand Rapids Lions Club and its Foundation Brochures: We want to make sure you heard that the Grand Rapids Lions Club has new brochures.

- ✓ One brochure highlights our club and has the most current new member application on one tri-fold inside.
- ✓ The other brochure describes what the foundation is, how you can support it and how contact information of the foundation committee members if you want more information.

Both brochures are available at the luncheon meetings at the University Club. Also available are donation envelopes which you can use to mail in a donation. Both brochures are also available from our Secretary, Craig Nobbelin, at 616-458-0471 or c.nobbelin@yahoo.com.

Invite a Potential New Member: Our Strategic Plan calls for us to strengthening our club by inviting potential members to a luncheon meeting or to one of our activities. This fall, we have interesting programs at lunch. We also have two activities in the fall which can demonstrate how we Lions serve the vision needs of people:

- ❖ the Eyeglass Recycling Program for our vision mission trips (every Tuesday, 3:00 – 8:00 pm) and;
- ❖ the Holiday Shopping Day at the Cascade Meijer’s for disadvantaged inner-city youth and blind & visually impaired students in Kent County.

Note: Invite someone soon and have them approved. An Induction Ceremony for new members is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 at the noon meeting.

96th Anniversary of the Grand Rapids Lions Club: On November 14, 1919, professionals organized the Grand Rapids Lions Club, two years after the Lions Clubs were established in Chicago. So, let’s wish ourselves a Happy 96th Anniversary on Saturday, November 14, 2015. You could join in the celebration little bit early by coming Lions “after hours” social event on November 10! (See previous article above)