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UPCOMING EVENTS

*University Club
Downtown Grand Rapids
Meetings begin at 12:15 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.*

----- We Serve -----

Tuesday, January 5, The Baby Boomer – Holland Home: The Answer, Mina Breuker

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

Tuesday, January 12, United States District Attorney of the Western District of Michigan, Patrick Miles, Jr.

Monday, January 18, Remember and Celebrate Our Civil Rights - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 18, Lions Club Bowling League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, January 19, “Why West Michigan’s Economy is Different”, Rick Chapla

Monday, January 25, Lions Club Bowling League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, January 26, Board of Directors Meeting, ABVI, Noon

Happy New Year!

Tuesday, January 5

The Baby Boomers - Holland Home: The Answer, Mina Breuker

Holland Home offers an array of services to older persons, both in individual’s own home and in facilities where they live and are supported. Holland Home was formed in 1892 by Reverend Adrian Kriekard of the Third Reformed Church and a small group of men and women seeking to provide shelter for the elderly members of their congregations.

The first Holland Home, located on the corner of Michigan Street and College Avenue, was home to eight people. It now has three campuses in Grand Rapids and also offers support services in Holland. It expanded its services into the community with the establishment of HomeCare of Holland Home in 1987 and the creation of Hospice of Holland Home in 1995, later renamed Faith Hospice (offering both home and residential care). Holland Home is now Michigan’s largest non-profit provider of senior services and was the first registered Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) in the state. Holland Home employs over 1,100 people and serves more than 2,500 daily.

The basic mission has not changed, but now the Baby Boomers will be presenting a larger and changed set of challenges to which the organization will strive to present relevant services. Holland Home offers a variety of independent residential housing, assisted living, home services, rehabilitation and therapy services, hospice care, memory care and skilled nursing care.

Mina Breuker, CEO and President, will talk about Holland Home and the challenges faced. Ms. Breuker has been with Holland Home since 1998. She has served as executive director of our Fulton and Raybrook campuses and she was corporate director at the Holland Community Hospital. She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in management. She is also a licensed nursing home administrator.

Tuesday, January 12
United States District Attorney for the Western District of Michigan,
Patrick Miles, Jr.

Our speaker today is the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, Patrick Miles, Jr. He is the first African American to hold the position. Prior to his Presidential Appointment in 2012, he was a member/partner in the Detroit-based law firm Dickenson Wright PLLC in the Grand Rapids Office and specializing in corporate law. After graduating Harvard Law School in 1991, he joined Varnum in 2006 and became a partner at the age of 29. He left Varnum to join Dickinson Wright PLLC. He was the Democratic nominee for Michigan's Third Congressional District in 2010.

As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Miles immediately placed emphasis on presented and prosecuting health frauds, financial frauds and child exploitation, as well as reducing violent crimes in major urban areas through a localized and focused approach. He also increased and supports efforts to reduce ex-offender recidivism. In addition, his office is addressing the growing problem and prevalence of heroin and heroin overdose deaths, including the problem of overuse of prescription painkillers contributing to the heroin problem.

Mr. Miles re-structured the U.S. Attorney's Office of Criminal Division into four sections to streamline management and attorney specialization: organized drug crimes, financial crimes, national security and violent crimes. He also formed various units in the Criminal and Civil Divisions, and added more Task Forces to proactively collaborate with local law enforcement. The Western District of Michigan cover 49 of Michigan's 83 counties and has a population of about 3.5 million population and 11 federally-recognized Native American Tribes The office has 38 full-time attorneys and over 40 legal support staff. You can go to www.justice.gov/usao/miw for more information.

Mr. Miles has served as President of the Grand Rapids Bar Association and on over two dozen charitable and professional boards and committees. He graduated at 16 years of age from Ottawa Hills High School, Grand Rapids, earned a B.S. degree in business administration majoring in economics from Aquinas College, worked at Steelcase over 4 summers as a spot welder and was editor-in-chief of the Harvard Law Journal while in law school. He has been presented with numerous award and honors.

Mark Your Calendars:
Blind Dinner Date

Circle the evening of Thursday, March 3, 2016 and plan to attend the 10th Grand Rapids Lions Club's Blind Dinner Date! Our Featured Speaker will be **Justice Richard H. Bernstein, Michigan Supreme Court.**

The event will be held at Thousand Oaks Country Club with a Social Hour beginning at 6:00 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm. The program will start at 7:45 pm, with Justice Bernstein speaking at 8:00 pm. More information on cost and how you can reserve your sponsorships, your table or your spot will be forthcoming. The proceeds will support our vision-related charities and help to build our Foundation.

Meijer Kids Shopping – Another Great Service

Saturday, December 5, 2015 saw the largest number of youth served in the history of this event. We had a total of 48 kids participate: 20 from Sabbath Ministries and 28 who were Visually Impaired students. There were “two shifts” of youth going shopping, but at times, the employees’ break room where there were refreshments and gift wrapping, became very crowded.

This event would not be possible without Lions members from two Lions Clubs and friends volunteering their time. From the GVSU Campus Lions Club, 28 members participated. In addition, 8 members from a GVSU Sorority volunteered.

It has been reported to you Editor that the following twenty (20) members and spouses from the Grand Rapids Lions Club volunteered to help with shopping, gift wrapping or driving: They included Gary & Cheryl Anderson, Anne & Jim Baird, Mei Chow, Shawn Eyestone, Bill Fleetham, Lynn Francis, Don Jakel, Jeff Kraai, Rob Lalley, Steve Mulder, Richard Nelson, Craig Nobbelin, Art Palmer, Brent Spoelstra, Ed Thauer, Mike Thibodeau, Bob Winchester, and Bob White. If you were there participating and your name is not listing, please let your Editor know and your participation will be acknowledged.

Thanks to you All!

Gifts of Vision – The Vision Mission Trip

This year, 18 team members will leave for Haiti on February 21st on the Vision Mission Trip. Seven will be eye doctors. In December, the team shipped 7,698 pairs of eyeglasses along with 1,811 pairs of readers and sunglasses. The clinic will be held Monday thru Thursday. The goal is to see 1,600 patients in the four long days the team is running the vision clinic.

This trip is different since we do not have a host Lions Club like we usually do on most mission trips. Since the trip location is an hour outside of Port au Prince and there is no Lions Club to work with, the trip is being assisted by the Rays of Hope, a West Michigan organization which coordinates trips and donated materials to the needy in other countries. Rays of Hope has been working in Haiti for over 10 years. The team is being hosted by St. Montfort’s Church in Morne, Haiti. While the team is there, a medical mission team from Wayne State University will be at the same facility addressing the medical needs on the local residents with a team of 25 physicians, medical students, nurses and pharmacists.

After the trip, the team members will share their experiences, some of which are memorable based on other trips.

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