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UPCOMING EVENTS

**University Club
Downtown Grand Rapids
Luncheon Meetings begin at 12:10
p.m. unless otherwise noted.**

----- **We Serve** -----

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

Tuesday, March 20, Eversight, Bill Sutton & Mark Dawson

Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 – 8:00
pm, Recycling Center Open

Monday, March 26, 4:45 pm, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

Tuesday, March 27, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Eyeglass Recycling Work Session & Dinner, Jamark Labs

Sunday, April 1, Blessings upon
You This Easter Sunday!

Sunday, April 1 – *Don't forget to
Fool Someone Today! Happy April
Fool Day!*

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

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Tuesday, March 20 EverSight, Bill Sutton & Mark Dawson

Michigan Eversight used to be called the Michigan Eye Bank. Its mission is “to restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation and research.” Beginning in 1947, it was known as the Illinois Eye-Bank. Over time, nonprofit eye banks were established in every.

In 1985, the Illinois and Michigan Eye-Banks formed a partnership which later expanded with affiliations with other regional eye banks to the east to form one of the largest networks of eye banks in the U.S. In 2015, the network became known as Eversight, all working together as a unified operation which delivers the highest quality services to surgeons and their patients, making an impact around the world.

Its services include: traditional eye banking by advancing treatments of all blinding eye diseases; supporting research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions; promoting donation awareness; and providing humanitarian aid to people around the world in need of sight-restoring therapies. Eversight is an accredited member of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) and meets the highest quality standards set by the Food and Drug Administration.

Our presenters today will be Lions Bill Sutton and Mark Dawson. As a Lion for 15 years, Bill Sutton is active in his Lakewood Lions Club. Eversight and Kidsight have become the club's marquee activities, with the Lions reaching out to engage individuals who have received cornea/organ transplants to help to increase public awareness of the value of becoming registered organ donors. Bill is the Lions 11C1 District representative for Eversight. Bill and his wife, Mary, lived and raised their family in Lake Odessa. Bill worked for Oldsmobile/General Motors before retiring in 2001.

Mark Dawson received a cornea transplant in 2016 after working through some very serious medical problems and has much improved vision now. Subsequently, he became acquainted with the Lakewood Lions and now both he and his wife, Vivian, are members of that club. Mark has become deeply involved in Eversight activities and is an official spokesman. Mark is retired from a 30-year career in the Ionia Department of Corrections and now works in the furniture business.

Tuesday, March 27
Eyeglasses Recycling Project
6:00 – 8:00 pm, Jamark Labs
No Meeting at Noon at the University Club!

We need to continue processing eyeglasses for next year's vision mission trip. The Eyeglass Recycling Session/Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, March 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Please come and bring a guest or a prospective member to our work session to show them how we serve. Everyone is welcome!

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 the entrance are available in the front of the building. If you have questions or want more information, please contact **Lion Scott Brady** at scottbrady2120@gmail.com or 616-283-0260, or one of the other committee members.

***Note:** The Recycling Center is open every Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm from September through May.*

Grand Rapids Lions Night at the Drive: March 23

Are you ready for a night-out for fun, fellowship and sports entertainment? Friday March 23, 2018 will be our next social event for the club, as Lions and families attend the Grand Rapids Drive basketball game at the DeltaPlex. In addition, this is a great opportunity to bring a friend or someone you know to meet a great bunch of friendly Lions in a non-meeting and non-service activity. We are just out to have some fun.

The game starts at 7:00 pm. We will all be sitting in a reserved section and will have the opportunity to shoot some free throws after the game for some special prizes. Yes, even President Shawn can shoot. All this is only \$8.00 a ticket.

Parking is available onsite, but if anyone wants to carpool, they can meet at Gary Anderson's office at 6:15 pm on March 3, where you can park free. We will have a few vans that will drive to the game.

Let's get at least 30 people to attend so we can make a big noise when they put our name – Grand Rapids Lions - on the scoreboard. Gary Anderson will need a ticket count by Monday, March 19, so think of who you could invite and let me know how many tickets you want. You can pay me for the tickets the night of the game. Email or texts are the best way to order your tickets through Gary.

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Going South – For the Vision Mission Trip

On February 4, 2018, a 23-member group of Lions from Michigan traveled to Campeche, an historic city in the state of Campeche Mexico. Located on the Gulf of Mexico across the Yucatán peninsula from the popular resort area of Cancun, **Campeche** is a city with a population of about 220,000. Three separate Lions clubs calling Campeche home worked together with the Michigan group to provide a 4-day vision clinic for local residents. More than 2,000 patients were seen, with over 1700 pairs of glasses dispensed during the 4 nine-hour days of clinic.

This was the seventeenth vision mission trip for which our Grand Rapids Lions Club has supplied glasses as well as personnel. The group welcomed rookie members, Rob and Linda Lalley, who saw, firsthand, the fruits of their dedicated labor at the warehouse on Tuesdays. Here is the full list of people, 5 doctors and 16 crew, who participated:

- Rob and Linda Lalley
- Mary Beth Tupper and Brent Spoelstra
- Cheryl and Dr. Gary Anderson
- Scott Brady
- Jean Kraai
- Dr. Adam and Rich Carlson
- Anne and Jim Baird
- Gail McCready and Ken Frary
- Dr. Michelle Bullion
- Dr. Kevin VandenBosch
- Dr. Donna Wicker
- Kathy and Mark Oberlin
- Gail and Jamie Junod
- Bill Fleetham
- Kathy O’Bee
- Joel Gomez

Thank you all!

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SPECIAL OFFER from AmazonSmile: *The AmazonSmile **triple donation promotion** is running March 12 – 31!* Amazon is *tripling* the donation amount, to 1.5%/ when customers make their [first smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) purchase from March 12 - 31. This is a great opportunity for you and other supporters to increase Grand Rapids Lions Club Activities Commission's AmazonSmile donations by signing-up and shopping at smile.amazon.com for eligible purchases by March 31.

Check Out Our Lions Club's New Website!

Once logged into the site, you'll see a screen with your profile information. ***Please check your profile information for accuracy!***

- If there are any errors, you can edit your information by clicking the "Edit Profile" button on the right hand side.
- Please upload a photo, too, if you get the chance - it helps (especially for new members) to put a name to a face in our member directory). *Note: If you don't upload your picture, the dreaded secretary may randomly upload one for you.*

After you're successfully logged in, you will notice a members-only toolbar that appears at the top of all pages:

- The "Member Directory" link in this toolbar is a members-only resource that allows you to look up full contact information for other Grand Rapids Lions Club members.
- Another item of interest is the "Committees" link, which will eventually house information about all of our club's committees and what's happening with them.
- Committee chairs have access to update the information for their committees, and this should be a good way to share information with members about the club's ongoing activities.

There's much more that could be said about the site, but this should get you started. Please check it out for yourself, and let us know what you think! Make suggestion! As problems are found, these will be fixed to make the website easy for you to use. Content will also be added as we go along.

Contact Information for Ben Eavey, Technology Committee Chair: ben@eavey.com or 616-719-9799.

Other News

Dinner on the Dark: GVSU Campus Lions Club's annual "Dinner in the Dark" is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. More detail will follow in the next newsletter.

Lions District 11-C1 Convention: This year's District 11-C1 Convention will be on Saturday, April 14, 2018, Paws With a Cause in Wayland MI - 15 miles south of Grand Rapids down US-131. It starts with Registration at 9:00 am. More information will be forthcoming.

Grand Rapids Lions Board Elections: Stay tuned! In a couple weeks, Lions members will be asked to vote for a new Vice-President and two Directors. Current President Shawn Eyestone will move to the position of Board Chair while Vice-President Ed Thauer will become President. Don Jakel will retire as Board Chair, but not as an active Lions member.

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