



Lions Luncheon Meeting
February 5, 2019
University Club



Meeting called to order by President Ed Thauer at 12:14 with the pledge and prayer. Lunch served

Meeting re-convened at 12:47

1. Bowling Report – Jamie Junod, told of high scores and the team standings. Bowlers still needed as substitutes. Come on out at 4:30, Northfield Lanes, 2222 Plainfield Ave NE Grand Rapids MI 49505. For more details contact Jamie Junod.
2. Calendar Raffle – Jamie Junod. Today we have a revenue from the calendars of \$12,510 (2nd Best sales) We should clear \$7,500-\$8,000. Drawings begin soon!
3. Guests: Jason Brown, Thornapple Insurance Agency, Sponsor John Rice
4. Happy Bucks – Remember to wear **RED**, next week!
5. Eyeglass Center - after being closed for the last two weeks, we will be open, 6-8pm. We NEED YOUR HELP!!! Mission team leaves Feb 19 and we are way behind at the center.
6. Craig Nobbelin did our second presentation on the Grand Rapids Lions History from the years 1944-1969. Next Month, (1st Tuesday) will be a presentation on the years, 1970-1979 presented by Lynn Francis.

Guest Speaker: Bonnie St Amour, Sr. Client Engagement Manager, Microchip Technology. Microchip Technology is publicly-traded under the symbol of MCHP. Bonnie began asking, how many of us see ourselves, in our lifetime, owning a self driven (autonomous) car? GM within two years will be using autonomous cars to deliver food or Walmart with Ford will be using these cars for home deliveries. We already have “assisted” cars, at least 1 out of every 3 car owners have some sort of assistance right now in their car. Anyone have the cruise control that slows down when changing lanes, if a vehicle is driving too close? Or how about the cars that park themselves? Or the cars that let you know if you are driving over the line between the lanes? The light or symbol if a car is approaching on the side of your car? How about the backend camera? Yes, these cameras were installed because of too many children running behind the cars. The “bye-bye baby act” that was passed by President Bush but stalled by President Obama to add better technology to these cameras was passed to avoid killing any more people behind the car. Think about it, the baby boomers will be using these cars in a way of maintaining our freedom by not burdening our children to take us to

the store or doctor appts. Right now, there are 4 driving “profiles” in a car for autonomous driving. The four profiles are: snow, ice, fog and distance which all influence the way the car drives. The problem is they cannot put all four profiles in one car. However, the auto industry is getting closer. Google is the leader in programming these cars to get them on the road for everyday use. Tesla is also getting close. A big problem that they are working to correct, is the fact that these cars stay a safe distance behind the car in front of them but if a traffic light were to turn red, the cars drive right through the light. A person always has to be in the driver’s seat, but that same driver’s seat may be able to turn around and face backwards while moving. Today, there are cars on the road being tested. These cars are driving 3 million miles a day, every day. Some of the test cities for these cars are: Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chandler, Miami, DC and a few others. They are also working on driverless airplanes!! Think of the money a city could save by not having cars just sitting around but constantly on the go, picking up and dropping people off. A parking spot to maintain in 1 year, is \$15,000. That is a lot of money for the city to maintain 100’s of thousands of parking spots. Yes, there will be people killed by these cars, but there are people being killed by drivers today that are drunk, tired or distracted.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:31

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cheryl Anderson

G.R. Lion Club Secretary