



Recent GVMC Public Presentations

Recently I had the opportunity to participate in public presentations about GVMC and our many activities in the region. The evening that Mayor Jack Poll of Wyoming gave his "State of City Address", I was also on Wyoming's agenda for an update on Grand Valley Metro Council. I appreciate the opportunity to talk about our efforts on the same night that the Mayor expressed his vision for the future of his City.



A few days later, I was the featured speaker for the Bryon Center Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. Over 100 area business leaders attended the event and learned about our many programs and the ways in which we assist local government collaboration and cooperation.

There was a great deal of interest expressed in our transportation, REGIS, environmental and cooperation programs. The Byron Chamber of Commerce was the largest business group thus far to hear about GVMC and our programs.

Special Board Meeting on February 20th

The Center for Michigan is a non-profit, nonpartisan think-and-do tank, that strives to be the state's "Citizenship Company" They will be conducting a special Community Conversation with GVMC Board Members and local government officials at our next meeting. We are pleased to invite **all** local elected and appointed officials from our members to attend this special session. It will be held at Metro Health Hospital from 10:30-11:45 am on February 20th.

GVMC welcomes all our member communities to bring other elected officials and senior staff representatives to attend this special meeting. This Special Meeting provides a unique opportunity for GVMC member communities to provide our opinions on the issues critical to the future of Michigan. Please invite others from your community to attend!



February Luncheon to Focus On Regional Healthcare

Our next Quarterly Luncheon will be held on February 20th at noon. It will be at the Metro Health Conference Center located at the Metro Health Campus in Wyoming Michigan. (M-6 and Byron Center Avenue)



Healthcare is one of the key emerging issues not only our region, but also our state and nation. Michael Faas, President and CEO of Metro Health Hospital and Metro Health Corporation will speak to us about "2014: Healthcare Strategies and the Impact for West Michigan".

Metro Health is an integrated healthcare system including Metro Health Hospital a 208 bed general acute care teaching hospital; 12 neighborhood physician offices located throughout West Michigan; nationally-recognized heart and vascular services; a cancer center developed in partnership with the University of Michigan and many joint ventures with other healthcare providers.

Reservations can be made at our website, gvmc.org or by contacting Gayle at mccrathg@gvmc.org. Tickets are \$25.00 each. If you have a group attending, reserved tables of 8 can be purchased for \$200.