



# Nuda Veritas

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Monday, November 27, 4:45 pm,  
Lions Bowling League, Northfield  
Lanes

Tuesday, November 28, Noon,  
Lions Board Meeting, ABVI

**Tuesday, November 28, 6:00 –  
8:00 pm, Eyeglass Recycling  
Work Session & Dinner, Jamark  
Labs**

Saturday, December 2, Meijer Kids  
Shopping Event, est. 7:30 – 11:00  
am

Monday, December 4, 4:45 pm,  
Lions Bowling League, Northfield  
Lanes

**Tuesday, December 5, Social  
Security Administration, Vonda  
Van Til**

Saturday, December 9, 6:30 pm +,  
Holiday Open House, Rick & Mary  
Stevens Home

**Tuesday, November 28  
Eyeglasses Recycling Project  
6:00 – 8:00 pm, Jamark Labs  
No Meeting at Noon at the University Club!**

The Eyeglass Recycling Session/Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, November 28 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!

**Another Option** (for December 7): If you always wanted to help on Tuesday, but had a conflict (or you want to work more), we have an option for you to check out what we do. Members who cannot make the Tuesday night work sessions at the eyeglasses recycling center, we have a Thursday night option for you. On **Thursday night, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, the Alto Lions Club is coming to hold their monthly meeting (no meeting, just work) at the eyeglasses center from 6:00 till 8:00 pm. They will have around 16 members there to work. (Wash and sort).

Any questions, please contact Scott Brady at 616-915-9614 or [scottbrady2120@gmail.com](mailto:scottbrady2120@gmail.com)

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](mailto: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.*

## **Tuesday, December 5**

### **Social Security Administration, Vonda Van Til**

The Social Security Act was signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt on August 14, 1935. In addition to several provisions for general welfare, the new Act created a social insurance program designed to pay retired workers age 65 or older a continuing income after retirement.

Taxes were collected for the first time in January 1937 and the first one-time, lump-sum payments were made that same month. Regular ongoing monthly benefits started in January 1940.

The Grand Rapids Social Security Office, located on Knapp Street across from Meijer, determines:

- Eligibility and pays benefits to those entitled to survivor benefits;
- Eligibility and pays benefits to the entitled legally blind.
- Eligibility and pays retirement benefits to those entitled aged 62 and older.

Parents or guardians usually can apply for blind or disabled children under age 18. In some cases, other third parties can apply for children. Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) for more information.

Vonda Van Til, Public Affairs Specialist, will talk to us today about the Social Security Administration. After 26 years at Social Security, she has mastered the art of entertaining while teaching. Ms. Van Til is a West Michigan native and a graduate of Aquinas College, with a dual major in business and communications. Public speaking, webinars, newspaper articles and radio interviews (i.e., The Morning Show with Shelley Irwin) are just a few of the ways she educates and informs the public about their Social Security benefits. She is also a wife and mother to three.

### **Meijer Kids Shopping Day, December 2**

#### **Still Time to Volunteer!**

#### ***We Need a Few Hours of Your Time!***

On Saturday morning, December 2, 2017, from approximately 7:30 – 11:00 am at the Cascade Meijer store, Lions volunteers help children who live in the urban-city in Grand Rapids (Saboath Ministries) or who are visually impaired (who qualify based upon financial need) shop for holiday gifts of their families. For newer members, this is an annual event.

Lion Anne Baird says you are still needed since the GVSU Campus Lions Club has fewer members this year. It is a good opportunity to get family, prospective members, colleagues and friends involved. It is a good event to show how we, Lions, serve the needs of young people in our community.

While the club donates funds for gift cards (collaborating with Cascade Meijer's Store), we have "passed the hat" again this year. We join the kids for one-to-one shopping (maybe two for the visually impaired kids) and driving. Drivers pick kids up from Saboath Ministries and take them home after shopping is done. For visually impaired kids, parents drop them off at Meijer in the morning, but drivers are needed to take them home. You will receive instructions on when to arrive.

This event rewards all who participate. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please sign up at the meetings or contact Lion Anne Baird ([baird@surf.free.com](mailto:baird@surf.free.com)) 616-446-9496 or Lion Don Jakel ([donaldjakel@aol.com](mailto:donaldjakel@aol.com)).

**Lions Holiday Open House**  
**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

You should have received your invitation to the Lions Holiday Open House. Here is the invitation:

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You are Cordially Invited to Attend  
**The Grand Rapids Lions Club**  
**2017 Holiday Open House**

at the home of  
**Rick and Mary Stevens**

2920 Beechwood Dr. SE,  
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2017  
6:30 pm

Heavy Hors D'ouerve's & Beverages

Reservations Required:  
Members no charge  
Guests \$25

RSVP by December 1, 2017  
Lion Craig Nobbelin  
[c.nobbelin@yahoo.com](mailto:c.nobbelin@yahoo.com)

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**Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – Last Months of 1946**

As we approach our 100th anniversary in 2019, and as the club looks forward, this series of articles looks back on the activities of the club, this time drawing upon some of the earliest Nuda Veritas editions that we have in our archives from 1947. (Editions missing after April 1947)

*The Tuesday weekly luncheons continued at the Pantlind Hotel. Here are a few programs:*

- A newer member of the Club arranged to have the "snappiest singing group in the city [perform] and from all reports that we have heard they are just that . . . the Creston High School Sextette,"
- Harry Keehan, a chemist in the Research Department of Phillip Morris, talked to the club "on the tobacco industry during the war, how it came out of the war, the future of the industry, some anecdotes as well as methods used in merchandizing and advertising." [What would he have said at that time?]
- Jim Spindle, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, spoke to the club "about the new pipe line from Texas and other facts of interest regarding the gas situation in general. Bringing natural gas a few thousand miles from Texas looks to us like whale of a job. Jim will tell us how big a task it really is going to be."
- It was announced " . . . that the State [Lion] Convention, consisting of District 11 A, B, C and D will be held in Grand Rapids on May 17, 18 and 19."
- "Practically all the important people in this man's town belong to the Lions Club." On one Tuesday, the Lions honored Frank Burns, Fire Department Chief, "every inch a fireman." It noted, "It wasn't so long ago that Frank joined our outfit."
- Bert Brandt, General Sales Manager in Detroit for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, spoke about the "mobile radiotelephone service which has been introduced in the Detroit Metropolitan Area . . . and plans to extend mobile service to Grand Rapids and other cities . . ."

*The Nuda Veritas also had numerous interesting comments, observations, and facts on Lion issues, including:*

- "The most elaborate Ladies Night the Lion Club has ever experienced is all planned for the evening of January 28 . . . followed by the finest entertainment ever staged before the Club . . . {followed} by dancing in the Grill Room."
- "Dirty penny bottles" [for the blind] were replaced" nice shiny new ones. There was encouragement to bring in "a whole flock more around town" used for people to donate their pennies.
- An example of the "Blind Committee's" activities was described in one newsletter: "Your Mr. Merrill gets a call. Mrs. Wilson up on Michigan Hill is out of food. Mrs. Wilson is blind. She has a large family, [but] she has no food in the house. Charlie calls up George Hertel. Gentlemen, in exactly one (1) hour, Mr. Hertel was up to Mrs. Wilson's home (and it isn't a beautiful cabin nestled in the pines) in fact there is something about a ladder involved, but George wasn't too busy at the wrong time to do this little job."
- "He is Our Boy" was the title of the article. ". . . Carl Richards [a Lion] is a candidate to succeed himself as Commissioner of the Second Ward. Carl has most certainly been active on the Commission and should be returned to the office . . ."
- An article announced the 1947 Lions Club Cruise starting on the afternoon of June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Knapp & Vogt continued to get accolades for the regular donations of "coppers" – this time doubling their previous donations.

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### ***Other Lions News***

**Your Editor Asks:** If you have a new addition to the family, a promotion/change of jobs, an award, a Lion you know is ill or in the hospital, or other news, Lions members want to know, let your editor know so it can be published her in the Nuda Veritas. We are family and friends who care. Thanks!

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