



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, April 16, 4:45 pm, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes
– Last Night of Bowling

**Tuesday, April 17, Dinner in the
Dark, GVSU Campus Lions Club**

Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 – 8:00 pm,
Recycling Center Open

Monday, April 23, 4:45 pm, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

**Tuesday, April 24, 6:00 – 8:00
pm, Eyeglass Recycling Work
Session & Dinner, Jamark Labs**

**Tuesday, May 1, Lions
Foundation Second Century
Success, Pat Mullen**

Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm,
Recycling Center Open

**Friday & Saturday, May 4 & 5,
White Cane Drive, Alpine Wal-
Mart – See article in this issue of
the Nuda Veritas**

Tuesday, April 17

Dinner in the Dark by GVSU Campus Lions Club

Dinner on the Dark: GVSU Campus Lions Club's annual
"Dinner in the Dark" was scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018,
7:00 – 9:00 pm. Come hear what happened.

Tuesday, April 24

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 trips. The Eyeglass Recycling Session/Dinner
Meeting will be Tuesday, April 24 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 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.

Congratulations to our New VP and Directors!

The results of the Lions Board of Directors have been compiled.
Your new Vice President will be Benjamin Eavey, elected for a
two-year term (2018-2020). 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. Our two Directors will be Boyd Griswold (1st term) and Kyle Travis (1st full term, after a single year on the Board. The directors' terms will be 2018-2021.

White Cane Drive: Chance To Serve

The White Cane Drive will take place on Friday, May 4 & Saturday, May 5. Again this year, the fundraising event will only be at the Walmart Store on Alpine. Our club will concentrate our “people resources” at the Alpine Walmart for both days.

We need volunteers – either Lions or others who want *To Serve* to collect funds to help visually-impaired kids afford special eye glasses and others who often have many other challenges. We need to help these kids to develop their full potentials at Ken-O-Sha. There is no cost to the families who are eligible for these eyeglasses

Sign-up at the meetings, or contact Lion Don Jakel (donaldjakel@aol.com or (616) 891-8690) or Lion Sherah Eavey (sherah@eavey.com). Your fellow Lions need your help, even for an hour (perhaps 2 or 3) to solicit donations. If you have questions, please contact either Lion. Thanks to all those who have volunteer!

Location	Day	Times (1 or more 1-hour shifts)
Walmart – Alpine NW	Friday, May 4th	2:30-3:30, 3:30-4:30, 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, 6:30-7:30
	Saturday, May 5th	9-10:00, 10-11:00, 11-12:00 12-1:00, 1-2:00

Coast to Coast Raffle

Choose Your Coast Raffle is here again! It's your opportunity to purchase a 2018 raffle ticket (or many tickets) to travel to one of the great cities along the coasts of our great land. With each raffle ticket purchased, you will have a chance for two to travel to New York, San Francisco, Orlando or Seattle for a four day – three-night trip.

Tickets are still only \$20 each, or 6 for \$100. Only 600 tickets will be sold! The drawing will be held on June 8, 2018. Ticket holders need not be present to win. The proceeds of the raffle benefit the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, one of our major charities. Please contact Lion Rick Stevens at ABVI to order your ticket(s): 616-458-1187 or rstevens@abvimichigan.org. (Raffle License: R46058)

Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – 1960

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 Nuda Veritas editions that we have in our archives from 1960.

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

- The year started out with a presentation, “Journey to Understanding” by NBC’s foreign news correspondent, Welles Hangen. He had covered major news stories of the day, including interviews with Prime Minister

Nehru of India and Egyptian President Nassar. He reported news from Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Ghana, Morocco, Turkey, Germany, Russia and elsewhere.

- Nationally known as the outdoor man from Anchorage, Alaska, Bud Branham, talked about his life “as a bush pilot, prospector, big game hunter and fishing guide, and winter trapper with dog and sled.” He also worked for the US Arctic Rescue Service and, guiding and hunting for grizzlies in Kodiak Island.
- Store Detective “Grandma” Deva Weber, who worked for Herpolsheimers, recounted how she kept her eagle eye on what was happening in the store.

The Koinonia Farm Community

[Note: Remember, this was 1960.]

“Dr. Clarence Jordan, the founder of the Koinonia Farm Community, a unique farming project located at Americus, Georgia” spoke to the club about the project. “The Koinonia Community is a project started to help the Negro farm peoples of the south to become more proficient in their farming practices and marketing methods. His willingness to help the Negro help himself roused the wrath of his white neighbors and has caused no end of problems.”

“Dr. Jordan and his community have been the victims of vicious attacks using gangster tactics in attempts to drive him away from his project and try to destroy what he has been able to create, merely because he dared to be an individual than a conformist. Mr. Jordan has been threatened because he dared to stand for justice and fair play for all. The Jordan’s have had their guests leave their home in the early hours of the morning, because machine gun fire had been turned on their home during the night and the resulting bullets had bored through the walls of the guests’ bedrooms.”

Another time the folks of this community arose one morning to find that their roadside stand had been dynamited and the products not ruined by the blast of the powder, were burned up in the resulted fire destroying many dollar’s worth of saleable goods.”

- John Martin, former State Senator and Auditor General, talked on “Political Parties – 1960 Model”. During the war, he served in Washington and later was on the US Prosecutor’s staff at the War Criminal Trials in Nuremberg.
- Another Lion’s member, A. Dale Stoppels, Judge of Probate Court, presented “A Judge’s Observations about Juvenile Offenders.” In 1959, he “was named Outstanding Young Man of the Year in Grand Rapids by the Junior Chamber of Commerce . . . Later he was one of five young men named outstanding in the entire State of Michigan.” He had served in the South Pacific as a Naval officer during WW II, and was Kent County Prosecuting Attorney from 1953 to 1958.
- Boy Scout Executive Brandmiller updated the club of the “Accomplishments of Boy Scout Activities and Progress.”
- “Students of Junior College, 130 strong, will invade the Ballroom at the Pantlind on Tuesday to present its annual MUSICAL MOODS . . . for the full 45 minutes.”
- Some or most of you know that the airport is not where it is today. It was where Roger B Chaffee Drive and the manufacturing strip is today. “. . . the question of whether it [the new airport] should be in the west, south, east or north . . . voting properly comes June 7 and ascertain whether or not they should vote for or against the proposed Bond issues.” Consultant for the building the new airport, James Buckley, and local engineering firm, J & G Daverman Company, a local engineering firm, [will] come up with all questions . . .”
- The summer season, July and August, brought with it golf & meetings every other week.
- Retired teacher, Howard Wickett, returns to the podium with talk titled “Musing of a Senior Citizen” for the first meeting on the year. “He has presented both serious and humorous subjects. This time he will confine himself strictly to humor and inject the kind of

elixir that will make you think you’re a young colt full of pepsicola.”

- “Bahama Adventure” was produced and presented by “Ray Boozer, friend of teenagers, noted educator, expert photographer and keen observer of all outdoors.” He travelled with 30 Grand Rapids youngsters . . .

“see them sailing, swimming, snorkeling and spear fishing in the coral reefs of the Bahamas Banks . . . have the time of their young lives in the great outdoors.”

- US Representative Gerald R. Ford made his annual presentation to the Lions Club in September. He usually speaks “off the cuff” to provide “the facts as they appear on the horizon.”
- For the program during Thanksgiving week, the Lions were treated to the “fine music . . . provided by the Madrigal Singers of Creston High School under the direction of well-known and talented Frank Goodwin.”
- Dr. John Jellema presented “a review of some of the current ideas of the nature of alcoholism, attempting to get at the root of the matter – the fundamental problem, with a critical evaluation of various treatments offered. He will ask and answer many provocative questions . . .”

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

- Several article highlighted the efforts of Chuck McGinnis (who our seasoned Lions knew) in chairing the committee for the Lions Circus at Houseman Field, which was an event over several years to raise funds for the Boy Scouts. [Many of our past members were Eagle Scouts.] In the fall, Chairman Chuck submitted his final report showing a net profit of \$10,309.08. The funds were used for capital investment into Camp Lion and Camp Shiawondossee.
- The Lions purchased a \$400 piano a few years ago for the Braille class at Ottawa Hills School. One student Kenneth Medema, “took to the piano like a duck does to water” and he and several others students “were given equal opportunity to learn to play the piano and study music.” Kenneth was chosen as “soloist with the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony orchestra in its spring planned spring concert.” “This goes to show that our work with the blind has its rewards . . . All Ken needed was a helping hand, understanding of his hidden talents and encouragement.”
- An article reminded members to stop to see Shelly Robinson at his studio to get or update their pictures for the Nuda Veritas and roster. [Today’s Lions: remember to check your website member information to be sure it is up-to-date and to insert a picture since we no longer have an official photographer.]
- “From the top down, the Chamber of Commerce 20th Annual Great Lakes Cruise has been placed in the hands of hard-working and capable Lions. The Cruise, scheduled for June 14, 15, 16, and 16 starts in Holland, sails to Milwaukee, and returns over the Great Lakes to Grand Haven via Traverse City and Manistee . . . Joe Lentini is Commodore and Dick Simkins Vice-Commodore . . . The cruise comes after our own Portage Outing” the pervious long weekend.
- The Boy Scouts of America organization was celebrating its 50th anniversary the past year.
- “Mary Smolenski had her 9th child. The record now stands at one boy (No. 1) and 8 girls. Bob’s [Smolenski] check arrived for the 9th consecutive time . . .” [For those who don’t recall, Bob would later become a Judge.]
- “A Cold Day’s Work Turns Into Heart Warming Results”: Chair [Dr.] Joe Lentini’s Salvation Army bell ringing by the Lions turned in over \$2,000 “for

A Small, But Impressive Transaction

“Walter Pezet had trouble with his car radio. He stopped at Dean’s Auto-Radio Shop at 538 Division Ave, South for repairs. They proved to be minor and in a few minutes the trouble was remedied.”

“When he asked the proprietor for the bill, Mr. Dean pointed to the Lions Club Blind bottle and told Walter to fatten up the kitty and the bill be considered paid in full.”

“The Dean bottle was installed and is being services by Moses Hattem. Its contents have been turned in several times. Moses apparently did a good job selling Mr. Dean on the community service and particularly the need of the blind and the help given them by the Lions Club.”

“. . . We don’t know this man, but will make it a point to learn more about him. We will tell others about him. He may not be a member of . . . but he’s been friend to the club.”

immediate distribution of food to the Salvation Army and we kept another stable amount in storage until needed at a later time.” That summer Dr. Lentini requested the remaining amount [\$1,250] “to re-condition and refurbish the dining hall at the Army’s summer camp for needy folk at Little Pine Island.” The board heartily agreed.

- Tuesday, August 23 was picnic time for Lions’ families, with “games [to] start at 4:00 o’clock and the food will be on the table at 6:30. In between, the youngsters and oldsters can partake of plenty of lollypops, paddlepops and soft drinks . . . Chairman Willie Wilburn has ordered good weather.”
- The attendance at the last golf outing that summer at Cascade Country Club “was the greatest --- a solid 198. 74 Members and guests played golf, also a record.”
- The annual Duck Lake outing was September 16-17.
- Lion “Charlie Merrill already has had requests for warmer clothing [late September]. He can use men’s, women’s and children’s garments . . . in good condition and clean.”
- Lion Bill Klein arranged for ‘a pair of shoes known as The Gordon’ , retailing for \$30.00, to be fitted at his store to a lucky raffle winner.
- “In the October issue [1960] of *The Michigan Lion*, you will find a complete and comprehensive story of Welcome Home for the Aged Blind, freely illustrated with fascinating pictures.” [It was located on the south end of Riverside Park.]



The Lions Creed

(as published in the Nuda Veritas, July 5 1960)

He achieves success who lives well, laughs often and loves much; who gains the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children;

Who fills his niche and accomplishes his tasks, who leaves the world better than he found it whether by a brighter flower, a perfect poem or a rescued soul;

Who always sees the best in others and gives the best he has; whose life is an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction

Other News

Lions Annual Dinner Meeting: Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, June 13th for the Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual Meeting. It will be held at the Cascade Hills Country Club. More information will be forthcoming.**

31st Annual Drive for Vision – Mark your Calendars: With primary sponsors Grand Rapids Ophthalmology with partner with Blue Sky Vision, the 31st Annual Drive for Vision will be held on **Monday, June 18, 2018** at Quail Ridge Golf Club. The Drive for Vision committee is seeking additional sponsors at different levels. For more

information, please contact Kyle Travis at travis.kd@gmail.com or (616) 635-4242 (mobile).

Student Recognition Day: Student Recognition Day will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2018. It will begin at NOON sharp to recognize the fantastic students that each school has identified.

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