



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, October 1, 4:45 pm,
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

**Tuesday, October 2, Meals on
Wheels West MI,**

Tuesday, October 2, 6:00 – 8:00
pm, Eyeglass Recycling Center
Open

Monday, October 8, 4:45 pm,
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

**Tuesday, October 9, I Just Wet
My Plants, Rick Vuyst**

Monday, October 15, 4:45 pm,
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

**Tuesday, October 16, Grand
Angels – Building the MI
Ecosystem, Tim Parker**

Tuesday, October 16, 6:00 – 8:00
pm, Eyeglass Recycling Center
Open

Thursday, October 18, West
Michigan Projects Night

Tuesday, October 2 Meals on Wheels,

At this meeting, we'll hear from a representative of Meals on Wheels West Michigan. Its mission is dedicated to providing quality nutrition services in a supportive environment to promote the health and independence of older adults. Three programs help to accomplish this mission:

1. **Meals on Wheels** provides home-delivered, nutritionally balanced meals that are delivered to seniors in Kent and Allegan counties. These meals are prepared locally in their central kitchen. In addition to a nutritious meal, their drivers deliver a much-needed safety check and a smiling face. In 2017, we served 2,972 homebound seniors 547,816 meals.
2. **Senior Pantry** services are provided to low income Kent County residents. Seniors can shop up to twice per month and may select from a wide variety of foods that are available from all food groups. In 2017, we served 1,995 seniors and had 21,306 visits.
3. **Senior Dining Sites** provide meals at 18 locations throughout Kent and Allegan counties. Older adults are provided with a nutritious lunch in a group setting. The focus for this program is on providing social engagement, which may include exercise, games, or simply companionship, in addition to a meal. In 2017, we served 91,488 meals to 1,859 seniors.

Meals on Wheels Western Michigan 501c (3) independent agency, incorporated in 1984. When founded, it originally had been known as Senior Meals Program. Since 2016, it has been known as Meals on Wheels Western Michigan. The program was facilitated by Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan until 1992. Over the years, many changes were made in the program. In 1984, 975 seniors were receiving meals delivered to their home and congregate settings, in comparison to 2017 when more than 2,970 seniors received meals. In 2000, pantry services were added.

Tuesday, October 9 **I Just Wet My Plants, Rick Vuyst**

Flowerland was established in 1949, “rooted” in the exciting time following the difficult years of the Great Depression and World War II.

Today, Flowerland has three locations serving the greater Grand Rapids area. With a combined area of over 20 acres between the three stores, it offers everything you need inside and out of our greenhouses. Outside is an extensive array of perennials, trees and shrubs, herbs, vegetable plants, vines, and things you need to care for them.

It also carries a wide assortment of outdoor statuary, bulk mulches and an ever-changing variety of seasonal items for all your garden and landscape needs! Inside is a large selection of fertilizers and problem-solving products, as well as furniture, garden gifts, fresh and silk arrangements, bird feed and birding supplies and more.

Together with Flowerland’s award winning radio show (which airs [Saturdays on NewsRadio WOOD 1300](#)), TV 13’s ‘[Green Thumb](#)’ segments and their social networking presence under the main link above entitled “My Social Garden”, it offers information on the latest products, news and other information. The owner, Rick Vuyst, will talk to us today.

27th Annual Projects Night

The 27th Annual Projects Night for West Michigan will be on Thursday, October 18, 2018 where many Lions Clubs come together. Your Lions Board of Directors decided at its September meeting that our club will cover the \$14 cost of dinner at the Annual Projects Night. We are aware that this is one of two events that evening that benefit our charities. The other, promoted in the following article, is the other: ABVI’s fund raising event: Crafting Vision at Grand Rapids Brewing downtown.

Projects Night provides Lion members (possibly guests) the opportunity for members to learn about the causes that the Lions of Michigan, District 11-C1 and our club supports. Many Lions clubs also present their donations to their chosen charities at this event. Our club does not do this here since our Board decides most of our donations in the spring. During the social hour before the buffet dinner, you can visit and talk with representatives to find out more about some of the Lions’ statewide and District 11C1 projects: ABVI, All State Band, Bear Lake Camp, Eversight, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions of Michigan Foundation, Paw’s with a Cause and Sight Seer Radio.

The event will be on Thursday night, October 18, 2018 at the Rockford American Legion (330 Rockford Park Drive NE, Rockford MI 49341). A social hour and visiting the exhibits is from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, followed by a buffet-style dinner at 7:00 pm and the program about 7:30 pm. The evening typically adjourns by 9:00 pm. A cash bar is available.

If you want to attend, please contact Cheryl Anderson at 616-443-1995 or andersoc@gvsu.edu before October 10 to indicate if you want to attend. The organizers need to have an accurate count & Jeff Kraai to cut a check to go with the registration. No tickets will be sold at the door.

ABVI’s Crafting Vision – A Fund Raising Event

Join ABVI on Thursday, October 18 for an evening of great food, craft beer, raffle prizes more to support the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at its Crafting Vision fund raiser at the

Grand Rapids Brewing Company, 1 Ionia Ave SW. The Brewmaster Sponsor is Kent Companies, Leaders in Concrete. Individual tickets are \$50, which include entry to the event, appetizers & light dinner fare, first drink of the evening, raffle ticket entry and the opportunity to learn more about ABVI and its services, but there are sponsorships opportunities are available.

Please contact Linda Zizos at 616-458-1187 or lzizos@abvimichigan.org, You can also visit www.abvimichigan.org for more information.

Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – January through June 1970

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 January through June 1970.

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

- Tony Dauksza returned to describe another part of his trip, “Northwest Passage by Canoe or Bust”. He has told of earlier adventures in previous presentations. He is from Grand Rapids and played for Union High School opposite Gerald Ford, who played for South High School.
- Colonel Joseph Parisi, Jr., is currently a member of the Army Intelligence Reserve and spoke on “Techniques of Military Intelligence in Business.” He has been directly involved in 3 wars and the Cuban Crisis.
- “Miracle” was the title of an interesting film about the methods and results obtained by the Orthopedic Hospital and Burn Institutes built and funded by Shrine organization.
- “Hypnosis in Medical Practice” was presented by Dr. John Pedden.
- “Doing Your Own Thing” was presented by Roy Davis, owner of the Cumberland Caverns in Tennessee. He was a nationally known spelunker, explorer, photographer and commercial cave consultant. He had explored Mayan caves in Guatemala (as shown on ABC), Puerto Rico and all over the U.S.
- Dr. Norbert Hruby, second President of Aquinas College, spoke on “The New Look in Catholic Education.”
- “U.S. in World Affairs” was the topic of the presentation by veteran U.S. Foreign Service Officer Herbert Spivack who is spending a year as diplomat-in Residence at Michigan State University.
- “Cead Mile Failthe”, a Gaelic greeting, and the day for green set the stage for the St. Patrick’s Day program. Lions own Father Jim Fellows introduced Father John McGee of St. Andrews Cathedral and “promises Irish songs befitting the atmosphere.”
- A special preview of the Masters’ Golf Tournament was presented.
- Lions of Michigan State Secretary, Budd Goodwin, talked to the club about Lionism. While appointed by Lions Clubs International, he also served as executive secretary to the elected Council of Governors [made up of all District Governors in Michigan.
- Dally Dalrymple, a fascinating fisherman, returned to show everyone how to catch small-mouth bass and trout.
- Law Day 1970 was commemorated by the Clubs 4 distinguished Judges: John Vander Wal, John Letts, a. Dale Stoppels and J. Robert Smolenski. See accompanying definition in the box on the next page.

History of the GR Lions Club

During 1969 and 1970, a series of articles were published in the Nuda Veritas on the “History of Grand Rapids Lions Club 1919-1969”. None of this information is reflected in the excerpts in “Looking Back”. It will be decided later how to share this information with club members and others.

- John Scott, TIME’s Special Correspondent “has made in-depth studies of crisis areas . . . Scott’s fluency in four languages makes him especially qualified for these foreign assignments and enables him to interview opinions and report the real story . . . The resulting perspective on world, political, social, and economic conditions, and consequently, are in great demand by leaders in education, government and business.
- From Hope College, William French, Ph.D. spoke on the topic of oceanography. It “has been defined as the study of oceans, tides and currents . . . the composition, color, density of sea water, of marine life, of the distribution and depths of the ocean waters, of the effect of oceans on climate and of other matters relating to the ocean.”
- “Who Will Pay for the Education of Our Children?” was the topic of a four-person panel in our program: Dr Weinheimer, Superintendent of Public Schools; Joe Kolderman, Director of Federal & State Relations; Everett VanSlyke, Member of the Board of Education; and Lion Joseph Van Blooy, Member of the Board of Education.
- East Christian’s Panthers were honored guests on Tuesday as the new Grand Rapids City baseball champions. Daniel Litwhiler, former baseball star and current coach of the MSU Spartans baseball team was the speaker.

Law Day: What it Means

(Every May 1)

“The purpose of Law Day is to foster respect for the law and understanding of its essential place in American life; to encourage citizen support of law observance and law enforcement; to advance equality and justice under law and to make a contrast between freedom under law in the United States and governmental tyranny under communism.”

“In these critical times, when every concept, every principle, every institution, is under attack as outmoded, and old fashioned, it is most appropriate that we set aside one day out of the year to pay our respects and show our appreciation for the system of law and justice in the United States.”

[Even 48 years later, these beliefs are still true & need to be protected. - Editor]

To Be Appreciative of One’s Lot in Life

By Lion Dan Palatier

The Health and Happiness of the family . . . The warmth of home on a cold winter’s evening . . . The good food stashed away . . . Clothing of the better kind . . . Ability to enjoy the comforts of these times . . . Add to these blessings the joy of fellowship of our own Grand Rapids Lions Club.

Think of our many friends in this very friendly town in which we live . . . ALL OF THESE GO TO MAKE UP THE GOOD LIFE FOR YOU AND ME. May it continue, we pray. In reflection, we sighted persons should share our good fortune and get a still greater feeling of inward comfort by kicking in to help THE WELCOME HOME FOR THE BLIND . . . A check made out to them, handed to Tail-twister Palmatier will do the trick. – Try it and see for yourself.

(He goes on to list 13 Lions who had already written their checks.)

- After touring behind the Iron Curtain, Past District Governor Ben Simon of Alma, spoke on “Impressions Behind the Iron Curtain”. After “touring Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Poland and Russia, one of his dreams is to see Lions Clubs formed behind the Iron Curtain. He will tell us how far away that dream may be.”
- Jim Boeree and Burt Saunders were honored by District Governor Gerald Knappe when he presented their 50-year Chevron Awards at one luncheon.
- The Annual Installation of Officers and Directors of the Grand Rapids Lions Club was held on Tuesday, June 23, 1970.

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

- The Blind Fund Christmas activity plan and directed the Christmas party in coordination with the teachers of Brookside School, where blind children are congregated for special education and training. [With

our Meijer Kids shopping, we continue to help blind students, and disadvantaged students, celebrate the holiday.]

- Eyeglasses for Haiti: A Lions member distributed 1,400 pairs of glasses. "People came in for glasses after having cataract surgery. They were led in and walked out with sight, smiling from ear to ear . . ." At seven o'clock in the morning the line was forming at the clinic awaiting examination for glasses," [That sounds a lot like our vision mission team's experience.]
- Joan Butts wrote a note to thank the Lions for helping get a Leader Dog. "I am a very happy person and very thankful. I love my Sam (the leader dog) . . . In him I have a friend, a companion, a protector and a guide. Can you imagine what that means to a person like me? I have been blind since the 5th grade and I am forty-four years old now."
- March 13, 1970 was the Golden Anniversary Celebration of the founding of our club. It took place at Mr. President Motor Inn on Plainfield Avenue.
- Governor Milliken declared April 19th to April 25th as the official state White Cane Week in Michigan.
- Congratulation to Tail-twister Don Palmatier whose concern for Welcome Home for the Blind prompted Lions generosity to give to decrease the mortgage balance, raising \$5,500, and decreasing payments by \$50 per month.
- Ken Haugerford's Monkeys won the Bowling Championship with a record of 33-12. Members of the Monkeys were: Vern Evans, Bob Jonkhoff, John Maghielse & Captain Ken Hungerford. Once again, Chuck Harris won the individual Champion with an average score of 191, but the Pro-Championship was won by Billy Morrissey with 194.
- The White Cane Drive added \$2,400 to the Blind Fund – "a smashing success".
- Pine River Country Club hosted the Lions District golf Tournament on June 18.
- "Memories Linger of a Great State Convention" in Grand Rapids with "substantive words of praise which were spoken repeatedly . . . If one single Lion should be a very happy man, it should be Dr. Joe Lentini, General Chairman of the Convention Committee, the man who always carries the big load on his shoulders."
- Many members and their guests enjoyed June 18-21 at Boyne Highlands for the late spring outing.
- On June 20, 1970, the Third Annual Strawberry Festival and Bazaar was held at Welcome Home for the Blind.

Other Lion News

Happy Birthday to October Lions!

G Keith Crittenden	October 2
Arthur Palmer	October 6
Kathy O'Bee	October 10
ANNE BAIRD	October 15



Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation & Second Century Success Campaign: As of June 30, 2018, our endowment fund balance at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation reached \$875,725.10. With the Second Century Success campaign, it is getting closer to closer to our goal of \$1 million! We urge you to donate or pledge soon, so we reach 100% of member participation. One objective of the Second Century is to have every Grand Rapids Lion contribute – either by a donation or a pledge over up to three years. Please direct questions about

the campaign to Kim Gary at kimgary55@gmail.com or 616-291-5438 (mobile) or to Pat Mullen at: pmullen@mullencoins.com or 616-272-4402 (mobile).

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