



Nuda Veritas

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UPCOMING EVENTS

University Club

Downtown Grand Rapids

Meetings begin at 12:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

----- We Serve -----

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30, Lions Board Meeting, ABVI, Noon

Tuesday, May 30, Eyeglasses Recycling Project & Dinner, Jamark Labs, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, June 6, Lions Annual Meeting, Stone Water Country Club, Caladonia

Saturday Morning, June 10, VI Sports Day, Wealthy Elementary School, East Grand Rapids

Monday, June 19, Drive for Vision Golf Outing & Fundraiser, Quail Ridge Golf Club



Tuesday, May 30

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, May 30 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 last regularly scheduled work session of this season. As usual, we need to empty the boxes and process more glasses for the next vision mission trip. Everyone is welcome!

Every box of eyeglasses we sort, we discard broken, scratched, or obsolete eyeglasses. These boxes get bundled onto pallets to send to California to recycle the materials. The money that we get back helps to pay for the eyeglass recycling center operations. We have great leadership to show new comers (as well as the rest of us) the right way to do sort or wash the eyeglasses.

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 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, June 6

Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual Meeting

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Formal invitations and reminders have been sent for the 2017

Annual Meeting of the Grand Rapids Lions Club. If you haven't done so already, you should make your reservations by June 1. As a reminder, the event will be held on:

Date: Tuesday Evening, June 6, 2017
Time: 6:00 – 6:30 pm - Social Time
6:30 – 9:00 pm - Dinner & Program
Location: Stone Water Country Club
7177 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caladonia, MI 49316
Cost: No cost for members & one guest; \$35.00 for additional guests

There will be remembrances, introductions of this year's new members, award presentations and installation of new directors for 2017-18. The program will also feature a presentation and video to highlight the 100th Anniversary of Lions Clubs International.

VI Sports Day Saturday, June 10

The 15th annual Visually Impaired (VI) Sports Day will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Wealthy Elementary School, [1961 Lake Drive, SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506](#). Some Lions' members will be needed at about 7:30 am to start setting up tables and chairs, the craft tent, registration table, etc. More Lions will be needed later in the morning for cooking and setting up the food. Some members will also be needed to help tear things down in order to be completely done by 2:00 pm.

The event is always fun and relaxed whether you are helping with the VI kids, or helping with the lunch. We hope for good weather. This year, there may be visitors from Star Wars . . . so come see who shows up.

Lions cook lunch for everyone (as many as 200), but other Lions & volunteer join with GVSU Campus Lions Club members to help with the VI kids. We will need help in preparing some food that morning and setting up the kitchen, cooking and making sure that everyone is served. When you arrive, please park on the street (Lake Drive or Wealthy) and leave the parking lot for participants and their families. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

This event attracts families from beyond Grand Rapids and Kent Country, with the kids and families participating in activities like a bounce room, a climbing wall, VI "beep-ball" and so forth. Families with children who are visually impaired look forward to this event every year.

If you volunteered in previous years, you can wear the same shirt you then. If you need a new one, please contact Lion Scott Embree at 616-447-6233 or sembree@financialguide.com with what size you need and he should be able to get one for you. Also, please let Lion Scott know if you are planning to volunteer for this event soon or if you have questions.

Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Drive for Vision Monday, June 19, 2017



The 30th Annual Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Drive for Vision Charity Golf Outing is on Monday, June 19, 2017. The event will be at the Quail Ridge Golf Club, 8375 36th Street SE, Ada, MI. This event benefits our two largest charities: Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI) and Cherry

Health's Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic, plus a small share going to the Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation in our quest to reach \$1 million dollars in the endowment.

The day starts off with lunch at 11:30 am, followed by golf with a Shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$200/ player or \$750.00/ foursome (50% is a tax deductible charitable donation). The tile sponsor is Grand Rapids Ophthalmology. There are also multiple opportunities for sponsorship from \$50 for a raffle prize donation to a platinum sponsor for \$2,500, but you will need to contact Jamie Junod at the numbers below. There are many events during the day, including four-person-scramble, hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin, skins game, raffle prizes and dinner afterward (where you can collect any awards that you won).

You can sign up to register to play or become a sponsor by going to the Grand Rapids Lions Club Website and clicking on the Drive for Vision logo. If you don't have a foursome, you will be matched up with other "non-foursome" members.

More information can be obtained by contacting Jamie Junod {junodj@stifel.com or 616-224-1574 (work) or 616-560-2164 (cell)} or at <https://driveforvision.wordpress.com/2016/03/27/2016-sponsorship-opportunities/>. *The Committee says it's going to be beautiful day!*

Fees Waived for New Lions: June 1st – 10th

An email from Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew proclaimed: "In celebration of our 100th birthday on June 7th, 2017, we are waving entrance fees for all new members added between June 1st and June 10th." Here is your chance to ask that person you've been wanting to invite to join.



President Corlew continued, "Not only will new members help your club make an even bigger impact, they will belong to a distinguished group of "Centennial Lions," in recognition of this unique moment in our history. As we celebrate 100 years, what better way to increase the service impact of your club than by inviting family and friends to join us?"

"So, join us in making history. Join us in inviting new members. And join us as we increase the service impact of Lions around the world. There's never been a better time to be a Lion.

Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – Early 1945

As we approach our 100th anniversary in 2019, 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 in early 1945.

Here are a selection of thoughts and activities from this time. The Tuesday weekly luncheons continued at the Pantlind Hotel. Here are a few programs:

- At its first January meeting, the Lions leadership said, "For the first time in its history, we are going to consider a long-range plan of action. Up to the present time, we have always taken one thing at a time and when that piece of business was completed, we were ready for another . . . The matter will involve

the entire club.” [The club has done 2 strategic plans in the last 14 years, with the most recent still being implemented. It is not known how many other long-range plans were completed before 2003.]

- On January 23, Louis Alber, author and world traveler, will discuss “The Irresistible Winston Churchill.” During Mr. Alber’s travels, he had talks with many world leaders and had lived with Churchill for 6 months and known him for many years.
- Ben East presented his pictures of the Porcupine Mountain, accompanied by his experiences there.
- The Lions Brotherhood Meeting (Priest, Rabbi & Protestant Minister) will feature Rev. Joseph Dunphy from St. Stephens Church (E. Grand Rapids), Rev. William Keith of the first Congregational Church (Kalamazoo) and Rabbi Leon Fraam (no info at press time). This was broadcast by WLAV.
- W.M. Achilles of Detroit and U. S. Rubber Company told the story about synthetic rubber tires at an early March meeting.
- A one-hour movie, “American Heavies Bomb Berlin” showed exactly what happens during every phase on the bombing run until the planes return to their base.
- A musical program was presented in April by the “boys and girls from South High.] It featured several talented individuals and ensembles, which “will appeal to all you gentlemen, even when your musical education has been neglected.”
- Charles McGonegal, a representative of the American Legion, talked about the rehabilitation of returning veterans and how these men, often with prosthetic devices, can compete with able-bodied men in the workplace. [Think about how far prosthetic devices have developed today.]
- Michigan Lieutenant Governor, Vern Brown, spoke at the Lion’s noon meeting about the state of affairs in State government.

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

- The newsletter reported that the 25th Anniversary on December 7 was “an all-day celebration starting with breakfast in the morning, continuing with luncheons for the ladies and the men at noon, and a grand banquet in the evening.” The article continued describing the various charitable donations during December, noting “It’s is a record of which you can be justly proud.”
- The first of several articles announced the Activities Commission [now called Lion Club Charities] will be bring the Westminster Choir to the Civic Auditorium as a fund-raising event. A later article said that while the Choir was an artistic success, the financial side was “a flapperoo” raising just \$450 [just over \$6,100 today] for the Boy Scouts.
- Sixteen team (39 bowlers) kicked off the 2nd half of bowling on January 8 at 6:00 pm.
- Two Lions members ran for the City’s 2nd Ward City Commission seat on February 12. The Nuda reported that “one of our boys . . . Carl Richard was re-elected by a darn close margin.”
- “And how is your good wife, Sultan?”: “Oh, she’s all right, but the other forty-nine are more fun.”
- After discussion with Captain Woodhouse, the 1945 cruise in the Great Lakes was called off due to causes entirely beyond the Lions Club’s control. Later in the spring, a public cruise (not chartered) was announced, for those interested, for June 11th through June 15, out of Muskegon.
- “What Can You Spare That You Can’t Wear? [part of an article] They – the millions of unfortunate people among our allies. Your old clothes which you are unable to use any longer will be like a gift from Heaven for some of the children, women and men in Holland, Belgium, France, Greece, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Russia, Italy, China, and the Philippines. Not only is the self-respect of these people at stake, but also their health and their lives.” The article goes on to say they need to re-establish their way of life [after the devastation of war.] Kent County had a goal of 500 tons of clothes, while the national goal was 150,000,000 pounds of usable clothing, shoes, and bedding. This clothing was to be taken to the nearest public school or church.
- War Bond sales reached \$5,936,375 from July 1, 1944 through April 1, 1945.]

- The Inter-Club Council: “One of the best things that’s happened around these parts in some time is the formation of an Inter-Club Council. This group consists of the President and Secretary of the Optimist, Kiwanas, Exchange, Lions and Rotary.”
- New grandpas were assessed \$10.00, and “harassed” if they did not pay. [Today, that would be over \$100. But, a \$10 or \$20 bill would be great today and add to our Foundation Fund.]

Editorial in Forbes Magazine

B. C. Forbes, Editor of Forbes Magazine, was a visitor to Grand Rapids in 1945. Subsequently, he published an editorial on May 15 titled “A solid, Homey Convention City.” Here is the full editorial: “No city visited in my latest journeyings captivated me more than Grand Rapids, the so-called ‘Furniture Capital of America,’ although this industry is only one of many there. I know no more solid, homely, religious town, none better in which to raise a family. It has over 200 churches, representing 39 different faith, including its unique Fountain Street Baptist Church, which, with its beautiful War Memorial, its facilities for public functions, is far more than a church. Culture abounds in Grand Rapids. Some 60% of the people own their own homes. Public parks, schools, hospitals, recreation facilities are outstanding.”

“Ponder this: Not only is the Civic Auditorium capable of accommodating 5,000 people, affording ideal facilities for exhibits, but Grand Rapids actually has, even today, ample hotel facilities available for convention visitors, a situation probably without parallel in America.”

“It is good for one’s soul to get to know such a city and its trublue, substantial, home-loving people.”

- With the shortages of the war, several members brought in old eyeglass frames “in fitting up some of the boys and girls in a sight-saving class, and other who find it necessary because of circumstance to ask for help in getting glasses.”
- A Lion wondered to know if there was a penalty if a guy got married. The article continued, “Very definitely the ten dollars fine is imposed for marriages, children and grandchildren. Then . . . he wanted to know if he had to pay before or after . . . no jury would require his paying ahead of time – but – whether he likes the idea or not, after a lapse of three days, he’s stuck.” The article concluded, “We hope that this is now clear to Carl Schowalter.” [Carl joined the Grand Rapids Lions Club in 1939 and was a 65 year Lions Monarch. Upon his death in 2004, he left a \$100,000 bequest to our Foundation Fund.]
- The piano player, Emile Meny, has “gone on day work and will no longer be able to be with us for Tuesday noons. Emile has done a grand job and we are sure going to miss him in a big way.” They were searching for a new player.

LCI – 100 Year of Service, 200 Countries

The Lions International Convention will be held on June 30 – July 4 in Chicago – where it all began and right in our own back yard. This is your most convenient chance to attend an LCI convention, let alone the 100th Anniversary of the organization. Registration cost is now \$200. Special notes: *Michigan Night* is an Interactive Dinner Show at

Tommy Guns Garage on July 2; the Michigan Hotel is The Hyatt Regency McCormick; Amtrak is cheapest form of transportation since parking is pricey.

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