



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 -----

November 11, Veterans Day - *Say
Thank You to Veterans You Know*

Monday, November 13, 4:45 pm,
Lions Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes

**Tuesday, November 14, Grand
Rapids Community Foundation,
Stan Vander Roest**

Monday, November 20, 4:45 pm,
Lions Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes

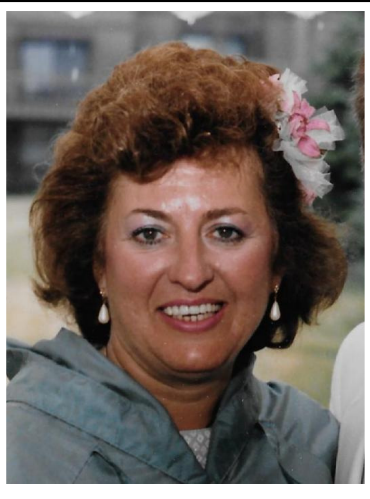
**Tuesday, November 21, IKOR –
Health Advocacy, Sanford Freed**

**Thursday, November 23, Happy
Thanksgiving!**



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

In Memory of Lorna Fern Powell December 12, 1935 – October 26, 2017



Grand Rapids Lion Lorna Powell died on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at age 81 years. She was born on December 12, 1935 and was a lifetime Grand Rapids area resident.

Lorna joined the Grand Rapids Lions Club in 2008 after her husband, Lion Bill Powell, died. She married Bill after Lorna's first husband, Richard Wing, died. Bill had founded Powell Moving & Storage Company in 1962, and

Lorna continued to lead the company after Bill died. Her son said that she came into work every day, until she was unable to do this due to her illness, and was actively involved in steering the company as Chairperson of the Board.

Especially in recent years, Lorna came mainly to our social events. It was always interesting and fun to talk with her. She lit up a room with her joyous personality. After Bill died, Ken Kuipers became her significant other, and as Ken mentioned - a soulmate. Ken, tall with a great white beard, was very interesting to talk with at our social functions.

She was very active in the Grand Rapids community and enjoyed spending time listening to Big Band music and spending time with her friends at the Polish Falcons Hall. She was an

honorary band member, with Ken Kuipers, in several bands that played weekly in local nursing homes. She took great pride in promoting Sam's Swing Band. In addition to the Lions Club, Lorna continued her memberships with the Economic and Rotary Clubs.

Her family said she was the family's heart and soul. She is survived by her three sons Gregory (Karen) Wing, Chip Wing, and Chris Wing, as well as her six grandchildren Jake Wing, Jenna (Don) Taylor, Allison Wing, Sean Wing, Taylor Wing and Hunter Wing. In her obituary, the family thanked the doctors, nurses and staff on the 4th and 5th floors of the Meijer Heart Center for their care, concern and compassion of Lorna. The family said she fought valiantly to stay here with us. Her positive attitude will continue to live on in her children and grandchildren. The family received friends on Sunday, October 29th held 2:30 p.m. and held funeral services on Monday, Oct. 30th at the Metcalf and Jonkhoff Chapel. After the funeral service, friends and family gathered at Noto's Old World Italian Dining for a celebration of Lorna's life. Private family graveside services will take place at Rest Lawn Memorial Park on Tuesday. The family asked her friends and acquaintances to consider a donation in her memory to either the Lions Club of Grand Rapids or the Downtown Rotary Club. (For many years, upon the death of members, we ask other members to donate to the Lions to continue building up our endowment fund. You can send your donations to Jeff Kraai, Grand Rapids Lions Club, 2276 Old Dominion Ct SE, Kentwood, MI 49508; note that it's in "Memory of Lorna Powell")

Tuesday, November 14 **Grand Rapids Community Foundation, Stan Vander Roest**

The Grand Rapids Community Foundation (GRCF) is a tax-exempt, public charity that helps guide people's philanthropy and is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Grand Rapids area. There are many similar community foundations throughout the country. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations work with GRCF to create permanent charitable funds that help meet the challenges of the community in a way that the fund's creator designates.

For nearly 100 years (1922), the GRCF has been making grants in Kent County, helping nonprofits prosper and students succeed. The GRCF invests, administers and provides advice about these funds. For donors, the GRCF offers a range of charitable giving options that provide tax benefits and strategic advice about philanthropy. The GRCF supports initiatives in education, health, neighborhoods, engagement, prosperity and the environment. The GRCF is where the Grand Rapids Lions Club has its endowment fund, which at the current time has passed the \$800,000 threshold toward its initial goal of \$1 million.

The GRCF is governed by a 12 member Board of Trustees which serves two four-year terms and serves on various committees with other community volunteers. They have a great, professional staff that includes "our own" Lion Jonse Young. Jonse will introduce our speaker for this meeting, Chief Financial Officer Stan Vander Roest, CPA. Mr. Vander Roest joined the GRCF in 2015 and is a member of the leadership team. He partners with the Investment Review Committee to manage the funds that donors have entrusted to the GRCF. Prior to joining the GRCF, he worked Ranair Company, Amway, Gerber Products Company and Price Waterhouse Cooper. He earned his BA from Calvin College and his MBA in Finance from the University of Pittsburgh.

Tuesday, November 21 **IKOR – Health Advocacy, Sanford Freed**

As people age, they sometimes they need assistance in managing different affairs or situations. Most often, it is family members who help managing senior or disabled individual affairs. Other times it is a

trusted advisor, friend or caregiver that assists the individual. Sometimes the individual or family needs to turn to *professionals* to help manage or resolve situations. Whoever the party seeks advice from, the party should be checked out to see if that person or company is qualified, reputable and has the needed expertise.

IKOR is a franchise-style business that serves the needs of seniors and disabled citizens. It does not provide direct care, but acts as an advocate for its clients, including medical, environmental, psychosocial or educational/work program issues. The company uses an integrated approach, providing an initial assessment, recommendations and referrals for care options, coordinated communications among care providers, ongoing quality assurance, and periodic reports and meetings with all parties involved (client, family, caregivers, etc.)

Joining us today to talk about the advocacy that IKOR does will be Stanford Freed, Managing Director, IKOR of West Michigan. His passion to serve the elderly and their caregivers began in 1995 when he founded SafeCall Home Medical Alarms in Grand Rapids. He oversaw that company's growth for twenty years. During that time, he witnessed first-hand how much difficulty people encountered when trying to navigate the health care system. Mr. Freed earned a Certification as a Senior Advisor in July 2016. He has a BA in Arts and Media from Grand Valley State University and has volunteered with the caregiver Resource Network, the Hearing Loss Association of America (GR Chapter) and with Meijer. Joining him will be Karen Vander Laan, an RN Advocate who has a BSN from Calvin College, an MSN from Wayne State University and a Ph.D. in Nursing from Michigan State University. She has 30+ years of nursing experience.

Meijer Kids Shopping Day
Reserve the Date: December 2
More Lion Volunteers Needed This Year!

Every December, we 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. The event this year will be held on Saturday morning, December 2, 2017, from approximately 7:30 – 11:00 am.

Lion Anne Baird says that this year, Lions need to “*step-up*” to help, especially 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 will be “passing the hat” again this and signing up volunteers. 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.

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@surfree.com) 616-446-9496 or Lion Don Jakel (donaldjakel@aol.com).

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

Remembrances of Downtown

Carl Voigt was asked to write stories of old Grand Rapids. Here is a portion of the fourth article (4-16-1946).

“ . . . horse racing in those old days was the principal sport and the city had a number of good ones.” One horse was Monbars, another was Fairlawn Medium and another Teddy Mack. Teddy Mack “could really pace and won about the races in his day. In the winter time when sleighing was good, Jefferson Ave between Franklin and Hall was used as a speedway, and crowds used to gather when the races were on and enjoy the sport.”

The 1904 Flood

“In 1904 occurred about the worst flood the city ever experienced. We had an unusual rainfall for weeks, and the river overflowed its banks and caused untold damage on the west side and the downtown districts. This flood happened before the Ann Street bridge was built, and the embankment which now extends from the West end of the bridge for some distance was not there to prevent the overflow from coming down Turner Street under the Grand Trunk viaduct and spreading out over half the West side. The present flood walls had not been built then, which now protect the West side and there was nothing to stop the water from spreading, which it did, and flooded everything from Front Street well over to the railroad tracks and farther south in the Ball Park section and along Turner, Scribner and Broadway, which reached the second floors of many homes.” “I always wondered, since the flood walls . . . and the Ann Street bridge approach [were] constructed, just what would happen if we got the same volume of water . . . in downtown, every basement would flood . . . the Pantlind barber shop and Sweet’s Hotel . . . the only thing that has saved the east side was that we have not had the same volume of water as we had in 1904.”

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 October - December 1946.

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:

- A hobbyist ventriloquist, Earl Gotberg of Detroit and his ‘dummy’, talked at one luncheon. Other entertainers said he was better than Edgar Bergen [famous ventriloquist, for those who don’t know him].

- “The National Food Situation” was a topic at an October luncheon, presented by our local Garret Vander Honing, former owner of Van’s Food Market in Seymour Square. “During the early days of the war, he worked for the Government Office of Production Management . . . and later loaned to the Army to organize and plan the operation of Post Exchanges and Army Sale Commissaries”

- David Forbes, Insurance Commissioner of Michigan, “considered one of the best in the country in his line of work,” spoke at the November 5 luncheon.

- At the beginning of the war, Neil Wiarda, a lawyer by trade, volunteered and “was sent to Fort Leonard Wood . . . and assigned to the Combat Engineers. While becoming a Corporal, “he impressed his superiors . . . and they decided it would be better if he followed his original professional.” After Judge Advocates School,” he became an officer and was sent to England . . . [where] all cases of military personnel were tried before his court . . . discharged as a Major.” He spoke to the members “about his experiences in London, and his impressions of the British people.”

- The Lion’s Chaplain, Dr. A.B. Thompson, presented the Thanksgiving Day address, which “was preceded by a by a typical holiday lunch and followed by the usual free drawing for Thanksgiving birds and what have you.” [As the club shrank in size, the raffle was consolidated into the one before Christmas.”

- On December 17, the Lions luncheon featured a Jitterbug Contest, with \$50 prize money, witnessing “the fastest movements you have ever witnessed in this

man's town. Eight teams of young, and you have to be young to do this stuff are entered . . . Professional judges will be on hand . . ."

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

- A newsletter article talked about "Right now we are making a real break in the continuity of aeronautical development – the step from ordinary sub-sonic [up to 500 mph] to sonic [500 to 900 mph] and super-sonic [anything above 900 mph] flight speeds. "Engineers and pilots . . . refer to it as Mach numbers, where 1.0 is the speed of sound. The best pursuit planes at war's end were hitting .6 Mach – German jets were doing .7 and the other day, some American jets hit .8, officially the fastest yet . . .But V2 rockets are hitting Mach 5.0. American and British air forces are not making any more fighter craft with propellers."
- The 'Interclub Council of Service Clubs' brought in UAW President Walter Ruther and a businessman for an evening at the Civic Auditorium as part of The American Town Meeting on the Air to speak on "Why the Lag in Production." [The Interclub Council was made of several local clubs.]
- Advertisers that were once part of the Nuda Veritas paid for the printing and mailing of it. Forty-eight companies advertised at the fall 1946. [With the advent of the Internet, this section was dropped.]
- In 1946, Lions District 11-C extended from just south of Holland to Lake Odessa as far east as Elsie [just east of US -127], north to Mackinaw City. There were two regions within the District, with two zones within the regions. Leadership got together 3 times a year. "It's surprising how much can be gained from these meetings and how helpful they really are."
- Final Convention News – 1946: 114 conventions, 82,068 people in attendance, 273,361 convention days, total convention dollars = \$5,598,915.
- Almost every newsletter reported about the collection of pennies turned in from many, many businesses' blind bottles.
- Twelve Christmas baskets of food were delivered to local "blind families."

Other Lions News

100th Anniversary Planning Committee: You are invited to join the Grand Rapids Lions Club 100th Anniversary Planning Committee at its 3rd meeting on November 28. Members who are interested in serving on the committee should confirm with Ed Thauer at ed.thauer@designunderwriting.com or 616- 957-3380. This committee is planning the celebration for our 100th anniversary as a club, which will likely be a series of activities or events in 2019.

Lions Holiday Open House: Reserve Saturday, December 9, 2017, for our Holiday Open House. It will be held at Rick and Mary Steven's home beginning at 6:30 pm. Invitations will be sent shortly. Reservations will be necessary to make sure there is enough food and drink. So make your reservations early!

"Success is not so much in lifting yourself above others as in lifting others with you"

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