



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 -----

Tuesday, October 15, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services, Deb Atwood

Thursday, October 17, 6:00 pm,
West Michigan Projects Night,
English Hills Terrace

Monday, October 21, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, October 22, Sailing into
Retirement: Bill & Judy's "Most
Excellent Adventure," Bill & Judy
Stellin**

Monday, October 28, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, October 29, 6:00 pm,
Jamark Labs, Eyeglass Recycling
Work Session & Dinner**

Thursday, October 31, **Happy
Halloween!**

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

**Tuesday, November 5, To Be
Announced**

Tuesday, October 15 Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) serve approximately 3,800 deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing individuals and businesses each year through interpreter services, KidSigns, employment training, ASL classes, equipment assistance and advocacy. Since 1996, the non-profit agency has served Grand Rapids and the surrounding areas.



DHHS programs are supported by Quota International, the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Network 180, Cherry Street Health Services, Amway, Grand Rapids Community Foundation and private donations. It strives to create a positive impact on deaf and hard of hearing individuals' lives and helps them to realize their full potential in society as productive, independent, capable and contributing citizens.

The KidSigns program supports deaf children with peer support, language models and a cultural identity to gain more acceptance and accessibility in school, community and home. The goals are to provide socialization, American Sign Language exposure, role models, increased self-confidence and a fun learning environment. DHHS also offers support to the parents. DHHS also offers a one-week KidsKamp at Cran-Hill Ranch in Big Rapids every July for kids 3-10 years old who are deaf, hard of hearing or have additional disabilities.

Deb Atwood, business manager of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, will tell us about DHHS's activities.

Tuesday, October 22

Sailing into Retirement: Bill and Judy's "Most Excellent Adventure," Bill & Judy Stellin

"We aren't anything special; anyone who owns a boat could do it." Those are words from Bill Stellin, of Cascade, who with his wife Judy sailed across the Atlantic and stayed on the other side for nearly a decade. They are back, living in their home along the Thornapple River. Their boat is docked in Holland on Lake Michigan. Today, we will hear their story.

The Stellins purchased their first boat with another couple, with the families alternating weekends. The arrangement worked out well, but eventually the other owner tired of sailing and they found a way to buy them out. They purchased their fourth boat – the *Jaywalker* - in 1996.

The Stellins spent most of the months in Michigan on their boat with the family when weather allowed. But, after purchasing the new boat, they "realized it could take us anywhere we wanted to go," said Bill Stellin.

Their first trip across the Atlantic took four and a half days to Bermuda, 14 days to the Azores, and five days to Portugal. Coming home (eight years later), the trip was "much faster, due to trade winds," and only took 16 days. They took turns in the cockpit with three-hour shifts in the night.

They hadn't planned on staying on the other side of the ocean, but they found when they got there, "there was way too much to see and do," she said. But, having the "luxury of time," if something caught their interest, they stayed. In some places, such as Venice, they stayed for up to seven months. They lived on the boat, but took leisurely trips by train to places such as Rome.

Bill Stellin kept a journal of the experience and after his return used free software at Blurb.com to turn the journals and his pictures into three books. The books can be accessed free online at www.blurb.com/user/wstellin.

Lions News

Mark Your Lions Calendars:

- ❖ Saturday, December 7, Morning: Meijer Kids Shopping day at Cascade Meijer Store
- ❖ Saturday, December 14, 6:00 pm: Holiday Party at the Kim & Pam Gary's new home
- ❖ Tuesday, December 17, 12:15 pm: Holiday Luncheon, Chevron Awards & Holiday Raffle

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