



# 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** -----

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

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, May 8, Reinvesting  
Yourself in Retirement, Neal  
Dionne**

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

**Tuesday, May 15, Student  
Recognition Day – Starts at  
NOON!**

Tuesday, May 15, 6:00 – 8:00 pm,  
Recycling Center Open

**Tuesday, May 22, Kids Food  
Basket, Ben Nyhoff & Ashley  
Diersch**

Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 – 8:00 pm,

**Tuesday, May 1**

**Lions Foundation Second Century Success  
Pat Mullen and/or Kim Gary**

The Second Century Success is a project for our Lions Foundation in preparation for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Lions Club. Come to our lunch meeting today to hearing all about it and how you can be a part it as a Grand Rapids Lions Club member. For all those who can't attend, you will soon receive a mailing which will tell you all about it.

**Tuesday, May 8**

**Reinvesting Yourself in Retirement or “Just a  
Stupid Disc Jockey, Neal Dionne**

Neal Dionne is a former B-93 DJ (country music station) and now a gourmet chef, although he is back on the air afternoons on WGLM 106.2 Greenville. He noted that, “I don't have to get up at 3:00 am to do it (like he used to do).

Neal Dionne and Reese Richards radio show was a ratings powerhouse for much of the 1990s and early 2000s, and were the forces behind an annual charitable event to raise funds for West Michigan agencies that benefit children. The idea was hatched in Milwaukee before they came to West Michigan.

Mr. Dionne is now focusing his time and efforts on feeding the people around him, and sharing his ideas with a growing audience of food enthusiasts. Mr. Dionne wrote, “I was a “Foodie” all of my life and have always done all of the cooking at our house. When you have four hungry boys, you learn to cook! I decided to take this passion to the next level by actually working at it and writing about it. I love all kinds of food and the preparation is exciting to me as well as therapeutic. I get great pleasure sharing my culinary exploits on my website.”

He loves great food, his family, the outdoors, hunting and fishing, music and books. “I collect cookbooks and I’m a history nut as well. My website, [NealDionne.com](http://NealDionne.com), is dedicated to the things that I feel bring great pleasure to life.” Downsized empty nesters, he and his wife now live in a small cottage up north, although we have a nice kitchen and a walk-in pantry. He has been invited back to the [Grand Rapids International Wine, Beer & Food Festival](#) and is one of the highlights of his year.

**White Cane Drive: Chance To Serve  
Need Volunteers this Friday & Saturday!**

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 NOW** at the meetings or contact Lion Don Jakel ([donaldjakel@aol.com](mailto:donaldjakel@aol.com) or (616) 891-8690) or Lion Sherah Eavey ([sherah@eavey.com](mailto: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](mailto:rstevens@abvimichigan.org). (Raffle License: R46058)

Team	Record
Kangaroos	44-16
Cougars	33 ½ -26 ½
Bears	30 ½ -29 ½
Tigers	26-34
Rhinos	25-35
Wildcats	21-39

**Bowling Champs (2<sup>nd</sup> half): Congratulations to Kraai’s Kangaroos**

Congratulations to Cindi Walker, Brent Spoelstra and Jeff Kraai on their momentous record (44-16)! The team won by more than 10 points over the runner-ups team of Gail Junod, Fred Martin and Kim Gary (33 ½ -25 ½).

Bowlers on the other teams were: Vicki Francis, Sally Mulder, Scott Brady (Bears); Jean Kraai, Rob Lalley, Jamie Junod (Tigers); Mary Beth Tupper, Lynn Francis, Boyd Griswold (Rhinos); and Pam Gary, Shawn Eyestone, Rick Walker (Wildcats).

Temporary substitutes who bowled were Mary Brady, Lynn Dandridge, Ben Eavey and Bill Reese. Other subs who had signed up were Gary Anderson, Diana Bergquist, Thad Phelps and Marilyn Tyree.

**Season Individual High Scores**

**Men**

Scratch Game	Jamie Junod	268
Handicap Game	Jamie Junod	292
Scratch Series	Jeff Kraai	673
Handicap Series	Jeff Kraai	715

**Women**

Scratch Game	Mary Beth Tupper	213
Handicap Game	Mary Beth Tupper	259
Scratch Series	Mary Beth Tupper	549
Handicap Series	Mary Beth Tupper	687

Individual and team high scores are shown in the frames to the left and below.

**Season Team High Scores**

Scratch Game	Tigers	604
Handicap Game	Tigers	721
Scratch Series	Tigers	1,520
Team Series	Tigers	1,871

***Bowling starts again in September. Stay tuned!***

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**Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – January – June 1961**

*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 1961.*

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

- Junior Achievement was introduced to Grand Rapids in the 1950’s as a way to introduce to youth the rigors of business development. Executive Director, Leonard Galloway talked about the organization at that time. [It is still active today.]
- Robert Browning, an expert on research in human relations and self-mastery, observed the club for a couple of weeks and then made presentation titled, “Making Your Conversations Sparkle.”
- In her presentation, Mrs. LeRoy Walcott described a chapter in a recently translated book in German, “Jottings of a Traveler” – an episode in *The Bridge is Love*. She describes how the author “Hans DeBoer observed the government’s racial policy of APARTHHEID. He interviewed many leaders as well as men on the street. “What he saw and heard shocked, and he determined to travel at his own expense to the many lands as possible where the race problem has become crucial with the decline of colonialism, the rise of nationalism, and the mounting tension between Christianity and the major religions.” [Times do change slowly]
- With work progressing on the new post office at Michigan & Monroe (scheduled completion date was November 1962), postmaster H. Wayne Parker spoke to the club not only about the changes in current mail service, but also the Pony Express days of the past.

- During Holy Week, the Lions Chaplains were featured, Eric Wright with the invocation and Gene Carter giving his meditation, “The Rejected Christ.” In addition, the Tuesday program featured inspiring sacred music performed by the Godwin High School A Cappella Choir.
- Hon. Federal District Judge W. Wallace Kent presented the Law Day program.
- The Grand Rapids Christian High School Band provided a musical treat at lunch on May 9, 1961.
- Lt. Commander Harold Minard, Commanding Officer of the US Naval Reserve Training Center in Muskegon, was a qualified deep sea diver and salvage and recovery officer. He talked about his experience in Pearl Harbor when “he was in charge of recovering A World War II Japanese Submarine from Pearl Harbor intact” while he showed pictures.

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

- In Nuda after Nuda, the Knape (Knape & Vogt) family names come up. The family members have been active participants throughout the clubs history. So, here is a call out to the Knape Family!
- The Lions State Convention was held in Grand Rapids in May 1961.
- Over half the cost of a new Boy Scouts building came from the Grand Rapids Lions Club members. [Boy Scouts were one of significant charities when we had a larger club.
- The following is a front page article on June 20, 1961 with an important notice:

### **An All-America City**

The Lions President would sometimes write columns in the Nuda Veritas. Here are excerpts from one:

“Did you know that one of the first Grand Rapids bankers was Moss Aldrich of the firm Leyard and Aldrich? He was one of the truly kind-hearted men who would walk into Cole Brothers store followed by an old woman and say to Mr. Cole, “Fit this woman to a good pair of shoes. If her stockings are wet, get her a dry pair. Send the bill to the office.”

“Did you know that Campau Square was once called ‘Grab Corners’ in the early days? Don’t ask me how it got its name.”

“On the west side of the river just below the Wealthy Street bridge was the ‘Indian Plum Orchard’. Red, yellow and blue plum trees grew in great profusion. It was believed to be an assembly place for Indian ceremonials in an earlier day. Grand Rapids historian Charles E. Belknap says he carried away many basketsful of plums for his mother’s winter supply of preserves.”

“Shortly after 1835, a public well was dug at the intersection of Monroe and Ionia. It was 40 feet deep and stoned up with field hardheads and provided an ample supply of good drinking water which could be drawn up by a windlass in oaken buckets. (When I use the term ‘hardheads’, Fred Olsen never entered my mind.) Before this well was dug, drinking water was obtained from a spring on Fountain Street hill which flowed across lots and under the veranda of the hotel that occupied the site of the present Morton House. I wonder if Jim Starr can remember this.”

MELVIN JONES, Founder and Secretary-General of Lions International, passed away peacefully at his home in Flossmoor, Illinois on the afternoon of Thursday, June 1, at the age of 82. Thousands of Lions, civic leaders and governmental dignitaries paid their respects at the funeral home where he lay in state. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, June 5, with service at the First Methodist Church in Chicago – the Chicago Temple – and buried in beautiful Mount Hope cemetery. The last rites were conducted by Dr. Preston Bradly, pastor of the Peoples Church of Chicago, who delivered the eulogy, and Dr. Charles Ray Goff, pastor of the Chicago Temple.

- The first Welcome Home for the Blind was in a house at 227 Charles Ave SE [now in historic East Hills Neighborhood]. An article describes the sympathetic attention by staff and Board members, the care and services rendered, and different services rendered by different church guilds. Residents had “their own radios - purchased and serviced by the Lions Club.” They had non-denominational church services, “letter-writing, shampooing, manicuring, haircutting and chauffeuring taken care of.” The Lions Club took care of the special holiday feasts and celebrating.
- A new Lion, Dale Chesser, joined the club in May 1961. Some current Lions knew Dale.

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## **Other News**

**Lions Annual Dinner Meeting: Remember** --- Wednesday, **June 13<sup>th</sup>** for the Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual Meeting. It will be held at the Cascade Hills Country Club. More information will be forthcoming in May.

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Drive for Vision – Mark your Calendars:** With primary sponsors Grand Rapids Ophthalmology with partner with Blue Sky Vision, the 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:travis.kd@gmail.com) or (616) 635-4242 (mobile).

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