



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 29, Noon, Lions
Board Meeting, ABVI.

**Tuesday, May 29, 6:00 – 8:00 pm,
Eyeglass Recycling Work
Session Only (no meal), Jamark
Labs**

**Saturday, June 9, 8:00 am – 2:00
pm, VI Sports Day, Wealthy
Elementary School**

**Wednesday, June 13, 6:00 – 9:00
pm, Lions Club Annual Meeting,
Cascade Country Club**

**Monday, June 18, Drive for
Vision Golf Outing & Fundraiser,
Quail Ridge Golf Club**

“Second Century Success”

*Please remember to make your
pledge or donation to reach
100% participation of current
Lions members.*

Tuesday, May 29

Eyeglass Recycling Project

5:00 – 8:00 pm, Jamark Labs

No Meeting at Noon at the University Club!

(Lions' last meeting for this year – FY 2017-2018).

Tuesday, May 29, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, is the final scheduled Eyeglass Recycling Session for this year. We are behind in processing and stocking-up on eyeglasses for our mission trips next year. So, let's have a good turnout! No dinner will be served at the session. Please come and bring a guest or a prospective member to our work session to show them how we serve. Everyone is welcome!

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 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.

VI Sports Day

Saturday, June 9

The 16th Annual Visually Impaired (VI) Sports Day will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2017 at [Wealthy Elementary School, 1961 Lake Drive, SE, East 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 by 2:00 pm.

We usually have good weather, making the event fun and meaningful for the kids and families. You can help with the kids' activities or preparing and serving the lunch. Specifically, Lions cook lunch for everyone (as many as 200). Other Lions & volunteers join with GVSU Campus Lions Club members to help with the VI kids. 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 Bob Winchester at toadhuffy@sbcglobal.net or 616-942-2441 (Co-Chair Lion Scott Embree will be out of town) with what size you need and he should be able to get one for you. **Please let Lion Bob know if you are planning to volunteer for this event soon or contact him if you have questions.**

Wednesday, June 13
Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual Meeting
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Formal invitations and reminders have been sent for the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Grand Rapids Lions Club. If you haven't done so already, you should make your reservations as soon as possible or by June 8 at the latest. As a reminder, the event will be held on:

Date: Wednesday Evening, June 13, 2018
Time: 6:00 – 6:30 pm - Social Time
6:30 – 9:00 pm - Dinner & Program
Location: Cascade Country Club (main club house door)
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 2018-19.

Since your Secretary will be gone from June 5 – 13, **please make your reservation now with Renee Fries at Ed Thauer's office, Design Underwriting: 616-957-3380 or renee.fries@designunderwriting.com.**



Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Drive for Vision
Monday, June 18, 2018

The 31th Annual *Drive for Vision Charity Golf Outing* will be on Monday, June 19, 2017, brought to you by Title Sponsor Grand Rapids Ophthalmology, a partner with Blue Sky Vision. 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 the Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic Cherry Health, 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). 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 Kyle Travis 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 Kyle Travis at 616-224-1559 (work), 616-635-4242 (cell) or at travis.kd@gmail.com. *The Committee says it's going to be beautiful day!*

NEW this year: "Ball Drop" – a 50-50 raffle that anyone can play. Tickets are \$5 each, 3 tickets for \$10 and 7 tickets for \$20. You do not need to be present to win! (Raffle License: X97717) Please contact Jamie Junod at junodj@stifel.com or (616) 560-2164 to buy tickets or if you have questions.

Coast to Coast Raffle --- LAST Chance!

You still have time to purchase a chance for a vacation in the *Choose Your Coast Raffle* before the drawing of the winning number on June 8, 2018. You can purchase a 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 only \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Only 600 tickets will be sold! 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. (Raffle License: R46058)



Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – 1962 - 1967

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 1962 – 1967. (Many issues are missing during these years: Only one issue remains for 1963 and no copies for 1964 or 1965.)

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

- In January 1962, Dr. Morris Boucher, Chairmen of the Division of History, Political Science and Economics and head of the History Department of Olivet College, Olivet, MI spoke on "Higher Education in the Lower

Appalachians”. He spoke “with a deep southern drawled voice, and is noted for his fine and stirring talks before many service clubs and organizations.”

- International Representative Joe Podoloff of Variety Clubs International spoke to the club. The article noted the “more than 10,000 dedicated show members join in celebrating the fact that in just 35 years, Variety members have raised more than \$80,000,000.00 for handicapped and needy children throughout the world . . . hospitals they have built and medical research they sponsor . . . Grand Rapids has its project Camp O’Malley and Youth Commonwealth . . . cosponsoring with the Grand Rapids Press selling out special editions of the Grand Rapids Press.” [Now part of Boys and Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids]
- “The Michigan Story” film showed what a fine state Michigan was in the early ‘60s.
- Father Hugh Michael Beahan spoke for the annual St. Patrick’s Day address. [Father Beahan would ultimately gain great status in the Catholic world and the Grand Rapids community for his lifelong work.] A native of Ionia, he was ordained in 1947. With radio work and play writing in the past before his ordination, Father Michael produced and narrated the Catholic Television Mass in Grand Rapids and the Lower Peninsula, and brought him national notice. “Tail Twister St. Palmatier will keep his eagle eye open for neglect[ing] to wear the Irish color, so beware; dress for the festivities.”
- ‘Project Hope’ was discussed by Henry Ford Hospital’s Marvin Revzin, MS, DDS. He was here to attend “the Dental Convention in Grand Rapids and will take part in the convention affairs of noted Oral Surgeons from all over America.”
- A standing ovation followed the presentation “What’s Right with America” by Dr. Frederick Olert. He is a “distinguished world traveler and teacher of the Bible and leader in community organization. “A native of Holland, he and his wife traveling around the world in 1949 “in the interest of World Missions and Evangelism. Seventy-five countries were visited with extensive speaking engagements in Korea and Japan. All of Europe was extensively covered.”
- Associate Professor of English Charles A. Smith, Western Michigan University, presented a “top notch” talk, “Nothing Succeeds like Success”. He was the author and narrator of a top-ten national weekly radio show, Under the Spreading Metaphor”, and the author of one of the top color industrial films of 1960.
- In March 1963, Tony Dauksza returned by popular request to present to the club on “the unusual hunting escapades of this great and amazing sportsman” in his state of Alaska.
- Because of last year’s popularity of the NFL film, “How to Watch Pro Football”, this year’s film, “The Key Plays of Pro Football”, was shown in October 1966. The article noted eight key plays in the NFL “as follows: (1) The Kickoff, (2) The Rush, (3) The Bomb, (4) The Blitz, (5) The Punt, (6) The Screen, (7) The Trap, and (8) The Sweep.”
- “In this day of fast happenings, there is no definitive subject we can assign our U.S. representative for the Honorable Gerald Ford has always been known to deliver up to the minute news, however boiling, from the center of world-wide action in Washington.” (October 25, 1966)
- The World Affairs Council of Grand Rapids Community Ambassador to the Communist Czechoslovakia, Vicki Bergsma, described her recent stay in that country. The country had about 14,000,000 people (8 million Czechs and 6 Slovaks) and the people were wonderful families. She augmented her talk with slides to help her tell her story.
- Mary Jane Dockeray, an interpretive naturalist with the Grand Rapids Public Museum since 1949, presented a program called “Adventure of a Nature Spy.” Mary Jane would become a legendary figure in Grand Rapids.

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

- “Chan LaBerteaux brought in the [blind penny] bottle contents from the Kewpee Hamburg restaurant.” [Kewpee Hamburgers began in Flint in 1923 and was one of the oldest hamburger chains operating in several states in the Midwest. I looked, but couldn’t find where the one was in Grand Rapids. Does anyone know?]

- In March 1962, Probate Judge A. Dale Stoppels [a Lions some of us knew] was given a testimonial dinner as State Commander of Disabled American Veterans. The State governor and State Senator Perry Green [also a Lion with our Club] and several other officials attended.
- Featuring a Grand Rapids Lion many of the long-time Lions knew, a picture and caption titled 'Chuck Harris – A Real Champ' [read] "As a member, and Captain, of our Lions Statewide Bowling Champions – Chuck Harris, Phil Lewis, George Tange, Dick McCabe and Roy Wagner – Harris rolled the highest series ever rolled in Lions State bowling competition, a phenomenal 257, 237, 236 – 730. Chuck had a nine-game total of 1852, which also made him the All-Events Champion."
- Lions elected Joe Lentini as "our President for 1962-1963."
- The Wild Cats were spring bowling Champions in 1962. Its members included some people who current Lions knew: John Maghielse, Bob Alt, Henry Fox, Captain Leon Phillips and Billy Morrissey.
- The June 26, 1962 Nuda Veritas reported that the lot just south of Riverside Park by the river had been purchased for \$12,000 through Lions Club funds for a new Welcome Home for the Blind. The new building was expected to cost \$310,000. The current Welcome Home opened at in 1952 at 227 Charles Ave SE and was home to 13 elderly residents. It was hoped that construction would begin in 1963 following fund-raising efforts.
- A Lion, who many long-time Lions knew, James Starr, became the new Lions Secretary in 1966.
- The 1966 Lions picnic had good weather and great attendance: 114 adults and 107 children for a total of 221, "everyone having a whale of a good time."
- "Dan Palmartier is the big noise in the promotion of the 1966 Duck Lake Outing and wants you to know the Safari to this popular week-end rendezvous is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24 and 25."
- The standing-room only Fred Waring Show (a fund raiser for the Lions) was held on November 10 during its 50th year anniversary. He visited Welcome Home for the Blind and said that "all net proceeds from 1965 and 1966 shows here went into the building of the home and he was keenly interested . . . He was most gracious and insisted on seeing every noon and corner of the new building and the ladies, already acquainted with all the home implies, were

November 1966 was a Good Month for Welcome Home

(from the December 20, 1966 Nuda Veritas)

"Since November 1st we received substantial cash gift from Lions Henry Fox and from Chuck Harris.

"Chuck's gift was made in lieu of sending Christmas remembrances to customers – a novel idea."

"The proceeds from the Fred Waring Show netted \$4,405.90."

"A gift of office furniture from Steelcase will have a value of about \$4,000."

"\$3,000 was received in the form of a bequest from Miss Alma Orth of Grand Rapids."

"Single rooms were paid for by our Past President Burt and his wife, Ella Saunders – by the St. Joseph Lions Club – by Lions and Mrs. L.A. (Lawrence) Cook and James Klanderman and Mrs. Pearl Hopkins, a blind lady from Detroit, in Memory of her late husband and son. Mrs. Hopkins is one of the original incorporators of Welcome Home."

"So far, 4 double and 23 single room have been furnished by Lions Clubs and individual Lions, and seven addition ones by other friends."

"In addition – folks connected directly or indirectly with Lions have contributed funds for the Covered Terrace – Parking Lot – Dining Room furniture – Kitchen equipment – a Braille Bible – Fragrance Garden – Lounge – Library – Day Room – Activities Room plus miscellaneous items."

"Much has been given in service and much has been volunteered for future requirement."

From the Groundbreaking on Jan. 15th until now – we have seen a very rough piece of land transformed into a project which should give a tremendous feeling of accomplishment to all who have had a part in it."

We hope to move our guest from Charles Avenue into the new quarters early in January and are pleased to report that about \$140,000 more in cash will see the project paid for."

To all Lions – and other folks of good will – another Thank You."

- Dean Van Veisen, director of music at South High School, presented “his entire choir with a series of Christmas numbers to awaken in us the true spirit of Christmas.” (December 1966 Chaplain Rev. Eric White presented brief remarks on the true meaning of Christmas.
- Jack DeWitt, Chairman of the Board of Big Dutchman, Inc., presented the story of his fast-growing company producing automatic poultry and livestock equipment for worldwide companies. Born in Grand Rapids before moving west a few miles to grow-up on a farm in Holland, he and his brother began a thriving hatchery business. The Big Dutchman firm expanded to Canada and the Europe and the Middle East, South America and the Far East.
- Lions International hosted it international convention in Chicago for its 50th anniversary in 1967.

Summer Activities: *Stay tuned* for announcements for Lions Summer Activates. There may be a work session at the Recycling Center, a picnic or other activities.

Second Century Success: If you have questions about this campaign to reach \$1 million in our endowment, housed at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, before our Club begins its Centennial Year in 2019, or any related questions, please contact Pat Mullen at: pmullen@mullencoins.com or 616-272-4402 (mobile).