



# 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 -----

**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**

**August, Date to Be Announced, Family Picnic**

Tuesday, September 4, First Luncheon Meeting of 2018-19 Lions Year

Tuesday, September 4, First Recycling Session in the Fall

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*“Second Century Success”*

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

## In Memory of Thomas A. Dalglish July 7, 1928 – May 21, 2018



Former Grand Rapids Lion Thomas Arthur Dalglish died on Monday, May 21, 2018 at age 89 years. She was born on July 7, 1928.

Tom joined the Grand Rapids Lions Club in 1970 and was an active Lion until the early 2000's. His sponsor was Ron Chase. Tom served on the Lions Board of Directors and was a 30-year Lions

Monarch. Something you may not have known about Tom, he was an avid long-distance runner, having competed in the Boston, Detroit, Canton and Grand Rapids Marathons.

Tom was born in New York City and attended school in Baltimore and Westminster MD. He joined the US. Navy in 1946 as a hospital corpsman and after his discharge, he went to Duke University, graduating in 1952. He enjoyed a 50 years career in the insurance industry.

Tom was active in the Grand Rapids community. As well as being a Lions Club member, her served as a board member of both Northview Public Schools and the Grand Rapids YMCA, and as an Elder in both Oakhill and Westminster Presbyterian churches.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marcille L. Dalglish

[Pridgeon]; two sons, Thomas and David and Several grandchildren. Tom's daughter, Diane Auyer, preceded Tom in death. A celebration of Tom's life took place on Friday, May 25, 2018 in the Porter Hills Chapel.

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

By now, you should have made your reservations for the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Grand Rapids Lions Club. **If you haven't, please call with Renee Fries at Ed Thauer's office, Design Underwriting** to see if you can still attend. Her contact information is:  
[renee.fries@designunderwriting.com](mailto:renee.fries@designunderwriting.com) or 616-957-3380.

The time, date, location and cost are:

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:	<u>No cost for members &amp; one guest</u> ; \$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.

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

The 31<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:junodj@stifel.com) or (616) 560-2164 to buy tickets or if you have questions.

## **Lions Luncheon Raffle --- Pot is Held Over!**

The Grand Rapids Lions Club holds an internal 50-50 raffle at the luncheon meetings. If you haven't heard, the raffle begins with 51 red chips and 1 white chip. At each meeting, the first ticket drawn gets \$5.00. The second ticket drawn gets a chance to pull a chip out of a special bag. If a red chip is drawn, the pot rolls over until the next meeting. This continues until the white chip is pulled out of the bag and the lucky Lion or guest will get half the pot at the time. The other half of the pot goes to our charitable causes.

The raffle pot now has about \$1,800 in it and only three chips – two red and one white. The chances are certain there will be a winner at the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting next fall, and that person will win about \$800+. Be sure to come to these meetings!

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## **Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – 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 1967. (Several editions)*

*are missing.)*

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

- The “Shades of Sound” was presented by the Grand Rapids Junior College Musical Department’s “Musical Moods” in the Black & Silver Room of the Civic Auditorium. It was the 20th annual program before the Lions Club by approximately 175 young members of the band, orchestra and choir.
- Robert Danhhof, legal advisor to Governor George Romney was the guest speaker at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to talk about pending legislation. He had run for Attorney General and was a delegate to Constitutional Convention.
- John Ball Park Zoo Director, Fred Meyer, spoke to the club about the interesting and educational sights at the Park and Zoo, in addition to having a relaxing time right here in Grand Rapids.
- The Grand Rapids Lions Club saluted the West Michigan Tourist Association on May 23 on it Golden Anniversary. West Michigan civic leaders founded the association in April 1917. Civic leader from Grand Rapids and other cities in Est Michigan were the club’s guest for the presentation by William Toohey, Executive VP of the Tourism Council of Greater Chicago.
- The Lions Club hosted two Championship high school baseball teams, Union and Creston, who were tied for first at the end of the year. [The club used to recognize the major sports champions in the City. It was changed in the 1990’s, I believe, to inviting the schools to identify two students who were all-around high achieving students. This is still what we do today.]
- On June 13, 1967, “The Central Business District versus the Shopping Center” was the topic of a talk by Tom Regis was a consultant with Daverman Company Realtors. He was a graduate of both Columbia and Harvard Universities. The article presents the questions: “What will be the character of downtown Grand Rapids ten, fifteen or twenty years from now? Is it possible to draw an analogy between what is presently

taking place in the downtown area and what has already transpired in other cities throughout the United States?”

- Dr. Arthur Farrell spoke to the Lions on “How to Stay Alive as Long as You Live and about the conversion of what was known as the Rowe Hotel into the Olds Manor Retirement Center.
- Again, the Lions their past practice by holding meetings every other week after golfing in July and August.
- Larry Jones, past Director for the Port of Muskegon sharing “interesting information about the Gateways to the World – The Port of Muskegon and the St. Lawrence Seaway.”
- Dr. Richard Schwaiger, a native Grand Rapids man who grew up a block from the river, spoke about his quest to clean up the river. He started asking questions at age seven when “he realized that considerable contamination was present in the River and he began . . . to question adults as to why this should be so. The culmination of his efforts was reached in November 1963 when as a result of petitions bearing more than 6000 signatures, he met with Governor Romney and his staff to consider what measures might be taken to rid the Grand River of contamination.” The ultimate results were new laws to help correct the situation. [This is a great example of serving your community to improve it.]
- “My Own Peculiar People” was the title of a talk by Sydney Youngsma, Director of College Relations for Calvin College. The article notes that, “Syd has a theory regarding a particular culture (in which he is deeply involved) and will develop a number of postulations relating to that group which he identifies as ‘my own peculiar people.’ He is exceedingly articulate, humorous as well as witty, and presents a philosophical point of view that has considerable import.”
- On December 12, Congressman Gerald Ford made his annual visit to the Lions Club.
- The Union High School Mixed Chorus (96 voices) presented the Christmas concert for the year.

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

- The Dedication Ceremony for the new Welcome Home for the Blind was held on Sunday, April 30, 1967 at 2 pm.
- Members were asked to play “host to some 3,500 Lions and their ladies for a three-day session beginning Thursday, May 19 and to continue for May 20 and 21” by Convention Committee Chairperson, Robert Saunders. Several committee chairs were Lions that many current Lions knew: Merrill Peck, Joe VanBlooy, Dan Palmatier, Dr. Joe Lentini, Eddy Brunette, Carl Schowalter, Robert Smolenski, Don Worsfold and Jim Starr.
- The Boyne Highlands Safari of Lions couples was held on June 22, 23, 24 and 25 – “four glorious days.”
- Lion John McKay was selected as “Lion of the Year”, which was the honor describing the recipient of the Henry Voet Meritorious Service Award at the time. [That changed when the Lion of the Year award was recognized for the accomplishments of a Lion in that fiscal year, in contrast to long-time service to the Club.

### **A Teacher Writes**

“I am a teacher and am writing you concerning one of my children. She now has a pair of glasses, thanks to the Lions Club. May God bless you. Her eyes were so bad that the doctor cannot put full strength lenses on her until next September. She is not used to seeing and the physical adjustment would be too great. Again, I say, may God sincerely reward you for the wonderful work you do.”

Sincerely,  
Jean Cornell  
1908 Lake Michigan Drive, NW

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The Lions continue to do this work in working with the Kent ISD and the low-vision program. Our vision mission teams also see this type of “miracle” when they fit a pair of glasses on a child who has never had them or on a mother or grandmother so they can see a child clearly for the first time.

- “No, we haven’t forgotten our first love – the Boy Scout Activity. The Lions Board voted \$2,170.00 and gave Merrill Peck authority to make a deal for two new Dodge trucks and 14 canoes.”
- More than 200 attended the Family Picnic, held on August 15 at Townsend Park. “Yes, the picnic was a success and accomplished its purpose.”
- Jack VanBlooy was appointed Club Service Chair and Billy Morrissey as Membership Chair.
- The Fred Waring Concert, a fundraising event was on October 20, said Jerry Hotelling, the Lion coordinating the event.
- The Annual Christmas Party and Ladies Night was held on December 2.

## Other News

**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](mailto:pmullen@mullencoins.com) or 616-272-4402 (mobile).

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