



# 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 -----

Monday, October 29, 4:45 pm,  
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

**Tuesday, October 30, 6:00 – 8:00  
pm, Meeting & Dinner at the  
Eyeglass Recycling Center**

*Tuesday, October 31, HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN! Scare Someone  
Today!*

Monday, November 5, 4:45 pm,  
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

**Tuesday, November 6,  
Franciscan Life Process Center,  
Sister Colleen Ann & Cheryl  
Rosloniec**

Sunday, November 11, Veterans  
Day – Remember those who  
served our country!

Monday, November 12, 4:45 pm,  
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

**Tuesday, November 13,  
Community Service, Professional  
Networking, Lasting Friendships,  
Salvatore Alaimo**

## **Tuesday, October 30 Eyeglasses Recycling Project 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Jamark Labs No Meeting at Noon at the University Club!**

Only 3+ months are left until the next Vision Mission Trip happens. However, the eyeglasses should be sent in November, so they arrive before the mission team arrives. Let's have a big turnout of Lions on October 30 to continue processing eyeglasses for this year's trip. The Eyeglass Recycling Session/Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. 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](mailto: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.

## **Tuesday, November 6 Franciscan Life Process Center, Sister Colleen Ann & Cheryl Rosloniec**

The Franciscan Life Process Center will be showcased today by Sister Colleen Ann and Cheryl Rosloniec. After moving to Grand Rapids in 1971, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist founded the Franciscan Life Process Center in 1972. The Center has assisted in the education, healthy development and cultural enrichment of individuals and communities of people throughout

the greater Grand Rapids area and Kent County. The Sisters believe “in the sacredness of all life and, therefore, in the inherent value of each individual human life. We acknowledge in each person a fundamental desire and potential for personal growth and accept the development of each person as a unique organic process.”

With its Mission to promote a relationship with God that brings dignity and hope to the sacred process of all life, the Center’s programs assist, educate, enrich and inform. Programs offered through the Center include: Art, Counseling, Environmental Education, Fertility Care, Land Experiences, Music Therapy, Music Lessons, Retreats and Rental of Meeting Facilities. The discussion today will focus on the coverage area and the reach for Counseling and Music Therapy.

## **Cherry Health Celebrating 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Cherry Health will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Proceeds from the event will support ability to provide high quality health services to those who have little access or no access to care, regardless of income or insurance status. The cost is \$100 per person with complimentary valet parking.

It was also 30 years ago that the eye care program began at Cherry Health in 1988 at their clinic on the corner of Union Avenue & Cherry Street. The vision clinic was renamed The Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic in October 2011, in honor of the Lions’ generosity in the expansion of vision services at Cherry Health’s Heart of the City Health Center at 100 Cherry Street SE. For more information on attending the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, contact 616-965-8254 or [cherryhealth.org/donate](http://cherryhealth.org/donate).

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## **Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – January through December 1971**

*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 December 1971. (several editions missing)*

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

- A film featuring legendary Vince Lombardi, “Second Effort,” on success in life, featured “football terms as “mental toughness”, “ball control”, “direct attack”, and “game plan”.
- Grand Rapids Mayor Robert Boelens spoke to the club about activities in the City.
- Lions Donald Oaks, as a member of the Charter Revision Committee, spoke about the progress on amending Grand Rapids Charter.
- Grand Rapids Chamber Director of Community Development, Gordon Huizenga, “presented a report on the existing situation relative to U.S. 131 and the potential for its development in the future.” [The U.S.131 freeway was completed in 1962.]
- Judge John Letts [a Lion], stepping for a speaker from Detroit who was stranded part way because of a blizzard, spoke about “some of his recent experiences on the bench and indicated that reforms or changes are now underway which will improve the judicial system by bringing it up to date.”
- Jack Hogan, WZZM-News Director {since 1962}, spoke about the development of the station since its founding in 1962.
- “Waste and What to Do with It” was presented by Carroll Slucum, Regional Manager of Procurement and Sales for the Paper Stock Group, Packaging Corporation of America.
- The Easter Program featured the Club Chaplain, Rev. Edwin Arnold, minister at the Second Congregational Church of Grand Rapids, and the Madrigal Singers from the Ottawa Hills High School/

- Joe Falls, Sports Editor for the Detroit Free Press, spoke and had just come back from the Master's Tournament in Augusta.
- The Michigan School for the Blind Choir performed for at the luncheon on May 11.
- Frankenmuth Lion Elmer Mayor talked about "No Fault Insurance."
- City Baseball Champions Catholic Central High School was recognized at the June 1 luncheon.
- The Installation of Officers on June 29 installed President Robert Jonkhoff, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Joseph Van Blooys and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Kirby Evans and the rest of the Board of Directors.
- Fred Vogt presented "a film on sky diving and recount[ed] his days experiences as a sky-diver. Vogt, who learned the technique of parachute jumping as a member of the U.S. Airborne Division, explains that there is a considerable difference between jumping and skydiving."
- George Fredericks Annecy, France's First Vice President of Lions International (1971-72), spoke at the noon luncheon and later visited Welcome Home.
- "Father William Wright, a missionary to Thailand for the past ten years, will be the speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting at the Pantlind Hotel." He "will talk about 'Rice' Christians, Thailand, North and South Vietnam, the customs and habits of the people there and the direction in which these countries appear to be moving."
- On November 2, Representative Gerald Ford presented his annual report on Washington, his 22<sup>nd</sup> visit and report. A side note from stats shown in the newsletter: Rep. Ford's margins of victory in his elections ranged from 60.5% to 68.5%.
- Father James Fellows, an associate pastor for the Lions Club, delivered the Thanksgiving message, followed by music of the Catholic Central High School Chorus.
- Lion Chaplain Ed Arnold, Second Congregational Church, presented a Christmas message, "Turn-Arounds and Upside Downs." Music for this day was furnished by the Senior Madrigals of Creston High.

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

- Long-time Tail Twister Dan Palmatier's Drive to raise funds for Welcome Home, "out-distanced all the clubs in the state in the past two years – 1968 total was about \$5400 and 1969 about \$5600 . . . helping to cut down the indebtedness of approximately \$60,000 – so we are helping to cut it down to the old 'FREE AND CLEAR' sign." [Home's value = about \$600,000]
- Bowling first half champions were Maggatti's Rhinos with a record 35 – 10. Runner-ups were Werp's Wild Cats. Chuck Harris had the highest game average score of 189, followed by Bill Morrissey with a 186 average.
- Did you know that a Southeast Grand Rapids Lions Club was spearheaded in 1970-71 by Dr. Gerald Knapp, then a member of the Walker Lions Club? With the Charter night for the new club held on February 27, 1971.
- Quarter Century Club: "59 Members received certificates & charms in recognition of twenty-five or more years of club membership . . . It is doubtful that few if any clubs in the International Organization can match that record."
- "Enjoy a Day at the Races": "May 20, air-conditioned bus, cocktails, buffet lunch, clubhouse seats - \$15 – What a Deal!"

#### **Dan Palmatier re December 7, 1941**

(An article from the Nuda Veritas on Dec. 21, 1971)

"Twenty-nine years ago this day, there was a war going on and the army marched into Grand Rapids. They took over The Pantlind – the Civic Auditorium and The Rowe Hotel. They threw everything and everyone out, including Tom Walker and the Lions Club who moved to Park Congregational Church. Ten months later, the Army graduated two thousand meteorologists – sent them all over the world and then marched out of Grand Rapids. As soon as Walker could move enough tables – chairs – table linen – chinaware – glassware – silverware and cooking utensils, the Lions Club was the first service club to be invited to return to the Pantlind. This is one more reminder of the splendid relationship that has prevailed between The Pantlind Hotel and The Grand Rapids Lions Club for lo! these many, many years."

- Grand Rapids Lion Gene Carter was elected District Governor for 11-C for the 1971-72 year.
- The Lions Club Spring Outing was held at the Cadillac Sands Motor Inn on June 17, 18 & 19, 1971.
- The Lions International Humanitarian Award was awarded by the International President Robert McCullough to comedian Bob Hope “for his continuous efforts and work in behalf of sight conservation and eye research, one of the major concerns of Lions Clubs throughout the world.”
- Summer golf outings and dinners were at Green Ridge Country Club, Silver Lake Country Club, Elks Country Club and Forest Hills Country Club.
- The Nuda Veritas reported on a story in “The Magazine of the Greater Grand Rapids.” It told the story about how effective Lion Ed Brunette was as the Manager of the Grand Rapids Convention Bureau, in bringing the city “its share of the six billion dollars spent annually by conventioners.”
- Lion Chuck Harris is a name that is identified with Lion sports – golf and bowling to be exact. This time at the fourth annual Fred E. Olson Day, Chuck Harris won the golf Championship at Forest Hills Country Club.
- “194 members, wives and guests were in attendance at the Dinner and Dance at Blythefield Country Club on September 14.”
- “Keith Crittenden’s rendition of La Marseillaise at the recent District 11-C Governors Fall Conference was a spine-tingling performance. Jean Miller on hand to serve as accompanist.”
- When the Fred Waring Show came to town for the annual fundraiser for Welcome Home, several musicians went to the Home to entertain the residents.
- District Governor for 11-C and Grand Rapids Lions Member, Gene Carter, spoke to our club. This was his 47<sup>th</sup> visit to clubs of the 61 clubs in the district.

## Other Lion News

**Kids Shopping Day at Cascade Meijer:** Mark your calendars & volunteer to help! On Saturday, December 8, we will again sponsor 20 children who live in the urban-city in Grand Rapids (Saboath Ministries) or 20 children who are visually impaired (who qualify based upon financial need) shop for holiday gifts of their families. This will again take place at Cascade Meijer Store from approximately 7:30 – 11:00 am.

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](mailto:baird@surfree.com)) 616-446-9496 or Lion Don Jakel ([donaldjakel@aol.com](mailto:donaldjakel@aol.com)).

**Do you Know?** Veterans Day is intended to thank all those who honorably served in the military – in war time or peace time. By comparison, Memorial Day is for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of a wound sustained in battle.

**Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation & Second Century Success Campaign:** The Second Century Success campaign continues. We urge you to donate or pledge soon, for any amount – no matter how small - so we reach 100% of member participation. Please direct questions about the campaign to Kim Gary at [kimgary55@gmail.com](mailto:kimgary55@gmail.com) or 616-291-5438 (mobile) or to Pat Mullen at: [pmullen@mullencoins.com](mailto:pmullen@mullencoins.com) or 616-272-4402 (mobile).

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