



Nuda Veritas

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UPCOMING EVENTS

University Club

Downtown Grand Rapids
Luncheon Meetings begin at 12:
p.m. unless otherwise noted.

----- We Serve -----

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

Tuesday, February 19,
Alzheimer's Association of
Greater Michigan, Noelle Frost

Monday, February 25, 4:45 pm,
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

Tuesday, February 26, 6-8:00
pm, Eyeglass Recycling &
Dinner Meeting, Jamark Labs

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

Tuesday, March 5, To Be
Determined

Monday, March 11, 4:45 pm,
Bowling League, Northfield Lanes

Saturday, March 23, 11C1 District
Convention, Dominican Center at
Marywood (GR)

In Memory of *Richard “Dick” Dewes Boland* *August 2, 1933 – February 2, 2019*



Lion Richard “Dick” Boland, died Saturday, February 2, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in St. Louis, MO on August 2, 1933. He was 85 years old.

Lion Dick joined the Grand Rapids Lions Club in 2010, sponsored by Lion Lynn Francis. He served as a Director on the Board of Directors and participated in many club activities.

Dick was a 1951 graduate of St Louis University High School, received a B.S. in Commerce / Accounting from the University of Notre Dame in 1955. After 4 years in ROTC at Notre Dame, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S Air Force Reserves following graduation. He served from Oct. 19, 1955 to April 18, 1958 on active duty as an Air Force pilot and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant. He later obtained the rank of Captain in the Inactive Reserve and was honorably discharged in 1973.

Later, Dick earned an M.A. in Accounting from St. Louis University in 1964 and became a Certified Public Accountant. He worked for Touche Ross Accounting firm in St. Louis and Chagrin Falls, Ohio. In 1970, the family moved to Grand Rapids where he continued his career with Steelcase Inc. He retired in 1999 as the Director of Internal Audit Special Operations from Steelcase.

Dick maintained his pilot's license into his 80s and taught flying lessons in his retirement. The National Association of Flight Instructors recognized him in 2017 for 24 years of Service for Professional Flight Instruction. He was an avid golfer as a member of Egypt Valley Country Club, a boater and a model train hobbyist.

He and his future wife, Lorraine McClarin, met in St. Louis at a Junior Achievement event and eventually married June 25, 1955 in St. Louis. While serving in the Air Force, Richard and Lorraine relocated to Florida and Arizona, but eventually returned to St. Louis.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine, of 52 years, his brother Joseph Boland, sister-in-law Genevieve Boland and a daughter, Pamela Boland-Skinner. Richard is survived by his children, Michael Boland, James Boland, Carol Johnson, Jeanne Boland, John Boland, Deborah Boland, Nancy Kilcullen, Anne Irons, 16 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, neighbors, golf buddies, Notre Dame alums, fellow airplane enthusiasts and his loving friend, Joan Vyn who joined Dick at many Lion social events. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday February 9 at St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Parish,

Tuesday, February 19
Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan,
Noelle Frost

"The Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter was founded in 1981 around a kitchen table as a grassroots effort dedicated to supporting families struggling with Alzheimer's disease. That dedication is still at the heart of their services today that touches more than 180,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia and their families in Michigan." Headquartered in Southfield, it has offices that are geographically disbursed, including Grand Rapids.

Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities that are serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60 percent to 80 percent of dementia cases.

The Association states that, "Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging. The greatest known risk factor is increasing age, and most people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older. But, Alzheimer's is not just a disease of old age. Approximately 200,000 Americans under the age of 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease (also known as early-onset Alzheimer's)."

Alzheimer's worsens over time. It is a progressive disease, where dementia symptoms gradually worsen over several years. In its early stages, memory loss is mild, but with late-stage Alzheimer's, individuals lose the ability to carry on a conversation and respond to their environment. Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. On average, a person with Alzheimer's lives four to eight years after diagnosis, but can live as long as 20 years, depending on other factors.

Although current treatments cannot stop Alzheimer's from progressing, they can temporarily slow the worsening of dementia symptoms and improve quality of life for those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. There is a worldwide effort under way to find better ways to treat the disease, delay its onset, and prevent it from developing. For more information, call 1-800-272-3900 or go to www.alz.org.

Tuesday, February 26
Eyeglasses Recycling Project
6:00 – 8:00 pm, Jamark Labs
No Meeting at Noon at the University Club!

The Vision Mission Trip to Mexico will have returned from Mexico. So, work on recycling glasses for our next trip later this year will continue. This Eyeglass Recycling Session/Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, February 26 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 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

GVSU Dinner in the Dark Fundraiser

The GVSU Campus Lions Club will sponsor its annual Dinner in the Dark on Thursday, March 14, 2019 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at the Allendale Campus. It is a free spaghetti dinner, but as a fundraiser, donations will be essential and appreciated. As their biggest event of the year, many of our Lions are participated. So, bring your families and friends to have a great time! The guest speaker will be Dawn from Leader Dogs for the Blind. Please let Secretary Cheryl Anderson know if you are going to attend.

Location and directions will be forthcoming prior to the event.

Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – January through December 1977

As we celebrate 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 1977. (some editions missing)

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

- An annual January visit, Dr, Marvin DeVries, Dean of the Seidman College of Business at GVSU, presented his views for “Economic Prospects for 1976”.
- After lunch, the Lions boarded buses to and toured the new Gerald R. Ford's Health & Physical Education Center at GRJC.
- Once again, “arctic conqueror”, Tony Dauksza, talked about his explorations along the coast in Alaska. “An Eskimo at Spense Bay said, “You are the only white explorer that travels our country without Eskimo guides. His advice, ‘I wouldn’t recommend this trip to a tourist.”
- At a presentation on Ken-O-Sha Park School (visually handicapped), there were 12 children and 4 teachers & the Principal seated at various tables.
- Robert Bonner, Manager of the Better Business Bureau of Greater GR, talked about what the BBB does.

Economic-Political System Definitions

(compliments of Dr. Marvin DeVries, Professor,
Economics, Grand Valley State Colleges)

1. Socialism – You have two cows and give one to your neighbor.
2. Communism – You Have two cows. The Government takes both and **gives** you the milk.
3. Fascism – You have two cows. The Government takes both and sells you the milk.
4. Nazism – You have two cows. The Government takes both and shoots you.
5. New Frontierism – You have two cows. The Government takes both, shoots one, milks one and throws the milk away.
6. Great Societyism – You Have two Cows. The Government takes both, milks the cows, gives the milk to a foreign country, taxes you and fives the taxes to people who won't work.
7. Capitalism – You have two cows. You sell one and buy a Bull.

- Phil Runkel, GR School District Superintendent, showed a film about why a small mileage is needed and answered questions.
- Popular WOTV News Broadcaster, Suzanne Geha, talked about “Women in News”.
- The topic of “Private Higher Education” was presented by Dr, Norbert Hruby, President of Aquinas College.
- Chaplain Father Jim Fellows presented the Easter program, with the music by thee Aquinas College group, “Collegium Musicum.”
- District 11C-1 Governor Cliff Mattson talked about Lions activities in the district.
- Jerome Priebe, Vocational Coordinator at Kent Occupational High School, talked on “Training Retarded Children of High School Age.”
- The Girl’s All-City Basketball Team was honored at the April 19 Luncheon, with guest speaker, Karen Langeland, Head Coach of MSU’s Women’s Basketball.
- The Law Day speaker was Kent County Probate Judge, John Milanowski.
- A film produced by the American Security Council, “The Price of Peace and Freedom”, was presented by Al Preston. The “documentary film . . . depicting some of the Russian military strength and technology . . . was partially filmed in Russia with the approval of the government. Commentaries by top U.S. defense officials add to the credibility of the film.”
- Dan Paepke of the Christian Record Braille Foundation, which printed Braille materials for with schools for the blind, talked about his travels to schools and camps across the nation.
- The City High Boy’s baseball champions were guest at the Lions lunch. Aquinas College baseball coach, Terry Bocian spoke at the lunch.
- Ned Crouch, general manager of the GR Symphony Orchestra, talked about the symphony.
- Mrs. Orpha Galloway played and sang during our luncheon presentation.
- The fall schedule started off with a buffet lunch and the barbershop quartet, “The Fringe Benefit Quartet.
- Richard Bates, M.D., spoke on “How to Live to 100”.
- The recognized sports authority, WOTV’s Warren Reynolds, talked about the sports world.
- Robert Pew, Chairman & President of Steelcase talked about Steelcase and the office furniture industry.
- Ralph Childs spoke on the subject, “The Medicine Man had a Cure for Everything.”
- The film, Winter Olympics – 1976, was “a beautiful living color 27 minutes featuring surprising victories and outstanding personalities of the American Olympic Team.”
- On October 25, Richard De Vos, President of Amway, presented “The Amway Story.” He and Jay Van Andel formed Jay-Ri Corporation in 1949 “for the purpose of distributing products on a direct-sales basis.” In 1959, [he] founded the Amway Corporation with Mr. Van Andel . . . [it] manufactures over 150 household cleaning and personal care products, which are distributed through over 250,000 independent distributors in the United States [and elsewhere.]”
- Rickard Caulkins, President of GRJC, visited the Lions again to talk about the ”Junior College – A Dynamic Institution.”
- The Lions Club honored the City League Football Champions, the West Catholic High School, with a lunch and a talk by MSU Director of Athletics, Dr. Joseph Kearney.
- Lions Youth Exchange recipient, Mary Grant, and her father talked about the program on November 29.

- Dr. Alfred Swanson, a leading figure in orthopedics, and who practices at Mary Free Bed Hospital, talked about “Modern Methods of Replacing Worn-out Joints.”
- Pastor Fr. Jim Fellows presented the Christmas message again this year.

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

- Many thank you notes are regularly received by the Lions Club for the service of various kinds provided.
- Swart’s Wolves won the fall bowling championship, while Chuck Frost won the individual champions with a 182.
- Lion Robert and Carol Jonkoff were honored by the Kent County Association of Retarded Citizens.
- *The Silver Anniversary Celebration (1952-1977) of Welcome Homes for the Blind was celebrated at the Black and Silver Room in the Civic Auditorium.*
- White Cane Drive collections were on April 29 & 30 at Meijer Store on 28th & Kalamazoo and 6 Old Kent Bank locations
- The spring bowling season champions were Werp’s Hyenas with a record of 28 ½ - 16 ½. Evan’s Cougars were runners-up, 27 – 18. Ed Veneklase was the individual champion with a 185 average.
- The spring outing was at Boyne Mountain on June 16-19, 1977.
- The Lions State Convention was held May 20-22 at the Pantlind Hotel.
- The induction of officers on Tuesday, June 21, installed President Howie Wooldridge, James Muir as 1st VP and Judge Dale Stoppels as 2nd VP.
- Lions Jim Cochran and Jerry Hotelling attended the LCI Convention in New Orleans, representing our Lions Club and Welcome Home for the Blind. “We were greeted by hot, muggy summertime temperatures” and took a cab to the Fairmont Hotel where they were staying. After unpacking, “ we decided to immediately go to the Superdome and then head on to the float company to see our Welcome Home float for the first time . . . across the Mississippi in a semi-industrial area . . . through many warehouses that housed all the floats for Mardi Gras. Our first glimpse of the Welcome Home float was much too big. It looked like a castle or four or five story building, rather than a one-story house. We immediately let the people know our dissatisfaction . . . a man was brought over, and he said he would make some changes by parade time the next morning. The next morning was the largest parade that ever marched in New Orleans . . . and the largest convention. “
- (LCI Convention continued) The next day “About halfway through into the business section . . . announced that the first prize went to Michigan 11 C-2 float, which was a Carousel Circle of Lionism, and then Sorbel announced the second prize, Welcome Home for the Blind. Jerry and I both sat there in total amazement, even too happy to do any applauding . . . Friday night’s entertainment . . . was very well done, a program made up of New Orleans Jazz, high-lighted by Pete Fountain and a tight rope aerial act and a girl on a trapeze . . . ***It was truly a great convention and I recommend to every Lions that they should at least attend one convention to get a true feeling of Lionism and the true scope of what Lionism is doing throughout the world.***”
- The four summer golf-dinner outings were at these country clubs: Greenridge, Elks, Silver Lake and Lincoln.
- The 1976 “Scout-a-rama” funds of \$4,500 were released to the Boy Scouts.
- The Fred Waring Show on Wednesday, November 9 was to benefit Welcome once again. It was a sell-out, with net proceeds of \$8,012.52 benefiting Welcome Home for the Blind.
- Ladies night was on Saturday, December 3, featuring the big band sound.
- The Salvation Army Lion bell-ringers were at their posts on Friday, December 16.
- Did you know that Lions throughout Michigan transported eyes to the MI Eye Bank at the U of M for transplantation?

Other Lion News

Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation & Second Century Success Campaign: The Second Century Success campaign continues. *We urge you to **donate or pledge for any amount**, so we can achieve 100% member participation.* As of this issue of the newsletter, donations / pledges have reached \$192,275. **Thirty (30) members** of eighty-nine (89) members have made pledges.

Please direct questions about the campaign to Kim Gary at kimgary55@gmail.com or 616-291-5438 (mobile) or to Pat Mullen at: pmullen@mullencoins.com or 616-272-4402 (mobile).

Lions District 11-C1 Convention: Mark your Calendars! The District 11-C1 will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Since it will be held at Dominican Center at Marywood at 2025 Fulton Street East in Grand Rapids, it is your chance to experience a district convention without having to drive too far.

Lion Member Yard Signs: Have you picked up your yard sign yet? As part of a Lions District initial to celebrate 100 years of Lionism, our club wants every member to have a sign to display in his or her yard to help us celebrate the 100th anniversary of our own Club.

The signs read (across the top) “A Proud LION lives here!” with the “Lions logo” in the middle and (across the bottom) “www.Lions100years.com.” The signs are one-sided, weatherproof plastic yard signs with aluminum stakes. We have them stored and available at the Eyeglass Recycling Center. So, volunteer to help recycle eyeglasses and pick up your sign at the Recycling Center at the same time.