



# 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**

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

**Tuesday, March 5, Thought on**  
**the Vision Mission Trip to**  
**Izamal, Mexico**

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

**Tuesday, February 12, Getting**  
**the Truth – I am D.B. Cooper,**  
**Joe Koenig**

Thursday, March 14, 630-9:00 pm,  
GVSU Lions' **Dinner in the Dark**  
**Fundraiser**, Allendale Campus

**Sunday, March 17, Happy Saint**  
**Patrick's Day!**

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

**Note:** The Recycling Center is open  
every Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
from September through May

## **Tuesday, March 5** **Thoughts on the Vision Mission Trip** **To Izamal, Mexico**

Last month on February 12 -19, the vision mission team traveled to Izamal, Mexico to screen resident's eyes, identify prescriptions and provide eyeglasses which matched as close as possible to the prescriptions. Team members will offer their thoughts about its success.

Amore complete report of this mission trip will be reported soon as the 3<sup>rd</sup> part about Eyeglass Recycling Program. As you may recall the first two parts described how the program began and functions, followed in part 2 describing the mission trip to Jamaica.

## **Tuesday, March 12** **Getting the Truth – I am D.B. Cooper",** **Joe Koenig**

Our speaker has authored many articles and the award-winning book, "Getting the Truth." The book is about reading between the lines, distinguished truth from deception and learning to sculpt your questions to get the truth. In his new book, Getting the Truth – "I am D.B. Cooper," released in January 2019, he applies his investigative experience and forensic linguistics expertise to identify Walt Reza as the real D.B. Cooper.

Joel Koenig has talked to us previously. He retired from the Michigan State police after 26 years and has over 50 years of investigative experience in both the public and private sectors. He was the lead investigator on the James R. Hoffa case, and investigated homicides, financial crimes, narcotics, and public corruption. He is Past President of the Michigan FBI National Academy Associates and is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and a Forensic Linguist. He holds a BS in Accounting from Wayne State University and a Master's in Public Administration

from Eastern Michigan University. He now owns and operates KMI Investigations in Western Michigan, specializing in financial fraud investigations.

### **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 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Kirkhof Center, Room 2204 Pere Marquette, at the Allendale Campus**. It is a free spaghetti dinner, but as a fundraiser, donations will be essential and appreciated. Adding to the experience, those who wish to partake will be blindfolded while attempting to eat their spaghetti dinners to simulate the everyday life of a sight impaired individual.



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, who will be shedding a light on the sight impaired community.

Please let Secretary Cheryl Anderson know if you are planning to attend: ([andersoc@gvsu.edu](mailto:andersoc@gvsu.edu) or 616-443-1995).

### **District 11-C1 Convention**

This year, the District 11-C1 Convention is a 1-day convention, March 23. It is at the Dominican Center at Marywood, 2025 Fulton Street, East Grand Rapids MI 49503. The Welcome Session is at 9:00 am. There is plenty of parking available.

The deadline for reservations to the convention is March 13. The Registration Fee is \$12, which will be paid by our club for members. You should contact our Secretary, Cheryl Anderson, to register so that you can vote at the business meeting in the afternoon ([andersoc@gvsu.edu](mailto:andersoc@gvsu.edu) or 616-443-1995). Meals are separate and are the responsibility of the member. Lunch is \$20, and Dinner is \$37). For the full day, (\$45), the registration fee is included (a much better deal). After March 13, an additional Late fee of \$20 will be charged.

Our convention will feature International Director Tom and Gillian Gordon from Canada as honored guests. I.D. Gordon will be speaking to us at the luncheon and a short speech at dinner on Campaign 100. We are also pleased I.D. Gordon has agreed to put on a seminar to help us with the new Lions International Website: My LCI and the My Lion app. There will also be several breakout sessions to pick from concerning diabetes screening and vision issues related to diabetes.

Dress code is Lion attire (club, service or Lion event shirt - casual), please no blue jeans. The District is asking clubs or individuals Lions to donate an item to our silent auction. The funds raised by the auction help reduce the overall fees that we must charge to attend. Bring a guest and show them the fun we have at conventions but also the heart of a Lion and the service we do.

Hope to see you there,

11-C1 Convention Committee: DG Greg Wehby, Lion Cheryl Anderson, Convention Chair, Cabinet Secretary Deb Davis, IPDG Julie May, Lion Dianna Robach.

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## **Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – January through December 1978**

*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 1978. (some editions missing)*

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

- Lexie Coxon, Acting President of Jordan College, talked about the growth of the college from a small church-owned institution to a nondenominational college. It would be geared “toward working class students who tend to have different needs than those who attend the more traditional liberal arts colleges.
- Two great local actors, Fred Sebulske and Jeralyn Pinsky, performed a selection from Pygmalion.
- Isabelle Starkey Nichols talked about how “90% of hearing-impaired individuals can be helped either medically – using operative procedures when necessary – or with a hearing aid. Among men, vanity is the great deterrent to wearing an aid.”
- Abe Drasin, Mayor of Grand Rapids, spoke about the state of the City.
- Wives of the Lions were invited to a special Valentine’s Day luncheon, serenaded by the Salt & Pepper Choir of Ottawa Hills High School.
- Speaking on banking was Standford “Chuck” Stoddard, President of Michigan National Corporation.
- Teacher Anne Smith, Ken-O-Sha School for VI Children, was “the only school in Kent County with a pre-school and infant blind program.” Until 1976, the VI students were housed at Brookside Elementary School.
- James Muldoon, MD, a colo-rectal surgeon practicing a Ferguson Clinic, talked about his profession.
- For the Easter Meditation, Rev. Tom Zollman shared a message, followed by the Central Christian Church Choir.
- Speaking about the Boy Scouts was Bruce Parsons, a local attorney and current President of the West Michigan Shores Council of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Lion Harold Tamblin, courtesy of Travelers Insurance Company, presents a film about the 1977 Master’s Golf Tournament.
- On April 11, the Lions honored the Grand Rapids High School Girls’ All City Basketball Team at our luncheon, with guest speaker Joan Boand, Head Woman’s Basketball Coach at GVSU.
- MI Attorney General, Frank Kelly, spoke to the Lions on April 25 for Law Day.
- Peter Cook, President of Import Motors, Inc., told “The Import Motors Story.”
- Fire buff and professional column writer, Joseph Crump, described some of his columns, “Lowdown”, taken from congressional records and his experiences about fires.
- Kent County Director of Aeronautics, Robert Ross, talked about the development of the Kent County Airport.
- The Salvation Army Brass Assembly played at the Lions first meeting of the fall.
- “The wonderful world of magic recently turned a delightful trick of one of its devotees, former math instructor June Horowitz” as she performed close-up illusions for the Lions at the September 12 meeting.
- International Lions Clubs President, Ralph Lynam, was our Club’s guest at lunch on September 19, 1979. He is a member of the St. John’s Lions Club and President/owner of a public accounting and computer systems firm. At the time, he was a Lion for 28 years and had perfect attendance.
- GR Press columnist Gerald Elliot spoke on “The Case of the Sluggish Semi-colon” or “My 37 Years in the Media Trenches”.
- Blind pianist, Jim Stoner, performed for the Lions’ luncheon on October 10.
- Candidates for the 5<sup>th</sup> District of the US Congress, Harold Sawyer and Dale Sprik, faced off at the Lions Club luncheon on October 24.

- Victor Hawn, District 11C-1 Youth Exchange Chairman, talked about the Lion's Youth Exchange Program and introduced Miss Adriana Berti, an Exchange student from Santa Lucia, Uruguay and brought greetings with the Santa Lucia Lions Club.
- Phyllis Danielson, President of the Kendall School of Design, talked about the school and its future.
- Carolyn Haas, Director of Welcome Home for the Blind, updated the members on activities at the Home.
- Pastor Fr. Jim Fellows gave the Thanksgiving Meditation, followed by The GR Christian High School Cappella Choir.
- The City League Football Champions, the Catholic Central and Creston football teams (a tie) were honored at lunch by the Lions.
- Bernie Gilliland, 11C-1 District Governor, updated the members on the activities of the district.
- Rev. Tom Zollman, presented the Christmas message, followed by the Salt & Pepper of Ottawa Choir Hills High School.

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

- Chesser's Gorillas were champions of the fall bowling half, with a record of 30-15. Ed Veneklase edged our Jerry Wisneski for the individual champions, with an average of 184.71 vs. 184.
- The White Cane Drive was on April 21 & 22 in 1978.
- Swart's Wolves were bowling Champions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the year, sporting a record of 29-13. Jerry Wisneski won the individual championship with an average of 182 pins.
- Based on a new Lions program of the Lions Clubs of America, a new program addressing hearing & speech disorders has started. This year, the GR Lions Club established a program which has continued, in various forms, until today.
- Eighteen Lions gave at least 2 hours of service, testing eyes, in the District 11C-1 Sightmobile parked in front of the Pantlind Hotel.
- The '78 Scouting Expo was a great success.
- The summer golf-dinner outings were at these country clubs: Green Ridge, Elks, Silver Lake & Deer Run (first timer).
- The Fred Waring Show netted the Lions and Welcome Home, \$7,199.42.
- The Annual Ladies Night Christmas Party was on Saturday, December 2 at the Pantlind. Couples danced to the tunes of the River City Jazz Band.

## 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.

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).

**Lion Member Yard Signs:** Have you picked up your yard sign yet? As part of a Lions District initial to celebrate

### Happy Birthday To March Lions

Philip Wood	March 3
Joshua Thorp	March 8
James Baird	March 18
Ann Zoellner	March 27



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 100<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

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