



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, April 1, 4:45 pm, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes

**Tuesday, April 2, State of the
Economy, Paul Isely, Ph.D.**

Monday, April 8, 4:45 pm, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes

**Tuesday, April 9, Business
Killers, Ed Thauer**

Thursday, April 11, 6-9:00 pm,
Blind Dinner Date, The B.O.B.

Monday, April 15' 4:45 pm, Bowling
League, Northfield Lanes

*Watch for Ballots
to Vote for Lions Directors*

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

100th Anniversary - Grand Rapids Lions Club

Tuesday, April 2 Economic Outlook, Paul Isely, Ph.D.

For today's program, Dr. Paul Isely, will be giving his perspective on the economic outlook for Grand Rapids, the nation as a whole and the shape of the global economy.

Dr. Isely is currently the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs in the Seidman College of Business at Grand Valley State University. He joined the GVSU faculty in 1995, after earning his Ph.D. in Economics from Purdue University. He also holds an M.S. in Economics from Purdue University and a dual B.S. in Physics and Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

His research and teaching interests include firm/country level innovation, environmental economics, macroeconomics, technology development and regional forecasting. He is active in the community, including Gilda's Club, the Financial Planning Association and appointments to Kent County and State Commissions and Committees. He was also deeply involved in establishing the annual "Health Trends", which analyzes this area's trends in health indices, health occupations and health economics.

Tuesday, April 9 Business Killers, Ed Thauer

Our presenter and current Lions Club President, Edwin W. Thauer, Jr., is President and founder of Design Underwriting, Inc. He will discuss "Business Killers", that could damage your business through 6 short vignettes, such as succession planning and so forth.

Ed has been involved in the financial services and insurance profession for over 39 years. He is past president of Western Michigan Estate Planning Council, past president of Western Michigan Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals, and a licensed life insurance counselor in the state of Michigan. He is listed in Who's Who In The United States. His focus includes: financial planning along with executive compensation planning, estate preservation planning, retirement plans, employee benefit plans for all types of business. Ed spends a considerable amount of time in seminars which concentrate on these studies.

Blind Dinner Date – 14th Anniversary Thursday, April 11 You Can Still Make Reservations

Too often, and without thought, we take our vision for granted. Through the Blind Dinner Date, we raise funds to provide:

- Eye care to all ages through the GR Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health, including children with special needs, and
- Rehabilitation services to individuals with visual impairment or blindness through the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired.

Happy Birthday for April Lions

Matt Hulswit	April 2
Scott Embree	April 6
Craig Maghielse	April 9
Diana Bergquist	April 15
Jean Kraai	April 18
Gail Junod	April 24
Jacqueline Smart	April 24



This year, the event will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the B.O.B. in downtown Grand Rapids. Join the Lions, sponsors and other guests for a dinner with drinks, dinner and a program by guest speaker, Dr. Tom Gardner of the Kellogg Eye Center, University of Michigan. For a change of pace, he is scheduled to give a synopsis of several exciting opportunities of research activities.

Sponsorships are available at various participation levels: Title, Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze. For more information and reservations, please contact Benjamin Eavey at 616-719-9799 or Rick Stevens at 616-458-1187.

Individual tickets are \$75 each or a table of 8 for \$600. You can pay by check, made out to the Grand Rapids Lions Club, and mail the reservation form and check to ABVI, 4556 Cherry Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Will There Be a White Cane Drive This Year?

(Commentary by your Editor) Why is the White Cane Drive important? It serves to increase visibility for the Lions and our Club and collects funds to help visually-impaired kids afford special eye glasses and others who often have many other challenges. We assist in this way to help these kids to develop their full potentials at Ken-O-Sha, which serves the entire county's children. There is no cost to the families who are eligible for these eyeglasses

Every year in the recent past, finding enough volunteers has been a daunting task. The Lions Club used to staff 2 or 3 locations. Now, we are down to one – the Wal-Mart on Alpine. We thank those Lions who have served year after year. But, the staff from Ken-O-Sha and the KISD, which runs the program, has always helped, more so in recent years. While there is a mail campaign to raise funds,

the Lions need to help Chair Don Jakel by signing up – *IF* we continue to have the public portion of the White Cane Drive.

The White Cane Drive **may take place** on Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4. Stay tuned for more information, Contact Lion Don Jakel (donaldjakel@aol.com or (616) 891-8690) to volunteer or for more information.

Choose Your Coast Raffle

Spring offers you the chance for a trip for two to New York, San Francisco, Miami or Seattle. *Choose Your Coast Raffle* is a fund raiser for the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI). It includes airfare, four days, three nights with hotel. Last year, one of our own members won the lucky draw.

It's your opportunity to purchase a 2019 raffle ticket (or many tickets) to travel to one of the great cities along the coasts of our great land. Tickets are still only \$20 each, or 6 for \$100. Only 600 tickets will be sold! The drawing will be held on June 7, 2018. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Please contact Lion Rick Stevens at ABVI to order your ticket(s): rstevens@abvimichigan.org or 616-458-1187 or (Raffle License: R51470)

Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club – January through December 1980

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 1980. (some editions missing)

The Music Machine

At one of the luncheons, "The Younger Generation" from the Stocking Street School presented "The Music Machine." Their message to the Lions:

"We are 'The Younger Generation Choir' and we feel privileged to entertain you. We are accompanied by the piano, bass, guitars and drums, We present MUFFIN and MULLIGAN and the MARVELOUS, MAGICALMUSIC MACHINE. MFFF& MULLIGAN are a couple of darling marionette with 'love problems.' The MUSIC MACHI is am 'electronic gadget' with most of the answers."

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

- Dr Marvin De Vries, Dean of Seidman College of Business and Administration, spoke on "Will the Price of Bread Keep Rising?"
- Ronald Dykstra made a presentation about the "Present and Future of Junior Achievement."
- Matt McLogan, with WOTV, Channel 8 at that time, presented "Emphasis on 1980 Elections – Nominations for President – Democratic and Republican." [Now with GVSU]
- William Walling, Jr., spoke on "Coal – Energy White-Knight or Dirty Villain." [Have times changed much?]
- Once again, Tony Dauksza, Alaskan Explorer, entertained the Lions with "Adventures in the Far North."
- Robert Ross, Kent County Director of Aeronautics for 13 years, talked about the "The Evolution in the Air Transportation Industry"
- The Lions honored the Woman's All-City High School Basketball Team and West Catholic High School Woman's

Basketball Team, which were the 1979 Class B Champions.

- The following week, the Lions honored the Men's City High School Basketball Champions.

- Our Congressional Representative, Harold Sawyer, reported on Washington government activities.
- Commodore Fisher spoke of the “Background on Present Iranian Situation” and the factors leading up to it. The speaker was very knowledgeable, having lived and worked as the Principal for two high schools in Iran for 34 years.
- Board member of the MI Eye Bank, Richard De Wildt, spoke about the work of the eye bank. He also was a Hudsonville Lion and the District 11 C-1 GR Eye Bank Sub-Station.
- Dr. Gil Davis, State Chairman of the ACLU spoke on, “Who Needs the ACLU.”
- Professor Ronald Wells, Calvin College, spoke on “The Christian Conflict in Northern Ireland.”
- Lt. Colonel Kathleen Zehm of the Salvation Army spoke about its 100th Anniversary of Service in the United States,
- The first meeting of the fall was at the Masonic Temple on the 3rd floor ballroom.
- James Blankenship, Regional Manager for the Grand Rapids Post Office and 162 additional West MI Post Offices, spoke about their operation. He has responsibility for the activities of 2,500 employees.
- Casey Wondergem, Jr., Corporate Public Relations Officers for Amway, talked about his work and community involvement.
- Candidates for the 3rd District Representative for the US House of Representatives, Dale Sprike and Rep. Harold Sawyer, spoke at successive meetings in October 1980.
- Nuclear Programs Analyst, Darrell Lankford, spoke to the Lions. He was with Consumers Energy.
- Grand Rapids Mayor, Abe Drasin, talked about the what is happening in the City.
- Francis Peirce, Deputy Chief of the Police for Grand Rapids, spoke on Congressional Medal of Honor for a Veterans Day Program.
- Tom Taibter, The Chimney Sweep, spoke about “Making Wood Burning Safer.”

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

- Knappe’s Rhinos (31 ½ - 13 1/2) were the Champions for the 1st half of bowling, followed by Swarts’ Wolves. Ed Veneklase was the individual Champion with an average score of 193.
- Jerry & Helen Hotelling were honored in the Nuda Veritas for bringing the Fred Waring Show to Grand Rapids for 17 straight years as a fund raiser for Welcome Home for the Blind.
- Lions volunteered to raise funds for public television – WGVC-TV Channel 34.
- The 2nd Annual Los Vegas Night took place on April 26 to benefit The Visually Handicapped and Hearing Impaired.
- The 60th Anniversary of the GR Lions Club took place at Gerribees II on Saturday, May 17, 1979.
- Starr’s Hippos (28 ½ - 16 ½) were the bowling Champions for the second half, with Ed Veneklase once again winning the individual Championship with an average of 200 pins.
- The summer golf-dinner outings were at these country clubs: Green Ridge, Elks, Silver Lake & Forest Hills.
- The Lions raised a net of \$6,700 for the Boy Scout-A-Rama for the Boy Scouts.
- Hannah Floral starts its second century of operations which has been owned by Lion Keith Crittenden.

Other Lion News

Drive for Vision: Mark your calendars! The annual Drive for Vision will take place on Monday, June 17, 2019 at Quail Ridge Golf Course. You can play or your company can be a sponsor (various levels). For reservations, sponsorship or more information, contact Kyle Travis at 616-224-1559 or travis.kd@gmail.com.

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 or 616-291-5438 (mobile) or to Pat Mullen at: 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 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.