



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, April 30, 6-8:00 pm,
Eyeglass Recycling & Dinner
Meeting, Jamark Labs**

Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4,
Volunteer for the **White Cane
Drive**, Alpine Wal-Mart

**Tuesday, May 7, Girl Scouts,
Barbara Hill**

**Tuesday, May 14, High School
Student Recognition Day**

**Tuesday, May 21, Beer City Dog
Biscuits, Suzanne Wilcox &
Leslie Hooker**

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day:

**Tuesday, May 28, 6-8:00 pm,
Eyeglass Recycling & Dinner
Meeting, Jamark Labs**

100th Anniversary - Grand Rapids Lions Club

Tuesday, April 30

Eyeglasses Recycling Project

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Jamark Labs

No Meeting at Noon at the University Club!

Five more Tuesday nights before the summer eyeglasses recycling break. Let's get a lot of Lion volunteers and their friends to work on the recycling process before June. After that, the next scheduled workday will be Tuesday, September 3.

The Eyeglass Recycling Session/Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, April 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. 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

Tuesday, April 23

Girl Scouts, Barbara Hill

The Girl Scouts began more than 100 years ago. On March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low organized the first Girl Scout troop. "The Girl Scouts now have more than 1.7 million girls and 750,000 adults who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker,

Leader) to change the world.” The Girl Scouts build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

The Girl Scouts is a separate organization from the Boy Scouts of America. However, they are definitely still scouts and has the programming, research and experience to give girls the support they need in today's world.



Girl Scout Promise:

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

In 2004, the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore is a council that was formed from the realignment process initiated by GSUSA in 2004. In 2008, four Girl Scout regions merged to form this council which stretched north from Allegan & Kent counties. On August 1, 2008, Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore was officially created from the merging together of Crooked Tree (based in Traverse City), Michigan Pine & Dunes (based in Muskegon), Michigan Trails (based in Grand Rapids) and a portion of Mitten Bay (with an office in Gaylord).



Barbara Hill will join us today to talk about the Girl Scouts. She became the CEO of the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore Council in 2015, bringing her years of scouting experience with her. She most recently served as the CEO for the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio. She has also served as the CEO of the Girl Scouts Overseas-West Pacific for five years and, earlier in her career lived in Michigan and served as the CEO of the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay for four years.

Barbara is currently serving on the GSUSA Convention Action Committee, as well as the United Way of Summit County's Women United Steering Committee, serving as the Advocacy Chair. In addition, she has been a panelist at Western Case Reserve University in the Weatherhead School of Management and the NASA Glenn Research Center, served as the President/CEO for the Michigan Women's Foundation, the Vice President of Institutional Advancement for Marygrove College and She has been a college trustee, adjunct faculty, board member and a facilitator of national conferences.

White Cane Drive 2019, May 3rd & 4th Call to Volunteer!

The White Cane Drive will take place on Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4. This year, the fundraising continues to be at one location, the Walmart Store on Alpine. Our club will concentrate our "people resources" at the Alpine Walmart on both days.

We still need volunteers – either Lions or others who want *To Serve* to collect funds to help visually-impaired kids afford special eye glasses and others who often have many other challenges. We need to help these kids to develop their full potentials at Ken-O-Sha. There is no cost to the families who are eligible for these eyeglasses

Sign-up at the meetings or contact Lion Don Jakel (donaldjakel@aol.com or (616) 891-8690). Your fellow Lions need your help, even for an hour (perhaps 2 or 3) to solicit donations. If you have questions, please contact Lion Don. Thanks to all those who have volunteer! (*next page for schedule*)

Location	Day	Times (1 or more 1-hour shifts)
Walmart – Alpine NW	Friday, May 3rd	2:30-3:30, 3:30-4:30, 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, 6:30-7:30
	Saturday, May 4th	9-10:00, 10-11:00, 11-12:00 12-1:00, 1-2:00

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 1982 through December 1983

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 1982 through December 1983. (some editions missing)

The Tuesday weekly luncheons return to the Pantlind Hotel, now renamed the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel after it was remodeled. Here is a selection of the programs:

- Curator of The Ford Museum, William Jones, spoke to the lines 4 months after it opened. Later that year, he gave us the opportunity to tour the museum.
- Rev. Thomas Donaldson spoke about The Silent World of the Deaf." He became interested in working with the deaf while in college and learned sign language. He worked at St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee.
- Chief of Police William Hegarty described the activities of the police department.
- Alaskan adventurer, Tony Dauksza, visited the club once more. This time, his presentation was, "After the Northwest Passage – What! Just Fishing".
- Affiliate artist-in-residence, baritone Stephen Dickson of the Metropolitan Opera, presented an informal concert.

Did you know about "The Blind Calder"?

(Nuda Veritas article – November 16, 1982)

"A permanent feature of our Calder Plaza can be found near the south-east corner of the Plaza alongside Ottawa Avenue [between the Plaza & 5/3 parking ramp. It is a 1/23rd scale-model] of the Alexander Calder Stabile with every curve, brace, and rivet head available to your touch. The model in bronze is mounted on a marble pedestal with bronze plates on its side describing the physical dimensions of the 'Calder' in English and in Braille. With this model, our visually-impaired people can grasp the immensity and contours of our famous Calder, just as we take it in sight and become used to its proportions as a matter-of-fact."

The 1/23-sized model, approved by Calder, was created by Keeler Brass in 1976 and paid for Mike & Mary Ann Keeler.

“His Story” Lion David Mandel

On September 28, 1982, Lion David Mandel told “His Story” about his family at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

“Our own Lion, David Mandel, has spent the better part of his life trying to forget his experiences as a young boy when his three brothers, a sister, mother, grandparents, uncle and aunts were gassed in the Auschwitz crematorium,”

“You know David as you see him at our meetings, but there is another side, # A-9328, indelibly imprinted on his arm. After thirty-five years of silence, he now understands why the holocaust should be revealed to all who will listen. While the memories are painful to recall, he feels a responsibility to reveal the atrocities that took place in the concentration camps in which he was incarcerated.”

“David cannot possibly tell all in the time allotted to him. Look forward to one of the outstanding programs of the year. You may wish to consider bringing guests.”

An interview in 1996 with David by the “Shoah Visual History Foundation” can be found at its website. A short excerpt from this interview can be found by searching the internet, ‘David Mandel, Grand Rapids MI’.

guest speaker at the Lions meeting which honored Grand Rapids high school students for their academic accomplishments.

- “Rescue Mission” was the topic of Lt. Jim De Voss, U.S.A.F. (Ret.). “. . . In a Vietnam bombing mission, his plane was hit by ground fire. A film documentary by the Air Force was made of his crash. Jim was elected from his plane by 5½ pounds of dynamite under his seat. Hear how he broke many bones but not the spirit or great love of America – a true American hero.”
- “The Reorganization of AT&T was presented by Doug Ross.
- The Grand Rapids Symphony Brass Quintet played at the meeting on November 29.
- Rev. James Fellows, Lions Club Chaplain, gave our Christmas program, followed by Susan Roh, local vocalist who sang a medley of popular and unusual holiday pieces.

- The 1981-82 City Boys Basketball team, Creston High School, was honored at our meeting. Aquinas Athletic Director, Jerry Bocian, was the guest speaker.
- L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Prosecutor, was our guest speaker for Law Day.
- “Socialism, Sweden and Us” was the topic of a presentation by George Trowbridge. He had worked for the Swedish Trade Bank in Stockholm for three years after graduating from the Universities of MI and Stockholm.
- State Senator Stephen Monsma addressed the Lions.
- Robert Pew, Chairman and President of Steelcase, addressed the members about the “National Year of Disabled Persons.”
- In 1983, the first January program was “The Economic Picture for the New Year” by Dr. Marvin DeVries of GVSU. He was a presenter for many years.
- James Knack, GR’s City Planner, talked about “The Future of Grand Rapids.”
- P. J. Weber, Magician and future Lion, performed “magic” for us.
- In February 1983, a Special Musical Program was presented GR Symphony musician – Holly Marble, Bernice Mrozinski and David Thompson.
- GR Civic Theater actors, Michael Page and Jeralyn Pinsky performed excerpts from the play, “Plaza Suites”.
- On March 15, the Irish folk music group, “Banshee”, performed for St. Patrick’s Day.
- Our new chaplain, Captain Melvin James (Salvation Army) presented our Easter program, followed by “the Joyful Noise”, a “unique musical group . . . of children and young adults who have special needs and their teachers.”
- Once again, the Masters Tournament Golf Film for the previous year was shown.
- “The World of Petroleum” was presented by Thomas Cordell, Executive Director of the MI Petroleum Association.
- The “Law Day” presentation was given by the Honorable Thomas Brennan, former Chief Justice of the MI Supreme Court.
- For the second year in a row, Mayor Abe Drasin was our

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

- On January 5, 1982, the Lions Club “returned ‘home’ to the only place we knew for the first sixty years of our club’s existence. After a year at Lako’s Dry Dock and 8 months at the Masonic Temple, we are home again. What a change! And what a home!”
- “Brigadoon” presented by the Civic Theatre was a fund raiser for our charities, raising \$250.
- An informal Birthday Party was held at St. Cecilia’s Hall for our pianist, Jean Miller.
- Summer golf/dinner outings continued in both 1992 & 1993 at these country clubs: Green Ridge, Silver Lake, Deer Run & Forest Hills.
- An orange-grapefruit sale was held as a fund raiser in both 1982 & 1983.
- 21 Thanksgiving baskets were delivered by Lions in 1983.
- In May 1983, the first “Lions Spring Carnival”, co-sponsored by the City. was held on the Monroe Mall. [Yes, it was a mall then.]
- Lion Judge John Letts was honored at the *Giants Banquet* by “presented the *Floyd Skinner Justice Award* for his achievement in the judicial system.” In recognizing him, they said, “Letts serves as a positive role model for young blacks interested in the legal field.”
- For the second half in 1982-83, the bowling Champions were Magennis’s Kangaroos with a record of 32½ - 12½. The individual Champion for the highest average score was Chris Kock with a 188 average.
- During FY 1992-93, the Club donated over \$33,000 to charity and other non-profit causes.
- Lion Robert Jamo was a candidate for mayor in 1983.
- In the fall 1983, the first tennis outing was held for our members and wives.
- History was made in our Club’s history in the fall of 1983 when “the wives of Lions decided to apply for a Lions International Certificate of Organization as the Grand Rapids Lioness Club.” It was approved by LCI and the Lioness Club was established. Lioness [& now Lion] Kathy O’Bee was its first President.



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.

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.

Happy Birthday To Our May Lions!



Paul Sullivan	May	3
Jim Kaiser	May	7
Paul Lytikaninen	May	23
Edwin Thauer	May	24
Kathryn Oberlin	May	27
Jeffery Kraai	May	28
Anna Clifford	May	30

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