



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
(except during the summer)**

Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day:
Celebrate the mothers in your life!

**Tuesday, May 14, 12:00 Noon,
High School Student
Recognition Day, Lion Ryan
Smith**

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

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day:
Reflect on those people who died
for our country.

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

Wednesday, June 12, 6:00 – 8:20
pm, Grand Rapids Lions Club
Annual Meeting: Guest Presenter –
GR Mayor Roselynn Bliss

Monday, June 17, 32nd Annual
Drive for Vision Golf Fundraiser

100th Anniversary - Grand Rapids Lions Club

Tuesday, May 14

Grand Rapids Student Recognition Day,

Lion Ryan Smith

(Starts at Noon)

The annual Grand Rapids Lions Club's Student Recognition Day is a long-standing tradition. Originally, the Lions recognized only the boys' championship teams in football, basketball and baseball. Beginning around the 1970's, girls' basketball teams and all-stars began to be recognized. At today's meeting, Grand Rapids area senior students will be recognized for their accomplishments in school and in the community. We will celebrate their achievements in the 21st year in this format that recognized over-all abilities and achievements.

Each school's leadership selects two students based on the student's all-round contribution during high school, not just in sports or academic achievement, but also for their leadership, and school & community involvement. The principal or guidance counselor from each school will typically present the students. Parents and Superintendents are invited and may attend.

Nine Grand Rapids high schools will be represented:

☆ Grand Rapids Public High Schools:

- Central
- City
- Ottawa
- Union

☆ Catholic High Schools: Central and West

☆ East Grand Rapids High School

☆ Christian High School

Students will receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Grand Rapids Lions Club and a gift certificate from Schuler Books, paid for jointly by the bookstore and the Lions Club. Pictures will be taken. **Lion Ryan Smith** organized this event again.

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

Beer City Dog Biscuits is a non-profit organization dedicated to crafting delicious and nutritious and nutritious dog treats. Beyond this, its core mission is to empower the disabled through the creation of their dog biscuits.

"Each treat is hand-made and packaged with care by our Brew Bakers, a team of disabled adults who are the core of our company's culture and business process." The process is intended to help the "Brew Bakers" develop skills at every step of the process. 100% of donations and sales are re-invested into their mission to support disabled adults in their personal and professional growth.

Beer City Dog Biscuits was founded in 2018 by Tod & Suzanne Wilcox and David & Leslie Hooker on behalf of their adult sons, both of whom have disabilities. The business is tailored to meet the unique abilities of each volunteer and employee to enable them to participate in all aspects of the business. Their founders say on the website, "We believe all people, regardless of their abilities, enrich our community. Those with disabilities are essential; without their presence in our workplaces, neighborhoods, and churches, our community is incomplete."



32nd Annual Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Drive for Vision
Monday, June 17, 2019

The 32th Annual Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Drive for Vision Charity Golf Outing is on Monday, June 17, 2019. The event will be at the Quail Ridge Golf Club, 8375 36th Street SE, Ada, MI. This event benefits our two largest charities: Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI) and Cherry Health's Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic, plus a small share going to the Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation.

The day starts off with Registration/Lunch at 11:30 am, followed by golf with a Shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$200/ player or \$800.00/ foursome (50% is a tax-deductible charitable donation). The title sponsor is Grand Rapids Ophthalmology. There are many events during the day, including four-person-scramble, hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin, skins game, raffle prizes and dinner afterward (where you can collect any awards that you won).

You can sign up to register to play or become a sponsor by going to the Grand Rapids Lions Club Website and clicking on the Drive for Vision logo. If you don't have a foursome, you will be matched up with other "non-foursome" members.

More information, reservations or sponsorships, contact **Lion Kyle Travis** (travis.kd@gmail.com or (616) 635-4242). *The Committee says it's going to be beautiful day!*

Choose Your Coast Raffle

Time is growing short for you to buy raffle tickets for a 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)

Teams	Wins	Losses
Tigers	41 ½	18 ½
Wildcats	33 ½	26 ½
Cougars	29 ½	30 ½
Bears	29 ½	30 ½
Kangaroos	27 ½	32 ½
Rhinos	18 ½	41 ½

Bowling Champions – The Tigers: Pam Gary, Rob Lalley & Jamie Junod!

Congratulations to the Champs – The Tigers consisting of **Pam Gary, Rob Lalley & Jamie Junod!** They bowled and won so their competitors could not catch them. Also, congratulations to the two bowlers who had the men's and women's highest average: **Jeff Kraai** (184) and **Mary Beth Tupper** (138). You

can see the top three scores for numerous categories below, and the teams and bowlers below that.

Bowling is great fun, especially with the Lions. You don't even have to bowl like Jeff Kraai. No matter how bad you think you are, you will still have a great time. Mark your calendars for the next half of bowling: Monday, September 9, 2019.

Category	First	Second	Third
Team Scratch Game	527 - Rhinos	512 - Wildcats	511 - Kangaroos
Team Scratch Series	1447 - Kangaroos	1438 - Wildcats	1420 - Rhinos
Team Handicap Game	678 - Rhinos	670 - Wildcats	634 - Tigers
Team Handicap Series	1912 - Wildcats	1873 - Rhinos	1806 - Cougars
Men Scratch Game	243 - Jeff Kraai	228 - Scott Brady	225 - Jamie Junod
Women Scratch Game	196 - Mary Brady	188 - Jean Kraai	174 - Gail Junod
Men Scratch Series	620 – Jeff Kraai	565 – Jamie Junod	563 – Scott Brady
Women Scratch Series	512 – Jean Kraai	478 – Mary Brady	460 – Gail Junod
Men Handicap Game	255 – Jeff Kraai	254 – Scott Brady	253 – Jamie Junod
Women Handicap Game	252 – Mary Brady	240 – Jean Kraai	231 – Pam Gary
Men Handicap Series	656 – Jeff Kraai	254 – Boyd Griswold	649 – Jamie Junod
Women Handicap Series	668 – Jean Kraai	646 – Mary Brady	628 – Gail Junod

- **Bears** = Scott Brady, Lynn Francis, Gail Junod
- **Cougars** = Tom Dandridge, Vicki Francis, Brent Spoelstra
- **Kangaroos** = Shawn Eyestone, Jeff Kraai, Mary Beth Tupper
- **Rhinos** = Boyd Griswold, Fred Martin, Cindi Walker
- **Tigers** = Pam Gary, Rob Lalley, Jamie Junod
- **Wildcats** = Mary Brady, Jean Kraai, Rick Walker
- **Substitutes** = Gary Anderson, Diana Bergquist, Lynn Dandridge, Ben Eavey, Kim Gary, Sally Mulder, Thad Phelps, Bill Reese

**Looking Back – Grand Rapids Lions Club –
January 1984 through December 1985**

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 1984 through December 1985. (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:

- Dr. Marvin DeVries, Grand Valley State Economics Professor presented the Economic Outlook for both 1984 & 1985.
- District 11-C1 Governor Oscar Anderson was a guest speaker to talk about activities in the District.
- Oh's Tae Kwon Do demonstrated this Karate & Martial Arts technique during a January luncheon.
- Sara Smolenski was our guest speaker when the Lions honored the City's girls' basketball champions, the West Catholic Girls Basketball team and the City League Girls All-stars.
- The "Fenians" entertained the Lions for our St. Patrick's Day celebration.
- Jack Lousma, former astronaut & native son of Grand Rapids, talked to the Lions about his candidacy for U.S. Senate.
- Charles Bearden of the ACLU talked about what the organization does as our Law Day program.
- Mayor Gerald Helmholdt was our guest speaker in honoring top students from the City's high schools.
- On June 12, the Lions meeting was a tour of Welcome Home for the Blind and a barbeque lunch.
- Guest speaker Mary Jane Dockeray, curator-naturalist of the Blandford Nature Center, talked about the benefits & activities of the Center.
- Dr. Bruce Chubb talked about recent innovations in aerospace technology, avionics, technology, avionic applications and computer simulations.
- Will Leeder, Association for the Blind, talked about "Technology and the Blind". The Association was sponsoring a day-long display and demonstration featuring 9 different company technologies and innovations.
- The Christmas Program featured Dr. Alexander Holmes, Club Chaplain, for the message and Susan Roh, vocalist.
- On January 15, 1995, John Brosky talked about "Journalism Today". He was the Editor of the *Grand Rapids Magazine* and the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*.
- For the Valentines Party Ladies Day, "Hearts and Flowers" was performed Norma Brink and Gerald Elliot as a special musical presentation.
- The Hope Theatre Guild displayed it "Costume Collection" during one luncheon.
- The 1985 Easter Program featured musician from the Grand Rapids Symphonies, Maria Royce on harp and Chris Kanter on flute.
- The "Spring Sports Awards Program" honored the top girl and boy athletes from eight Grand Rapids High Schools. Dr. Anthony Diekema, Calvin College President was the guest speaker.
- Michael Lloyd, Editor, Grand Rapids Press spoke on June 11 about the news business.
- "Bright Eagle" [mural of the life of President Gerald R. Ford located at the airport] was the title of the talk by internationally renowned artists, Paul Collins. He was born in Muskegon and still lives in Grand Rapids.
- U.S. Representative Paul Henry spoke to the club about activities in Washington DC.
- Mary Jo Thiel from the Kent County Resource Recovery Program spoke to the club. This program was designed to be an alternative to putting things into the landfill.
- The Catholic Central Jazz Band played for the Lions in Grand Plaza Pantlind Ballroom.
- Lions Chaplain, Rev. Charles Fry gave his first Christmas message as a Lion [your Editor believes], followed by music from harpist Maria Royce and Sara Stoppels [wife of Lion & Judge Stoppels].

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

- Lion Keith Crittenden worked on a project to produce audio recordings of Jean Miller's piano playing.
- Lions volunteers participated in the Lions Booth at the Grand Rapids Home Show in both 1984 & 1985.
- A social tennis night was launched in 1984, which continued for several years.
- Kathy O'Bee was elected as the first & second President of our Lioness Club.
- The 2nd "Spring Carnival on the Mall" was held May 18-20, 1984 & the 3rd Annual on May 17-19, 1985. The "net profit" from the 1985 Carnival on the Mall was \$19,674.
- The Installation of Officers and Ladies Night Party was held at Green Ridge Country Club on June 21st.
- The summer golf & dinner outings in both 1984 & 1985 were held at these country clubs: Green Ridge, Elks, Silver Lake & Forest Hills.
- The Grand Rapids Lions Club hosted Lions International President at its 65th Anniversary Banquet at the Marriott Hotel on 28th Street on Friday, November 16, 1984. The theme of his presentation was "Answer the Call to Serve".
- Using the Lions Sightmobile, Lion volunteered to test hearing and sight of community members at the Health Expo '84 at the Grand Center. The Lioness club also fingerprinted youngsters.
- Our Lions Club sponsored a Detroit Lions Trip Package for Detroit vs Chicago football game on December 16, 1984.
- The Fruit & Nut Sale continued as a Lions fundraiser in both years.
- Lion Judge Robert Smolenski's retirement dinner was of Thursday, November 8, 1984, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Bar Association.
- In 1985, the District 11-C1 Convention was held at the Harley Hotel.
- In 1984, the Lions Club donated \$59,788 to charitable causes.
- Our Lions Club sponsored an excursion to see the Tigers vs the Yankees on June 23, 1985.
- President Ron Brady adopted the motto for Lionism 1985-86: "*We serve better – together.*"
- St. Mary's Hospital renamed their Comprehensive Health Center as the Dr. Joseph R. Lentini Health Center. Dr. Lentini was a longtime Lions member and leader of our club.
- More than 30 GR Lions provided volunteer assistance in helping the Boy Scouts celebrate their 75th Jubilee at Grand Valley State. 5,281 Scouts and leaders from 280 troops attended.
- The National Boy Scouts honored Lion and Eagle Scout Bud Magennis with its highest award, *The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award*.
- All Lions were invited to a New Year's Day Reception at the Pantlind Ballroom.

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## Other Lion News

**Watch for Your Invitation to the Grand Rapids Lions Annual Dinner Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, June 12**, Cascade Country Club. Dinner, awards, guest presenter – Grand Rapids Mayor Roselynn Bliss and a band - should be a lot of fun with fellow Lions and their guests.

**Lion Scott Brady Receives Award:** At our District 11-C1 Convention, four International Presidential Awards were presented. One LCI Presidential Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Lion Scott Brady for his tireless work coordinating the eyeglass recycling center. We all know how instrumental Scott has been in developing the recycling and mission program, but now it has been recognized formally by the District and the LCI President!

**Lions District 11-C1 Region 2 Meeting - Understanding the Basics of Diabetes:**  
 Hosted by: Rockford Lions Club on Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the

Rockford Community Cabin. All Lions Welcome, especially officers. Please RSVP to Region Chair, Dr. Ron Riebschleger at [ronrieb@gmail.com](mailto:ronrieb@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 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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