

The  
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**NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB**

**DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018**



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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

This will be a very short Presidential column. The Turkey Trot packet pickup and race day were exhausting and then hosting Thanksgiving dinner put me over the top. Spending time with family with little sleep was interesting. All went well, except for my sister-in-law falling UP THE STAIRS and spilling Coke all over and no one noticing her.

When we finally did notice her and asked her what she was doing, she became comedy relief to our drowsiness.

Seriously, our race went well and we raised a lot of money to be used in the community, so it was well worth

the loss of sleep and my sister-in-law was only embarrassed and covered in soda

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving and have a great Christmas. See you at our first 2018 lunch meeting on January 9.

**Remember WE SERVE**

**Lion Linda Strugalla, President**

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From a small seed a mighty trunk may grow.

- Aeschylus



**Club News and Guest Speakers**

**TURKEY TROT**

On a cool and dry Thanksgiving morning, the 20<sup>th</sup> Turkey Trot went off without a hitch. Thanks to the hard work of the Turkey Trot Committee and all of the volunteers, the race was a tremendous success.

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A total of 7,671 runners registered. Of those, 7,551 were paid runners (the others were sponsor slots). A total of 6,797 runners finished the race, which is a very high percentage. The majority of the runners were Naperville residents, but a total of 39 states and 4 countries were represented. Our oldest participant was 89 years old and the youngest was 8 months old.

More than 350 volunteers were on hand on race day and during the preceding week for packet pickup. A total of 22 organizations supplied volunteers.

There were 42 total sponsors. The gross receipts from those sponsors totaled \$32,500. Many sponsors were so happy with the event that they have already committed to returning in 2018.

The gross receipts from the runners totaled approximately \$262,000. Following expenses, the club should make about \$200,000.

This year's race had a Zumba warmup given by Lion Nadia Esmail just before the race, which was a success. The race also created Snapchat filters for use during the race. Runners used the Snapchat filters 643 times and those photos/videos were seen 38,117 times.

The earnings from this event will help the club support its charitable mission for the next year. The Turkey Trot Committee did a fantastic job and deserves a great

deal of praise. The Committee is already looking forward to 2018 where the race will see its 100,000<sup>th</sup> runner.

### **SALVATION ARMY**

On November 25, our club manned the Salvation Army bucket and rang bells during the afternoon. Those who volunteered enjoyed a new location in front of the newly opened Starbucks on Jefferson and Main. The club was able to raise money that will benefit the Salvation Army. Thank you to Lion Jim Burner for coordinating.

### **LION JIM WOODRING IN LION MAGAZINE**

Lion Jim Woodring is world famous. He was featured in a story in the November issue of Lion Magazine. The story was "Feeding the World" and discussed fighting hunger. The magazine visited Loaves and Fishes with Lion Jim and interviewed him for the story.



**This photo of Lion Jim ran in the magazine**

### **RIBFEST FUNNEL CAKES**

With regret, the Board of Directors has voted to discontinue participation at Ribfest. The club's income from the event has been steadily decreasing over the years, culminating with an abysmal 2017, despite beautiful weather.

Lion Steve Hertzberg attempted to address his concerns with the Exchange Club and they were less than receptive. Their response was to further separate the Lions Club booth from the majority of the park and increase the booth fee.

The club is investigating whether the equipment and energy could be used for a different event in the future. The club has been approached and offered a spot during Last Fling, which is being discussed.

Thank you to Lion Steve Hertzberg for his many years of dedication to this event. The results are, in no way, a result of his tremendous leadership and tireless effort. He is surely excited for his first July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend off in decades.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

The club's annual Christmas Luncheon was held on December 12 at Walker's Charhouse. Many club members and guests were in attendance. The food was delicious and the club members delivered on donating a great many toys to Humanitarian Service Project.

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**More Turkey Trot**

**LONGTIME RUNNERS**

As this year was the 20<sup>th</sup> Turkey Trot, the Turkey Trot Committee did some research and discovered that there are a few people who have run almost every race. Some of these runners were contacted and asked questions for the newsletter.

Mark Witt

Mark has run all 20 Turkey Trots. He has run with many different people including his running group, friends, his wife, and children. He loved the family atmosphere of the race – the kids returning from college, the families running together, the Thanksgiving costumes.

Mark's favorite memory is when he was injured one year and had to walk. He and his friend were having a great time talking throughout the course and were nearing the finish line when they saw a woman pushing a stroller. They decided they needed to beat that stroller, so they picked up the pace to a jog so that they could cross the finish line first. After the race, they had a great laugh about their "achievement."

Mark hopes to run this race for another 20 years!

David Cotton

David Cotton has run every race since 1999. David trains for marathons with the Chicago Area

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Runner Association and runs with them and his family.

David used to race his son every year and the family running crown was always at stake. David's son is away studying now, so the family running crown is his for the time being. He is looking forward to his son's return so he can be challenged again.

David comes back each year because he gets to hang out with some of his favorite friends and then eat all he wants at Thanksgiving dinner.

### Jeff Scroggs

Jeff Scroggs is another long time Turkey Trot runner. He remembers his first race being a very small event that started at Centennial Beach. He has run every race except for one when he had to attend a wedding in South Dakota.

Over the years, Jeff has "trotted" with a variety of people. He had a running partner he used to run with as well as his wife and sons. If he cannot find anyone to run with, Jeff still runs the race, as it is his personal Thanksgiving Day tradition. He liked the days when the race started at North Central College and he ran through the neighborhoods. He remembers heading up a hill near the start of the race and marveling at the street packed with runners.

Jeff loves coming back every year because it is his tradition. He used to run much longer distance races and as he gets older, he loves the

ease of getting his group run "fix" a few miles away on Thanksgiving morning. He also loves the Thanksgiving costumes the other runners wear.

### Michelle Barnard

Michelle Barnard has been running the Turkey Trot since the first year. She did have to miss one year because of doctor's orders, but has run every other race. Michelle used to run a Thanksgiving race in her Indiana hometown and began running this race when she started hosting Thanksgiving dinner in Naperville. In the beginning, Michelle ran by herself, but as her children grew older, they started running and eventually she convinced her husband to participate, too.



**Michelle and her family just before the start of a snowy Turkey Trot**

Michelle has two favorite memories of the Turkey Trot. The first was when she and her eight year old daughter crossed the finish line together near North Central College. The second was when her son finally started running and was having a tough go of it. She was encouraging him the whole race and right at the

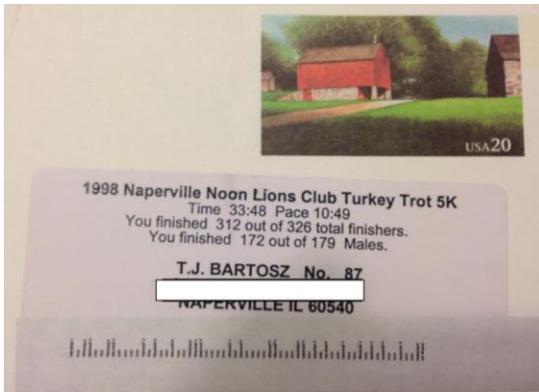
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end, he shot off like a bullet and beat her.

Michelle's children are now grown, but they still run the race if they are in town for Thanksgiving. She has even gotten her son-in-law running.

### TJ Bartosz

TJ goes all the way back to the very first Turkey Trot. In fact, TJ has saved the postcard the club sent with his results from that first race. He started running with his neighbor until his neighbor's knees went bad. He has run a few races with family members, but now it is just him.



The results postcard received by TJ in 1998

TJ is happy that he has been able to finish every race standing up. He remembers one year that he had to slow down around a corner because some ice had formed near a water stop.

TJ comes back every year because he wants to keep his streak of running every race alive. He also loves that the money generated goes towards the Lions mission.

### Dan Giuliani

Dan Giuliani began running at the beginning of the Turkey Trot. He runs the race with his kids. When his kids were in high school, they were not the biggest fans of running, but they still indulged their dad. His wife and daughter-in-law come with each year and cheer everyone on from the same cheering section.

Dan loves the experience of Turkey Trot because he gets to experience what a small town Naperville really is. He always runs into a lot of friend at the race. It is a fun way to kick off the holiday weekend and lessens the guilt he feels later on.

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**Vanity working on a weak head,  
produces every sort of mischief.**

- Jane Austen  
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## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors met on December 5, 2017 at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home in downtown Naperville. The following is a summary of the Board's actions and discussions. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings, which start at 7:30 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on January 30, 2018.

Approved the Club and Foundation minutes for the meeting of October 24, 2017.

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2017.

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Approved the Social Service Report as of December 5, 2017 which indicated total expenditures for the year totaled \$47,082 compared to \$43,256 for the prior year.

Approved the following donations:

- Naperville Christian Academy - **\$500**
- Boy Scouts - **\$250**
- Humanitarian Service Project - Senior Citizens Project - **\$800**
- Feed My Starving Children - **\$7,500**

Approved Lion Jim Ebers to replace Lion Phil Barnum as Membership Chair and Dues Secretary.

Approved the nomination of Lion Carl Smith for Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Naperville Noon Lions Club pending his acceptance of change of membership status.

Discussed the request of adding a link to NNLC website from Caring 4 our Kids. The request was rejected as their mission was not compatible with that of the missions of the Lions.

Approved the donation of 60% of net receipts from this year's Candy Day to Lions of Illinois Foundation. \$3,156 will be donated to LIF and \$2,105 will be retained by the Naperville Noon Lions Foundation.

Discussed the possibility of having another Candy Day in late April if approved by the City of Naperville.

Discussed the final results of the Turkey Trot. It is estimated that net income will approximate \$200,000.

Approved the termination of the Club's participation in the Naperville Exchange Club's 2018 Rib Fest event.

Discussed the Lion's Club eye glass collection box. The box will be moved from the Naperville Township Offices to the Naperville Downtown Post Office pending the approval of the Post Master and the Naperville Community Bank.

Approved a half-page advertisement in the Lions District 1-J Convention ad book in the amount of \$60.

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**Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.**

- George Washington

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**GUESTS**

On November 7, former Lion Rich Cullen was our guest. District Governor Lion Jim Kiser was also a guest of the club. Lion Jim was on hand to thank our club for sponsorship of the Naperville North High School Band in the Lions International parade.

Lion Paul Rewerts' wife Jackie was on hand all November long to help with Turkey Trot bibs. Thank you to Jackie for all of her hard work.

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People fall forward to success.

- Mary Kay Ash

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## COMING EVENTS

**January 2** – No Meeting

**January 9** – Christina Maggio-Kellerstrass will be our guest speaker. Christina will be telling the club about Pruehs & Associates, non-profit consulting firm.

**January 16** – Cheryl Megurichian from Second Sense will be our speaker. Second Sense provides services to adults with vision loss.

**January 21** – District 1-J Bowling Event at Fox Bowl. See Lion Bill Bleecker to sign up.

**January 23** – Speaker TBA

**January 30** – Janice Anderson will be at our meeting to talk to us about DuPage County. Janice is a DuPage County Board member.



## DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following members have a service anniversary in **December/January** and they are:

- Lion Bob Anderson (61)
- Lion Maria Wilson (23)
- Lion Karen Maxwell (17)
- Lion Katie Hertzberg (8)

The following members have a birthday in **December /January** and they are:

- Lion Jim Woodring – December 15
- Lion Bill Cornish – January 24

Best wishes and congratulations to these members. If your information is missing or incorrect please contact **Lion Jane Bowers** to make additions or corrections.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 2 - NO MEETING
- January 9 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- January 16 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- January 23 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- January 30 - Board of Directors meeting
- January 30 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's

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## OFFICERS

- President – Lion Linda Strugalla
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Lion Jim Woodring
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Vacant
- Secretary – Lion Jane Bowers
- Treasurer – Lion Bill Bleecker
- Director – Lion Jim Ebers
- Director – Lion Maria Wilson
- Director – Lion Ken Strugalla
- Director – Lion Donna Kearney
- Director – Lion Bob Hull
- Director – Lion Phil Barnum
- Membership – Lion Jim Ebers
- Immediate Past President – Lion Steve Hertzberg

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## Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

- Dues Secretary – Lion Jim Ebers
- Tail Twister – Rotating
- Lion Tamer – Rotating
- Chaplain – At Large
- Social Services – Lion Paul Rewerts
- Peace Poster Contest – Lion Yllena Sinclair
- Program Director – Lion Meghen Williams
- Donations Committee Chair – Lion Ken Strugalla
- Diabetes Awareness – Lion Meghen Williams
- Publicity – Lion Bob Hull

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Hospitality – Vacant  
RibFest – Lion Steve Hertzberg  
Candy Day – Lion Jim Ebers  
Summer Raffle – Lion Ken Strugalla  
Turkey Trot – Lions Jim Alagna and Donna  
Kearney  
Sight & Sound – Lion Al Knotek  
Counter Mints – Lion Steve Hertzberg  
Investment Committee – Lions Bill Bleecker,  
Steve Hertzberg and Al Knotek  
Newsletter – Lion Chris Williams  
Social Media – Lion Chris Williams

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