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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

JUNE 2018



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**Gratitude is the fairest blossom which
springs from the soul.**

- Henry Ward Beecher

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Recap Of This Year

As this fiscal year comes to an end, we have experienced a lot of changes. We no longer make funnel cakes at RibFest. We have started an Adopt-A-Highway program. We changed over the Social Service Chair, the Comfort Toy Chair, the Turkey Trot Chair. We expanded Candy Day to include Tag Day. We held a bake sale at the Thursday night band concert. Last, but not least, the president role will now be assumed by Lion Jim Woodring. All of these changes are occurring without any interruption to our mission - which truly reflects what a great club this is and how dedicated are our members.

We lost Lion Bill McManus, a wonderful person, who helped shape the Turkey Trot into our main fund raiser. Miss you Bill.

I am pleased to say our membership grew with the addition of Denise French (social services), Dick and Kaki Lehman (comfort toys) and Glenn Behnke (Turkey Trot); all who stepped up and assumed these roles.

Thanks to the board members, all of our chairpersons and to club members for making this a successful year. We are on target to donate \$230,000 this fiscal year.

Remember WE SERVE AND VERY PROUD TO BE A LION

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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**The most satisfying thing in life is to
have been able to give a large part of
one's self to others.**

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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Club News and Guest Speakers

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INSTALLATION DINNER

The annual installation dinner is set for June 19 at Clara's Restaurant in Woodridge. The festivities will begin at 6:00 PM sharp. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a fabulous meal and enjoyable evening of Lionism.

At the dinner, we will again be collecting items for donation to Families Helping Families. These donations could be in the form of cash, quarters, or other household goods. The most requested items are toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, and quarters.

MAY TAG DAY

Our first off-street Lions Tag Day Event was held May 12-13. While the weather was not cooperating, the event was a success. A total of eight Lions worked 30 hours and brought in approximately \$1,800.

The street sales Lions Tag Day Event is set for June 8-9. There are currently three locations approved by the City of Naperville. See Lion Jim Ebers to sign up.

ANGELMAN SYNDROME FOUNDATION WALK

The annual Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk was held on May 19 at Lisle High School. Our club had volunteers who helped with set up on Friday and during the main event on Saturday.

Lion Al Knotek's grandson, Gavin, was well represented by Gavin's Gang. He was able to pose for a picture with some club members and his family.



Part of Gavin's Gang

NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Lions International has commissioned Image-Base of Chicago to produce videos to be used at the upcoming global convention in Las Vegas. On May 22, Lions Steve Hertzberg, Donna Kearney and Jim Woodring participated in video productions of a Lions diabetes walk at St. James Farm and a food pantry simulation at St. Matthews Church in Wheaton.



The "walk" being filmed

Along with some paid actors, Lion volunteers did numerous takes of

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marching along a park trail and giving “high fives” to those completing the walk. The following week a food pantry simulation was set up in the kitchen area of St. Matthews. After a session with the makeup technician, Lions staffed the kitchen area handing out colorful vegetables to a line of volunteer clients.

Someday we may get to see the result of all this professional shooting—and re-shooting—and re-shooting.

EYES TO THE SKIES

With the club’s first Fourth of July weekend free in decades, we have been given the opportunity to volunteer at the Eyes to the Skies Festival in Lisle from June 29 – July 1. This opportunity is in collaboration with the Lisle Lions Club.

Anyone interested in volunteering must visit www.eyestotheskies.org and visit the “Volunteers” page. When registering as a new volunteer, the Lisle Lions must be selected as your charity. Volunteer opportunities of all varieties will then become available to select from.

Once registered, notify Lion Donna Kearney so that she may make note of everyone who is working on behalf of our club. For every shift worked, the Lisle Lions will donate \$60 to our foundation.

This volunteer opportunity is open to our club and any friends or families who wish to help out. Volunteer shift

are available during the festival (June 29 – July 1), set up (June 25-28), and breakdown (July 2-5). See Lion Donna with any additional questions.

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Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

- Joseph Addison

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Luncheon Speakers

LITERACY DUPAGE

On May 1, Janice Anderson was our guest speaker. Janice is a board member for Literacy DuPage, a non-profit social services organization that helps residents learn to read and write.

Literacy DuPage was founded in 1922 in Naperville. Their main service is training and matching volunteer tutors to teach adults to read, write, speak, and otherwise communicate in English.

The organization works very closely with libraries and most tutoring sessions occur in these libraries. Tutors and students are matched personally to one-another based on compatibility, location, and schedules.

Literacy DuPage is always looking to add to its more than 400 volunteer tutors. A new tutor need not know any language other than English.

There is also no requirement for teaching experience. The tutor must

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attend an orientation and training. After that, they generally commit to weekly sessions with their students and a one-year overall commitment.

SCARCE

Kay McKean was our guest speaker on May 8. Kay was educating our group about SCARCE, an organization whose mission is to keep natural resources out of landfills by reuse and recycling.

SCARCE has a location in Glen Ellyn where they allow items to be dropped off for recycling. Once received, they work to find a place for the reuse of the items.

SCARCE rescues musical instruments, books, records, sewing machines, and much more. They have 80,000 books on hand and in their existence have donated more than 7 million books to teachers for use in classrooms.

Kay told us about the organization's crayon rescue program. They take all type of crayons in all conditions. Once received, they melt the crayons down and mold them into new fun shapes, like dinosaurs and cars. These shapes are much larger than traditional crayons and easier for many special needs children to manipulate. All of these crayons are donated.

Kay has been an author of 11 laws that deal with disposal. She taught the club about what items can and cannot be recycled. Naperville is a rare city that offers recycling of many

hazardous materials that should be kept out of landfills.

KIDS ALIVE

Mike Busch from Kids Alive International was our guest speaker on May 15. Kids Alive was founded in 1916 and works to find and rescue orphans and forgotten children around the world. They are currently working in 15 different countries, most of which have no real social safety net to speak of.

Kids Alive operates orphanages in these countries, but only about 10% of the children live in these. They also work in care centers and on social outreach. In these care centers, children receive education, meals, and healthcare services.

In Guatemala, Kids Alive has "Oasis," which is a center for girls who have been the victims of sex trafficking or abuse.

In all of the homes and care centers around the world, 90% of the staff is made up of locals. Through this organization, kids receive care until they are 18 and sometimes longer.

FUSION PROJECT

On May 29, Michelle Jenks was our speaker. Michelle is the founder of the Fusion Project, a program for junior high girls to build self-esteem.

Michelle became aware of research about sex predators and traffickers and learned that young girls with low self-esteem were prime targets for these individuals. She believes that

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starting early and building self-esteem will act as a natural deterrent to these predators.

She learned that these predators typically interact with the victims for a long time. These interactions usually begin with a compliment at the mall. The relationship grows from there and eventually the girl is taken advantage of.

The Fusion Project is an after school program running in Oswego and Aurora and is in the process of coming to Naperville. It is a weekly program where girls can come and not be judged or told they are doing something wrong.

The groups are run by volunteer adults and some high school girls. The group gives them a safe place where they can discuss all of their junior high issues.

The sign up process can begin with either the parents or the participant. The program lasts the whole school year and Michelle is working on summer activities and a program for boys as well.

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Hope is independent of the apparatus of logic.

- Norman Cousins

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on May 22, 2018 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 June 26, 2018.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2018.

The Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2018 was deferred until the next Board meeting.

Approved the following donations:

- JDRF - \$2,000
- Almost Home Kids - \$1,000
- It's All About Children - \$1,000
- Indian Prairie Ed Foundation - \$500
- LCIF Measles - \$1,000
- Diabetes Awareness Camp - \$1,000
- Student Grant (Hearing) - \$500

Approved grant of \$3,000 to Donka, Inc. in memory of Lion Bill McManus. A letter will be sent to Lion Bill's wife to notify her of the donation.

Discussed purchase of raffle tickets from various organizations which the Foundation supports and possibility increasing the Club budget for this type of expenditure. This item was deferred till the next Board meeting.

Approved the Social Service report as of May 22, 2018. There were 26 new cases for May 2018 and 294 individuals served thru April 2018. Total expenditures for the year to date totaled approximately \$97,000.

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Discussed that total expenditures for the fiscal year may exceed the budget. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

The Club has purchased seven more comfort toys from Paramount Theatre in Aurora. Also, an individual has made available at no cost 100 beanie babies for the comfort toy program.

The Catholic Order of Forrester's have completed their eye glass collection program and will deliver the glasses at a noon luncheon meeting. Eye glass collection project at Pivotal Solutions is still in process.

The Raffle Committee met this week. Raffle ticket will be distributed to Club members at the luncheon meeting on May 22, 2018. Raffle ticket sales will officially begin on June 1, 2018.

Discussed Lions Tag Day. \$1,764 was collected on May 12 and 13. Additional tag day will be held on June 8 and 9.

Discussed eye glass collection box at the Post Office. A 2-foot by 2-foot concrete base will have to be constructed before the eye glass collection box can be located at the Post Office. No date has been scheduled for placing the eye glass collection box at the Post Office.

Discussed the scheduling of the Lions of Illinois Foundation hearing van. The van has been scheduled for July 11, 2018 in support of DuPage County Veterans Assistance

Program. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

Discussed the use of Lions Club International app and the video shot to be held on May 22, 2018 at St. Michael's Church in Wheaton.

Discussed the Club's participation in the Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk on May 19, 2018. The Club provided 12.5 volunteer hours to assist with set up of the event.

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Unless we remember we cannot understand.

- E.M. Forster

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GUESTS

Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts was our guest on May 1 and May 29.

Jeannette Harris was our guest on May 29. Jeannette is the Supervisor of Health Services for District 203. During her visit, she thanked Lion Paul Rewerts for his social services work throughout the years.

May 29 also visits from Linda and George Villa from the National Federation of the Blind. The Villas invited anyone interested to the National Federation of the Blind Illinois Convention in Rosemont on October 27.

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Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.

– George S. Patton

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COMING EVENTS

June 5 – Tinamarie Hernandez and Jim Elliott will be our speakers from Diveheart, an organization that works with disabled individuals to scuba dive.

June 12 – Christina Maggio-Kellerstrass from Pruehs & Associates, LLC will be our speaker.

June 19 – Installation Dinner

June 26 – Business Meeting

June 29 – July 1 - Eyes to the Skies Festival in Lisle. See Lion Donna Kearney to volunteer and earn money for the foundation.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following members have a service anniversary in **June** and they are:

Lion Jim Alagna (6)
Lion Jim Burner (43)
Lion Bob Samuels (2)
Lion Rick Tarulis (28)

The following members have a birthday in **June** and they are:

Lion Bob Anderson – June 3
Lion Diane Hollingsworth – June 6

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

June 5 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
June 12 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
June 19 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
June 26 - Board of Directors meeting
June 26 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's

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OFFICERS

President – Lion Linda Strugalla
1st VP – Lion Jim Woodring
2nd 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 – Lions Donna Kearney & Denise French
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
Hospitality – Vacant
RibFest – Lion Steve Hertzberg
Candy Day – Lion Jim Ebers

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Summer Raffle – Lion Ken Strugalla
Turkey Trot – Lions Glen Behnke 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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