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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

AUGUST 2018



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**Happy 70th Birthday to the Naperville
Noon Lions Club!!**
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lions in Summer

The summer months are especially active for Lions, busy with service activities and fundraising which sustain our giving activities through the winter. These include the sometimes simultaneous efforts of Sweepstakes, multiple Candy Days, the Summer Raffle Sales, working at the Lisle Eyes to the Skies, and of course the numerous planning meetings preparing for the big 5k Turkey Trot.

As if these weren't enough to keep us busy, they are interspersed with service activities such as meal packing for Feed My Starving Children, St Baldrick's fundraiser, assisting with Angelman Walk, collecting used eyeglasses, sponsoring the Lions hearing test van at a veterans stand-down event at the DuPage Fairgrounds, several hospital deliveries for the Comfort Toys for Kids program, donations for Families Helping Families, and new

this year - several trash pick-up events along our adopted section of Plainfield-Naperville Road. This year we also supported Lions Clubs International with a photo shoot at Loaves & Fishes which was included in a Lion Magazine article on fighting hunger. NNLC members also participated in LCI video shoots at a simulated diabetes walk at St. James Farm and a food pantry in a Wheaton church. Naperville Noon Lions also made a visit to one of the four Illinois Camp Lions for the Blind supported by NNLC and other state clubs.

The song may claim "Summertime and the Livin' is Easy" - but not for Lions in our busy season. It lets us live the motto "We Serve" and enjoy the respite of our lunch meetings at Braconi's where we discuss accomplishments and plan for the next ones.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Jim Woodring, President

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**A single sunbeam is enough to drive
away many shadows.**

- Francis of Assisi
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Club News and Guest Speakers

DONKA

Earlier this year, we lost a great Lion in Bill McManus. Following his funeral, his family asked that donations be made to our club in his honor. In total, approximately \$3,000 was donated. The board met and decided that this money should be donated directly to Donka, an organization Bill felt very strongly about.



From left, Balthazar, Leanne, Lions Ken Strugalla and Jim Woodring

On July 17, we welcomed Leanne Vos from Donka to accept the donation. Leanne also brought Balthazar, a Donka student. Balthazar lost his vision at 19 and began working with Donka.

From the skills he has learned at Donka, Balthazar has been able to get a job on his own and attend college full-time. He shared with us

that he had learned more in his first nine days at Donka than he did in nine months at another program.

AMAZON SMILE

Our foundation is now collecting donations from Amazon through the Amazon Smile program. Through this program, any eligible purchase made from Amazon will see a portion of the sales price donated to our foundation.

Enrolling is simple and anyone can do it. You must go to smile.amazon.com to sign up. Once there, you will select Naperville Noon Lions Foundation as your charity of choice. After that, be sure to start your Amazon shopping by returning to smile.amazon.com and every purchase you make will create a donation for Lions Club.

See Lion Jim Ebers or Chris Williams if you have any questions.

**EYES TO THE SKIES
FESTIVAL**

Over a hot and stormy first weekend in July, many members of our club volunteered at the Eyes to the Skies Festival in Lisle. Members of our club and their families worked more than 80 hours at the event.

Our club coordinated with the Lisle Lions Club for this project and the festival will be providing payment to our foundation for all of the hours worked. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

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NEW MEMBER

On July 24, our club installed its newest member, Lion Dick McKinlay. Dick retired at the beginning of this year and he has been on the search for a fun and exciting way to serve the community. Lion Donna Kearney sponsored Lion Dick. Welcome to the club!



Lion Dick McKinlay is installed surrounded by his sponsor Lion Donna Kearney and President Lion Jim Woodring

VETERANS STAND DOWN

Naperville Noon Lions Jim Ebers, Donna Kearney, Ken and Linda Strugalla, and Jim Woodring supported the Illinois Lions Foundation hearing testing van at the four county Veterans Stand Down event at DuPage County Fairgrounds on July 11. About 70 veterans attended; 26 hearing tests were given with three referred for further evaluation. The veterans had many amazing stories to share. One fellow was 97 years old and had been in Gen. George Patton's WWII tank corps.

About 20 vendors had tables in the big Exhibition Hall, providing a variety of health screenings and

services including employment, IRS, and Social Security help. A highlight was the very nice buffet lunch for veterans and volunteers. The Director of Hines VA Hospital in Chicago toured and shook hands with the vendors.



Lions Hearing Van

The Lions hearing van (one of two) is a trusty seven-year-old Chevy with 209,000 miles (about 30,000 per year). It is equipped with a generator, air conditioning, and booths to provide automated testing of four persons at a time. Testing is provided at 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Hz, with a print-out of results and an interpretation sheet. Our technician/driver was the very personable and efficient Chris "Beluga" Lutrell, a 30-year member of the Lemont Lions Club.

LION BOB ANDERSON

Lion Al Knotek recently visited Lion Bob Anderson. Lion Bob, 98, is doing well and would love visitors.

Lion Bob is at the Community Nursing Home located at 1136 N. Mill Street in Naperville. Bob is in room 124.

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LION JAMES GILLIARD

Lion James Gilliard, winner of the Bob Jordan Spirit Award, is continuing his racing regiment. Lion James has competed in a number of triathlons and running races over the last few years.



Lions Chris Williams and James Gilliard at the Dolphin Dash 5K

This year, Lion James has enlisted the help of Lion Chris Williams as a guide for two local races. The two ran the Dolphin Dash 5K together on May 5 and the Endure It! 10k Relay on July 15. Keep up the great work Lion James.

CAMP LIONS

On July 24, Lion Jim Woodring gave a presentation that included photos of his trip to Camp Lions from a few weeks prior. Camp Lions is intended for children with vision or hearing disabilities. Lion Jim was impressed with the variety of buildings at Camp Henry Horner in Ingleside, Ill. He showed us photos of the great recreation area available with a lake and other outdoor activities.

On the date of Lion Jim's visit, the campers were enjoying an outdoor

picnic. Each year, the Vernon Hills Lions Club comes to the camp to cook out for the campers.

Jim could tell that all of the kids were having a great time. He noted that the camp is totally free for the campers to attend and supported totally by the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

DISTRICT 1-J GOLF OUTING

The annual District 1-J Golf Outing was held on July 26 at Hughes Creek Golf Club in Elburn. Our club fielded two foursomes. The first foursome included Lions Bob Hull, Al Knotek, Jim Ebers, and Jim's friend Jim Mlyniec. The other was made up of Lion Steve Herzberg, Lion Chris Williams, Bill Wilson, and Bill's friend Bob Faulkman.

The weather was a perfect sunny 75° with a slight breeze. As always, all 79 golfers enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner following the round.



2019 Naperville Noon Lions Golf Team

Lion Hull's team finished the day five under par, while Lion Hertzberg's team finished at -16, which was good enough for a second place finish. Everyone played well and had a

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great time. We hope to get even more Naperville golfers out next year.

RAFAEL CRUZ

The club was saddened to learn of the passing of Rafael Cruz this month. Cruz, 39, served as the head chef at Braconi's. He is survived by his wife, Araceli, and two children.

The club has donated \$500 to Cruz's family and others can make donations to the family at www.gofundme.com/rafael-cruz

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Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom.

- Hanna Arendt

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Luncheon Speakers

KIDS MATTER

On July 3, Kamala Martinez and Bridgette Nash were our guest speakers from Kids Matter. Kids Matter was founded 17 years ago by the Edward Hospital Foundation. Their mission is to build resilient kids.

Kids Matter works by supporting kids, their parents, and the community. For the kids, they operate programs to build confidence and positive self-identity. They hold a community picnic and a job fair each year. They also give out the Naperville Youth Service Award.

To help parents, Kids Matter provides parent workshops and forums. They host various "ask the expert" events and maintain an educational video library.

The organization also works to better the community. They do a "state of the kids" survey each year wherein they talk to kids in District 203 and 204. This survey provides a snapshot of the issues and concerns kids face on daily basis. Using this survey, Kids Matter can refine the programs they provide in the future.

POSITIVELY NAPERVILLE

Stephanie Penick from Positively Naperville was our guest speaker on July 10. Stephanie began the meeting by praising Lion Bob Hull for the great job he does with publicity. She said he provides some of the best press releases that she has ever seen.

Stephanie provided the club with a little bit of history of Positively Naperville. The publication was created 17 years ago during a time of tremendous growth in Naperville. With a lot of growth came a lot of tension in the community. Positively Naperville was started to provide coverage of all of the positive happenings in the community.

The newspaper and website were launched in 2001 with a total of seven advertisers. Since then, they have grown and now have 20-25 per issue which supports the costs of the paper 100%.

They print 25,000 copies of the paper every month. It is always free for readers. You can always find it at 25 locations throughout Naperville.

CRIME STOPPERS

Mary Browning from Naperville Crime Stoppers was our guest speaker on July 17. Crime Stoppers was founded in Albuquerque in 1976 after a murder at a filling station. The police had no leads and a detective offered a reward for anonymous tips. After the case was solved, the organization and model was born.

Crime Stoppers organizations are found all over the nation, but are all locally operated. The Naperville Crime Stoppers was founded in 1982. To date, they have recovered more than \$10 million in cash, stolen goods, and drugs.

The organization ensures that tipsters remain anonymous at all times. Tipsters call into a tip line and are given a tip identification number. The tip is distilled down to remove any identifying features of the tipster and provided to a detective. If the tip leads to an arrest, the tipster will be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.

Funding comes from fines paid on violations in Naperville. In order to get paid, a tipster can call back with their tip number and find out if an arrest has been made. If there is reward money, Crime Stoppers works with the tipster to transfer the reward. Ultimately, the tipster dictates the method in which Crime Stoppers transfers the money.

CHOOSING TO RISE

Terrie Vanover from Choosing to Rise was our guest speaker on July 31. Choosing to Rise is an organization that helps individuals identify and grow their strengths to better serve other people.

Terrie thanked our group for helping the community as we do. She remarked that many of those that we assist are at a low point and our help is a catalyst for getting back on their feet.

Terrie spoke with the group about identifying strengths. These are activities that give one energy or passion.

Next, she focused on who to best serve. She asks who one is drawn to serve – what type or group of people. Then she focuses on the results you hope to achieve with service.

Terrie hopes that once strengths and service population are identified, one can pair those with the results sought to create a vision statement.

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To different minds, the same world is a hell, and a heaven.

- J.B. Priestley

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on July 24, 2018 at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home in downtown

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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 August 28, 2018.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of June 26, 2018.

The Club and Foundation Treasurer's Reports for June 2018 were deferred until the next Board meeting.

Approved the Social Service Report for July 2018. There were 16 cases completed and paid totaling \$4,414 and 20 new cases opened during the month.

Approved the following donations:

- NAMI - \$1,000 to support their School Connection Program
- Judd Kendall VFW - \$1,000 to support their Judd-a-Thon walk

A request from Kids Matter to support their Preventing Plus Initiative was tabled.

Approved the full membership of Richard McKinlay.

Approved the transfer of membership of Gary Peterson to the McHenry Lions Club.

Approved the termination of membership of Ray and Linda Wagner.

Discussed discount of couple (husband and wife) membership dues. Any discount in couple membership dues received from Lions Clubs International will be passed along to NNLC couple membership as was previously approved by the Board.

Discussed the renewal of NNLC listing in the DuPage Giving Guide for 2018.

Discussed progress of Summer Raffle. The Raffle is slightly behind projections but hopes to make up this amount in the next month.

Discussed NNLC participation in the Lisle Eyes to the Skies Event. The Club will receive an hourly rate below what was expected due a low attendance at the event. The hourly rate should be approximately \$12.50 per hour. Final results of the amount the Foundation will receive has not been determined.

Approved borrowing an amount not to exceed \$41,000 from the Harold White Fund to purchase shirts for the Turkey Trot. The funds will be repaid upon completion of the Turkey Trot.

Discussed the Club's participation in the July 11, 2018 Veterans Stand-Down. 70 veterans attended the event and 26 veterans were tested for hearing issues.

Approved a \$500 donation from the Club to support the family of Chef Rafael Cruz who passed away

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suddenly. Chef Cruz was the chef at Braconi's Restaurant.

Discussed the relocation of the NNLC eye glass collection box. A new Post Master has been appointed and additional approval will have to be obtained. The eye glass collection box remains at the Naperville Township Office.

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You will never win if you never begin.

- Helen Rowland

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GUESTS

On July 10, our club welcomed Lion Glen Behnke's grandsons Dakota and Michele from Pensacola as guests. We also welcomed Dick McKinlay to the club. Dick was a prospective new member.

Our guests on July 17 were Lion Jim Woodring's wife Linda and Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla's grandson Sam. We also welcomed Leanne Vos and Baltazar from Donka.

On July 24, Lion Maria Wilson's husband Bill was our guest. Janinne Baiardo was also a guest. Janinne is raising a leader dog and will be bringing the puppy to meetings periodically so we can see his progress.

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**With the past, I have nothing to do; nor
with the future. I live now.**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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COMING EVENTS

August 4 – Adopt-a-Highway cleanup of Plainfield/Naperville Road. Cleanup starts at 8:00 AM. See Lion Paul Rewerts to sign up.

August 7 – Sanjana Gangadharan and Nandini Arakoni, co-founders of Side by Side Smiles will be our speakers. These two girls started a charity to raise money for funding cleft surgeries to children in need. They will most likely have items for sale, so remember to bring cash!

August 14 – Speaker TBD.

August 21 – Julie Staab and her son Gavin will be our speakers to discuss the Angelman Syndrome Foundation and Gavin's progress. Gavin is Lion Al Knotek's grandson.

August 28 – Business Meeting.

September 4 – Summer Raffle Drawing at our luncheon meeting.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Jim Baird (2)**
- Lion James Gilliard (4)**
- Lion Paul Rewerts (15)**

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

- Lion Donna Kearney – August 1**
- Lion Nick Stanitz – August 13**

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

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| August | 7 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |
| August | 14 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |
| August | 21 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |
| August | 28 - | Board of Directors meeting |
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OFFICERS

- President – Lion Linda Strugalla
- 1st VP – Lion Jim Woodring
- 2nd VP – Donna Kearney
- Secretary – Lion Jane Bowers
- Treasurer – Lion Bill Bleecker
- Director – Lion Jim Ebers
- Director – Lion Maria Wilson
- Director – Lion Steve Hertzberg
- Director – Lion Paul Rewerts

- Director – Lion Bob Hull
- Director – Lion Phil Barnum
- Membership – Lion Jim Ebers
- Immediate Past President – Lion Linda Strugalla

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 – Vacant
- 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
- 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

If you have newsworthy information, please pass it on to editor/publisher *Lion Chris Williams* at **708-297-1987** or email **chris@pnlawoffice.com** This newsletter will be published monthly after the Board Meeting (4th Tuesday of the month). Cut off date for news information will be the 25th of the month.

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