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**NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB**

**NOVEMBER 2018**



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The first recorded Turkey Trot was in 1896 in Buffalo, NY, one year before the first Boston Marathon.

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Opportunities

It is claimed that opportunities come knocking. This may be true in some cases, but a more sure-fire method is to go looking for them. Naperville Noon Lions Club is quite successful with several mature fund-raising projects enabling us to make

generous donations to several dozen organizations in line with our goals. However, to keep members engaged and support the Lions motto "We Serve," looking for new opportunities for fund-raising and service can contribute to keeping NNLC a vibrant and active club. First, we must not harm the successful fund-raiser projects that provide most of our income. But let us also consider new projects to provide community service and additional income. One source of inspiration could be projects run by other Lions clubs. Some possibilities that come to mind:

- Fund raiser at a local restaurant
- Trivia game/pizza party
- Car viewing/dessert event at Irongate
- Fundraiser at Braconi's car show
- Joint project with another Lions club
- Volunteer to help another organization

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- Sell something (candy?) along with raffle tickets or other activity
- Bake sale at some event
- Diabetes/hearing screening
- Ice cream social/bake sale
- Vision screening with Lions Vision Screener
- Volunteer shift at Loaves and Fishes

Other ideas? If something appeals, a small committee could explore the need, cost, benefits and present to the board for discussion.

### **Remember WE SERVE**

#### **Lion Jim Woodring, President**

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The Buffalo Turkey Trot did not allow women to participate until 1972, 75 years after the race began.

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### **Club News and Guest Speakers**

#### **CANDY DAY**

Candy Day was held on October 6-7 and 12-13. In total 13 Lions provided 94 hours of service on the street or at the storefront. The event was another great success. In total,

more than \$6,800 was collected, including \$1,150 in coins.

The Lions who worked reported mostly lovely people, however did have a few run-ins with some that were not entirely pleased to see hard working volunteers braving traffic. Despite the bad apples, the response was overwhelmingly positive.

Thank you to Lion Jim Ebers for running another Candy Day (second one in 2018) and for all of the Lions who volunteered.

#### **FANNIE MAY**

Our club has been offered a unique fundraising opportunity through Fannie May in Naperville. On December 1, for every customer that shops at Fannie May with a Naperville Noon Lions flyer, the store will donate 30% of the total sale to our Foundation. This is a terrific fundraising opportunity with almost no cost or energy expended.

Lion Jim Woodring has flyers to hand out. The flyers will be posted on our club and Turkey Trot Facebook pages as well as the website.

#### **ROADWAY CLEANUP**

On October 20, the Club completed its annual road cleanup project. The roadway on Plainfield Naperville Road between 75<sup>th</sup> Street and 87<sup>th</sup> Street is now clean and set for winter. This was the fourth time this year we picked up trash and many garbage bags were filled. We will be back next year as part of the two-

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year commitment with the DuPage County Highway Department. Thanks to Lion Paul Rewerts for coordinating this project and to the many Lions that volunteered their time to make this project a success.

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**The Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot set a World Record in 2011 for the most people dressed as turkeys at a single get-together.**

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### **Luncheon Speakers**

#### **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION**

On October 2, Amanda Spies was our guest speaker from the Muscular Dystrophy Association, an organization that has been around for 65 years. Their primary goals are to find treatment for more than 65 neuro muscular diseases and also provide care for families who have been affected.

They have 175 studies currently being funded. These diseases are all progressive and they hope that a breakthrough in one study may help lead to breakthroughs for treatment of other diseases. The future is bright. The organization has been involved in four new treatments recently approved by the FDA. They receive over 200 requests for grants annually but can only fund about 16 studies.

The organization also operates care centers that house a multi-disciplinary care team. A patient can make one appointment and meet

with a variety of providers rather than making many appointments.

Amanda was proud to tell the club about the MDA Summer Camp. This is a one-week completely free camp for kids ages 8-17 who suffer from muscular dystrophy or another related disease. The camper is paired one on one with a counselor who is highly trained. The camp provides the children more independence while also giving their parents a break. The summer camp is run completely by volunteers and the organization is always looking for more. This year, more than 100 kids enjoyed camp in Hudson, IL.

#### **METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES**

Our club welcomed Elise Schram and Latoya Hendrickson from Metropolitan Family Services as our guest speakers on October 9.

Elise discussed the organization's early childhood programs. They work with more than 50 local agencies to improve kindergarten/school readiness in children under 5. They work to reach kids who need it most so that they will be best prepared to learn once school begins.

Their goals include improving communication among early childhood providers and educating parents about childhood development needs. They also work to increase the professional development of early childhood providers.

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They provide preschool options throughout the area. These include head start, full day and half day preschool. They also operate a home-based prevention initiative.

One major event for Metropolitan Family Services is the Family Day of Play. At this event, families can bring their children for a day filled with activities. A group of organizations is also invited, and this provides an opportunity for the children to be screened and introduced to different services.

### **HEAR US**

Lion Maria Wilson spoke to the club on October 16 about Hear Us. The organization was started in 2005 by Diane Nilan who had previously worked for Hased House, but wanted to continue to provide a voice for homeless children.

Diane sold her home and bought an RV and began traveling around the country to tell the stories of homeless children. Through these efforts, Diane has written books and created documentary style videos in an effort to raise awareness.

Hear Us recently petitioned the city council to designate November as Naperville Homeless Kids Month. Through a collaboration with 360 Youth Services, this became a reality.

The goal of Homeless Kids Month is to raise awareness and get individuals and organizations to pledge to do one or more things to help. Turkey Trot is an especially

unique opportunity to raise awareness as Thanksgiving is the worst day for the homeless all year. Our club will have a Hear Us table set up at Turkey Trot this year and the organization is looking to expand its reach for next year.

### **YMCA SAFE AND SOUND**

On October 23 Erika Wood, Executive Director of the YMCA Safe and Sound Program described the program's objectives and its commitment to providing safe and enriching care for school age children during out of school time. The mission of the Program is about changing lives for the better in three ways: youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

The program was started by the Y in 1983 and serves approximately 1,100 children annually. This is one of the largest out of school time providers in the Naperville/Aurora area and they operate the program in DuPage, Will, and Kane Counties, Erika stated. Children kindergarten age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate and 89% of children come back year after year.

Programs consist of supporting working parents through child care, summer camps which are an enriching and safe experience for school age children, non-school day support to provide care during holidays, teacher institutes etc. and a counselor-in-training program which provides an opportunity for older youths (ages 13-15) to develop effective leadership skills.

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The Safe and Sound Program has approximately 100 professional trained staff and has provided \$234,000 in support of low-income families. There are many community partners that support the program including School District 203, Linden Oaks, 360 Youth Services, Kids Matter and the Naperville Noon Lion Foundation. Our Foundation has been a major financial contributor to the "Y" Safe and Sound Program for many years and the "Y" Safe and Sound program staff has provided major volunteer support for our Thanksgiving morning Turkey Trot.

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**The 2016 Run to Feed the Hungry in Sacramento was the largest ever Turkey Trot with 29,022 participants.**

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### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors met on October 30, 2018 at the downtown Naperville YMCA. 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 December 4, 2018 at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of October 2, 2018.

Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2018.

Approved the Social Service Report for October 2018.

Approved the following donations:

- Childs Voice - \$2,500
- CASA Kane County - \$2,000
- CASA DuPage County - \$2,000
- Easter Seals - \$2,400
- YMCA Safe and Sound - \$6,500
- Humanitarian Service Project - \$800
- LIF (Candy Day) - \$3,000

Discussed two possible new members which were referred by Lions Club International. This item referred to membership committee for further follow up.

Approved payment of \$1,800 to Positively Naperville for monthly advertisement for the year 2018/19.

Discussed Turkey Trot advertising on WBIG radio. The Lions will be featured on WBIG on November 1.

Discussed progress of Turkey Trot. Receipts total \$80,000 to date and problems with website have been resolved.

Discussed funds which are to be received from Lisle Eyes to the Skies. The money which is due to the NNLC has not been received. This item will be followed up at next Board meeting.

Discuss final report for Candy Days. 13 Lions volunteered, with total

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collections of \$6,764. Expenses were \$475. The Board concurred this was a very successful event.

Discussed OrCam unit for Brian McManus. More information is needed and the item will be deferred until the next Board meeting.

Approved \$344 for printing of coupons for Fanny May fund raiser. Coupon will be distributed at packet pick up. Naperville Noon Lion Foundation will receive 30% of Fanny May sales when the coupon is presented. The coupon is good for sales on December 1, 2018.

Discussed the main eye glass collection box which had been located at the Naperville Township Offices. Progress has been made to re-locate the box at the main Post Office on Washington Street, but the Post Office location has not been finalized. This item will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Approved \$40 for payment of renewal of domain website name for the Club.

Discussed the Club's annual Christmas luncheon. The luncheon will be held on December 11, 2018 at Walker's Char House. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

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**Our race is not the only one to feed participants. The Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in Columbus, OH has a pumpkin pie for everyone who runs, walks, or wobbles over the finish line.**  
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**GUESTS**

On October 2, we had a prospective member, Gina, join us for the meeting. She returned on October 16.

Southeast Zone Chair, Lion Jim Kiser, was our guest on October 16.

Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts was our guest on October 16 and 30.

On October 30, Rich Cullen and Diane Nilan were our guests. Not only did they enjoy lunch, but they also stuck around to help us place labels on Turkey Trot bibs.

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**Wild turkeys can really trot. They can run at speeds topping out at 25 miles per hour and fly at speeds maxing out at 55 miles per hour.**  
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**COMING EVENTS**

**November 6** – Turkey Trot labels

**November 13** – Turkey Trot labels

**November 17-21** – Packet Pick Up at Naperville Running Company

**November 20** – No Meeting

**November 22** – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Naperville Noon Lions Turkey Trot

**November 27** – No Meeting

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**December 1** – Lions Day at Fannie May

**December 4** – Business Meeting

**December 11** – Christmas Luncheon at Walker’s Charhouse

**December 18** – No Meeting

**December 25** – No Meeting

**January 1** – No Meeting

**January 8** – First meeting of 2019



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Steve Albach (3)**
- Lion Phil Barnum (28)**
- Lion Rick Butz (34)**

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

**Lion Bob Samuels – November 8**

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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| November | 6 -  | Luncheon meeting at Braconi’s |
| November | 13 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi’s |
| November | 20 - | NO MEETING                    |
| November | 27 - | NO MEETING                    |
| December | 4 -  | Board of Directors Meeting    |

## OFFICERS

- President – Lion Jim Woodring
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Lion Ken Strugalla
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Lion Karen Maxwell
- Program Director – Lion Meghen Williams
- Donations Committee Chair – Lion Linda 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month). Cut off date for news information will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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