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**NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB**

**NOVEMBER 2016**



**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Happy news! Three of our four major fund raisers have been completed, and each of them has showed a modest increase from the 2015-2016 totals. Early registrations for this month's Turkey Trot are "running" ahead of last year (sorry about that), and the hope is that the event will be even more successful than 2015. It seems that we may be able to achieve our lofty budget goals for the year after all.

As we approach the holiday season, it would be appropriate to pause and give thanks for our good fortune and the ability to fund these causes we have challenged ourselves to support. I want to thank all of our membership for their extra effort, dedication, and selfless cooperation. We have been able to achieve great things, and having a little fun along the way is just icing on the cake. Go Cubs!

**Remember WE SERVE**

**Lion Steve Hertzberg, President**

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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

- John F. Kennedy

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**Club News and Guest Speakers**

**CANDY DAY**

This year's candy day was another successful event. The weather cooperated and we had help from the National Charity League. Our club raised \$5,905. Lion Nick Stanitz led all Lions with \$1,237 collected himself. Thank you to Lion Jim Ebers for coordinating another successful event.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to our esteemed club members who all celebrated club anniversaries recently. Lions Club International acknowledged

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them with certificates and pins. Lions Bill McManus and Bob Hull celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the club, Lion Nick Stanitz celebrated his 35<sup>th</sup>, and Lions Al Knotek and Steve Hertzberg celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup>.



Lions Bill McManus, Bob Hull, Al Knotek, and Steve Hertzberg with their certificates

### **LION JAMES GILLIARD**

Lion James Gilliard addressed the club during our October 4 meeting to provide an update on his triathlon participation. This was his second year participating in triathlons. He runs them with a guide and has had a lot of fun. This year he has already done six outdoor triathlons and plans on continuing in the future.

### **NAPERVILLE MARATHON**

Our club volunteered to marshal the 2016 Naperville Marathon on October 23. The day began very early as the group met at Lion Al and Glenda Knotek's house at 6:30 AM. The Knoteks extended the warmest welcome and hot breakfast to prepare the group for the morning.

The marshal team assembled at the intersections near Good Sheppard Church and kept 649 marathon runners safe. The marshals remained cool and calm despite many angry motorists who were delayed as a result of the closed streets. There were plenty of happy runners and a few polite motorists who, in conjunction with the sunny skies and warm weather, made it a positive experience. Thank you to all of the volunteers - Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla, Al Knotek, Jim Ebers, Jim Woodring, Donna Kearney, Bob Samuels, Jim Alagna, as well as Katy Gieseke, Sue Galanes, and Susan Weber. For our efforts, the club earned a \$500 donation from the Marathon.

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**Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time.**

**- Theodore Roosevelt**

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### **Luncheon Speakers**

#### **NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK**

On October 4, Joelle Duke from Northern Illinois Food Bank was our guest speaker. Joelle began working for the organization as a volunteer and has since transitioned into the corporate giving team.

Northern Illinois Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, which is a national network of food banks. They cover 13 counties in Illinois, not including Cook.

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Their main mission is to acquire and distribute food throughout their many partner sites. These sites include pantries, shelters, and soup kitchens. Loaves and Fishes in Naperville is one of those sites.

The organization has warehouses in Geneva, Rockford, and Park City. Last year they provided 62.5 million meals, 13.4 million of which were in DuPage County.

Northern Illinois Food Bank has developed a youth backpack program where they send kids home with a backpack of food for the weekend. This will include about 12 meals worth of food to help supplement other members of the family.

They also coordinate a senior box program. This program packs a box of food and distributes that food to senior citizens on a monthly basis.

All types of food gets distributed through their programs. They are working on increasing the amount of produce and fresh milk that goes out to families. They are also very concerned about child nutrition. They invite children in to learn about nutrition and how to prepare meals.

### **NAPERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Commander Jason Arres of the Naperville Police Department was our guest speaker along with communication specialist Kelly Munch. Jason was on hand to discuss various issues that affect our

community from a police perspective.

Jason has been with the Naperville Police Department for 15 years. He is in charge of internal affairs and handles investigations into complaints about the police department. He is also the public information officer. Kelly works closely with Jason to get information out into the community.

Jason discussed the lack of training that is required for an officer after he or she has completed the academy. The budget allotted towards training was small compared to other expenses. This department has worked to change that. They have added scenario-based training which incorporates actual events that have happened to officers in the field. They have also worked to provide regular training for updates on laws and procedures.

One big area the department has also focused on is mental health training. They are on pace for the highest number of mental health calls in history this year. Training is necessary because not everyone reacts the same way. The officers must learn how to approach someone dealing with mental illness to ensure their own safety and the safety of everyone involved. As a result of this training, the use of force has been declining.

Jason also discussed the heroin problem that the city is dealing with. Kids are able to easily acquire the drug with a short drive into Chicago. The department has started the

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Connect for Life Program. This program allows a drug user to come into the police department and ask for help. They partner with rehab facilities in town and will get the person placed into one of those facilities.

The Naperville Police Department wants to get information out to the community as rapidly as possible. They maintain Facebook and Twitter accounts. They try to get the information out there so that the public gets an accurate accounting rather than someone else's message.

### **HESED HOUSE**

On October 18, Ryan Dowd was our guest speaker. Ryan is the executive director of Hesed House, a homeless shelter in Aurora. Hesed House is the second largest homeless shelter in Illinois.

Ryan walked us through the worst day of someone's life – the day that person becomes homeless. Ryan vividly described what that person will go through on that day. He described the choosing of a few belongings to take with them, knowing the remainder will be gone forever.

Ryan described the first meal they will eat at Hesed House and how they will probably eat too much because they have been hungry for a long time. He explained how that first night is terrifying and this person might cry themselves to sleep or not sleep at all in a room filled with other people.

That person will remember that day for the rest of his or her life. Ryan explained that Hesed House sees two of those people every single day. Two people who are having the worst day of their lives.

The worst day is followed by a day that is a little better because that person begins to learn that Hesed House is a lot more than just a homeless shelter. It houses a health clinic, a legal clinic, mental health treatment, and job training. This person begins to feel a sense of hope.

He also described a third day for every homeless person – the day when they are no longer homeless. He reveled in the excitement that he sees when they receive the key to their new home and how proud they are. He told us that many people will eat a frozen pizza for dinner that first night because they have no pots or pans. They will also probably sleep on the floor because they do not yet have a bed. Generally, Hesed House helps with these items, but it usually takes a few days for them to arrive.

Hesed House's missions include getting people off of the street, getting people back into homes, and ensuring that children have as much normalcy as possible.

They are a low threshold shelter which means they will work with you as long as you can behave. This includes intoxicated individuals and those with mental health issues. Ryan described the shelter as more

chaotic than others, but that results in almost no one sleeping on the streets.

## **CHILD'S VOICE**

Kate Bousum spoke to our club on October 25. Kate is the director of advancement for Child's Voice, an organization dedicated to providing educational services to children with hearing loss.

Child's Voice was started in 1996 and is headquartered in Wood Dale. They maintain another site in Roscoe Village as well. Through these two sites, they serve the entire Chicagoland area.

Child's Voice works to provide children with hearing loss the tools and skills they need to succeed in a traditional school environment. The children learn to listen and speak so that they can transition easily to a school environment and succeed on their own.

They provide three main services. The first is the audiology center which provides hearing tests for infants. They also provide follow up care so that children with hearing difficulties can be diagnosed and treated sooner.

The second program is the early intervention program. Through this program, children as young as 18 months receive in-home and group experiences to help them adapt. This program also enables parents to provide the teaching needed to help the children listen and speak.



**Lion Bill Bleecker showing his support for Child's Voice at the University of Illinois Homecoming game on October 29**

Once a child reaches the age of three, he or she transitions into the school program. This is a full-day school program that provides small classroom environments and prepares the children for a transition into a traditional school. This transition usually occurs in first or second grade. Kate informed us that most kids leave the school program ahead of where they would be in a traditional school and as such have a head start on their peers.

Since the organization began 20 years ago, they have helped more than 700 children. Each year, about 200 families receive services.

Kate was happy to relate that they have now seen many success stories. They have witnessed program participants who have grown up and are leading very successful adult lives. There is even an alumnus who has graduated from college and come to work for Child's Voice as a teacher.

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**If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.**

**- Milton Berle**  
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### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors met on October 25, 2016 at the YMCA 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 at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home on December 6, 2016.

Approved the Club and Foundation Board minutes of September 26, 2016.

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2016 and the Social Service Report as of October 25, 2016. 37 new cases were opened in October. Expenditures for September 2016 totaled \$13,093 for 44 closed cases.

Discussed Candy Day. \$5,905 was collected. Cost of candy was \$950. There will be minor amounts yet to be received from the sale of left over candy. The National Charity League participated with the Club this year by supplying volunteers.

Approved donating all of the net proceeds to the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Discussed Turkey Trot. Registration is approximately equal to last year.

Additional sponsors are still needed and the 2017 SECA application has been submitted. \$500 was received as a donation to the Foundation for the club's support of the Naperville Marathon.

Discussed the possibility of holding a gala dinner sometime in the spring of 2017. Lion Jim Baird will coordinate the details of the event, prepare a plan for the event, and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

Discussed the club's participation in the PADS Open Door Fair for veterans to be held on November 4, 2016 at the DuPage County Fair Grounds. Arrangements have been made with Lions of Illinois Foundation to have the hearing van at the fair. Lion Jim Woodring is coordinating the event.

Discussed the taping of the NCTV-17 taping of Spotlight on Naperville which was held on October 12, 2016. Lions Steve Hertzberg and Katie Hertzberg participated. The segment can be seen by logging onto [NCTV17.org](http://NCTV17.org).

Approved the extension for the club's domain name which expires in December 2016. The cost to extend the domain name is \$49.

Approved the club's participation in the District 1-J bowling tournament. The Club will pay the entry fee for 10 bowlers.

Approved the club's collection of toys at the Christmas luncheon and donation of the toys to Humanitarian Service Project.

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**COMING EVENTS**

Approved the club's annual Christmas luncheon to be held on December 6, 2016 at Walkers Char House. Approved a charge of \$10 per person for the luncheon.

Approved the Club's participation in the Salvation Army's ring the bells event in December, 2016

Approved the next Board meeting will be held on December 6, 2016. The Club will meet at Braconi's for its regular luncheon on December 13, 2016. There will be no meetings on December 20 and 27, 2016.

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**If you can dream it, you can do it.**

**- Walt Disney**

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**GUESTS**

On October 4, Lion Paul Rewerts was accompanied by his lovely wife, Jackie, who was our guest. We also welcomed Dana South as a guest. Dana is a liason for the National Charity League who helped our club work at Ribfest and again with Candy Day.

On October 11 and 18, Jackie Rewerts was our guest.

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**Act as if what you do makes a difference.  
It does.**

**- William James**

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**November 1** – Prepare Turkey Trot bibs

**November 4** – Lions of Illinois Hearing Bus to conduct hearing tests. See Lion Jim Woodring to sign up.

**November 8** – Prepare Turkey Trot bibs

**November 15** – Prepare Turkey Trot bibs

**November 22** – No Meeting

**November 24** – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot

**November 29** – No Meeting

**December 6** – Annual Christmas Luncheon at Walker's Charhouse

**December 13** - Meeting at Braconi's

**December 20** – No Meeting

**December 27** – No Meeting





## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Steve Albach (1)**
- Lion Phil Barnum (26)**
- Lion Rick Butz (32)**
- Lion Nadia Esmail (5)**

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

- November 1 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- November 8 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- November 15 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- November 22 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- November 29 - No Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> Friday

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### OFFICERS

- President – Lion Steve Hertzberg
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Lion Linda Strugalla
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Lion Gary Peterson
- 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 Jim Woodring
- Director – Lion Rich Williams
- Membership – Lion Rich Williams
- Immediate Past President – Lion Bob Hull

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### Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

- Dues Secretary – Lion Richard Williams
- Tail Twister – Rotating
- Lion Tamer – Rotating
- Chaplain – At Large
- Social Services – Lions Paul Rewerts
- Peace Poster Contest – Lion Yllena Sinclare
- Program Director – Lion Gary Peterson
- 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 – Lion 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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