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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2016



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**I can't change the direction of the wind,
but I can adjust my sails to always reach
my destination.**

- Jimmy Dean

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we come to the conclusion of the summer raffle, it seems appropriate to mention Ollie Burrows, our all-time raffle ticket sales leader and most recent recipient of the NNLC Bob Anderson Lifetime Service Award. I received a delightful phone call from Ellen Burrows, who has relocated to Pennsylvania to be closer to her family since Ollie's passing. She had just unwrapped the beautifully-framed and matted letter I composed in July telling her of Ollie's award, and she was thrilled that the club had honored his memory in such a way.

In the kitchen breakfast nook in her new two-bedroom home is a wall for her memorabilia, and she is going to place this letter right between his George Lazansky and Melvin Jones Fellowship awards.

Ellen told me how, "Oliver would set up in front of the Ace Hardware store

when it opened and stay until closing, selling raffle tickets". At lunchtime she would pack him a picnic basket and bring it over. One very successful summer, Ollie and Ellen sold over 2,300 tickets.

I'm pleased to report that our current club membership has stepped up, and volunteers have covered the Ace Hardware location very well this summer.

Ellen told me she misses Naperville and our Noon Lions Club. She feels comfortable in her new home and enjoys being closer to her family. She said she will think of us each time she looks out her kitchen window, next to the wall with all of Ollie's awards, watching the bird feeder under the big tree in her new back yard. Lastly, she wanted all the members of our club to know how much she appreciated receiving that framed letter. It was the "emotional lift" that made her day. She wished us all well and is happy to know we will carry on in our efforts to serve others. That is what she and Ollie did together so beautifully.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Steve Hertzberg, President

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The most important thing is to enjoy your
life – to be happy – it’s all that matters.

- Audrey Hepburn



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Club News and Guest Speakers

KANE COUNTY COUGARS

On August 16, the club had its annual trip to a Kane County Cougars baseball game. There were about a dozen members and guests in attendance on a beautiful night that also coincided with “Bark in the Park.” Luckily, our seats were far from the dogs, so no one had to monitor where they were walking very closely.

It was a great night of baseball with the Cougars beating the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers 6-2. Luckily, no one was hurt when a laser line drive landed in our section.

PEACE POSTER

Thank you to Lion Yllena Sinclair for accepting the role of Peace Poster Coordinator for the entire District. She is hard at work trying to expand the program within the district and in Naperville as well.

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Good questions outrank easy answers.

- Paul Samuelson

Luncheon Speakers

LOAVES & FISHES

On August 2, Diane Ramonas was our speaker. Diane is the Community Relations Manager for Loaves & Fishes. Loaves & Fishes is a local food pantry that was started in a small closet at St. Raphael 32 years ago.

They have continued to grow and in 2011, moved into their new facility. This new building was formulated to aid in the dignity of those it serves. It houses a client-choice market and space for a variety of other programs.

In the program space, Loaves & Fishes works in conjunction with College of DuPage to offer English as a Second Language classes. They also host job counselors and help clients apply for food stamps and other types of aid. Each year they also help with income taxes.

Loaves and Fishes recently merged with Naperville Cares to combine all of their resources under one roof. Naperville Cares is an organization that provides emergency funding to people in need.

Clients can come and receive food once every 14 days at Loaves & Fishes. About two-thirds of the food available has been recovered from local supermarkets. The staff picks up food from the supermarkets and inspects everything and usually gets it onto their shelves within 24-48 hours.

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Loaves & Fishes is a member of the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This allows them to buy food for about ten cents on the dollar.

They partner with the post office and their annual food drive. Loaves and Fishes receives all of the food collected in Naperville. Their volunteers help to collect and sort. Last year they collected over 80,000 pounds of food. It took more than one month to sort through it all.

The client-choice model that Loaves & Fishes utilizes is unique. When someone is picking up food from their pantry, they walk through just like a regular supermarket. They are allowed a certain number of items per category and get to choose what they actually take home with them.

Loaves & Fishes also provides delivery to certain senior citizens and disabled clients who cannot get to the market themselves. The deliveries come once per month.

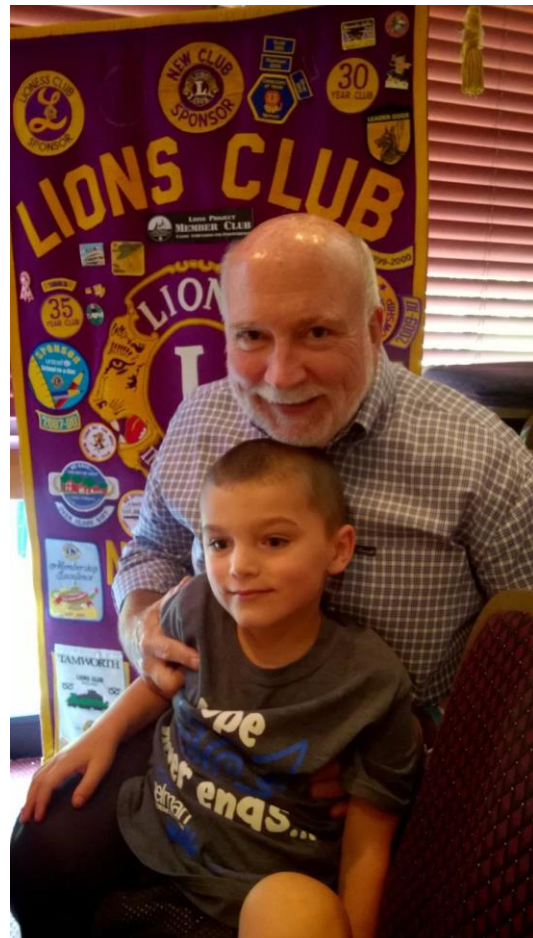
Loaves and Fishes has 18 people currently on staff. They have hundreds of volunteers that deliver the majority of their services. Last year, the volunteers dedicated 85,000 man hours to the organization. With that kind of support, Loaves and Fishes is able to use 96% of its funding for client services.

JULIE & GAVIN

On August 9, our club had many very special guests. A large contingent of Lion Al Knotek's family

was on hand with Eileen Braun from the Angelman Syndrome Foundation. Al's wife, Glenda, and daughters Julie and Stacie were guests along with their children, Connor (7), Lauren (7), Gavin (5), Matthew (5) and Audrey (3).

Julie's son, Gavin, was born with Angelman Syndrome and the two of them were making a presentation to the club to provide a glimpse into their family's life and the various obstacles that they have overcome and some that they still face on a daily basis.



Lion Al with grandson Gavin

Julie spoke about how, in March of 2013, she and her family were

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quietly going through a struggle with Gavin as he was not progressing as expected developmentally. He was tested over and over again by a great many doctors. At this time, he was two and a half and was not sleeping through the night. No one was providing any answers or diagnoses for their situation.

In March, 2013, they travelled to the Mayo Clinic where Gavin was tested for Angelman Syndrome. After a one month wait for results, they received the news that his test was positive. At that point in time, Eileen had just spoken to our club about the Angelman Syndrome foundation. Upon learning about the organization, Lion AI directed Julie to Eileen.

Julie and her husband needed help because Angelman Syndrome is not very common. They were introduced to a program with a set of specialist in Boston. The family travels to Boston now about once per year. While in Boston, Gavin gets to meet with a number of specialists who are very familiar with Angelman Syndrome. He visits with a neurologist, a sleep specialist, a psychologist, and a gastroenterologist. They stay in Boston for three or four days at a time.

Gavin faces a number of hurdles as a result of Angelman Syndrome. He is unable to verbally communicate like other children, however he is good at saying "Mama." He has a great deal of trouble sleeping at night and needs to take medication to account for that. He is also very

anxious when he is out in public. Julie was worried about how Gavin would adapt to the Lions Club environment, but she was happy to see Lion Meghan Williams arrive as she acted as a calming force for him.

Julie described how every day is full of therapy for Gavin. He goes to speech therapy and is making improvements. He loves to swim and was very excited that he and the rest of the crew were spending the afternoon swimming after our meeting. He is also a big fan of jigsaw puzzles.

Julie marveled at how compassionate and mature her other two children are because of Gavin. She calls them his greatest teachers and examples.

Overall, Gavin has made great strides since his diagnosis. Julie and her husband continue to push him each and every day because they know no limit to what he can achieve. Thus far, he has risen to the occasion every time. Thank you to Lion AI and his entire family for a very memorable and enjoyable meeting.

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- Audrey Hepburn

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on August 23, 2016 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 September 26, 2016.

Approved the Club and Foundation Board minutes of July 28, 2016.

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2016 and the Social Service Report as of August 23, 2016. Fifteen new cases were opened in August. Expenditures for July totaled \$7,313 for 23 closed cases.

Approved the full membership of James Baird.

Discussed the possibility of inviting Stephanie Penik, Editor of Positively Naperville, to draw the winning tickets for the Summer Raffle on September 6th. Bob Hull will contact her to see if she is available.

Discussed the Summer Raffle. \$23,000 have been collected which is approximately \$6,000 ahead of last year at this time. The goal is to reach \$30,000.

Discussed Candy Day which will be held on October 7 and 8 this year and the possibility of increasing the locations to distribute candy mints and increasing the number of volunteers to participate.

Discussed Turkey Trot. At this date 238 individuals have registered. Cash collections from sponsors is approximately \$15,000 which is

about half of our goal. Also discussed the changes that are being made in our CETA grant from the City of Naperville and its effect on future Turkey Trots.

Discussed possible grant to People's Resource Center. No action was taken.

Approved adding four links to the Clubs web-site regarding guides containing information pertaining to assistance for blind, low vision and hard of hearing individuals and deleting one link pertaining to crisis management which did not meet the Lions mission.

Reviewed the plaque related to the Bob Anderson Lifetime Service Award which will be given to the widow of the Late Ollie Burrows.

Approved the Club's support for the Naperville Marathon. The Club will provide volunteers to monitor a portion of the race route. Ten volunteers will be needed and we will be able to display information regarding our Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning.

Discussed NCTV – 17 taping of "Spotlight on Naperville". Lions President and one other Lion will appear on the show which will be taped on October 12th.

Discussed membership in the Naperville Chamber of Commerce. It was the consensus of the Board not to become a member of the Chamber.

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Approved the purchase of Peace Poster material for this year's contest.

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Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

- George Bernard Shaw
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GUESTS

On August 2, Kay Albach, wife of Lion Steve Albach, was our guest.

On August 9, the Knotek clan were our guests. We welcomed Lion Al Knotek's wife, Glenda, his daughter Julie Staab and her children, Connor, Gavin, and Audrey, his other daughter Stacie Quigg and her children Matthew and Lauren. We also welcomed Jim Baird, a friend of Lion Bob Hull and Lion Ken and Linda Strugalla's grandson, Sam.

On August 16, Jim Baird was again a guest of Lion Bob Hull. The club was pleased to learn that Jim has applied for membership.

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Big words seldom accompany good deads.

- Charlotte Whitton
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COMING EVENTS

September 6 – Leanne Vos from Donka will be our guest speaker. Donka is a program that helps people with disabilities improve their

quality of life using computers and assistive technology.

September 6 - Summer Raffle drawing to be held at our luncheon meeting

September 10 – 30th Anniversary Celebration of Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute in Chicago. Program begins at 12:30 PM with guided tours and lab demonstrations from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

September 12 – Kate Bousum from Child's Voice will be our guest speaker. Child's Voice is a listening and spoken word program for children with hearing loss that provides the opportunity to learn to listen and talk.

September 19 – Speaker TBD.

September 26 – Business Meeting.

October 7-8 – Candy Day



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Diane Hollingsworth (6)
Lion Yllena Sinclair (2)
Lion Nick Stanitz (35)
Lion Ken Strugalla (8)
Lion Linda Strugalla (8)

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

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Lion Maria Wilson – September 1
Lion George Pradel – September 5
Lion Mark Rafferty – September 8
Lion Carl Smith – September 28

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

September 6 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
September 13 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
September 21 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
September 28 - Board of Directors meeting
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OFFICERS

President – Lion Steve Hertzberg
1st VP – Lion Linda Strugalla
2nd 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 Sinclair
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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