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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

MARCH 2017



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No amount of experimentation can ever prove me right; a single experiment can prove me wrong.

- Albert Einstein

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March 1 represents the completion of two-thirds of our fiscal year, and it has been quite successful by any measure. All four major fundraisers have been completed and "all the crops are in the barn." We have raised enough revenue to cover our budgetary obligations and then some.

Thank you to Lion Donna Kearney and her Turkey Trot committee for netting over \$200,000 in this year's event. Thank you to Lion Meghan Williams for taking on the important position of Program Chairman. Thank you to Lion Jim Woodring for accepting the position of Second Vice President.

We can now plan for a new slate of officers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year with a full head of steam and stable club membership. In the coming months, we will have the opportunity

to participate in the District 1-J, State and International Conventions.

What a great way to end our year.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Steve Hertzberg, President

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Learn to think continentally.

- Alexander Hamilton

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Club News and Guest Speakers

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

On February 18-19, North Central College hosted another Feed My Starving Children event and our club was on hand to volunteer. Through the course of two days, the event had approximately 5,000 volunteers. 1.3 million meals were packed, which exceeded their goal. Thank you to Lion Maria Wilson for organizing this event.

CRATE AND BARREL

On February 14, the club welcomed Diana Mewby and Pam Cleff from Crate and Barrel. Diana and Pam were on hand to present the club with 124 pairs of used eyeglasses that they have collected at Crate and Barrel to be donated to our club. Community involvement like this is a wonderful addition to our club.



From left: Lion Steve Hertzberg accepting glasses from Pam Cleff and Diana Newby

RHINELANDER LIONS CLUB FISHEREE

Lion Jim Woodring was spending time near Rhinelander, Wisconsin last month when he came across the Rhinelander Lions Club's annual Fisheree Ice Fishing contest. Lion Jim and his wife, Linda, stopped by to see what all the fuss was about. While they were happy to be seen and talk with other Lions, they were not happy to be asked to take a photo with one of the Fisheree prizes, an autographed Green Bay Packer football.

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A pure hand needs no glove to cover it.
- Nathaniel Hawthorne
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Luncheon Speakers

DUPAGE COUNTY FAMILY CENTER

On February 7, Sheila Murphy-Russell was our speaker. Sheila was speaking about the DuPage County Family Center, the only one of its kind in the state of Illinois.

The DuPage County Family Center serves families where the parents have separated and the children move from one parent to the other. They provide a variety of services to the families.

They operate the parent education program that is required for all parents going through divorce in the state. They also provide mediation services and a conflict management group.

The bulk of what the family center handles is supervised parenting time and mutual exchange services. Occasionally, the court or the parents will decide that visitation with a parent is allowed only under supervision. The family center provides a supervisor who is present during the parent visit time. The supervisor also authors reports for the court if needed.

Mutual exchange is useful for parents who have a difficult time exchanging the children without arguments or altercations. They maintain separate lobbies for each parent to wait. The employees of the family center usher the children from one parent to the other in these

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waiting rooms. They stagger the times for the parents to leave as to avoid any time together on the road after the exchange.

The family center serves approximately 100 families each month. They serve 75 exchanges per week. Their budget is paid for by a grant from the state, a portion of every court filing fee, and DuPage County contributes as well.

FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

On February 14, Lions John Corneille and Steve Sroka were our speakers representing Foundation Fighting Blindness. John has spoken to our club many times and was back to provide an update on his participation in the stem cell trial.

John was accepted into a clinical trial in Boston last year and finally underwent the surgery in September, 2016. He has followed up with the doctors many times since his surgery.

John had partially developed stem cells injected under his retina. At this point, he has not regained any sight, but there is still hope that the cells will continue to develop and make that possible. John believes that the goal of this initial clinical trial is to determine safety protocols for the procedure. He has his next checkup this month and privately hopes that there is some restoration of vision.

Lion Steve Sroka also spoke with the club. Steve is a member of the

South Milwaukee Lions Club. He is also an events director for Foundation Fighting Blindness. Steve thanked the club again for our \$25,000 gift that has been talked about nationwide by the foundation.

WAR CHEST

On February 21, our club visited the WAR Chest Boutique in downtown Naperville. The club enjoyed lunch and a discussion about WAR Chest from Regina Snyder.

WAR (Women at Risk) Chest is an organization designed to prevent human trafficking and support victims of human trafficking. Everything that is sold in their boutique is made by women who were victims of human trafficking. With every purchase, a card is included which tells the woman's story.

Regina informed our club that human trafficking is a booming industry in the United States and there are even some Naperville residents who have been affected. Women and children are kidnapped and forced into lives of slavery.

WAR Chest works with the State Department and Homeland Security to try and prevent this and rescue victims. They operate safe houses in many countries. If they discover a woman in one of these situations, they can work to get her to safety.

Regina stated that one of their main goals is to spread the word. The store in Naperville operates as a safe house itself and she wants

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people to know they exist and help is possible.

ILLINOIS TALKING BOOKS

Rose Chenoweth was our guest speaker on February 28. Rose was speaking to us on behalf of the Illinois Talking Books Outreach Center.

Talking Books is part of the Library of Congress that began with the service of World War I veterans who had lost their sight. They now serve anyone with low or no vision, reading disabilities, or physical disabilities that prevent the holding of a book. Talking Books is organized into regionals for each state. Currently, Illinois has two regionals – Chicago and everywhere else. Rose informed us that this year, Chicago will be dissolved and the state will have only one.

Talking Books provides reading machines to its users. Books come in a cartridge form and allow the user to listen to the book. The machine has many features that let the user fine-tune the listening experience to best suit them.

The service is paid for with tax dollars and there is no additional charge for anyone to use. The machine comes directly to the user through the mail. The books are copy written to work only on these machines.

Talking Books is currently working on ways to reach more people at a lower cost. They want to work on a method of directly downloading the

book rather than sending the cartridge and have developed a mobile app to do just this.

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All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.

- George Orwell

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on February 28, 2017 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 March 28, 2017.

Approved the Club and Foundation Board minutes of January 31, 2017.

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2017, and the Social Service Report as of February 28, 2017, there were 58 new cases opened during January. Expenditures through February 28, 2017 were \$73,871.42 for 226 closed cases.

Approved the following donations:

- National Federation of the Blind for the B.E.L.L. Program - \$10,000
- Beep Baseball - \$1,000
- Longwood Elementary School Run with the Lions - \$500

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- NAMI - \$1,000
- Leader Dogs - \$1,000
- Foundation Fighting Blindness walk - \$5,000
- People’s Resource Center run - \$1,500
- James Gilliard to attend Triathlon Training for the Blind - \$500

Lauren Freeborn Straub’s resignation was accepted.

Turkey Trot final report was provided.

Our spot is reserved for Ribfest June 30 – July 3.

St. Baldrick’s will take place on March 18. Lion Meghen Williams is handling signups.

District Convention is March 17-19. State Convention May 19-21. International Convention June 30-July 4. Looking for volunteers.

Club selected for West Suburban Philanthropic Network for philanthropic award. The club was nominated by Donka.

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Knowing others is wisdom, knowing yourself is Enlightenment.

- Lao Tzu

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GUESTS

On February 7, Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts was our guest.

On February 14, Lion Al Knotek brought his wife, Glenda, to our meeting as his Valentine’s Day date.

On February 28, Jenny Chitlow from Easter Seals was our guest. Jenny was on hand to promote the Easter Seals Run for Kids on May 6.

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It’s what you learn after you know it all that counts.

- John Wooden

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COMING EVENTS

March 7 – Cee-Cee from DuPage Legal Aid will be our guest speaker to inform the club about legal services available to low income residents.

March 14 – Speaker TBD.

March 21 – Mike from the Naperville Police Department will be our guest speaker.

March 28 – Business Meeting.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Bill Cornish (10)**
- Lion Mark Rafferty (3)**
- Lion Chris Williams (8)**
- Lion Rich Williams (3)**

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

- Lion Rick Butz – March 2**
- Lion Yllena Sinclare – March 6**
- Lion Paul Rewerts – March 8**
- Lion Dick Griffith – March 13**
- Lion Jim Burner – March 17**

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

- March 7 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- March 14 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- March 21 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- March 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 Sinclare
- 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 – 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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