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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

APRIL 2017



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**Facts do not cease to exist because they
are ignored.**

- Aldous Huxley

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In addition to my Ribfest duties and this current gig as president, I also happen to be the NNLC historian. In this role I have accumulated all sorts of interesting artifacts, such as Harold White's famous Lions sport jacket (covered with lions), Bob Koller's Lion of the Year award, and all of Ollie Burrow's photo albums.

There is also a folder of newspaper headlines, publicity, photos, and articles. One of these that I found especially significant was a Daily Herald series of articles about 10 years back chronicling the 25 most influential citizens of Naperville over the last 175 years - 7 of whom were members of the Naperville Noon Lions Club.

In 1948, Dutch Beidelman (24) was a charter member of the club. The owner of a furniture store in town, and a partner in a funeral home, he also was a city councilman for 21 years under 4 different mayors. He

was joined that year by bandmaster Elmer Koerner (18), restaurant owner Alfred Rubin (9), and developer Harold Moser (1).

In 1949, publisher Harold White (4) became a new member of the club. During his 44 years in the club he sponsored 34 new members, and was the principal reason our club at one time had 95 members.

More recently, attorney Willard Brestal (22) and our former mayor, George Pradel (12) have served our community as members of the NNLC.

As these men influenced the development and direction of Naperville, so did they also leave an indelible mark on the history of our club. We certainly share a rich tradition with these men, and I'm sure the entire lot of them would be amazed and proud of the club they helped form some 68 years ago.

I wonder what they would think of funnel cakes...

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Steve Hertzberg, President

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The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.

- Diogenes

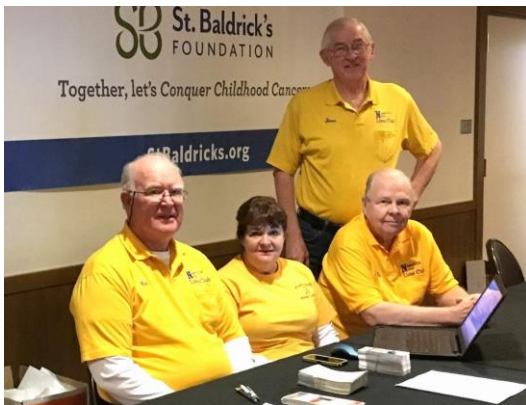
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Club News and Guest Speakers

ST. BALDRICK'S

Our club again volunteered at the annual St. Baldrick's celebration on March 18. Our club helped with registration and counting money. Lion Steve Hertzberg reported that he counted over \$10,000. Lion James Gillard had his head shaved at the event. Lion Maria Wilson did not.



Our trusty contingent working St. Baldrick's

LION YLENA SINCLARE

At the District 1-J Convention last month, Lion Yllena Sinclair was awarded a District Governor's Medal for Distinguished Service for her

great work with the Peace Poster program. Congratulations Lion Yllena!

WAR CHEST UPDATE

Following our meeting at the War Chest Boutique in February, many members stayed and shopped. Our club received a message from Shelby at War Chest. She informed us that we purchased \$100.00 worth of goods that day. With that money, they will be able to keep a woman in a safe house for 10 days.

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It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.

- George Washington

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Luncheon Speakers

**DUPAGE COUNTY
LEGAL AID**

On March 7, Cecilia Najera was our guest speaker. Cecilia is the director of DuPage County Legal Aid, which is an organization that helps low income residents of DuPage County with family law issues.

Each year, Legal Aid provides over 10,000 hours of pro bono work for their client. Most cases are referred out to members of the DuPage County Bar Association. The Bar Association members are expected to handle at least one case per year. Lion Meghen Williams is one of those members and has handled many cases like these.

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Legal Aid also helps individuals obtain orders of protection in conjunction with Family Shelter Service. They also work with seniors in cases where there is alleged abuse. They do not handle landlord tenant or public benefits cases.

Each person that they serve is screened by Legal Aid. Legal Aid looks at the person's entire financial picture to determine if they are eligible for services. Their budget comes from filing fees for new cases, the DuPage County Bar Association, and other fundraisers.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

John Miller and Kioko Czech from American Cancer Society were our guest speakers on March 14. Both were on hand to give a presentation on the good things done by ACS on top of cancer research.

The Road to Recovery program is a very popular program that allows cancer patients to get rides to and from their treatments. Volunteer drivers go through a screening and training process and then notify when available to drive. Many drivers and patients become very good friends through this program.

ACS also sponsors the Look Good Feel Good program. Through this program, cancer patients are provided makeup and wigs and training to use those items. This program makes the patient feel great and gives them a little extra push. It helps get these folks out and about because they sometimes feel

anxious or afraid of going out in public during cancer treatment.

Hope Lodge is another program run by ACS. This program provides lodging near treatment centers so that a family can stay together. These are located all over the country and in places where there is no Hope Lodge, ACS works with local hotels to provide discounted rates.

NAPERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On March 21, Mike Wasilewski of the Naperville Police Department was our speaker. Mike is a crisis negotiator for the department. The crisis negotiation team works hand in hand with the special response team for emergency situations.

The vast majority of the cases he deals with involve mental health. This could be someone who is mentally ill has committed a crime or they are experiencing a psychotic episode. As the department learns to better deal with these mental health cases, the crime rate continues to drop.

The crisis negotiation team has a commander, sergeant, and 11 negotiators. They operate on each call as a team. When a call comes in, the department tries to get as many members of this team together as possible.

During the call, one team member is assigned as the primary negotiator who talks to the person involved. They are helped by a coach who is

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constantly listening and making suggestions. There is a team leader who is observing and serving as a liaison with the special response team. The ultimate goal of the team is to avoid the use of force by the special response team.

The types of calls that the team handles vary, but they are most often domestic disputes or barricaded or suicidal individuals. The team is always training on new scenarios and use example cases from all over the country. Each member trains for each role because they may have to step in at any given moment.

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We are no longer happy so soon as we wish to be happier.

- Walter Savage Landor

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on March 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 April 25, 2017.

Approved the Club and Foundation Board minutes of February 28, 2017.

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2017, and the Social Service Report as of March 28, 2017. There were 32 new cases for the month and 332 cases for the

current fiscal year. There were 322 cases for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Total expenditures for the current year totaled \$77,348 for 255 closed cases.

Approved a donation of \$1,000 to Senior Home Sharing and \$2,500 to Eversight Eye Bank.

Approved the purchase in the amount of \$275 for a street banner for Lions Clubs International Chicago Centennial Convention. The banner will contain the name of "Naperville Noon Lions Club" and be displayed along the Lions annual parade route.

Discussed the DuPage Veterans Assistance event on July 12, 2017. This item was deferred until April Board meeting.

The Club and Foundation audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 was received and distributed to the board members.

Many other topics were also discussed. Club membership is currently 41 full and at-large members. Nomination committee is currently working on the slate of officers and directors for the fiscal year 2017/2018. Illinois state convention will be held at the Lincoln Hotel in Springfield on May 19 to 21, 2017. Lions International Centennial Convention in Chicago is in need of volunteers.

NNLC will be recognized by the West Suburban Philanthropic Network in the service club category at its annual luncheon on May 23, 2017 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in

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Naperville. Lion President Steve Hertzberg and Lion Vice President Linda Strugalla will represent the club.

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Better a witty fool than a foolish wit.

- William Shakespeare

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GUESTS

On March 21, Kristin Fitzgerald of District 203 was a guest of Lion Jane Bowers. She thanked us for our work with the Ann Reid vision screenings.

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People seldom refuse help, if one offers it in the right way.

- A.C. Benson

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COMING EVENTS

April 4 – Lavonne Kopca, Director of Student Disability Services at North Central College will be on hand to discuss accommodations provided by North Central for students with disabilities or limitations.

April 11 – Author George Swimmer will be speaking with our club about his latest book, "Railroad Collisions, A Deadly Story of Mismanaged Risk."

April 18 – Dan Jurjovec, President of Naperville Responds for Veterans will be our speaker. His organization assists veterans with home repairs, renovations, and construction.

April 25 – Business Meeting.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Carl Smith (28)**
- Lion Jim Woodring (3)**

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

- Lion Nadia Esmail – April 6**
- Lion Linda Strugalla – April 11**

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

- April 4 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- April 11 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- April 18 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- April 25 - Board of Directors meeting
- April 25 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's

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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 Meghan Williams
Donations Committee Chair – Lion Linda
Strugalla
Diabetes Awareness – Lion Meghan
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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