

The
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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

MAY 2017



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Every gift from a friend is a wish for your
happiness.

- Richard Bach

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Over the past 3 weeks, I've been compiling facts and data for a report on legacy projects I'm sending to district 1-J. This information will be reported to Lions Clubs International at the Centennial Celebration at the convention in Chicago over the 4th of July holiday weekend.

We are all aware of our \$500 and \$1000 donations to dozens of local groups and causes, but I was amazed by the size and scope of some of our larger contributions over the last 5 calendar years...some examples are as follows: \$25,000 to John Corneille (Foundation Fighting Blindness) to fund study of degenerative diseases of the retina (August 2015); \$35,000 to the Naperville Park District to fund disability signage at the Knoch Knolls Nature Center (2014-15-16); \$8,000 scholarship to Amy Bosco to attend 8-week blind student training work-shop in Minneapolis (February 2015); \$8,000 donation to Donka,

Inc. for "Giving Tuesday" campaign (September 2016); \$5,000 to Leader Dogs in Rochester, Michigan (March 2015); \$10,000 to fund NCHS "Redhawk Summer Read and Relax" program (2013-14); \$6,500 to Naperville YMCA to fund after-school programs (December 2016); \$10,000 to the National Federation of the Blind to fund their B.E.L.L. (Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning) program (February 2017); \$6,000 scholarship to NCHS junior Hannah Hakes to attend blind student's training workshop in Minneapolis (May 2013).

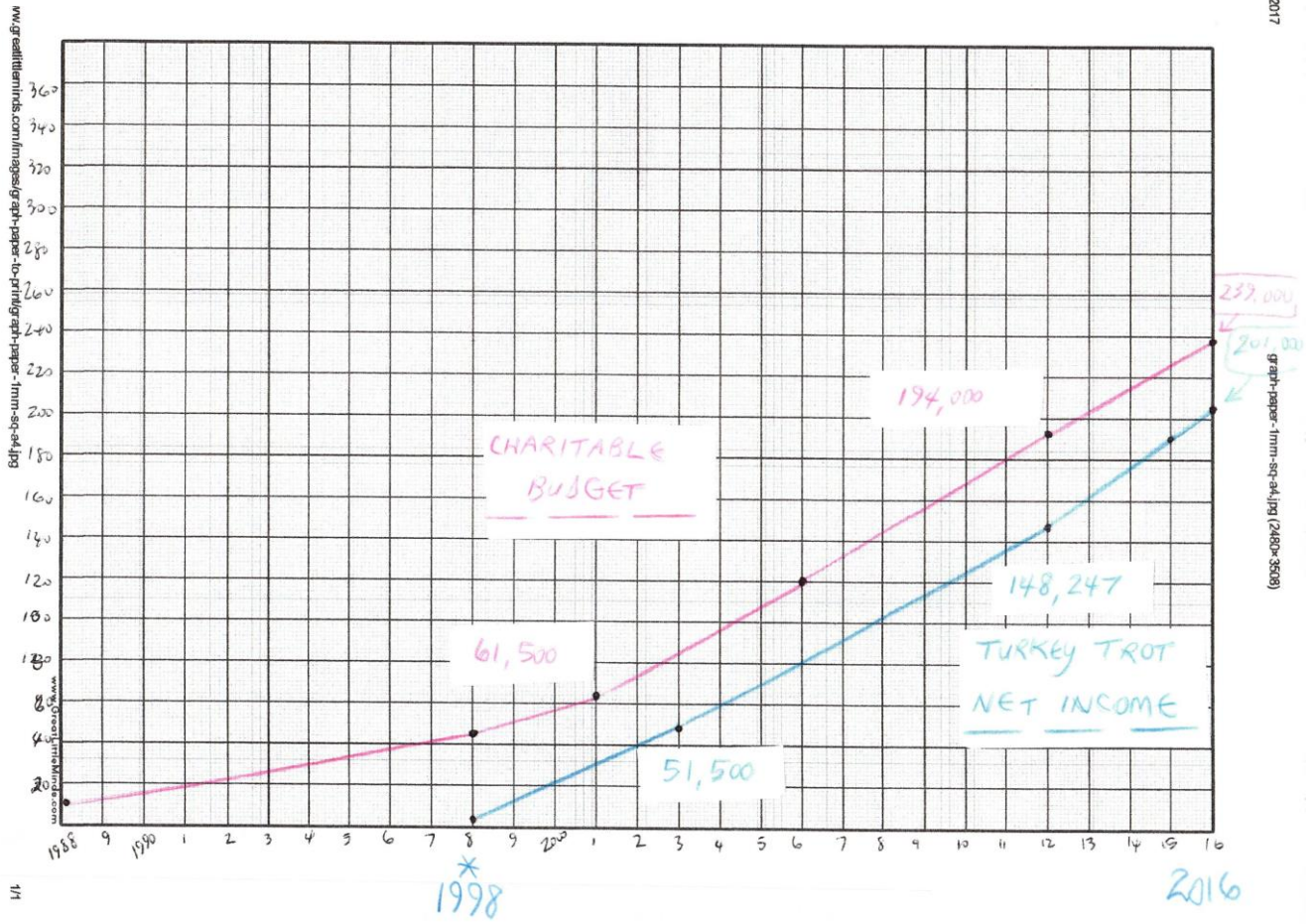
All of these contributions are in addition to the \$9,600/month we are spending on our Social Services here in Naperville with School Districts 203 and 204. The list is much longer and comprehensive, but you get the idea. What we are able to do to help the community is impressive and humbling. I am so very proud of this group, their generosity, and their willingness to work so hard to achieve our goals. It's very true...WE SERVE!

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Steve Hertzberg, President

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Lion Steve Hertzberg presented this graph to the club to demonstrate the growth of the Turkey Trot revenue and our giving power over the last 30 years:



BAKE SALE

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We aim above the mark to hit it.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Club News and Guest Speakers

Our club applied to be part of the Naperville Municipal Band's Summer Concerts as a bake sale sponsor. For this, our club will sell baked goods at the July 27 concert. We will receive publicity as a result. We will need 8-9 volunteers on the night of the event and many more volunteers to supply the baked goods. See Lion Bob Hull for more information or to volunteer.

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When deeds speak, words are nothing.

- Pierre-Joseph Proudhon

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Luncheon Speakers

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

On April 4, Lavonne Kopca was our speaker. Lavonne is the Director of Student Disability Services at North Central College. Her office works to accommodate students with documented disabilities to provide equal access to everything North Central offers.

Students must present documentation of a disability before an accommodation will be made and they must also request an accommodation. Lavonne and her team meet with each student to discuss the disability and how it affects their college experiences. From there, they work out various accommodations.

Examples of accommodations include wheelchair accessibility and extra time to take exams. Sometimes classes are moved to a different classroom that is accessible.

Colleges do not have to modify their curriculum or programs because they must keep admissions criteria. The students must complete the same course content as everyone else.

At North Central, there are approximately 3,000 total students.

11% of them request accommodations. Of those, fewer than 20 have a physical disability.

GEORGE SWIMMER

On April 11, George Swimmer was our speaker. George is a Downers Grove Lion who was speaking to us about his book, "Railroad Collisions, a Deadly Story of Mismanaged Risk."

George became interested in railroad safety and joined the DuPage Railroad Safety Council, which is a community organization that investigates train accidents and works to make railroads safer.

George has investigated many accidents from around the country. He is able to identify various risk factors that attributed to accidents. From his investigations, he often finds that, in his opinion, the NTSB often gets their analysis wrong.

George has helped to enact safety laws that help blind and low vision pedestrians see and recognize oncoming trains. This includes the triangular pattern of lights that is easier to distinguish.

George made copies of his book available for our club. He collected \$50 from our club as a result. George later informed the club that he had donated that entire amount to the Spectrios Institute.

**NAPERVILLE RESPONDS
FOR VETERANS**

On April 18, Dan Jurjovec joined our club to speak about Naperville Responds for Veterans, a local organization that services low to moderate income veterans for home improvement projects.

They handle any type of home improvement project that is requested. This includes bathroom remodels and ADA retrofitting. They handle 25-30 projects annually at a cost of about \$100,000. All work is done by licensed contractors.

The organization serves a 20 mile radius around Naperville. The group is made up entirely of volunteers and about 90% of every dollar raised goes to veterans.

Dan is currently working on establishing bylaws and a handbook so that this model can be copied and used for other regions all over the country. He wants to create a blueprint so that other communities can hit the ground running.

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**Education is not the filling of a pail, but
the lighting of a fire.**

- William Butler Yeats

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on April 25, 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 May 23, 2017.

Approved the Club and Foundation Board minutes of March 28, 2017. Approved the Board special meeting minutes of April 11, 2017.

Approved the Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2017 and the Social Service Report as of April 25, 2017. There were 51 new cases opened for the month and 383 cases opened for the year to date, compared to 361 cases opened last year. Expenditures for the year to date totaled \$86,642 for 283 closed cases.

Lion President Steve Hertzberg discussed cash projections through the end of the year and amounts to be available for year-end donations.

Approved an expenditure of \$3,000 from Club funds to sponsor the Naperville North High School Band in the Lions Centennial parade in Chicago on July 4, 2017.

Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mark Rafferty.

Reviewed a letter offering to re-design our web-site, at no cost, from a Naperville North High School student. Follow up was referred to Lions Donna Kearney and Chris Williams.

Discussed the nominations for Club and Foundation Board members.

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This item was deferred to the May Board meeting.

Discussed the Municipal Band Concert bake sale, which will be held on July 27, 2017. More information will be available as the date becomes closer.

Installation dinner is scheduled to be held on June 20, 2017 at Clara's Restaurant in Woodridge. More information will be available for the May Board meeting.

The following items were also discussed; Lions state convention will be held May 19 to 21. Deadline for registration is May 5, 2017. Volunteers are still need for the Lions International Centennial celebration in Chicago. NNLC will be honored by the West Suburban Philanthropic Network on May 23, 2017. Lions President Steve Hertzberg and Vice President Linda Strugalla will represent the Club. Any Lion that wants to attend can purchase a ticket for \$50. Lions Club International Foundation legacy project is taking place until June 30, 2018.

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I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.

- Earnest Hemingway

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GUESTS

On April 11, Lion Al Knotek's wife, Glenda, was our guest.

On April 18, Lion James Kiser was our guest to provide an update on the International Convention set to begin next month.

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Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.

- Truman Capote

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COMING EVENTS

May 2 – Liz Spencer from NCTV17 will be our guest speaker.

May 9 – Ben Pohl will be our guest speaker and provide information regarding distracted driving.

May 16 – Jan Roehll from the Conservation Foundation will be our guest speaker.

May 20 – Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk at Lisle High School. See Lion Al Knotek for more information.

May 23 – Business Meeting.

May 30 – NO MEETING

June 20 – Installation Dinner at Clara's

June 30 – July 3 – Funnel Cake sales at Ribfest. See Lion Steve Hertzberg for more information.

July 27 – Club Bake Sale at the Naperville Municipal Band Concert. See Lion Bob Hull for information.



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Phoebe Bickhaus (27)**
- Lion Bill Bleecker (42)**
- Lion Barb Brauer (3)**
- Lion Donna Kearney (8)**

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

- Lion Jane Bowers – May 3**
- Lion Agnes Tsiagbe – May 8**
- Lion Phil Barnum – May 13**
- Lion Meghen Williams – May 26**
- Lion Jim Alagna – May 27**
- Lion Al Knotek – May 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

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| May | 2 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |
| May | 9 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |
| May | 16 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |
| May | 23 - | Board of Directors meeting |
| May | 23 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |
| May | 30 - | NO MEETING |

OFFICERS

- President – Lion Steve Hertzberg
- 1st VP – Lion Linda Strugalla
- 2nd VP – Lion Jim Woodring
- 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

Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

- Dues Secretary – Lion Richard Williams
- Tail Twister – Rotating
- Lion Tamer – Rotating
- Chaplain – At Large
- Social Services – Lion 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 – Lions Jim Alagna 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

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