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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

JUNE 2017



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The goal of education is advancement of knowledge and dissemination of truth.

- John F. Kennedy

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This will be my final monthly message, and I can't believe how the year has flown by. I have had the opportunity to represent the club on NCTV-17 twice and accept awards on behalf of our club from the Chicago Lighthouse (Corwith Hammill Society) and as the Service Club of the Year from the West Suburban Philanthropic Network.

This last award occurred on May 23 and I was honored to attend the luncheon that day with Vice-President Linda Strugalla. I had no idea what the scope or magnitude of the award was all about, but it quickly became apparent that it was a really big deal. The WSPN area starts at the Chicago city boundary on the west, and spreads westward to include western Cook County, all of DuPage County, and most of Kendall, Will, and Kane Counties. This area includes all of Lions District 1-J (42 Lions Clubs) plus innumerable Rotary, Kiwanis,

Exchange, JayCees, and Junior Women's Clubs.

To be selected as the Service Club of the Year was quite an honor, indeed. We were nominated for the award by Donka, Inc. in Wheaton for having partnered with them over the last two years to raise approximately \$40,000 for their benefit.



Lion Steve Hertzberg holding the club's award flanked on the right by the Master of Ceremonies and on the left by presenter Ann Byrne

Nominators and honorees were told to limit their remarks to only 60 seconds (wow...that's hard), and the NNLC was introduced to the 350 attendees at the Embassy Suites Grand Ballroom by Ann Byrne, an instructor at Donka who happens to be blind. Ann's wonderful introductory remarks went on for a

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full 5 minutes, listing all the significant charities we support. After a while she said, "Oh, I've only got 60 seconds to do this," which drew a huge laugh from the crowd.

My remarks were brief and well-received, thanking both Donka and the WSPN for the recognition. I had only enough time to discuss the Social Services Committee and the direct community support we do under the radar, without press or publicity, to the tune of 2,066 individuals helped at a cost of \$448,950 over the last 5 calendar years.

Everyone was amazed what we are able to do with only 43, no 42, I mean 41 members in our club. I told them that the motto of Lions International is "We Serve," and that out in Naperville we are determined to live by that motto every day.

I want to thank all 40 members of this club for their unbelievable efforts and dedication to this goal. It is very possible that the NNLC is the finest service club in the state of Illinois.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Steve Hertzberg, President

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Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute.

- Josh Billings

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Club News and Guest Speakers

ANGELMAN SYNDROME WALK

On Saturday, May 20, several Lions members volunteered to staff the registration desk and sell raffle tickets at the annual Angelman Syndrome walk, which was held at Lisle High School. The weather was wet with heavy downpours of rain and the actual walk was cancelled. All other festivities, however, were held as scheduled.



Lion Al Knotek with his wife Glenda supporting their grandson Gavin at the Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk

The Angelman Syndrome Foundation walk raises essential funds for research to find treatments and cures for Angelman Syndrome disorder and provides resources and support to families of individuals with

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AS. Participation in the ASF walk helps the Angerman Syndrome community achieve the ultimate goal: "A CURE"

Lions Donna Kearney, Ken Strugalla, Linda Strugalla, Jim Ebers, Yllena Sinclair, and Bob Hull were on hand to support the ASF in this fundraising effort. Lion Al Knotek and his wife, Glenda, were also on hand to support their grandson, Gavin, who suffers from AS. Gavin's Team raised over \$10,000. Our foundation also contributed \$2,500 for this worthwhile cause. The theme of this year's walk was "LOVE. HOPE. SMILE."

LION BOB ANDERSON

Lion Al Knotek recently informed the club of his visit with Lion Bob Anderson. Lion Bob's wife recently passed away and Bob is currently living at the Community Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Naperville. Bob is still doing well, but would welcome visitors.

If interested, you can reach Lion Bob by calling 630-355-3300. He is at the Community Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 1136 N. Mill Street, Room 124.

WEST SUBURBAN PHILANTHROPIC NETWORK

On May 23, Lions Steve Hertzberg and Linda Strugalla accepted an award for our club from the West Suburban Philanthropic Network as the Service Club of the Year. Our club was nominated by Donka for our club's assistance in helping them

raise more than \$40,000 over the past two years. Congratulations to all of the club members for their hard work and this well-deserved award.



Lion Steve Hertzberg looks on as Ann Byrne gives her presentation of our club to the West Suburban Philanthropic Network

FIRST TIME EVER?

According to club historians, the May 23 luncheon meeting was the first of its kind for our club. This is the first time in club history that the luncheon meeting was run by the Second Vice President, as the President and Vice President were away receiving the club's award. Second Vice President Lion Jim Woodring did a fantastic job running the meeting and shall forever live on in the club's history books.

SUMMER RAFFLE

The Summer Raffle is in full swing. If you have not received your raffle tickets, please contact Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla. Street sale openings are available and a great way to sell extra tickets.

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There are some people who, if they don't
already know, you can't tell 'em.

- Yogi Berra

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Luncheon Speakers

NCTV17

On May 2, Carl Schultz and Liz Spencer from NCTV17 were our speakers. NCTV17 is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and showed the club a video entitled "Pearls of the Past," which was a short history of the station.

NCTV17's old mission was awareness, but it has grown to also include community engagement. They work to archive what happens in town each and every day. They produce a two minute video segment called "Naperville Now" about the daily happenings.

NCTV17 loves to work with us and cover the Turkey Trot each year. They send a reporter to the event and also include us in their "Spotlight" program to promote the event.

The station has 25 staff members and works in a 6,000 square foot space. They are funded about 46% by cable operators, which comes from cable customers' bills. The remainder of the budget is reached through fundraising, which includes sponsorship for specific shows.

NCTV17 also makes their staff available for private production

services. They will provide video services for various organizations. For instance, NCTV17 provides all video services for North Central College events and sports.

BEN POHL

On May 9, our guest speaker was Ben Pohl. Ben visited our group to discuss distracted driving. When Ben was 17, he was in a very bad car accident as a result of his own distracted driving. The injuries he suffered required six months in the hospital and a lifetime of effects. It took him a full two years to learn to speak again following the accident.

Ben made it very clear that distracted driving goes beyond using one's cellphone. He explained that distracted driving included any activity that took your attention away from the road. This could be children, pets, friends, food, or drink as examples.

While many believe that we, as humans, are good multitaskers, it is simply not the case. Doing anything besides focusing on the road dramatically increases the risk of an accident.

Ben is interested in getting his message out to as many people as possible to try and reach individuals. He hopes that his story and message will deter distracted driving. He is attempting to get into as many schools as he can to share his story.

**CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION**

On May 16, Jan Roehl from the Conservation Foundation was our speaker. The Conservation Foundation was founded in 1971 as a part of the forest preserve. It has since grown into its own entity and covers DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will Counties.

The Conservation Foundation's missions include preserving natural areas and open space, protecting rivers and watersheds, promoting stewardship of our environment, and providing education for children and adults.

Jan informed our group of studies that show that just being out in nature helps mentally and physically. It works as a natural anti-depressant and improves the immune system. She explained of a program wherein a doctor gives a prescription to go out to different places outdoors and take a walk.

The Conservation Foundation also operates a Conversation at Home program wherein they will certify a home that is ecologically friendly. This can be achieved by planting native plants, using rain barrels and composting, etc.

The Conservation Foundation also works to clean our waterways. On the third Saturday of each month, they wrangle approximately 800 volunteers and clean the DuPage River of garbage and other debris. They also operate an "Adopt a

Stream" program to help clean other waterways throughout the year.

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**It is the soothing thing about history that
it does repeat itself.**

- Gertrude Stein

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on May 23, 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 June 27, 2017.

Approved the Club and Foundation Board minutes of April 25, 2017.

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2017 and the Social Service Report as of May 23, 2017. There were 34 new cases opened for the month and 417 cases opened for the year to date compared to 426 cases opened for the previous year to date. Expenditures for the year to date totaled \$99,182 for 324 closed cases.

Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Nadia Esmail.

Approved the recommendation of the nominating committee for members of the Board of Director for the fiscal year 2017/18.

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Approved the price of \$20 for each member and guest attending the annual installation dinner on June 20 at Clara's Restaurant in Woodridge.

Approved a one year waiver of the by-law rules to allow at-large members (Phil Barnum and Jane Bowers) to serve on the Board of Directors.

Rejected a request from Lions of Illinois Foundation to donate funds for a memorial in honor of PDG Don Bower.

The following items were also discussed: Municipal Band Concert Bake Sale on July 27, National Charity League will provide support by supplying baked goods.

The Township has requested that the eye glass collection box be removed from their property. The President will follow up with the Township.

The President and Donation Chair will review year end donations and funds available and make recommendation at the June Board meeting to finalize year end donations. The fiscal year 2017/18 budget is in process and will be available for the June Board meeting.

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Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.
- Charles Dudley Warner
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GUESTS

On May 9, Glenda Knotek, wife of Lion Al Knotek, was our guest.

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An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.
- Winston Churchill
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COMING EVENTS

June 6 – Patricia Fragen from Normal Moments will be our speaker.

June 13 – Anna Payton from Naperville Humane Society will be our guest speaker to update us on the Humane Society.

June 20 – No luncheon meeting.

June 20 – Installation Dinner at Clara's in Woodridge. Lionism begins at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Please bring a donation of household items to support Families Helping Families. See Lion Rick Butz for more information about donations.

June 27 – Business Meeting.

June 30 - July 3 – Ribfest Funnel Cake Sales. See Lion Steve Hertzberg to sign up.

July 27 – District 1J Golf Outing at Hughes Creek in Elburn

July 27 – Bake Sale at the Naperville Municipal Band Concert.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Jim Alagna (5)**
- Lion Jim Burner (42)**
- Lion Bob Samuels (1)**
- Lion Rick Tarulis (27)**

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

- Lion Bob Anderson – June 3**
- Lion Diane Hollingsworth – June 6**

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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| June | 6 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |
| June | 13 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |
| June | 20 - | NO Luncheon meeting |
| June | 27 - | Board of Directors meeting |
| June | 27 - | Luncheon meeting at Braconi's |

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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