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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

JULY 2017



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**Obstacles are those frightful things you
see when you take your eyes off your
goal.**

- Henry Ford

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank You, Steve

By the time this appears in our monthly newsletter, the funnel cake fund raiser will probably be history and Steve can go back to being a couch potato with no presidential or RibFest duties. He can just show up at our lunches and eat. I am looking forward to this life of luxury. Lion Steve, the club really appreciates your dedication and hard work to make this club so outstanding.

Our New Fiscal Year Budget

During this fiscal year, Lion Ken will replace me as the donation chair. While our new budget is initially \$10,000 lower than last year's, the budget committee initially set it up conservatively to account for potential weather issues that could impact funnel cake sales. I am quite confident that our other fundraisers will make up the possible slight

decrease in funds. The board decided to table a suggestion to increase our annual donation to Feed My Starving Children from \$5,000 to \$11,000. We will review this request in December, after we know our net income from fundraisers.

Summer Raffle Update

We have already completed the first month of the raffle sales and are ahead of last year by \$2,000 (\$6,400 current vs. \$4,400 at this time last year). If you wish to sell tickets at Ace Hardware North on Washington Street, call or email me for open slots on Saturdays or Sundays.

**July Bake Sale at the band
concert**

We are scheduled, on July 27, to man the gazebo at the Naperville Municipal Band concert. Many thanks go to Lion Bob Hull for coordinating this effort. The National Charity League has volunteered to provide baked goods for sale at no cost to our club. In addition, Linda Villa from the National Federation for the Blind has volunteered to assist with baked goods. Volunteers will be

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needed to service that night and to provide baked goods.

As always,

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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All men who have achieved great things
have been great dreamers.

- Orison Swett Marden

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Club News and Guest Speakers

INSTALLATION DINNER

Our club held its annual Installation Dinner on June 20 at Clara's Restaurant in Woodridge. Dinner was excellent and everyone had a great time.

Our club collected household items for Families Helping Families. Two corners of the dining room were filled with donations. Vicky Joseph and her two children accepted the donations on behalf of Families Helping Families.

District 1-J Zone Chair Jim Kiser was on hand to induct the new officers and board members. Lions Donna Kearney, Bob Hull, Phil Barnum, Maria Wilson, Ken Strugalla, and Jim Ebers were inducted as board members. Lion Bill Bleecker was

inducted as club treasurer. Lion Jane Bowers was inducted as club secretary. Lion Jim Woodring was inducted as first vice president.



Lion Jim Kiser inducting Lion Linda Strugalla as new club president.

Lion Linda Strugalla was inducted as the new club president and gave a delightful, short speech filled with plenty of humor. She thanked Lion Steve Hertzberg for his service as president and took the time to give him a hard time for his dictatorial style of leadership during RibFest, as he has criticized her funnel cake whipped cream skills in the past. Lion Linda even brought props. She demonstrated her exceptional ability to apply whipped cream for Lion Steve and the whole group.

Lion Linda wanted to present Lion Steve with a plaque commemorating his service, but alas, the plaque was lost in the mail and she could only present him with a paper copy.

Lion Steve then took the microphone to give out some awards to club members. Lion Steve decided to mix

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it up and created some of his own "Achievement Awards."



Lion Steve receives his "stand-in" plaque

The first award went to Lion Donna Kearney for her five years of dedicated service as head of the Turkey Trot. During her time, Turkey Trot has raised an astounding \$937,000.

Next, Lion Paul Rewerts was the recipient of the 10 year award for his 10 years of service as the social services chair. Under Lion Paul's leadership, our club has donated \$448,000 in the last five years alone.

Lion Jane Bowers received the 15 year award for her work as the club secretary. Lion Jane works tirelessly in this position and has been continuously recognized as a District 1-J 100% secretary through her time.

Lion Steve presented Lion Bill Bleecker the Lion of the Year award for his 25 years as club treasurer. When presented the award, Lion Bill was literally speechless.

Lion Steve also presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Chris Williams. This award was voted on

by the other 13 Melvin Jones Fellows in the club.

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**When unhappy, one doubts everything;
when happy, one doubts nothing.**

- Joseph Roux

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Luncheon Speakers

NORMAL MOMENTS

On June 6, Patricia Fragen was our speaker. Patricia founded her organization, Normal Moments, as a tribute to her daughter, who she lost to cancer.

When Patricia's daughter, Melissa, was ill, she had a family friend named David. David helped the family during Melissa's treatment by watching over and caring for their home. By taking care of these household tasks, David allowed Patricia to spend much more time with her sick daughter.

After Melissa passed away, Patricia wants to help other similar families. She started Normal Moments to help families with critically ill children. Volunteers in the program help families with tasks like house cleaning, lawn mowing, and meal preparation. The real gift the volunteers give is quality time for families to be together.

The organization is 100% volunteer-run. All volunteers are completely vetted with a background check and meetings with Patricia. Any

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fundraising goes to overhead costs and to pay for professional services when a volunteer is not available.

Most families are referred by social workers. Normal Moments does not restrict by diagnosis, the family is only required to have a child under 18. They serve all of northern Illinois and serve approximately 300 families at any one time.

NAPERVILLE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

On June 13, Anna Payton was our speaker. Anna is the Executive Director of the Naperville Area Humane Society, which is a local non-profit.

The Naperville Area Humane Society is a limited admission shelter for dogs and cats. This means that they only take in the animal if there is space. They do not euthanize animals unless they are sick or dangerous.

Anna works with local animal control centers, which is where they get many of their animals. They also run an owner surrender program, but that has a wait list. They work with owners to help them keep their animals if possible.

They operate a Safe Pets Program for victims of domestic violence. They will take in pets so that a victim does not feel tied to the house where the abuser lives. This is especially helpful because shelters usually do not allow pets and abusers use the pets as a pawn.

They have started a Positive Future Program with the Warrenville Juvenile Detention Center. The Humane Society brings dogs in for the kids to train. It helps the kids learn about positive reinforcement and provides a sense of achievement. This also helps the dogs as they become more adoptable once trained.

Anna told us that they have stopped labeling breeds because it is impossible to be 100% accurate without a DNA test. The animals are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and micro-chipped before being placed for adoption. Through the assistance of 500 volunteers, they are able to help 700 animals per year.

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**The language of friendship is not words
but meanings.**
- Henry David Thoreau
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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on June 27, 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 July 25, 2017.

Lion Phil Barnum was welcomed to the Board as a new member.

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Approved the Club and Foundation Board minutes for the meeting of May 23, 2017.

Approved the minutes of the annual membership meeting of May 23, 2017.

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2017 and the Social Service Report as of June 27, 2017. There were 18 new cases opened for the month and 435 cases opened for the year to date compared to 445 cases opened for the previous year to date. Expenditures for the year to date totaled \$107,350 for 351 closed cases.

Approved the transfer from full membership to at-large membership for Lions Rich Williams and Jane Bowers.

Approved the Club and Foundation budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Approved year end grant distributions in the amount of \$71,390 which included \$6,572 carried over till next year.

Approved fiscal year 2017/18 grant distributions of \$227,155 with the suggestion that an additional \$6,000 be allocated to Feed My Starving Children, if funds are available.

The following committee reports were received:

Publicity - Article appeared in Positively Naperville regarding officers for the coming year. NCTV 17 will interview Lion Steve

Hertzberg in connection with RibFest.

Raffle – We are ahead of last year and everything is going well.

RibFest - more volunteers are needed, weather does not look good.

Turkey Trot - everything is going well.

Bake Sale - volunteers are needed to staff event and to bake goods for sale.

The Naperville Township has asked us to remove our eye glass collection box from their facility. They will put a sign in their window that states they will collect used eyeglasses inside.

Loaves and Fishes has rescinded their request that we remove our eye glasses collection box from their facility.

Discussed the District 1-J golf outing to be held on July 27. Registration is due by July 1.

Discussed the Lions International Parade of Nations in Chicago to be held on July 1. Lions Woodring and Sinclare will carry our new Peace Poster banner.

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Nothing is work unless you'd rather be doing something else.

- George Halas

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GUESTS

On June 6, Nancy Rex, Treasurer from the Lions of Illinois Foundation was our guest. She thanked our club for our donation to the foundation.

On June 27, Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts, was our guest.

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While we are postponing, life speeds by.
- Lucius Annaeus Seneca
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COMING EVENTS

June 30 – July 3 – Funnel Cake Sales at RibFest

July 4 – No Meeting

July 11 – Shefali Trivedi from Giving DuPage will be our guest speaker. Giving DuPage’s mission is to promote giving and volunteering in DuPage County.

July 18 – Grim from Bikers Against Child Abuse will be our guest speaker. Bikers Against Child Abuse exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children.

July 25 – Business Meeting

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

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

See Lion Bob Hull to volunteer for the event or to bake.



JULY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Jim Ebers (10)
- Lion Dick Griffith (2)
- Lion Christine Igoe (3)
- Lion George Pradel (47)
- Lion Gary Vician (8)
- Lion Meghen Williams (7)
- Lion Ellen Wolff (16)

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

- Lion Bill Bleecker – July 10
- Lion Katie Hertzberg – July 18
- Lion Rick Tarulis – July 27
- Lion Karen Maxwell – July 29

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

- July 4 - NO MEETING
- July 11 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi’s
- July 18 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi’s
- July 25 - Board of Directors meeting
- July 25 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi’s



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OFFICERS

President – Lion Linda Strugalla
1st VP – Lion Jim Woodring
2nd VP – Vacant
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 Bob Hull
Director – Lion Phil Barnum
Membership – Lion Rich Williams
Immediate Past President – Lion Steve Hertzberg

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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 – Lion Paul Rewerts
Peace Poster Contest – Lion Yllena Sinclare
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 – 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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