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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

OCTOBER 2017



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Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go.

- William Feather

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fall is here and our summer, along with our annual raffle, is over. Thanks to all who made the raffle successful and particularly those on the committee; Lions Jane Bowers, Donna Kearney, Bob Hull, and Ken (and Linda) Strugalla. What a tremendous job by Lions Bob Hull and Rick Butz, who combined raised \$11,653, which was 34% of our total sales. Our other big time contributors, who sold between \$1,000 and \$3,400 in tickets, were Lions Paul Rewerts, Jim Ebers, Steve Hertzberg, Jim Woodring, Ken (and Linda) Strugalla, Maria Wilson, and Donna Kearney. A lot of hours was spent in front of Casey's and Ace Hardware.

Next is Candy Day – the second weekend in October. The club members will be on the streets, at the train station, and at Casey's. Let's get as many members as possible to participate. Thank you

Jim Ebers for coordinating this fundraiser.

Finally, we have the Turkey Trot 5K Race. The committee has been meeting on Monday mornings getting everything finalized. **This fundraiser needs the cooperation of the entire club** to be a great success. So any way that you can help, at packet pickup or on race day, would be appreciated. Expect Lion Ken, our volunteer coordinator, to be contacting you. We expect 8,000 runners. It takes over 430 volunteer slots to make this event run smoothly. We will have volunteers from seven local schools, the Warriors Hockey Club, the YMCA, the National Charity League, CASA, Donka, Easter Seals, Boy Scouts, District 203 / 204 school nurses, and a number of other local organizations. This cooperation from the community is outstanding.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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The hardest thing is to take less when you can get more.

- Kin Hubbard

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Club News and Guest Speakers

SUMMER RAFFLE

This year's raffle was a huge success. The club sold a total of 4,373 tickets for total income of \$33,832. After paying expenses and prize money, the club will net \$23,623 to help provide services to those in need and to support local causes.



Liz Spencer reaching for the winning ticket as Lion Ken looks on

The drawing was held at the club meeting on September 5. Liz Spencer from NCTV17 was on hand to draw the winning tickets. The grand prize ticket was purchased by Lion Bill Bleecker on behalf of Family Shelter Services. We were lucky enough to have Lauren and Dawn from Family Shelter Service attend our September 12 meeting to accept the \$5,000 grand prize.



Lion Bill presenting the \$5,000 grand prize check to Lauren and Dawn from Family Shelter Service

The club saw great effort from ticket sellers this year. Lion Bob Hull was the top seller – selling 699 tickets and bringing in \$5,923. Lion Rick Butz actually sold 110 more tickets than Lion Bob (809), but sold them at lower prices and took in \$5,730.

The team competition played out in familiar fashion. The Bleecker Bombers retained the Burrows Cup for the fourth year in a row. The Bleecker Bombers sold a total approximately \$19,200, while the Hertzberg Hackers fell well short with \$14,600.

Thank you to Lion Ken Strugalla for running another very successful raffle. His efforts helped the club exceed the budgeted profit by \$3,623.

CANDY DAY

This year our group will be handing out Lions mints and accepting donations for Candy Day from

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Thursday, October 12 through Sunday, October 15.

Lion Jim Ebers has arranged street sales locations on Thursday, October 12 and Saturday, October 14. There will be an opportunity to sell at the Naperville train station on Friday, October 13. There will also be timeslots available to sell at Casey's on Friday, October 13 and Sunday, October 15. See Lion Jim to sign up.

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If you obey all the rules you miss all the fun.

- Katharine Hepburn

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Luncheon Speakers

WESTERN DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

On September 12, Kim Spayer was our guest speaker from Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA). WDSRA was established in 1976 and is an extension of surrounding park districts.

Special recreation associations (SRA) are exclusive to the state of Illinois and they offer programs and services to people with disabilities in conjunction with the park district. There are 35 SRAs in Illinois, mostly concentrated in Northern Illinois. Together, they serve 207 communities.

WDRSA was a pioneer in this area. It was started by a Naperville

resident seeking a grant. The first camp was held at Centennial Beach in Naperville. They have since expanded to nine park districts.

Mentally, visually, and developmentally disabled individuals of all ages are served by the program. Last year, WDSRA served over 4,500 individuals. They can be served by participating in specific WDSRA programs or through inclusion in the general park district programs. The inclusion program involves WDSRA staff working to determine how the individual can fit into the program and helping to provide any necessary accommodations.

WDSRA also offers travel opportunities. These trips help the participants learn independence. They also provide other social programs for the participants to get together

WDSRA is headquartered in Carol Stream. They employ 31 full-time staff and 360 part-time staff. Much of their funding comes from the park district portion of property taxes.

CAREER VISION

Georgia Koch from Career Vision was our guest speaker on September 19. Georgia was talking to the group about aptitude tests and helping college students make realistic goals and career choices.

Career Vision is located in Glen Ellyn and funded by the Ball Foundation. They charge individuals for use of their services. Its goal is to help

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steer students in the right direction after high school.

Georgia discussed the various methods that one may use to decide on a career path, including seeking the most money, trial and error, and the path of least resistance. She indicated that one problem with making the correct decision is that there are more than 150 college majors. College should not be considered an end game and students need to learn what types of jobs are available for the education they are seeking.

Career Vision attempts to look at the person as a whole when setting these goals. They look at values, personality, and aptitudes. Career Vision helps the students find out what they are good at and for what they are best suited.

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Life is an adventure in forgiveness.

- Norman Cousins

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on September 26, 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 October 24, 2017 at the YMCA.

Approved the Club and Foundation minutes for the meeting of August 28, 2017.

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of August 28, 2017.

Approved the Social Services Report of September 24, 2017.

Approved donation of \$500 to Young Hearts for Life Run.

Approved donation of \$8,000 to Donka for the matching gift challenge.

Discussed Candy Day to take place Thursday, October 12 – Sunday, October 15.

Discussed the National Federation of the Blind Convention Dinner on October 28. Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla will be attending for the club.

Discussed the DuPage County Veterans Open Door Event. The Lions Hearing Screening bus is not available on the same date.

The Lions International Convention Banner has been retrieved and the board is seeking quotes to modify the banner to be used at club events.

Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla saw the Beatles tribute band that may be used for the Iron Gate fundraiser and reported that they would be appropriate.

Discussed the calendar for the remainder of 2017. December 5 will be the November/December

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business meeting. December 12 will be the Christmas Luncheon at Walker’s Charhouse. There will be no other club meetings in December. The first club meeting of 2018 will be January 9.

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The science of today is the technology of tomorrow.

- Edward Teller

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GUESTS

On September 5, Liz Spencer from NCTV17 was our guest. Liz drew the winning raffle tickets for our summer raffle.

On September 26, Lion David Swardstrom was our guest. David is the president of the Naperville Evening Lions Club. David gave our club an update on the disbanding of the evening club due to low membership. Dr. Manny Chapa was also a guest of Lion Rick Butz.

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Quick decisions are unsafe decisions.

- Sophocles

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COMING EVENTS

October 3 – Sarah Hoban, Marketing Coordinator from DuPage Smart 911

October 10 – Andrea Wassel Director of Development Donka, Inc

October 12-15 – Candy Day. See Lion Jim Ebers to sign up.

October 17 – Jason Altenbern Development Director 360 Youth Services

October 24 – Business Meeting.

October 28 – National Federation of the Blind Convention Dinner at the Naperville Marriott. See Lion Linda Strugalla if you are interested in attending.

October 31 – Prepare Turkey Trot bibs.

November 7 – Prepare Turkey Trot bibs.

November 14 – Prepare Turkey Trot bibs.

November 21 – No Meeting/Turkey Trot packet pickup

November 28 – No Meeting

December 5 – Business Meeting

December 12 – Christmas Luncheon at Walker’s Charhouse. The club will be collecting unwrapped toys for Humanitarian Service Project.

December 19 – No Meeting

December 26 – No Meeting

January 2 – No Meeting



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Steve Hertzberg (41)**
- Lion Bob Hull (16)**
- Lion Al Knotek (41)**
- Lion Agnes Tsiagbe (6)**

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

- Lion Jim Ebers – October 4**
- Lion Chris Williams – October 8**
- Lion Steve Hertzberg – October 15**
- Lion Bob Hull – October 21**
- Lion Ken Strugalla – October 27**

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

- October 3 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 10 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 17 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 24 - Board of Directors meeting
- October 24 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 31 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's

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 Phil Barnum
- Immediate Past President – Lion Steve Hertzberg

Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

- Dues Secretary – Lion Phil Barnum
- Tail Twister – Rotating
- Lion Tamer – Rotating
- Chaplain – At Large
- Social Services – Lion Paul Rewerts
- Peace Poster Contest – Lion Yllena Sinclair
- Program Director – Lion Meghen Williams
- Donations Committee Chair – Lion Ken 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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