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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

NOVEMBER 2017



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Research is creating new knowledge.

- Neil Armstrong

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Turkey Trot is Here!

This is the time of the year when you get all those calendars sent to your home. If you have one of those crazy calendars with a note for each day, you will see Nov. 5 is "change your clock day"; Nov. 11 is Veterans Day; Nov. 15 is "clean out your refrigerator day"; and Nov 16 is "have a party with our bear day". Some are really stupid. I am all for a calendar that says "packet pickup" for five consecutive days prior to Thanksgiving. If you are not on the committee, I want to share what a crazy week it is for the committee to get this race off.

Five days of packet pickup, including pre-setup on Thursday and then post take-down, for a total of 46 hours. Approximately 160 volunteers work these five days, with another 20 setting up the Naperville Central Fieldhouse on Wednesday night, followed by pizza and wine for the

committee. By now, we are sick of each other and the wine helps!

Race day starts at 4:30 a.m. for the committee who begin by setting up supplies prior to the 250 volunteers all showing up at 6:00 a.m. We have to get all of the volunteers in place prior to road closures and the start of the race at 8:00 a.m. As usual, there are about 30 volunteers who never show up, which is offset by a bunch of walk-ups (hopefully). Once the race is finished, there is a massive clean-up both outside and inside the school.

The last people to leave is always the volunteer group working in the cafeteria and the committee members picking up street signs, cleaning up at the water station, and loading up the supply truck. Everyone is gone by 10:30 a.m. exhausted, and at the same time, very pleased that we pulled it off again, knowing that runners had a good time, the Lions were able to raise a lot of money for donations, and appreciative of all the community support.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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The dog that trots about finds a bone.

- Golda Meir

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Club News and Guest Speakers

CANDY DAY

Candy Day was held October 12-15. Despite some not so perfect weather (Saturday was a total rain out), we had Lions on the streets and at Casey's throughout the weekend. All in, we were able to collect \$6,141.

As is the case each year, Lion Nick Stanitz brought in the most money. Despite some restrictive rules that held others back, Nick thrived with \$1,227 collected. Thank you to Lion Jim Ebers for doing another fantastic job coordinating the event. Lion Jim also has plenty of extra candy if anyone is interested in purchasing.

LIONS ON TV

On October 15, Lions Jim Alagna and Bob Hull appeared on NCTV-17's Spotlight. They were interviewed by host Jane Wernette. The show aired at various times on NCTV-17 between October 15-31. The show is also currently available for viewing here: [Spotlight on Naperville.](#)

Both Jim and Bob reviewed the Club and Foundation's mission. They

discussed how funds are raised through fundraising events, including the upcoming Turkey Trot. They also informed viewers how the Club supports the community and how individuals can become a member of NNLC.



Lions Jim and Bon with Jane

For many years, Club members have appeared on the show to promote the Naperville Lions Club and how we serve the community.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 5, 2017 at noon at Walker's Charhouse in Naperville. The cost is \$10 per person. The club will be collecting unwrapped toys for Humanitarian Service Project's toy drive. Humanitarian Service Project has provided lists of toys needed based on age group. They can be found here: [Toy Drive Flyers.](#)

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Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart.

- Anne Frank

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Luncheon Speakers

DUPAGE SMART 911

Sarah Hoban joined our club to talk about DuPage Smart 911. Smart 911 is a program that originated in Boston and has been in DuPage County since 2011.

This free service allows residents to go online and provide specific information about themselves and their home that would be useful in the event of a 911 call. Whenever a 911 call is made, the information is immediately available for the dispatcher.

The process takes about 15 minutes to sign up. In addition to the general information, a user can provide photographs and any additional information that may be helpful. The user is then reminded to update this information twice per year in an effort to keep it current.

All information provided is confidential and only visible to 911 dispatchers when the user calls 911. The system is secure and maintained by the county. There is no financial information or social security number stored on the system.

The service has 32 million users nationwide and 35,000 in DuPage County. To sign up, go to www.smart911.com

DONKA

Leanne Vos and Anne Byrne were with our club on October 10 to

provide an update on Donka and to accept the \$8,000 donation from our club.

Leanne informed the club that Donka was involved in the Naperville Half Marathon this year. They were fielding a team of fundraisers who are all seeking donations that will be used to support Donka.



Leanne accepts \$8,000 check from Lion President Linda Strugalla

Anne Byrne talked to the club about how she is able to teach students at Donka to use a computer. She detailed the various types of students she has had the pleasure of working with. She also demonstrated some features that are built right into her iPhone's operating system that can benefit low vision users.

360 YOUTH SERVICES

On October 17, Jason Altenbern was our guest speaker. Jason is the

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developmental director for 360 Youth Services. 360 Youth Services' mission it to provide life-changing services to youth through prevention education, counseling, and housing.

360 Youth Services was founded in 1971 with the Kroehler YMCA as a founding organization. The goal was to prevent kids from spending nights and weekends roaming the streets. In 1985, they started Operation Snowball, which is a peer retreat where kids can talk about issues that affect them in a safe and supportive environment.

In 1986, they opened the Cornerstone Group Home for Boys in Lisle. This group home has flourished. This home houses boys ages 13-17 and represents their home while there. 545 boys have lived in the group home since its creation.

Jason talked about the key issues that today's kids face. These include more pressure and anxiety, including suicidal thoughts. He also explained that kids are far too over-scheduled today and have very little personal time. This results in kids not being able to personally manage time or their own schedule. They are also over exposed to technology in an "always connected" society.

He also talked about the issues parents are facing. Parents are busier than ever and delegating some parenting to schools. They are also more peer-like than in the past, trying to be friends with their kids more so than parents. He does

believe that parents still wish the best for their children.

360 Youth Services attempts to meet kids where they are. They work with them at school through Operation Snowball and Power of Choice. They are available for school-based counseling and help with transitional housing. Those interested can volunteer to become a mentor as these kids need positive adult role models.

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Humanity is acquiring all the right technology for all the wrong reasons.

- R. Buckminster Fuller

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on October 24, 2017 at the Downtown YMCA. 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 December 5, 2017 at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home in Naperville.

Approved the Club and Foundation minutes for the meeting of September 26, 2017 and the special Foundation Board meeting held on October 17, 2017.

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2017 and the Social Service Report as of October 24, 2017. A total of 142 clients have been approved this year. Total

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expenditures for the year totaled \$39,703.

Approved the following grants and donations:

- Child's Voice - \$2,500
- Easter Seals - \$2,500
- YMCA Safe and Sound Program - \$6,500
- CASA Kane County - \$2,000
- CASA. DuPage County - \$2,000
- NCTV-17 - \$1,000

Approved payment of \$1,800 to Positively Naperville for various publicity items.

Approved the full family membership of Kaki Lehman (wife of Dick Lehman).

Approved discount offered by LCI for family memberships to be offset against each NNLC family membership.

Committee reports – Candy Day, Total receipts totaled \$6,141 and expenses totaled \$385. Discussion of the amount to be remitted to Lions of Illinois Foundation was deferred until the December Board meeting.

Turkey Trot – 2,250 runners have registered to date and revenue collected totaled approximately \$71,000. Current registration, with sponsor revenue, has gotten to a break-even point.

Approved modification of the LCI parade banner at a cost of \$105 from the Club account. The banner will be available to use at various Club events.

New Lion Club shirts will be ordered for 14 individual Lions who ordered shirts. The cost per shirt will be \$48 for each member.

The Club Christmas party will be held on December 12, 2017 at Walker's Charhouse in Naperville. The cost per individual attending the lunch will be \$10.

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A promise must never be broken.

- Alexander Hamilton

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GUESTS

Lion Dick Lehman's wife, Kaki, was our guest on October 3 and 17. She was inducted into the club as our newest member on October 24.

On October 10, Marie Wilson from NCTV17 was a guest along with Dr. Manny Chapa, who was a guest of Lion Rick Butz.

On October 31, Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts was our guest to help prepare Turkey Trot bibs.

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There's a difference between a philosophy and a bumper sticker.

- Charles M. Schulz

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COMING EVENTS

November 7 – Prepare Turkey Trot bibs

November 14 – Prepare Turkey Trot bibs

November 21 – No Meeting

November 25 – Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Starbucks in Downtown Naperville. See Lion Jim Burner to sign up.

November 28 – No Meeting

December 5 – Christmas Luncheon at Walker’s Charhouse. Cost is \$10 per person.

December 12 – Business Meeting.

December 19 – No Meeting

December 26 – No Meeting

January 2 – No Meeting

January 9 – First club meeting of 2018



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Steve Albach (2)
Lion Phil Barnum (27)

The following members have a birthday in November and they are:

Lion Bob Samuels – November 8

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

- November 7 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
November 14 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
November 21 - NO MEETING
November 28 - NO MEETING
December 5 - Christmas Luncheon at Walker's
December 12 - Board of Directors meeting
December 12 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
December 19 - NO MEETING
December 26 - NO MEETING
January 2 - NO MEETING



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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 Phil Barnum
Immediate Past President – Lion Steve Hertzberg

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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 Sinclare
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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