

*The*  
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**NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB**

**FEBRUARY 2018**



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Every failure is a step to success.

- William Whewell

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Neither blame or praise yourself.

- Plutarch

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Holidays and Time to Relax

With our fundraisers complete, we now have a few months to relax before we gear up for the summer raffle. Some of the upcoming events for us to participate in include Feed My Starving Children in February, St. Baldrick's in March, and the Angelman Syndrome Walk in May. All of these events are for great causes and they always appreciate our assistance. Our Lions club also donates funds to each of these events.

My thanks to all of our members who have helped make this past years' fundraising a success. We can all be proud to be Lions.

Finally, don't forget St. Valentine's Day is coming up and give someone a hug.

**Remember WE SERVE**

**Lion Linda Strugalla, President**



**Club News and Guest Speakers**

**COMFORT TOYS UPDATE**

Lion Jim Woodring provided an update to the club regarding the comfort toys project at Edward Hospital. The project has been ongoing since 2014.

Karen Butz, Lion Rick Butz's wife, continues to make pillowcases for the children. Lion Jim continues to supply the toys.

In 2017, a total of five deliveries were made. 492 toys were delivered at a cost of \$571. In total, the project has delivered 1,997 toys, at a total cost of \$2,300.

**DISTRICT 1-J BOWLING**

The annual District 1-J Bowling Tournament took place bright and early on January 21. Our club fielded a total of six bowlers. Lion Donna Kearney's team included Lion Jim Woodring and Lion Bill Bleecker. Lion Steve Hertzberg's team consisted of Linda Woodring and his son-in-law/ringer, Brian Mathews.



**2018 Naperville Noon Lions Bowling Team**

Thanks to Brian, his team came out on top. The surprise of the morning was Lion Jim Woodring's 6-7-10 split conversion. Bill Bleecker's incredible third game was also the talk of the weekend. He beat Brian 175-172, proving that miracles really can happen!



**Happy bowlers**

**WELCOME BACK GLEN!**

After a leave of absence, Glen Behnke returned to the club as of this month. Lion Glen was inducted into the club on January 23. He was sponsored by Lions Donna Kearney and Paul Rewerts. Welcome back Glen!



**New/Old Lion Glen surrounded by his sponsors, Lions Donna and Paul**



**Kites rise highest against the wind – not with it.**

**- Winston Churchill**



**Luncheon Speakers**

**SENIOR STAR**

On January 9, Elizabeth Bardeman was our speaker. Elizabeth is the executive director of Senior Star Weber Place, a senior living community in Romeoville.

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Weber Place sits on 29 acres and is one of 14 Senior Star locations in the United States. They currently serve 280 residents.

Senior Star provides a variety of living options. They provide adult day care, which is an opportunity for care givers to get a break. They provide home healthcare for medical and non-medical needs.

Senior Star has senior-only housing that takes on a variety of shapes and sizes. There is an independent living component, which is essentially an apartment. There is also the option for assisted living where nurse care is provided. They also run a dementia care program and short and long term rehabilitation.

Services are paid primarily by the residents themselves. This can take the shape of individual assets or savings. They also accept Social Security and veteran income, as well as Medicaid.

### **SECOND SENSE**

Cheryl Megurichian from Second Sense was our guest speaker on January 16. Second Sense was founded in 1947 and its focus is vision rehabilitation training. They cater to adults who have suffered vision loss later in life.

Trainers work one-on-one or in small groups in their Chicago facility or in the client's home. They begin with mobility training in order to help the client navigate the home and use the white cane.

Second Sense is proud of its one-touch self-defense training. This has been specially designed for the blind. With this training, confidence in public increases dramatically.

They provide technology training. This works out to be mostly using the iPhone or iPad with voiceover. This allows use of all apps using text to voice.

All staff members at Second Sense are professionally trained and certified in their individual field. All services are provided for free. Funding comes from the government, foundation, and earned income. The services are available for adults only and the majority served are over 40.

### **DUPAGE COUNTY**

On January 30, our club welcomed Janice Anderson and Gwen Henry as guest speakers. Janice is a member of the DuPage County Board and Gwen is the DuPage County Treasurer.

Janice was elected as a board member in November 2016. She represents District 5, which is comprised of Naperville, Lisle, and Aurora. She ran for the Board because she wanted to be involved in good fiscal policy.

Janice explained that the budget is nearly \$40 million lower than it was in 2010 and that there has not been an increase in their property tax levy in 10 years.

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The County handles a variety of services including public safety, jail, court system, transportation, emergency management, and the health department.

The Board has worked to reduce the budget through cost cutting and consolidation.

Gwen has been the DuPage County Treasurer for 11 years. While in office, she has updated many of the systems to make them run more efficiently.

Gwen told the club about the end of the year rush to get property taxes paid. She saw 20,000 people come in and pay property taxes early in an effort to see a tax benefit. Her department collected \$225 million in tax payments at the end of the year due to this influx. She used some help from other departments and was able to process all of these payments without much of a hitch.

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**People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy.**

- Anton Chekhov

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### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors met on January 23, 2018 at the Downtown Naperville 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 February 27, 2018.

Approved the Club and Foundation minutes for the meeting of December 5, 2018

Approved the Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2018 and December 5, 2018.

Approved the Social Service Report as of January 23, 2018, which indicated total expenditures of \$68,024 compared to \$66,757 last year.

Approved the following donations;

- Angelman Syndrome Foundation - \$2,000
- Camp Lions - \$1,000
- Western DuPage Special Recreation Association - \$1,200
- Habitat for Humanity - \$500
- Young Life Race - \$500
- Student Mission Trip - \$100
- Individual – Speech Pathology Grant - \$1,000

Additional donation to Lions of Illinois Foundation in memory of Jack Anderson denied.

Approved full membership of Glen Behnke.

Discussed replacement chairs for Social Service Committee and Peace Poster Contest Committee. Lions Paul Rewerts and Yllena Sinclair have requested to be replaced as chairs.

Discussed second Candy Day to be held in spring.

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Discussed final results of Turkey Trot. Lion Jim Alagna will assume a decreased role for the 2018 Turkey Trot.

Discussed the location of the Club's main eye glass collection box. Approval has been obtained from both the Post Office and Naperville Community Bank. The box will be located at a mutually agreeable location near the Post Office. Lion Steve Hertzberg will make final arrangements.

Discussed the following fund-raising events: Funnel cake sales at Last Fling, Iron Gate Gala, and Bake Sale at a Municipal Band Concert. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

Approved \$50 as a participation fee in the Rotary Club's International Service Summit as an Exhibitor. The Summit will be held on February 10, 2018 at Northern Illinois University Naperville Conference Center.

Discussed the purchase of a larger television set to be installed at Braconi's. The TV would be used for presentations by luncheon speakers. This item was deferred to the next Board meeting.

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**Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.**  
  
- Alexander Graham Bell  
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**GUESTS**

On January 9 and 16, Glen Behnke was our guest. Glen was inducted into the club on January 23.

On January 16, Lion Elaine Fisher from the Oak Brook Lions was a guest for lunch.

On January 30, Glenda Knotek, wife of Lion Al Knotek, was a lunch guest.

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**A work or art is above all an adventure of the mind.**  
  
- Eugene Ionesco  
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**COMING EVENTS**

**February 6** – Jon Timbers from the Angelman Syndrome Foundation will be our guest speaker to discuss the upcoming Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk.

**February 10** – International Service Summit at Northern Illinois University's Naperville campus.

**February 13** – Lion Steve Stroka will be our guest speaker from Foundation Fighting Blindness.

**February 17-18** – Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event at North Central College. See Lion Maria Wilson to sign up.

**February 20** – Speaker TBD.

**February 27** – Business Meeting.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Jane Bowers (18)**
- Lion Bill McManus (16)**

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

- Lion James Gilliard – February 1**
- Lion Barb Brauer – February 15**
- Lion Phoebe Bickhaus – February 21**

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

- February 6 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- February 13 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- February 20 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- February 27 - Board of Directors meeting
- February 27 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's

### OFFICERS

- President – Lion Linda Strugalla
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Lion Jim Woodring
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jim Ebers
- Immediate Past President – Lion Steve Hertzberg

### Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

- Dues Secretary – Lion Jim Ebers
- 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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