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**NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB**

**MARCH 2018**



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**Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals.**

**- Unknown**

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The club and I wish to thank Lion Paul for his service as social services chair over the last 10 years. This role will be taken over by Lion Donna Kearney and soon to be Lion Denise French. Lion Paul stated that he is retiring (baloney, he is only age 70 and is probably still below our average age). I will find something else to occupy his time to keep him out of Jackie's hair.

In addition, Lion Glenn Behnke is going to replace Lions Jim Alagna and Donna Kearney as the Turkey Trot Chair. I want to thank both of them for another successful year.

Also, a thank you to former Lion Rich Williams for his role as dues and membership chair. Lion Jim Ebers is assuming this role (of course, he is now hiding in South America). And finally, we are looking for a replacement for Lion Yllena Sinclair

as peace poster chair. What a wonderful job she did in this role.

The Club is still looking for a Second Vice President. In baseball terms, we need someone to step up to the plate and assume this position.

**Remember WE SERVE**

**Lion Linda Strugalla, President**

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**When one paints an ideal, one does not need to limit one's imagination.**

**- Ellen Key**

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**Club News and Guest Speakers**

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE  
SUMMITT**

Our club participated in the International Service Summit held at the Northern Illinois University's Naperville campus on February 10. Lions Jim Woodring, Bob Hull, and

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Yllena Sinclare represented our club at the event.

The event had 29 exhibitors. The majority of these were large international organizations. Our club was one of the few local organizations represented. Those in attendance were impressed by the keynote speaker, Atia Abawi, a journalist and author who fled Afghanistan at the age of three.

Lion Jim said that it was very interesting to go around and talk with the different organizations and learn about what each of them does. He even had a pleasant experience with the Rotary Club. He was disappointed that Lions of Illinois Foundation did not make it to the event, as they were invited to part of a panel discussion.

### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

Our club participated in Feed My Starving Children's mobile pack event held at North Central College on February 17-18. During the event, our club's banners were out providing exposure.

Lion Maria Wilson coordinated the event and our club had about 20 volunteers work. The event was so well run that the goal was reached early. This meant an early ending to the last shift, as supplies were beginning to run out. Altogether, 1.2 million meals were packed.

Thank you to Lion Maria for coordinating and to all of the

volunteers who helped during that weekend.



**Lions Bill Bleecker and Donna Kearney taking a break from packing meals**

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**You can never plan the future by the past.**

**- Edmund Burke**

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### **Luncheon Speakers**

#### **ANGELMAN SYNDROME FOUNDATION**

Jon Timbers and Kitty Murphy were our guest speakers on February 6. Kitty is the national special events coordinator for the Angelman Syndrome Foundation. Jon is the coordinator for the Chicago Angelman Syndrome Walk.

The two were on hand to thank our club for its involvement with Angelman Syndrome for the past five

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years and to give us some details about the upcoming Walk.

Jon spoke with the club about how he became involved with the Foundation after a family member was diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome. He contacted the foundation to offer his time and energy and ended up as the coordinator for the local event.

Last year, the Foundation raised \$1.18 million nationally at the walk in over 41 locations. The Chicago event raised \$135,000, which was a record for any location. They maintain a goal of raising \$2 million by 2020.

Jon is currently working on logistics for the 2018 Walk, which will occur on May 19 at Lisle Community Park. He is attempting to make connections in the community to help solve the logistical issues he faces.

### **FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS**

Minneapolis Lion Steve Sroka was our guest speaker on February 13. Lion Steve was giving the club an update on Foundation Fighting Blindness and Lion John Corneille. Steve is the coordinator for Foundation Fighting Blindness's Midwest Vision Walks.

Lion Steve informed the club that Lion John had a heart attack recently, but that he is doing well. He let us know that John was still involved in the stem cell trial he has talked with the club about.

Foundation Fighting Blindness continues to donate to vision research, raising more than \$750 million in the last decade. The Gund Challenge (to which our club donated \$25,000) alone raised \$51 million – which Gund matched dollar for dollar.

Lion Steve updated the club on some research, which has been progressing. He told us about a new FDA approved drug to stop degenerative vision loss with stem cells. Users have seen vision improvement, but it is very expensive with a single dose costing \$500,000.

The Chicago Vision Walk is scheduled for June 2 at Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village. Lion Steve is looking for a large Lions Club presence at the event. The day is eventful and very fun. It provides an opportunity to raise awareness.

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**I feel that every human mind feels  
pleasure in doing good to another.**

**- Thomas Jefferson**

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### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors met on February 27, 2018 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 meeting, which starts at 7:30 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on March 27, 2018.

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Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of January 23, 2018 as amended and the Foundation special meeting minutes of January 9, 2018.

Approved the Treasurer's Report for the Club and Foundation as of January 31, 2018.

Approved the Social Service Report as of February 27, 2018, which indicated total expenditures of \$80,484 for the current year compared to \$77,566 last year.

Approved the following donations:

- Canine Companions  
\$1,000
- Foundation Fighting Blindness  
5,000
- National Federation of the Blind  
10,000
- Beep Baseball  
1,000
- Second Sense  
1,000
- St. Baldrick's Foundation  
1,000
- We Grow Dreams  
1,000
- Loaves and Fishes  
3,000
- Hear Us  
5,000
- Senior Home Sharing  
1,000

An additional donation to NAMI was tabled to a future meeting.

Approved at-large membership for Denise French.

Discussed possible Lions candy day to be held in the spring or summer. More information will be available at a future meeting.

Discussed the Lions eye glass collection box. The box is still at Naperville Township Office. The club is waiting for assistance from the Township for moving. The box will re-locate near the downtown post office.

Discussed the club's participation in the Naperville Municipal Band's concert bake sale this summer. The club has entered the lottery to participate. Applications are due March 5, 2018 and the lottery drawing will be shortly thereafter. If selected, we will be assigned a date this summer.

Discussed the club's participation in Naperville Last Fling. More information will be available at a future meeting. However, the consensus is that the club may not participate and will consider again next year.

Discussed the Lions District 1-J convention to be held April 6,7, and 8. In lieu of donating a gift basket, it was approved to donate \$75 from club funds.

Discussed a possible fund-raising event at Iron Gate Car Condo facility. More information will be available at a future meeting.

Approved the purchase of two tickets to Zone Chair Jim Kiser's man of the year dinner in the amount of \$35 each. Lions Jim and

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Linda Woodring will attend and represent the club.

Discussed the "Someone Special" event to be held on May 5, 2018 at Drury Lane in Oak Brook. Lion Ellen Wolf will be contacted to see if there are Naperville residents who may qualify to attend.

Discussed participation in the Lisle Lions Eye to the Sky event to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a volunteer opportunity in which funds could be raised for the Naperville Noon Lions Foundation. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

Discussed an "Adopt a Highway Clean-up Program" sponsored by City of Naperville. The purpose of the program is to clean up a portion of the roadway. We will be able to post a sign that Naperville Noon Lions Club cleaned up the roadway. More information will be available at a future meeting.

Approved the purchase of a large TV set to be installed at Braconi's Restaurant in place of the current TV. This will provide better viewing for luncheon speakers who would need video equipment. The cost is not to exceed \$400 for the TV and \$50 for cable and other accessories.

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**Time passes irrevocably.**  
**- Virgil**  
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**GUESTS**

On February 6, Lion Al Knotek had two guests join the group - his wife, Glenda, along with Denise French from his office. Denise has submitted her application to join the club and assist Lion Donna Kearney with Social Services.

Senior Zone Chairman for District 1J, Lion John Barsanti, was our guest on February 13. He was on hand to provide information about district leadership training and opportunities.

Marylee Reid was a guest of Lion Karen Maxwell on February 20.

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**Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion.**  
**- Martha Graham**  
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**COMING EVENTS**

**March 6** – Brett Weiss from The Bernard and Elsie Weiss Dago Scholarship Fund will be our guest speaker. They raise funds for children's education in Dago, Kenya.

**March 13** – Kate Purl, Director of Aurora's Harry Potter Festival, will be on hand to talk about the second annual event.

**March 20** – Rick Gering, Public Outreach Chair for the Naperville Astronomical Society will be our speaker. The NAA is an astronomy club made up of individuals who

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share an interest exploring the universe beyond our planet.

**March 27** – Business Meeting.

**April 6-8** – District 1J Convention at the Naperville Marriott.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

**Lion Bill Cornish (11)**  
**Lion Chris Williams (9)**

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

**Lion Rick Butz – March 2**  
**Lion Dick Lehman – March 3**  
**Lion Yllena Sinclare – March 6**  
**Lion Paul Rewerts – March 8**  
**Lion Dick Griffith – March 13**  
**Lion Gary Peterson – March 15**  
**Lion Jim Burner – March 17**

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

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