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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

APRIL 2018



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Of all possessions, a friend is the most precious.

- Herodotus

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Environment Volunteer Activity

Lion Paul Rewerts is heading up our new community service project, where we will be cleaning the sides of Plainfield/Naperville Road from 75th Street to 87th Street that borders Springbrook Prairie. If you wish to participate, call Paul to get on the list. The dates are on Saturdays April 7, June 2, August 4, and October 6. Rain dates are the following Saturdays of each scheduled month. We will start at 8:00 am and meet in the parking lot on the West side of Plainfield/Naperville Road (model aircraft field). Gloves, bags and pickers will be provided. There will be a sign posted that mentions the NNLC as volunteers providing this community service.

Slate of Incoming Officers

Lions Ken Strugalla and Donna Kearney have stepped up and agreed to be the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents for the upcoming year. Lion Paul Rewerts will also join the board.

Concert Bake Sale

One and done, just like in college basketball; our club was not chosen in the lottery to participate this year in the weekly bake sale held every Thursday summer night at the band shell. This is a loss of revenue for the club that hopefully be recouped with our annual raffle. Thanks, Lion Bob Hull for all the work you put into this event. You, however, are not one and done, because the summer raffle is around the corner.

Lion Bill McManus

Sadly, the passing of Lion Bill is not only a loss for his family, but also to the Lions. His leadership, integrity, and spirit made us a better club. We will certainly miss him.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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**Water and air, the two essential fluids on
which all life depends, have become
global garbage cans.**

- Jacques Yves Cousteau

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Club News and Guest Speakers

LION BILL MCMANUS

Our club said goodbye to another amazing Lion on March 7. Lion Bill was a 16-year member of the club, past president, Melvin Jones Fellow, and an integral part of making the Turkey Trot the success it is today.

Bill was born in Jersey City, New Jersey in 1934. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1956 with a degree in chemical engineering. After college, Bill served in the U.S. Army.

He began working at United States Gypsum (USG) in 1959. Over time, he received a number of promotions before he retired in 1996 at Executive Vice President and COO of USG Interiors.

Bill is survived by his wife Margaret, six children, and seven grandchildren. Lion Bill will be greatly missed.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to the club, Denise French! Denise was inducted into the club on March 6. She works with Lions Al Knotek and Katie Hertzberg, her sponsor. She is also going to be helping Lion Donna Kearney with Social Services.



**Newly inducted Lion Denise with her sponsor
Lion Katie Hertzberg and Lion President
Linda Strugalla**

ST. BALDRICK'S

As has become an annual tradition, our club helped with registration and money counting at the St. Baldrick's Day event at the Naperville Marriott on March 10. Lion Steve Hertzberg counted money. Lion Katie Hertzberg, with husband Brian and daughter Ellie, volunteered along with Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla, Jim Ebers, Donna Kearney, and Donna's husband Brian. Lion Bob Hull also helped out by bringing the club banner to be displayed. At the event alone, \$9,379 was collected.

LION JIM KISER

Lion Jim Kiser, our District 1-J Zone Chair for the Southeast Region, was named Darien Citizen of the Year at a gala banquet on March 3 attended by over 200 supporters. In addition to his 20 years serving the Lions, he has been active in numerous Darien civic events such as Darienfest and Darien Dash. Mayor Weaver and others gave tribute speeches including a proclamation read into the Congressional Record by U.S. Rep. Bill Foster.

Several regional Lions Clubs were represented, including Naperville by Jim and Linda Woodring and Yllena Sinclair.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

As a new community service project, our club will be helping pick up trash along the side of the road four times this year. The first date is Saturday, April 7 at 8:00 am. The tentative future dates are June 2, August 4, and October 6.

The club will be working on the stretch of Plainfield/Naperville Road between 75th Street and 87th Street near Springbrook Prairie Preserve. The County of DuPage is involved in this project and supplies volunteers with vests, gloves, and garbage bags. In order to volunteer, each individual must sign a waiver and submit it to the county. See Lion Paul Rewerts for details and to fill out a waiver.

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Avoid popularity; it has many snares and no real benefit.

- William Penn

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Luncheon Speakers

**BERNARD & ELSIE WEISS
DAGO SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

On March 6, Brett Weiss was our speaker. Brett is the founder of the Bernard & Elsie Weiss Dago Scholarship Fund, which helps send children in Dago, Kenya to high school.

Brett made his first trip to Dago in 2009. While there, he experienced firsthand what life is like for the residents. Dago is a rural community of 3,000 and one of the poorest places on earth, with 5-15 people living together in mud huts. It is rare to find a child who has both parents living, as very few people make it to the age of 40. They live without plumbing, electricity, or medical care.

When it comes to education, the average Kenyan quits school in the fourth grade. The reason for this is that the government only pays for primary school. High school must be paid for by the family. By fourth grade, the children realize they will not be able to pay for high school and leave to go work.

Brett decided that he could make a difference by starting a scholarship program that would send these children to high school fully funded.

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Once this program was up and running, the entire village was transformed. There was now a sense of hope.

Students must apply for the scholarships. The scholarships cover room and board for all four years of high school. The only rule that Brett places on the scholarships is that they are split equally between girls and boys. Girls are often pulled from school earlier and more often than boys. This ensures that they, too, will be given an opportunity.

The children attend high school away from home in a boarding school type setting. Brett has visited some of them and the schools, while still rudimentary by U.S. standards, are far more modern and advanced than Dago.

In addition to being more modern, the education received in high school is far superior. When the children return home on breaks, they are seen as heroes and looked up to.

Brett is looking to expand and provide more scholarships. The total cost to send a child to all four years of high school, including room and board and books, is \$3,500.

DOWNTOWN AURORA MAGIC

Kate Purl was our guest speaker on March 13. Kate is the director of Downtown Aurora Magic, which until very recently was known as the Aurora Harry Potter Festival before corporate lawyers got involved and forced a rebranding.

Kate is a self-proclaimed Harry Potter superfan. While visiting another Harry Potter festival in Wisconsin, she had the idea to create her own local festival in 2017. She planned to have the festival along the Water Street Mall in downtown Aurora.

She had plans to accommodate about 1,500 people. Once news got out, more than 50,000 people RSVP'd to the event. At that point, she had to issue tickets. Tickets were only available in person and she sold out of the 3,500 available immediately.

At the inaugural event last year, everything went off without a hitch. There were 200 volunteers and 50 vendors. All of the vendors sold out before the day ended. Based on this success, she planned a two-day event for 2018. She received a call from Warner Brothers about one month before tickets went on sale and was no longer able to use the Harry Potter name.

Thinking fast, she modified the event slightly. It is now set for one day only, June 9. Kate has 30 vendors lined up to sell magical items. There are a variety of other activities on the schedule, including an owl rescue, scavenger hunt, school of witchcraft and wizardry, and Quidditch.

The proceeds from the event go to support five local charities that all provide volunteers for the event. The Aurora Lions Club will be on hand to sell ice cream and brooms.

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Tickets are \$10.00 and available online at downtownauroramagic.org.

**NAPERVILLE
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**

Rick Gering was our guest speaker on March 20. Rick was on hand to talk to the club about the Naperville Astronomical Society (NAS). NAS started as the astronomy club at Naperville High School in 1973. Some members of the club convinced the city to let them use a small piece of land on which an observatory was built. Today, NAS has 250 members from all over the western suburbs.

The observatory is located on Plainfield/Naperville Road just south of 95th Street. On the site, they have two telescopes in two different buildings. In the domed building is a 16-inch telescope used for visual astronomy. The neighboring building houses a 12-inch telescope that is hooked up to a monitor. Images are projected onto the monitor instead of the eyepiece. NAS holds public nights at the observatory at least once per month.

NAS also has two public open meeting each month on the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 pm. These take place on the first floor of the Naperville Municipal Center on Eagle Street in downtown Naperville. At these meetings, they have guest lecturers and presentations.

The public is welcome to all events and everything is free. They even offer a service to inspect broken telescopes. Anyone can bring a

telescope to any meeting and a member will help diagnose the problem and provide any assistance available. You can also find NAS members on the Riverwalk during the summer. They set up their equipment and try to get passersby interested in astronomy.

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**Anyone who has never made a mistake
has never tried anything new.**

- Albert Einstein

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on March 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 April 24, 2018.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2018 and a special meeting of the Foundation of March 6, 2018.

Approved the Treasurer's Report for the Club and Foundation as of February 28, 2018.

Approved the Social Service Report as of March 27, 2018, which indicated total expenditures of \$81,525 for the current fiscal year.

Approved the following donations:

- Leader Dogs - \$1,000
- Bridge Communities - \$1,500

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- Family Shelter Services - \$2,000
- Operation Support our Troops - \$1,000
- Marklund Center - \$500
- Turning Pointe Foundation - \$2,000

Approved the transfer of full membership of Marylynn and Ray Wagner from St. Johns, Indiana Lions Club to Naperville Noon Lions Club.

Discussed partnering with the Catholic Order of Foresters who will collect used eyeglasses for the Lions of Illinois Foundation during the month of April 2018. Discussed the inquiry from Pivotal Solutions who also want to collect used eyeglasses for the Foundation. Additional information will be available at the next Board meeting.

Discussed holding an additional Candy Day in May 2018. Tentative dates are May 12 – 13 and May 25 – 26. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

Discussed possible fund-raising event at Iron Gate Venue. Food costs would be approximately \$38 per person. No dates have been set for the event. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

Approved the slate of officers and directors for the fiscal year 20018-2019.

Approved changing the Club's website to a secure status. This would give more creditability to the site.

Discussed installation dinner. Clara's Restaurant has been reserved for June 19, 2018 for the dinner.

Approved \$1,200 for the purchase of a loaner hearing aid to be used for the Foundation Social Service Program.

Discussed setting up a memorial recognition for Lion Bill McManus. Approximately \$2,700 has been collected from memorial donations. It is expected that additional funds will be donated. Items discussed included adding the name of Lion Bill McManus to the Turkey Trot event, donations to Donka, Inc in his name. This item was tabled until the next Board meeting and more ideas will be discussed.

Approved \$120 to purchase two registrations to the Lions District 1-J Convention.

Discussed the community service/trash pick-up project. The first work day will be April 7, 2018. Volunteers will be needed.

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**Truth is strong, and sometime or other
will prevail.**

- Mary Astell

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GUESTS

On March 5, Lion Ray Wagner was our guest. Ray is a Lion from St. Johns, Indiana. He has recently moved to the area and has

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submitted his application to join our club.

Glenda Knotek, wife of Lion Al Knotek, was a guest on March 27.



Success is the sum of small efforts – repeated day in and day out.

– Robert Collier



COMING EVENTS

April 3 – Kate Bousum, Director of Child’s Voice will be our guest speaker. Child’s Voice provides children with hearing loss the skills and tools needed to learn to listen and to speak and to enjoy the sounds of everyday.

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

April 7 – Community Service Adopt-a-Highway at 8:00 AM. See Lion Paul Rewerts to sign up.

April 10 – Mary Beth Glenn, Annual Giving Coordinator for Family Shelter Service will be speaking to the club. Family Shelter Service transforms lives by offering help and hope to those affected by domestic violence.

April 17 – Our guest speaker will be Cecilia Najera from DuPage Legal Aid. DuPage Legal Aid works to provide legal representation to lower income residents of DuPage County.

April 24 – Business Meeting.

May 19 – Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk at Lisle High School



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Gary Peterson (7)**
- Lion Carl Smith (29)**
- Lion Jim Woodring (4)**

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

- Lion Linda Strugalla – April 11**
- Lion Kathleen Lehman – April 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

- April 3 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi’s
- April 10 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi’s
- April 17 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi’s
- April 24 - Board of Directors meeting
- April 24 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi’s



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OFFICERS

President – Lion Linda Strugalla
1st VP – Lion Jim Woodring
2nd VP – Lion Ken Strugalla
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

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Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

Dues Secretary – Lion Jim Ebers
Tail Twister – Rotating
Lion Tamer – Rotating
Chaplain – At Large
Social Services – Lion Donna Kearney &
Denise French
Peace Poster Contest – Lion Yllena Sinclair
Program Director – Lion Meghan Williams

Donations Committee Chair – Lion Ken 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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