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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

MAY 2018



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People seldom refuse help, if one offers
it in the right way.

- A.C. Benson

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

VOLUNTEERING

Summer Raffle

Our annual summer raffle will kick off in June and continue through Labor Day. Our goal is to gross \$32,000 in sales, which will net the club \$22,000 after prize money is given out. This fundraiser depends upon our members participating and selling tickets to friends, family, and strangers, usually by spending weekends in front of Casey's and Ace Hardware. Raffle tickets will be handed out to members at the end of May. If you have not sold tickets in the past and wish to participate this year, contact Lion Ken Strugalla.

Our Club's Environmental Cleanup Effort

After three Saturdays, the highway area along the Springbrook prairie on Plainfield-Naperville Road is finally cleaned up. My rough

estimate of 50 volunteer hours is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all members who donated their time and effort and thanks to Lion Paul for coordinating this effort.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities

We have three upcoming events; Angelman Annual Walk on May 19, our Lion's Club "Tag Day" on May 12-13 and June 8-9, and the Eyes In The Sky on June 29- July 1. Contact Lion Donna Kearney for information on the Angelman Walk and the Eyes-In-The-Sky events and Lion Jim Ebers for Tag Day. For those unfamiliar with Tag-Day, this is the same as Candy Day where we hand out mints for donations. With the loss of our funnel cake fund raiser, the tag days were added to replace lost revenue.

All of these volunteer efforts require our club's support.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

- Mahatma Gandhi

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Club News and Guest Speakers

LION KATIE HERTZBERG

Lion Katie Hertzberg was the recipient of the George Lazansky Distinguished Service Award at the District 1-J Convention on April 8. This award represents excellence in Lionism for the club and community as well as outstanding humanitarian achievements.



From left to right: Past International Director Lion John Wahl, District 1-J Southwest Zone Chair Lion Jim Kiser, Lion Katie Hertzberg, and District 1-J Governor Lion John Hilliard

Lion Katie has used her optometry skills to participate in a variety of eye care missions in the United States and abroad, including Mexico, Africa, Thailand, South Dakota, and many local missions with the Chicago Public Schools. She is also a very important piece of our club's vision screenings at the Ann Reid Early Childhood Center.

In addition to her great work as an eye doctor, Katie manages to find time to volunteer at the Shedd

Aquarium in Chicago. Over the last ten years, she has volunteered for more than 2,000 hours as a certified SCUBA Divemaster working in the Wild Reef exhibit.

Congratulations on a very well-deserved award Katie!

PEACE POSTER

The District 1-J Peace Poster Contest winner was announced at the District 1-J Convention on April 7. The winner, Zanab Zaneer, was honored at the convention. Zanab is a student at Glenside Middle School in Glendale Heights.



Zanab posing with Lion Yllena Sinclair and her winning Peace Poster

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

The first of four scheduled highway clean-up sessions concluded on April 28 after three Saturdays of work. This project was organized in conjunction with DuPage County. The club adopted the section of Plainfield-Naperville Road between 75th Street and 87th Street and set

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out to clean the grassy areas along the sides of the roadway.



The April 21 cleanup crew

Lion Paul Rewerts organized the group of 12 total workers who braved the unseasonably cool spring weather. In total, 50 man-hours were needed to pick up all of the trash on the roadway. 20 large garbage bags were left along the route for county employees to pick up. Our club is scheduled to return in June, August, and October.



Lion Paul poses proudly with the street sign located on Plainfield-Naperville Road

As a result, our club has been recognized on street signs. Thank you to Lion Paul for organizing.

ANN REID EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Last month, some members of our club participated in annual vision screening for children at the Ann Reid Early Childhood Center. Lions Katie Hertzberg, Rick Butz, and Al Knotek volunteered their services for the event. In addition, Dr. Burt Pinchuk assisted with the screening.

In total, 33 children were seen. Of those, two needed additional screening. Thank you to our Lions eye doctors for your tireless efforts.

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You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.

- Jack London

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Luncheon Speakers

CHILD'S VOICE

On April 3, Kate Bossum returned to our club to talk to us about Child's Voice. Kate is the director of advancement for Child's Voice, a school for children with hearing loss.

Child's Voice helps children learn to listen, speak, sing, and succeed. They work to empower the children. They accomplish this goal through three main programs.

The first is the audiology clinic. This clinic is for babies during the first 18 months. They do diagnostic testing and newborn hearing screenings as well as any follow up care.

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The next is the early intervention program for ages birth to three. They work with parents to provide home-based support and two group services at the school.

Last is the school program for children ages 3-8. Our club visited the school last year and was able to participate in some activities with the kids and see the school first hand.

This is a classroom style program. Children come from over 30 school districts. The instructors are experts and focus on learning through play. The goal is for each child to graduate and move onto the mainstream school program within their home district.

The program is paid for by the child's home school district. By enrolling in this program instead of receiving a bevy of other accommodations at their home school district, the school district saves approximately \$350,000 per child.

Kate has invited our group back to visit again and wants to keep making connections with other service organizations and clubs. She stressed that their biggest hurdle is outreach and awareness.

FAMILY SHELTER SERVICE

On April 10, Mary Beth Glenn and Dawn were our guest speakers from Family Shelter Service. Family Shelter Service was founded in 1976 with a network of homes and a hotline. They eventually built a shelter in Downers Grove, which now has 41 beds.

The shelter operates for victims of domestic violence. While at the shelter, individuals receive services from the organization. These include counseling for both parents and children.



Mary Beth accepts our club's donation from Lion Ken Strugalla

They also operate two resale shops, called Second Chance Resale, in Naperville and Westmont. These stores offer a fundraising arm as well as a place for clients to shop when they are ready to move out on their own again.

Family Shelter Service continues to operate a 24/7 hotline that took 12,300 calls in 2017. The hotline is operated by both employees and volunteers who have received domestic violence training. They can offer immediate assistance to callers.

Last year, Family Shelter Service provided 12,098 nights of shelter. Despite that, there is always a waiting list and many people are

turned away. The Downers Grove shelter recently added a suite to accommodate male clients apart from the females.

DUPAGE LEGAL AID

Cecelia Najera, the director of DuPage Legal Aid, was our guest speaker on April 17. DuPage Legal Aid offers primarily family law legal services to DuPage County residents who cannot afford an attorney. The organization was founded by members of the DuPage County Bar Association who saw the need for free legal aid.

The majority of the legal work is done by volunteer attorneys throughout the county. DuPage Legal Aid has two staff attorneys, but more than 400 local attorneys who agree to take cases on a pro bono basis.

DuPage Legal Aid also offers free legal clinics at Loaves and Fishes and Family Shelter Services. They assist domestic violence victims with orders of protection.

In order to qualify for services, the client cannot make more than 150% of the poverty level, which for a family of two in DuPage County is approximately \$28,000. They will move that number to 275% of the poverty level for special circumstances. There are 600-700 cases open at any given time. Last year, they were able to provide 10,800 hours of pro bono legal service to the community.

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Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay.

- Simone de Beauvoir

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on April 24, 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 May 22, 2018.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2018.

Approved the Treasurer's report for the Club and Foundation as of March 31, 2018

Approved the Social Service report as of April 2018 which indicated total expenditures of \$93,048 for the current fiscal year. Discussed projected expenditures for the Social Service Program through June 30, 2018.

- Approved the follow donations:
- Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind - \$1,000
 - Hadley School for the Blind - \$1,000
 - Ever Sight Eye Bank - \$2,500
 - LIF Annual Walk Night- \$1,000
 - ORBIS - \$1,000

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- Spectrios - \$1,000
- Surgical Eye Expeditions - \$1,000

Committee Reports

Membership - Discussed members late dues payments, several individuals have shown interest in joining the Club.

Publicity – Catholic Order of Foresters and Pivotal Solutions are collecting eye glass for the month of April; news releases have been sent out regarding Lion K. Hertzberg’s Lazansky Award.

Raffle – First committee meeting has been held and raffle tickets have been printed.

Lions Tag Day – tag days have been scheduled for May 12 and 13 at Ace Hardware and Casey’s. Also tag days have been scheduled for June 8 and 9 for street sales.

Approved \$90 from Club funds for Lions District 1-J convention expense for Peace Poster representation.

Approved four honorariums in the amount of \$100 each for doctors who conducted eye examinations at Ann Reid Early Learning Center. The honorariums will be paid from Club funds.

Approved charging \$20 for members and guests to attend the installation dinner to be held on June 19, 2018 at Clara’s Restaurant.

Discussed DotEasy and Google secure web hosting. This change to

provide a secure site for the Club is still in process and more information will be available at the next Board meeting.

Continued the discussion of tribute to the late Lion Bill McManus. This item will be reviewed and discussed again at the next Board meeting.

Discussed the installation of the main eye glass collection box which is to be relocated to the U.S. Post Office in downtown Naperville. Waiting for assistance from Naperville Township and method of securing the box. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

Discussed location of new eye glass collection boxes at Oxford Bank. The bank wants to be involved in community projects and have volunteered to collect glasses at two locations

Discussed the possible purchase of toys from Paramount Theatre in Aurora. The toys were left over from their production of the show “Elf” and would be used in our Comfort Toy Program at Edward Hospital. More information will be available at the next Board meeting.

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Forgiveness is a funny thing. It warms the heart and cools the sting.

- William Arthur Ward

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GUESTS

On April 3, Lion Maria Wilson’s husband, Bill Wilson, was our club’s guest.

Southwest Zone Chair Lion Jim Kiser was our guest on April 10. He spoke briefly to the club about the District 1-J Convention and the new Lions International campaign to increase the focus on diabetes.

Chris Collander was a guest of Lion Maria Wilson on April 17. Chris is a local attorney who is interested in joining the club.

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We must not allow other people’s limited perceptions to define us.

– Virginia Satir

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COMING EVENTS

May 1 – Jean Dimos from Literacy DuPage will be our speaker. Literacy DuPage works to tutor adults to improve their English speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

May 8 – Kay McKeen from SCARCE will be our speaker. SCARCE works to inspire people through education to preserve and care for Earth’s natural resources.

May 12-13 – Lion Tag Day at Ace and Casey’s. We will be handing out Lions mints and collecting money. See Lion Jim Ebers to sign up.

May 15 – Our guest speaker will be Mike Busch from Kids Alive International. Kids Alive works to rescue and provide for orphaned and forgotten children.

May 19 – Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk at Lisle High School. See Lion Donna Kearney to volunteer or participate.

May 22 – Business Meeting.

May 29 – Michelle Jenks from the FUSloN Project will be our guest speaker. The FUSloN Project is a weekly, after school program for the empowerment of junior high school girls.

June 8-9 – Lion Tag Day Street Sales. See Lion Jim Ebers to sign up.

June 19 – Installation Dinner at Clara’s beginning at 6:00 PM. Price is \$20 per person.



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Phoebe Bickhaus (28)**
- Lion Bill Bleecker (43)**
- Lion Donna Kearney (9)**

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

- Lion Jane Bowers – May 3**
- Lion Agnes Tsiagbe – May 8**
- Lion Phil Barnum – May 13**
- Lion Meghan Williams – May 26**
- Lion Jim Alagna – May 27**
- Lion Al Knotek – May 28**

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

- May 1- Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- May 8 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- May 15 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- May 22 - Board of Directors meeting
- May 22 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- May 29 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's

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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 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 – Lions Donna Kearney & Denise French
- Peace Poster Contest – Lion Yllena Sinclare
- 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 Glen Behnke 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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