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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

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The smallest deed is better than the
greatest intention.

- John Burroughs

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

VOPA for Lions

In 1997 the Volunteer Protection Act (VPA) provided legal protection for members of charitable and non-profit organizations. However it did not protect the organizations.

“The federal Volunteer Protection Act (VPA) provides protection to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities volunteers for harm caused by their acts or omissions on behalf of the organization or entity. The act does not require that an emergency declaration be in place for its protections to apply.

VPA applies to an uncompensated volunteer for acts of ordinary negligence committed within the scope of the volunteer's responsibilities. If the volunteer's responsibilities are covered by licensure laws, the volunteer must be

properly licensed, certified, or authorized by the appropriate authorities as required by the law in the state in which the harm occurred.

Protection under VPA does not apply if the volunteer engages in willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or a conscious, flagrant indifference to the rights or safety of the individual(s) harmed by the volunteer. VPA also does not apply if the volunteer causes harm by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, aircraft, or other vehicle for which the state requires its operator to possess an operator's license or maintain insurance.”

Text of the VPA can be downloaded at:
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-105publ19/pdf/PLAW-105publ19.pdf>.

Enter the Volunteer Organization Protection Act (VOPA). It is an amendment bill intended to extend protection to volunteer and non-profit organizations. It was introduced in 2015, has 58 co-sponsors but has not passed. It would provide organizational protection in parallel with that provided to individuals by the VPA. Text of the bill can be found at:

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<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2290/text>

Lions International recommends that members contact their representatives urging passage of VOPA. More information is at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/advocacy/vopa/index.php>

Presently Lions Clubs International provides general liability insurance and auto insurance as part of our dues using DSP Insurance Services. A certificate of insurance can be downloaded from the LCI Members page at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/insurance/certificate-insurance.php>

In theory laws such as VOPA could lead to a reduction in liability insurance cost. Of course, whether any savings is passed along to policy holders remains to be seen.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Jim Woodring, President

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To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.

- Anne Morrow Lindbergh

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Club News and Guest Speakers

LION GEORGE PRADEL

Lion George Pradel passed away one day shy of his 81st birthday on September 4. Known around town as Officer Friendly and the longest serving mayor of Naperville, he was also a longtime Lion, joining the club in 1970. He was proud that his first ever pair of glasses was purchased by our Lions Club.



The always smiling Lion George

Lion George moved to Naperville in 1939. He served in the Marine Corps and began working for the Naperville Police Department in 1966. He spent 29 years with the Police Department and was instrumental in the development of Safety Town.

He was elected mayor in 1995 and served until 2015. He was named honorary mayor emeritus and continued to represent the city at various events. He was the official starter for many Turkey Trots throughout the years.

Lion George was survived by his children, Carol, Gary, and George. He will be missed.

SUMMER RAFFLE

Our annual summer raffle came to a close on September 4 with the drawing of winning tickets at our club meeting. Mayor Steve Chirico was on hand to draw the winning tickets.



Mayor Chirico drawing the winning ticket with Lion Ken Strugalla

The \$5,000 grand prize ticket winner was Matt P. who bought his ticket from Lion Jim Ebers.

In total, the raffle was a great success. 4,395 tickets were sold by the club. The gross proceeds were \$33,988. After expenses, the foundation is expected to net more than \$24,000, which exceeded the goal.

The Burrows Cup was once again won by the Bleecker Bombers. The Hertzberg Hackers could not maintain their early lead. The trophy will stay with Lion Bleecker.

Lion Bob Hull sold the most tickets (\$6,364), followed by Lion Rick Butz (\$4,025). In total 10 Lions sold more than \$1,000 in tickets.

Thank you to Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla for all of your hard work on the raffle. Thank you to all of the club members who sold tickets.

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Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.

- George Elliot

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Luncheon Speakers

HEART OF A VETERAN

Jordan Howell, chairman of Heart of a Veteran, was our guest speaker on September 11. Jordan became interested in speaking with our club after she met Lion Bill Bleecker while working the Lisle Eyes to the Skies Festival this summer.

Jordan is a massage therapist who has dedicated most of her practice to providing low or no cost massage for veterans. During this work, she has met many veterans and learned their stories. This lead her to embark on a project to gather stories from these veterans and compile them into a book.

Many veterans were interviewed for the book that was released in March 2016. All proceeds from the book were donated back to veterans.

Jordan has developed a new plan to open a holistic wellness center for veteran and also their caregivers and children. She wants to provide massage therapy, yoga, and other treatments. This facility is still in early developments and she is working on securing a local site.

BRIDGE COMMUNITIES

Amy Van Polen from Bridge Communities was our guest speaker on September 18. Bridge Communities' mission is to provide housing and mentoring to homeless families with dependent children. The organization started 30 years ago with a single shelter. They attempted to work on a micro level to stop homelessness and focus on one family at a time.

Today, Bridge Communities helps about 100 families at any one time. They own 23 apartment buildings throughout the area, eight of those being in Naperville.

Families are connected with a mentor who works directly with them on a weekly basis. All of the mentors are volunteers who are supported by professional staff members.

The organization provides housing and other aid to get families back on their feet. Most families are in the program for two years. The program has been a great success with more than 800 families having completed the program.

In order to qualify, you must pass a screening process and agree to follow many rules. These agreements are re-entered every 90 days. This requires a constant commitment to the program and the ultimate goal of long-term change.

Amy informed the club that our donation this year helped to support two families for the entire year.

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If opportunity doesn't know, build a door.

- Milton Berle

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on October 2, 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 meetings, which start at 7:30 a.m. The Next Board meeting will be held on October 30, 2018 at the downtown Naperville YMCA.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of August 28, 2018 and a special Foundation Board meeting of September 11, 2018.

Approved the Club's Treasurer's Report as corrected and Foundation Treasurer's Report both as of August 31, 2018.

Approved the Social Service Report for September 30, 2018 which indicated 60 new cases for the month of September and \$19,426 expended for the fiscal year to date. Approved \$1,000 donation to James Gilliard in support of his participation in various triathlons and \$9,000 to Donka, Inc in support of their matching grant program.

Approved the at-large membership of Dr. Mark Rafferty.

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Discussed NNLC participation in Lisle Eyes to the Sky Festival. No additional information is available as to when the Foundation will be paid for volunteer hours provided to the Festival.

Discussed Candy Day plans. Store front collections have set at Casey's on October 6th and 7th. Street collections have been set for October 12th and 13th. Volunteers are still needed for all shifts.

Discussed OrCam equipment for Brian McManus. More information is needed. Further action deferred till the next Board meeting.

Discussed Fannie May fund raising event. Flyers will be included in Turkey Trot goodie bags. The Foundation will receive 30% of Fannie May candy sales when coupon is presented at a Fannie May store for purchase of candy on a certain date.

Discussed NNLC web-site listing of eye glass collection locations. The web-site listing needs to be updated. Club President will follow up to make corrections.

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Hope is patience with the lamp lit.

- Tertullian

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GUESTS

On September 4, Mayor Steve Chirico was our guest to pull the winning raffle tickets for the summer raffle. Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion

Paul Rewerts, was a guest. Lion Karen Maxwell's neighbor, Ken, was also our guest.

On September 11, Jean Gerkin was our guest. Jean works in Lion Al Knotek's office and was a raffle winner this year.

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Fortune befriends the bold.

- Emily Dickinson

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COMING EVENTS

October 2 – Amanda Spies, Associate Director of Community Engagement for the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be our guest speaker.

October 9 – Elise Schram, Project Director for Metropolitan Family Services will be our speaker.

October 16 – Lion Maria Wilson will be our guest speaker to discuss Hear Us.

October 23 – Erika Wood will be our guest speaker from the YMCA.

October 30 – Business Meeting/Turkey Trot labels

November 17-21 - Turkey Trot Packet Pickup at Naperville Running Company

November 22 – Turkey Trot

December 11 – Christmas Luncheon at Walker's Charhouse



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Steve Hertzberg (42)**
- Lion Bob Hull (17)**
- Lion Kathleen Lehman (1)**
- Lion Al Knotek (42)**
- Lion Agnes Tsiagbe (7)**

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

- Lion Jim Ebers – October 4**
- Lion Chris Williams – October 8**
- Lion Steve Hertzberg – October 15**
- Lion Bob Hull – October 21**
- Lion Steve Albach – October 22**
- Lion Ken Strugalla – October 27**

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

- October 2 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 9 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 16 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 23 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 30 - Board of Directors meeting
- October 30 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's

OFFICERS

- President – Lion Jim Woodring
- 1st VP – Lion Ken Strugalla
- 2nd VP – Donna Kearney
- Secretary – Lion Jane Bowers
- Treasurer – Lion Bill Bleecker

- Director – Lion Jim Ebers
- Director – Lion Maria Wilson
- Director – Lion Steve Hertzberg
- Director – Lion Paul Rewerts
- Director – Lion Bob Hull
- Director – Lion Phil Barnum
- Membership – Lion Jim Ebers
- Immediate Past President – Lion Linda Strugalla

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 Karen Maxwell
- Program Director – Lion Meghen Williams
- Donations Committee Chair – Lion Linda 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 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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