

The
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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A New Page for Lions

Lions International has spent considerable effort developing a new webpage to better help clubs and individuals in their mission of service. Here are some features of the new page:

The Service Launchpad

Here we can find advice and information on selecting a service project related to the Lions' five global causes: diabetes, hunger, vision, childhood cancer, and the environment. For example, answering some questions about an environmental project returned an eight page checklist document with suggestions on conducting a tree planning at a local school.

The Resource Center

As you can imagine, LCI has assembled an impressive library of information and provided tools for quick searching for what you need. It also suggests Featured Resources including Community Needs Assessment, Fund Raising, and info about Model Clubs. Searching Vision returns seven pages of videos, technical articles, PDFs, and Power Point presentation.

The Club Locator

With 48,000 clubs worldwide, having a powerful tool for searching for information is a must. One can search by keyword or location to home in on the desired result. Searching Morton, IL brings up club info and several nearby along with a form for use in contacting them. Costa Rica returns 32 clubs. And this web app is fully integrated with the mobile phone app called MyLion so information is shared between the platforms.

Enhanced Storytelling

Here is a repository of some of the amazing things accomplished by Lions worldwide. One story describes how Lions of Iowa

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partnered with the University of Iowa in 2007 to address Leber congenital amaurosis (LCA), a genetically inherited eye condition causing blindness from birth. Since that time, researchers have been working toward a gene therapy to help treat patients with LCA, and in 2017 their efforts resulted in helping to restore sight to affected individuals. In December 2017, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved this treatment. It is the first gene therapy in the U.S. for a genetically inherited disease, and the first in which the patient directly receives a corrective gene.

Simple Donations

A simple form makes it quick and easy for member, non-members, clubs, and businesses to donate to Lions causes.

This is just a sampling of the vast amount of information and assistance available from LCI.

When looking for help or inspiration check it out at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>

And don't forget to go to an app store to install the free MyLion app.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Jim Woodring, President

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In life, as in chess, forethought wins.

- Charles Buxton

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Club News and Guest Speakers

TURKEY TROT

The 2019 Turkey Trot was another huge success. Thanksgiving morning was cold, but dry. A total of 6,396 participants cross the finish line. In total, we had 7,170 registered participants, which is down approximately 6% from last year.



Just a few of the festive costumed runners at the 2018 Turkey Trot

Packet pickup went smoothly as always. The event was also stocked with volunteers thanks to our partner organizations and local schools.

This year's event is expected to bring nearly \$200,000 into the foundation to help support our various causes. Thank you to Lion Glen Behnke for running the event and to the entire Turkey Trot committee for all of their hard work.

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BOB HULL ON THE RADIO

Lion Bob Hull was a recent radio guest on WBIG. He spent about 20 minutes on the air to discuss our club and the work that we do. He also spoke about the Turkey Trot. Thank you for being a great voice for our club and for the great work you do in publicity, Lion Bob.

WOODRING IN POSITIVELY NAPERVILLE

Lion Jim Woodring and his wife, Linda, were featured in Positively Naperville during their trip to the Rocky Mountain Hedgehog Show in Colorado Springs. They were photographed reading Positively Naperville with Linda holding their hedgehog, Sebastian, who won a ribbon at the event.



Lion Jim Woodring, his wife Linda and their Hedgehog, Sebastian

FANNIE MAY

Our venture into a fundraising effort with Fannie May was a bit of a flop this year. In total, only two people bought candy using our flyer (one of the two was Lion Jim Woodring). In total, this event raised \$41.25. Luckily, the club did not lose money

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as all of the printing and cutting of the flyers was done by club members.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Our group volunteered for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing in Downtown Naperville on December 8. The weather was perfect and the bell ringers received a great deal of support from the community.



Lions Dick and Kaki Lehman ringing the bell for Salvation Army

Thank you to Lion Jim Burner for organizing this event and to Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla, Jim Woodring, Paul and Jackie Rewerts, Bob and Barbara Hull, and Dick and Kaki Lehman for volunteering.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our club held its annual Christmas Luncheon on December 11 at Walker's Charhouse. The event was filled with great food and Lionism. Members also donated toys and children's gifts for Humanitarian Service Project. Lion Paul Rewerts loaded all of the gifts into his truck and drove them over. HSP was very

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appreciative of the donations. Thank you to Lion Jim Ebers for planning another great event.

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Forgiveness is the final form of love.

- Reinhold Niebuhr

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on December 4, 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 January 22, 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of October 30, 2018

Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer’s Report for October 31, 2018.

Approved the Social Service Report as of November 2018. Total expenditures for the current fiscal year (thru November 2018) totaled \$35,641. This amount is significantly lower than the previous fiscal year to date.

Approved donation to the Naperville Christian Academy in the amount of \$500 and to the Boy Scouts Troop 501 in the amount of \$250.

Discussed membership activities. There are two possible individuals who have indicated interest in joining the Club.

Discussed Publicity Activities. Two articles were included in Naperville Sun regarding the Turkey Trot along with a letter to the editor thanking all participants. An application has been submitted to the Park District to reserve the Naperville Community Sign Board for 2019 Turkey Trot. The Park District has disposed of all out-of-date Turkey Trot signs which were used on the Community Sign Board.

Discussed Turkey Trot. Over 7,200 individuals registered for the run and approximately 6,400 individuals crossed the finish line. Although registrations are down, this year’s run is expected to be successful. Final results will be available at a later date.

A check in the amount of \$3,168 was received for the Club’s services regarding Lisle Eye to the Skies volunteer project. The Club was paid at the rate of \$15 per hour of volunteer time. Briefly discussed the Club’s participation for next year.

Discussed the Fannie May fund raiser on December 1, 2018. \$41 was received as a result of this fund raiser. Discussed the possibilities of doing another fund raiser in this area. Several suggestions were considered regarding what could be done differently in order to increase participation.

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Discussed the relocation of the Club's central eye glass collection box to the Naperville Post Office. A letter has been written to the Naperville Post Master regarding the box location. More information will be available at a future meeting.

An inquiry has been received from the Naperville Police Department regarding how the Lions could support the police social service program. A representative from the Police Department will be invited to a luncheon meeting to discuss how the Club could assist the Police Department.

Information has been received regarding the completion of the Illinois Charitable Organization Annual Report. The completion of this form will be reviewed and follow-up by the Club Treasurer.

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There are no secrets that time does not reveal.
- Jean Racine
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GUESTS

Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts was our guest on November 6 and 13 as she assisted in the preparation of Turkey Trot bibs.

Gary Vician's granddaughter was our guest on November 13, but had to leave before the official meeting began.

Tom Garvey was our guest on December 4. Tom is a prospective member.

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From a small seed a mighty trunk may grow.
- Aeschylus
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COMING EVENTS

January 1 – No Meeting

January 8 – Irene Lamb O'Neill will be our guest speaker. Irene will be discussing the Awakenings Project.

January 15 – Kate Bousum will be on hand to discuss Child's Voice and our group's upcoming visit.

January 22 – Business Meeting.

January 29 – Laura Milligan, Executive Director of Riverwalk Adult Day Services will be our guest speaker.

Mark your calendars:

March 19 – Group visit to Child's Voice in Wood Dale. More information about this visit to come.



**DECEMBER/JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS
AND SERVICE
ANNIVERSARIES**

The following members have a service anniversary in **December/January** and they are:

- Lion Bob Anderson (62)**
- Lion Karen Maxwell (18)**
- Lion Maria Wilson (24)**
- Lion Katie Hertzberg (8)**
- Lion Glen Behnke (1)**

The following members have a birthday in **December/January** and they are:

- Lion Jim Woodring – December 15**
- Lion Bill Cornish– January 24**

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

- January 1 - NO MEETING
- January 8 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- January 15 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- January 22 - Board of Directors meeting
- January 22 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- January 29 - 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

If you have newsworthy information, please pass it on to editor/publisher *Lion Chris Williams* at **708-297-1987** or email **chris@pnlawoffice.com** This newsletter will be published monthly after the Board Meeting (4th Tuesday of the month). Cut off date for news information will be the 25th of the month.

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