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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

FEBRUARY 2019



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You may delay, but time will not.

- Benjamin Franklin

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LIONS IN WINTER

Winter seems a quieter time for Lions, with fewer projects underway calling for multiple volunteers. It's a time for interacting with the 60+ organizations we support, planning our traditional projects and considering new possibilities for service or fundraising events. One traditional activity has been participation in the Naperville Feed My Starving Children event in February. Last year over a million nutrition-balanced meals were packed in one weekend at North Central College.

In addition, Lions service activities continue in Illinois and for the 1.4 million members worldwide. Browsing Lion Magazine, one can find examples of the variety service projects undertaken. The Larsen-Winchester Lions built a wheelchair ramp for an 86-year-old farmer. It was the club's 1000th ramp. The Lions of Potchefstroom South Africa

operate periodic pop-up soup kitchens, serving hundreds per day. Lions of Indiana District 25F bought 264 acres of pristine woods and created Camp Woodsmoke providing no cost camping for about 5,000 special needs kids per year. The ways Lions find to serve is pretty amazing.

Lions International is able to make large contributions to support vision and hearing projects and fight hunger and diabetes. In fact, during the 50 years of the Lions International Foundation they have provided more than 13,000 grants exceeding \$1 billion. These accomplishments are made possible by the donations and dues of members along with corporate support. So even members who cannot attend all meetings or participate in vigorous projects still make their mark through just being a Lion.

Of course, when other activities are reduced we have opportunities to participate with other Lions beyond Naperville. Upcoming are the SE Region meeting Feb 13 in Darien, the District 1-J Convention April 5-7 at the Naperville Marriott and the 99th state MD-1 convention May 17-19 in

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Springfield. And for something different, the 41st LDUN—Lions Day at the United Nations in NYC, this year with the theme “Protecting Our Future: The Health of Our Children”. As always, there is a lot going on.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Jim Woodring, President

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When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt

- Henry J. Kaiser

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Club News and Guest Speakers

NEW MEMBER

On January 29, our newest member, Tom Garvey was inducted into the club. Tom attended North Central College and is a long time Naperville resident. Lion Meghen Williams was Tom's sponsor. Welcome to the club, Tom!



Lion Tom with Lion Meghen and Lion President Jim Woodring

LIONS BOWLING

The annual District 1-J Bowling for Dollars event was held on January 20. Our club fielded two teams with a total of eight bowlers.



2019 Naperville Noon Lions Bowling Team

Lion Steve Hertzberg's son-in-law, Brian Mathews was the high bowler with a 528 series score. Lion Steve was the highest scoring Lion bowler with a 415 series.

While he repeatedly falls to the Bleecker Bombers every summer raffle, Lion Steve can finally say he has some bragging rights – at least until Labor Day.

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Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar.

- William Wordsworth

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Luncheon Speakers

CHILD'S VOICE

Kate Bosoum was our guest speaker from Child's Voice on January 15.

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Kate was on hand to provide an update on Child's Voice ahead of our group's trip on March 19.

Child's Voice works to help deaf children with cochlear implants and/or hearing aids learn to listen and speak. They have locations in Wood Dale and Chicago.

Child's Voice runs an audiology center that provides full diagnostic testing and newborn screening for babies. They also offer full pediatric audiology services.

The organization also provides early intervention for children ages birth-3. They go into the child's home and work with the family. They coordinate group activities and direct speech therapy. They introduce sound at this early stage to help digest and develop the brain's ability to heard and process sounds.

Child's Voice also operates a fully functioning school program for children ages 3-8. This school works very similarly to a preschool and the goal is to transition all children to their home school district. They work on developing the sound the children hear and continue developing their listening and speaking skills.

The school program is funded primarily by the child's home school district. It is estimated that a child who has graduated from Child's Voice will save the school district over \$350,000 over his/her education because they will need minimal assistance going forward.

Our club will be visiting Child's Voice on March 19. During that visit, we will be able to interact with the children and see all of the great things that Child's Voice does.

RIVERWALK ADULT DAY SERVICES

Marian Stricker and Susan Walters-Flood were our guest speakers on January 29. They were on hand to inform the club about Riverwalk Adult Day Services, an organization that provides a safe, socially-stimulating environment for adults who cannot be left alone.

The organization was started in 1983 by a group of 15 religious organizations. They saw the benefits of aging in one's home. There is more independence, a familiar environment, and it is cost efficient when compared to a nursing home or assisted living setting.

They are located just west of the library in downtown Naperville. Caregivers can drop off clients during the day and they will be provided with a highly-trained staff who provide activities throughout the day. In addition, the client will be able to socialize with other clients, which has been proven to enrich and extend lives.

Caregivers deal with a tremendous amount of stress and this provides a respite from the stress.

Riverwalk is focused on more community education and involvement in 2019. They are holding Tuesday Talks on the

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second Tuesday of each month as well as quarterly Senior Saturday Events.

Currently, the center has room for about 25 daily clients, but averages only 6-8. They are hoping to reach more clients. The center charges \$72 per day for its services, which is much more affordable than in-home or institutional care.

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Kites rise highest against the wind – not with it.

- Winston Churchill

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on January 22, 2019 at Naperville Downtown YMCA. The following is a summary of the Board’s action 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 February 26, 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of December 4, 2018, as corrected.

Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer’s Report for November 30 and December 31, 2018.

Approved the Social Service Report for December 2018 and January 31, 2019. Expenditures for the period July 1, 2018 thru January 22, 2019 totaled \$51,165.

Approved donation to Western DuPage Special Recreation

Association of \$1,200 and to Feed My Starving Children of \$7,500. Also reviewed estimated available revenue for the remainder of the year and possible adjustments to future budgeted donations.

Accepted the resignation of Richard McKinlay.

Approved the full membership of Tom Garvey.

Discussed repayment of amounts borrowed from the Harold White Fund. The Treasurer will transfer funds due to the Harold White Fund.

Discussed advertisement to be included in the District 1-J Convention book. Approved \$65 for payment of advertisement.

Discussed possible new fund-raising events. Items discussed included Irongate gala, partnering with another organization, St. Pats Day Dinner.

Discussed and agreed to submission of letter to Naperville Community Band for participation in 2019 bake sale.

Discussed the location of the Club’s main eye glass collection box. We have been able to meet with the new Post Master, but still haven’t received final approval to locate the box at the main Post Office.

Discussed the updating of the website as to location of eye glass drop off points.

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People don't notice whether it's winter or
summer when they're happy.

- Anton Chekhov

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GUESTS

On January 8, 15, and 22, prospective member, Tom Garvey, was our guest. He filled out an application and was approved by the board in January.

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Before anything else, preparation is the
key to success.

- Alexander Graham Bell

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COMING EVENTS

February 5 – Sharon Goodwin will be our guest speaker to discuss her recent mission trip to Rwanda.

February 12 – Rick Montalbano, Jr. will be on hand to discuss his organization, Touch My Heart.

February 13 – District I-J Southeast Zone Meeting at Home Run Inn in Darien. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lion Jane Bowers.

February 16-17 – Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at North Central College. See Lion Maria Wilson to sign up.

February 19 – Associate Director of Events, Lion Steve Sroka, will be our

guest speaker from Foundation Fighting Blindness.

February 26 – Business Meeting.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Jane Bowers (19)
Lion Donna French (1)

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

Lion James Gilliard – February 1
Lion Barb Brauer – February 15
Lion Phoebe Bickhaus– February 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

February 5 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
February 12 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
February 19 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
February 26 - Board of Directors meeting
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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

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Immediate Past President – Lion Linda Strugalla

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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 Karen Maxwell
Program Director – Lion Meghan Williams
Donations Committee Chair – Lion Linda 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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