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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

APRIL 2019



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Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something.

- Plato

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lions Serve Globally

Naperville Noon Lions of course devote most of our effort to local service projects and the fundraising to support them. However, we need always to remember that we are part of the world's largest service club. A part of the dues we pay, along with special fundraising such as Candy Day and Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, are rolled up to support Lions of Illinois and Lions International.

By building on the power of individual Lions Clubs in 200+ countries, Lions International is able to support many important large-scale projects. Over more than 50 years the Lions International Foundation has provided hundreds of millions of dollars to fund projects spanning the globe. Today the international causes are diabetes,

vision, hunger, environment, and childhood cancer.

One example of the Lions impact is the 11-year project between the University of Iowa and Lions which researched Leber congenital amaurosis (LCA), a genetic condition causing blindness in young children. The project developed a gene therapy which is marketed by Sparks Therapeutics and become the first FDA-approved gene therapy in 2017.

We typically think of service dogs as assisting the blind, but thanks to Lions they are doing more. Using grants from Minnesota Lions Multiple District 5M and Lions International Foundation, Can Do Canines was founded in 1989 and has provided more than 600 dogs and has a waiting list of 184. Alan Peters of Harmony, Minn. is a recipient, sharing his life with a black Lab named Gilbert. Peters is diabetic; Gilbert faithfully paws him if his blood glucose goes below 100 or above 140. A welcome addition to the common medical CAT scan.

Measles, once considered a childhood rite of passage, is known to be a life-threatening virus that can leave survivors with brain damage,

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deaf, and blind. Rubella virus also causes miscarriages and birth defects. Lions International Foundation, Lions Multiple District 307 in Indonesia and the government of Indonesia have joined forces to launch an immunization project to protect 70 million children (95%) with the goal of eliminating measles and rubella from Indonesia by 2020. Unfortunately that measles is a returning concern in the U.S, experiencing the second highest number of cases in two decades. It's one more example of the harm done by misinformation spreading on the Internet.

These are just a few examples of the continuing global impact of Lions service projects. It's no wonder that Lions pride is a common term.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Jim Woodring, President

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Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind.

- Rudyard Kipling

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Club News and Guest Speakers

CHILD'S VOICE

A group of club members visited Child's Voice on March 19. Following lunch, everyone was

assigned an individual classroom on their own or with a partner.

Once in the classroom, they were able to witness the children interacting with their teachers and completing their daily lessons. The teachers made very good use of smartboards in each classroom that were funded by our club's donation.

Despite their hearing disability, the children were all listening and speaking with our members and their teachers. They were fantastic, smart, energetic kids. The club had a great time.



Child's Voice group visit

ST. BALDRICK'S DAY

On March 23, our club volunteered at the annual St. Baldrick's Day event at the Naperville Marriott. Six of our club members helped to register participants who were getting their heads shaved for charity. One of our members, Lion James Gilliard, was one such participant and had his head shaved at the event. Thank you to the volunteers for donating your time.

LIONS HATS

Lions International’s apparel shop has offered to include free embroidery on Lions cap orders of 12 or more. Lion Jim Woodring is organizing a group order for our club. Please see Lion Jim if interested in a Lions cap.

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

Below is the proposed 2019-2020 slate of officers for the club. These will be voted on at our regular meeting on April 2.

- President** – Ken Strugalla
- Past President** – Jim Woodring
- Vice President** – Donna Kearney
- Second Vice President** – Bob Hull
- Secretary** – Jane Bowers
- Treasurer** – Bill Bleecker
- Director** – Linda Strugalla
- Director** – Jim Ebers
- Director** – Steve Hertzberg
- Director** – Tom Garvey
- Director** – Paul Rewerts
- Director** – Maria Wilson

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Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

- Abraham Lincoln

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Luncheon Speakers

NAPERVILLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Rebecca Ruff and Ann Nikchevich were our guest speakers on March 12. They are both administrators for Naperville Christian Academy.

Naperville Christian Academy was founded in 2000 by a small group of parents who wanted their children to have a classical education. A classical education is one that focuses on original materials rather than relying on secondary sources.

The school is not affiliated with any school district or church. They are independent and, as such, entirely funded by tuition and donations.

The school does not have its own building and conducts all business at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Naperville. They began with just a kindergarten class and expanded by one grade each year as their student body aged.

The school is not currently accredited, but the administration is considering seeking accreditation in the near future. The curriculum is set by the faculty and the principal with guidance from a national organization. Tuition ranges from \$8,800 - \$10,000 per year and the school does offer financial aid and scholarships.

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Of all possessions a friend is the most precious.

- Herodotus

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on March 26, 2019 at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home in downtown Naperville. The following is a

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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 April 23, 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of February 26, 2019. Deferred approval of a February 26, 2019 special meeting of the Foundation’s Board until the April 2019 Board meeting.

Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer’s Reports for the eight months ended February 28, 2019.

Approved the Social Service Report for March 2019. For nine months ended March 2019 expenditures totaled \$70,289.

Discussed the request from a Naperville resident to obtain temporary housing. Discussed this year’s eye examinations at Ann Reid Early Learning Center. Both items were deferred to a later meeting.

Accepted an anonymous donation to the Foundation of \$500 to be used for general purposes.

Approved the following donation:

- Beep Baseball - \$1,000
- IPEF Cardio Run - \$500
- Foundation Fighting Blindness - \$5,000
- Hear Us - \$5,000
- Someone Special - \$1,000
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Discussed membership dues and amounts of dues in arrears. Letter to be sent to members who are significantly in arrears. Lion Garvey

will assume the position of dues secretary beginning July 1, 2019.

Discussed news articles regarding Feed My Starving Children and Club Excellent Award.

Naperville Park District Community Board sign will be changing to digital requiring Turkey Trot sign to be revised.

Discussed the possibility of preparing a news release regarding the McManus family and OrCam equipment donation.

Approved the slate of officers for the fiscal year 2019/2020. The position of Program Director is open.

The positions of Activity Coordinators for Angelman’s Walk, St. Baldrick’s event, Naperville Half Marathon, Vision Bus and Lisle Eyes to the Sky were assigned. Activity Coordinators for Diabetes Screening and Comfort Toys are open.

Discussed possible “Pizza Wars” fund raiser. This item was deferred until a future meeting.

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

- William Penn

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GUESTS

On March 19, Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts and Barbara Hull, wife of Lion Bob Hull were our guests. Both ladies visited Child’s Voice and participated with the children.

On March 26, Kevin Butz, son of Lion Rick Butz, was our club's guest.



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The best way to keep friends is not to give them away.

- Wilson Mizner

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COMING EVENTS

April 2 – Courtney Bronec from DuPage Fox Valley Easter Seals will be our guest speaker.

April 5-7 – District 1-J Convention at the Naperville Marriott.

April 6 – International Service Summit at Benedictine University.

April 6 – Adopt-a-Highway road cleanup. See Lion Paul Rewerts to sign up.

April 9 – Rita Pennington from Land of Lincoln Quilts of Valor will be our guest speaker.

April 16 – Jon Timbers from Angelman Syndrome Foundation will be visiting our club to discuss the upcoming Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk.

April 23 – Business Meeting.

April 30 – Dave Weeks from Martin Avenue Apartments will be our guest speaker.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Carl Smith (30)**
- Lion Jim Woodring (5)**

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

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- Director – Lion Paul Rewerts
- Director – Lion Bob Hull
- Director – Lion Phil Barnum
- Membership – Lion Jim Ebers
- 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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