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**NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB**

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**Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them.**

**- Ann Landers**

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Thank You Lion Jim Woodring

By the time this appears in our monthly newsletter, Jim can go back to being a couch potato. No presidential duties. He can just show up at our lunches and eat. The club really appreciates your dedication and hard work to make this club so outstanding.

Our New Fiscal Year Budget

The budget team of Donna Kearney, Linda Strugalla, and myself presented the club and foundation proposed budgets for the new fiscal year. Both were accepted as presented. The foundation budget reflects a \$19,000 reduction in our fundraisers, which is mainly due to increased costs for Turkey Trot shirts. To offset this loss, we have reduced our donations for several organizations.

Summer Raffle Update

We have already completed the first month of the raffle sales and are slightly behind last year by \$200 (\$6,200 current vs. \$6,400 last year). We have four locations for weekend street sales: Casey's, US Bank, Ace North at Washington & Ogden and Ace at 75<sup>TH</sup> and Naperville Blvd. These locations are not available each weekend, so call Lion Linda to reserve a day and time slot.

Eyes to the Skies Volunteer Opportunity

Once again, we are working with the Lisle Lions to assist with this annual July 4<sup>TH</sup> weekend event which is held in Lisle. Our club volunteers, for the most part will man the concession booths. Along with our own volunteers, the National Charity League will also provide volunteers. All of our volunteer hours will be paid at \$14 per hour. An easy way to generate funds for our donation causes.

WGN Block Party and Parade

This hometown parade will take place on Friday, July 12. We will assemble at the Nichols Library

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parking lot and parade on Jackson from Eagle to Main. This short parade will be featured on WGN's morning news. We are passing around a sign-up sheet. Wear your Lions gear. If you can't make a meeting prior to the event and want to participate, again call Lion Linda.

### **Remember WE SERVE**

**Lion Ken Strugalla, President**

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To find out what one is fitted to do, and to secure an opportunity to do it, is the key to happiness.

- John Dewey

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**Club News and Guest Speakers**

### **VISIT WITH LION BOB ANDERSON**

On June 4, a group of club members visited with Lion Bob Anderson to celebrate Lion Bob's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. They brought a birthday cake, a Lions hat, and a box of candy for Grumpy to enjoy. Lion Bob enjoyed visiting with long-time club members and reminiscing about the projects in which he participated over the years.



**Grumpy and his visitors**

### **NAPERVILLE RECYCLING EVENT**

On June 8, our club assisted with the Rotary Club's recycling event. Volunteers from our club collected 108 pairs of glasses and 4 hearing aids at the event. A total of 130 cars came through. Thank you to Lion Maria Wilson for organizing our participation.

### **BAKE SALE**

On June 13, our club participated in the Naperville Municipal Band Concert Bake Sale for the second time in three years. The weather was cool, but pleasant and the music was excellent. The baked goods were well-stocked thanks to the efforts of the club members and their families.



**Gazebo stocked with baked goods**

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Attendance at the concert was lower than expected which affected the total sales. Total sales came in at \$932.00. There were quite a few items left over after the concert. These items were packed up and delivered to Hesus House in Aurora by Lion Jim Woodring.



**Lion Bake Sale Workers**

Many members of the club were in attendance wearing their Lions Club yellow. The club was certainly noticed that night and the publicity was the main win of the evening.

### **INSTALLATION DINNER**

The club's annual installation dinner took place on June 18 at Clara's Restaurant. Many members and their guests were on hand to welcome in the new officers and board members for the 2019-20 club year. Lion Jim Kiser from the Darien Lions and Southeast Zone Chair was present to install the new officers and board members. The food was delicious, and the attendees enjoyed an evening of socializing with the group.

Lion Ken Strugalla was installed as the newest club president. Lion Ken reflected on the many changes to the

club since he was last president eight years ago. He commented on how well the club is run and thanked everyone for all of their efforts in making that happen.



**2019-2020 Lions Officers**

Lion Jim Woodring handed out various awards to members of the club for their service. Lion Tom Garvey was awarded the Rookie of the Year. Lion Chris Williams received a Lions Recognition Award. Lion Glen Behnke was named Lion of the Year. Congratulations to the winners of these awards.

Lion Steve Hertzberg presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion Jim Woodring for the incredible amount of service Lion Jim has provided to the club. Lion Jim also received the Presidents Appreciation Award from Lion Ken Strugalla. Lion Ken joked with Lion Jim about his many achievements in his year as president. Congratulations to Lion Jim on his Melvin Jones award.

### **WGN NAPERVILLE PARADE AND BLOCK PARTY**

WGN TV is hosting a Hometown Parade on July 12 in downtown Naperville. The parade will be a

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short few blocks along Jackson from Eagle to Main Street.

Our club has been asked to participate. The event will begin at 8:00 AM in the Nicholas Library Parking Lot. The event will be broadcast on WGN TV. If you can attend, please wear your Lions gear. A good turnout will be helpful for our public relations and much good publicity.

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**We aim above the mark to hit the mark.**

**- Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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### **Luncheon Speakers**

#### **JUDGE MCCLUSKEY**

DuPage County Judge James McCluskey was our guest speaker on June 4. Judge McCluskey is currently an associate judge for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit and is also serving as president of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Judge McCluskey gave the group a basic overview of the judicial branch in DuPage County. In state court, judges are either appointed (associate) or elected (circuit). Once a judge has been elected circuit judge, no one can run against him/her in future elections. The future elections are merely for retention and voters choose to either retain or not retain.

Judge McCluskey explained that both types of judges do the same work for the court system. He also

explained that the election process for choosing circuit judges is difficult due to a lack of public education about the judges.

Judge McCluskey discussed how judges are evaluated. This is done through polls sent to attorneys who appear in front of the judges. These are commissioned by local bar associations. The results of these polls are available to the public and cover all aspects of a judge's job performance.

He informed our club that Illinois judges are some of the most well-compensated judges in the country. Associate judges earn approximately \$198,000 annually while circuit judges earn approximately \$208,000.

#### **LITTLE FRIENDS**

On June 11, Jason Altenbern and Mike Briggs were our speakers from Little Friends. They thanked us for the many years of support from our club to their organization. Little Friends provides services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

It is estimated that 42.8 million people in the U.S. have a disability. That equates to 13.2% of the entire population. This includes 6.7 million children.

Little Friends noticed that many people were having trouble getting diagnostic testing, sometimes waiting up to two years. To combat that, Little Friends started doing this diagnostic testing and the wait time is about two months.

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Little Friends is divided into five major programs: 1) Center for Autism, 2) School, 3) Adult Community Day Services, 4) Residential Services, and the newest addition 5) Respite Care for families.

The Center for Autism program starts at 18 months old and provides therapy and services through end of life. They also operate three schools and 38 homes.

The latest project is a 74,000 square foot building in Warrenville that will allow them to greatly expand the school. It is especially special because the facility is all one floor. This means that Little Friends can accommodate individuals in wheelchairs for the first time ever. The old building has been sold to North Central College.

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**There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.**

**- Edith Wharton**

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**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors met on June 25, 2019 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 July 23, 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2019 and a special meeting of the Club on June 4, 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer's Report for the eleven months ending May 31, 2019.

Approved the Social Service Report for June 2019. For the year ended June 2019 expenditures totaled \$91,148 for completed cases.

After discussion approved year end budgeted donations totaling \$17,800 as recommended by the Donation Committee.

After discussion approved special donation of \$500 to Calvary Church for their Butare, Rwanda eye care health mission.

Approved donation of \$200 in lieu of a gift basket to support the Lions of Illinois Foundation Gala to be held in September.

Approved the Club and Foundation budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Approved the transfer of membership of Richard and Kathleen Lehman.

Discussed Naperville Municipal Band Bake sale. Receipts totaled \$932 and expenses totaled \$167.

Discussed 2019 Turkey Trot.

Commended Lion Jim Woodring for an outstanding job as President as he leaves office on June 30, 2019.

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**Nothing is work unless you'd rather be doing something else.**

**- George Halas**

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**GUESTS**

Lion Nancy Rex was our guest on June 11. Lion Nancy was on hand to give us an update on Lions of Illinois Foundation and their new program helping adults with low vision in the areas of orientation and mobility. She also invited our group to the Lions of Illinois Foundation Gala to be held on September 27.

We also welcomed back Ali Aijaz, a potential new member on June 11 and 25. Jerry Kasopia, a candidate for chief legal counsel for Lions International was our guest on June 11.

Lion Glen Behnke's grandsons Mishael and Dakota Vann were our guests on June 11.

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**He who knows that enough is enough will always have enough.**

**- Lao Tzu**

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**COMING EVENTS**

**July 2** – A representative from Hesed House will be our speaker. Following our bake sale in June, the leftover items were donated to Hesed House.

**July 4-6** – Lisle Eyes to the Skies. Our club has coordinated with the Lisle Lions Club to volunteer at this event. The event organizers will donate \$14.00 for every hour worked by a member of our club. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available, and each volunteer can choose their position. Please see Lion Steve Hertzberg for more information.

**July 9** – Kathy Heinrich from Cure SMA will be our guest speaker. Cure SMA is an organization dedicated to the treatment and cure of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA).

**July 12** – WGN Block Party/Parade in downtown Naperville at 8:00 AM.

**July 16** – Our speaker will be DuPage County State's Attorney Bob Berlin.

**July 23** – Paul Abelson, a journalist, will be our guest speaker to talk with the club about the importance of trucking in America.

**July 25** – District 1-J Annual Golf Outing at Hughes Creek in Elburn. Cost is \$100 per golfer and includes steak dinner and golf. See Lion Steve Hertzberg if you are interested in golfing.

**July 30** – Business Meeting. In addition, Gavin Staab and his family will be our guests. Gavin is Lion Al Knotek's grandson.



### JULY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Jim Ebers (12)**
- Lion Dick Griffith (4)**
- Lion Christine Igoe (5)**
- Lion Gary Vician (10)**
- Lion Meghen Williams (9)**
- Lion Ellen Wolff (18)**

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

- Lion Bill Bleecker – July 10**
- Lion Katie Hertzberg – July 18**
- Lion Glen Behnke – July 22**
- Lion Jim Baird – July 24**
- Lion Rick Tarulis – July 27**
- Lion Karen Maxwell – July 29**
- Lion Gary Vician – July 30**

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

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

### OFFICERS

- President – Lion Ken Strugalla
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Lion Donna Kearney
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Lion Bob Hull
- 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 Tom Garvey
- Director – Lion Linda Strugalla
- Membership – Lion Tom Garvey
- Immediate Past President – Lion Jim Woodring

### Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

- Dues Secretary – Lion Tom Garvey
- 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
- Pizza Wars – 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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