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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2019



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The aim of education is the knowledge
not of facts but of values.

- William Inge

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Annual Summer Raffle

As we approach our raffle drawing on September 3, it certainly looks like Lion Steve Hertzberg's team of "Hackers" is going to win the friendly competition versus Lion Bill Bleecker's "Bombers" for the Ollie Burrows Cup. Since the club initiated this team competition in 2011, the Bombers have dominated the raffle sales by winning THE CUP four of the last 6 years. Condolences to Lion Bleecker; I am sure that Lion Steve will keep reminding Lion Bill all winter long how badly his team was trounced this year.

Comfort Toys

Linda and I have been volunteering as ushers at the Paramount Theatre for the past ten years. One of our fellow volunteers, Peg Yatcham, heard about our Lions Comfort Toys program at Edward Hospital and said she would like to help us out. During

the past several months, she has made 7 blankets, 58 pillowcases, and several dozen plush toys, all of which have super heroes or Disney patterns. She is not done; she is now working on donations for Halloween and Christmas.

We originally started this program in 2014 when Karen Butz and her sister, founders of KaLaCares, partnered with the Lions to donate many, many handmade decorated pillowcases and comfort toys for the Pediatric Unit at Edward Hospital. These are some really great people who work behind the scenes to help others.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Ken Strugalla, President

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I have the simplest of tastes. I am always
satisfied with the best.

- Oscar Wilde

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Club News and Guest Speakers

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Our club completed the third trash pickup of 2019 on August 3. Lions Ken Strugalla, Linda Strugalla, Jim Woodring, Bill Bleecker, Jim Ebers and Glen Behnke volunteered along with Paul and Jackie Rewerts. They picked up several bags of trash and were done within 90 minutes.

Thank you to those who helped to beautify that stretch of Plainfield-Naperville Road. The next and final trash pickup for the year is scheduled for October 5.

VISIT TO CAMP LIONS

Lion Jim Woodring and his wife, Linda, visited Camp Lions in Dixon on June 28. Lion Jim provided our club with a short slideshow and presentation about their visit at our August 27 meeting.

Camp Lions for Northern Illinois was held at Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon this year. Lions of Illinois leases the camp for the week and allows children ages 7-17 enjoy a summer camp experience.

The camp can sleep about 200 people. There were many different activities available for the children and a nice dining area. Lion Jim said that various Lions Clubs will bring gifts for the campers and provide barbeque lunches. He said that the camp was staffed by well-trained counselors and that when this week was finished, they loaded

up and moved onto a different camp and a whole new set of kids.

Thank you for representing us at Camp Lions and for the presentation, Lion Jim.

EYEGLOSS COLLECTION LOCATIONS

Our club is currently working to update all of our community eyeglass collection locations. If you make regular pickups at any location, please notify Lion Chris Williams so that the list can be up to date and accurate.

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If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm.

- Vince Lombardi

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Luncheon Speakers

NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY RADIO WATCH

On August 6, Dan Bulley was our guest speaker from Naperville Community Radio Watch. Dan has worked with Lion Jim Woodring and his wife Linda through Community Radio Watch.

Naperville Community Radio Watch (CRW) was started in 1982 by a group of Naperville residents who drove around the neighborhood and reported activity on their CB radios. It was eventually recognized and adopted by the police department and they are now outfitted with the same radios as police officers.

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Former Mayor Pradel recognized the CRW with badges.

CRW members do not have any police powers or authority. They also carry no weapons. They travel around during patrols in their personal vehicles and wear street clothes. They serve essentially as the eyes and ears of the police department.

CRW members are trained to recognize problems and things/people that do not belong. If they notice something irregular, they radio it into the police department who can then come out and investigate. Sometimes the mere presence of CRW members in a given area will cause problem starters to leave.

Anyone is welcome to come to a CRW meeting which occur on the first Thursday of every month at the police department.

LOAVES & FISHES

Our club visited Loaves & Fishes on August 13 and were given a tour and information by Eric Gardner. Eric informed our group that Loaves & Fishes is working to expand its focus to providing healthier foods. They are also working to promote self-sufficiency with their various social services and Cares programs.

We were given a tour of the facility which is rather impressive. The food distribution area is set up similarly to a grocery store and families are able to select from a variety of items in

different categories. The entire building was staffed by dozens of volunteers who were helping in all areas.

Loaves & Fishes had 100,000 hours donated by 1,435 volunteers last year. That is the equivalent of 50 full-time employees. Their annual budget is \$14 million, but this includes approximately \$12 million in in-kind donations, like food. The vast majority of their funding comes from individuals and groups. They receive funding from county and city taxes, but nothing from the state or federal government.

PROJECT C.U.R.E.

Beth Rottman from Project C.U.R.E. was our guest speaker on August 20. Project C.U.R.E. is an organization that collects and ships excess medical supplies to those in need overseas. They are headquartered in Denver, but have six warehouses throughout the country, including one in Woodridge.

The supplies that Project C.U.R.E. collects are all donated. These donations come from manufacturers who have excess product or medical providers who are upgrading or no longer need certain equipment. Their warehouses are stocked with these items.

Prior to donating, a group travels to the destination to survey the needs of the country. They ensure that the supplies are needed and can be utilized. When ready, the supplies are packed into 40-foot medical containers. Each container contains

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\$350,000-\$500,000 worth of supplies and costs \$25,000 to ship.

The organization is run almost entirely by volunteers. Last year, 35,000 volunteers donated their time. The volunteers keep the warehouses organized by sorting items. They also help pack the shipping containers.

The organization's funding comes from individual donors and organizations/corporations. They have recently employed someone to apply for grants to secure federal funding.

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**Everyone is a genius at least once a year.
The real geniuses simply have their
bright ideas closer together.**

- Georg C. Lichtenberg.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on August 27, 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 September 24, 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of July 30, 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer's report for the one month ended July 31, 2019 as corrected.

Approved the Social Service Report for August 2019. For the two months ended August 2019 expenditures totaled \$9,959.

Discussed new tracking report for dues as prepared by the membership chair.

Approved Associate Membership in Naperville Noon Lions Club for Lion Bob Bremner. Lion Bremner's primary club is Elmhurst Lions Club.

Discussed annual raffle. Ticket sales are way below the previous year due to reduction of several street sales locations this year. It is expected that total receipts will be lower than the previous year. Naperville Police Chief Robert Marshall will be on hand September 3 to draw winning raffle tickets.

Discussed Turkey Trot. An email was sent out August 26 regarding registration being open. To date 127 runners have signed up.

Discussed Candy Day. Store locations have been approved for Casey's. Other locations are still pending.

Discussed Eyes to the Skies payment status. No payment has been received as of this date. Payment is expected soon.

Discussed "Pizza Wars" fundraising event. Many vendors have shown interest in participating. A venue will have to be located.

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Let us be grateful to the mirror for
revealing to us our appearance only.

- Samuel Butler
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GUESTS

On August 6, John Andrade was our guest. John is a potential new member. Robert Bremner was also our guest along with Mike Rizzi. Robert is a member of the Elmhurst Lions who has joined our club as an associate member. Linda Woodring, wife of Lion Jim Woodring, was also a guest.

Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts was our guest to the Loaves & Fishes visit on August 13.

Paul Calhoun, a potential new member, was our guest on August 20.

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People are not disturbed by things, but
by the view they take of them.

- Epictetus
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COMING EVENTS

September 3 – Annual Summer Raffle Drawing. Winning tickets will be drawn by Naperville Police Chief Robert Marshall.

September 4 – District 1-J Meeting at Stevens Family Restaurant in Woodridge. See Lion Jane Bowers if interested in attending.

September 10 – Dave Gorman from Working Bikes will be our guest speaker.

September 17 – Bev Patterson will speak to the club about A Time for RAN.

September 24 – Business Meeting.

October 11-13 – Candy Day Street and Store Sales. See Lion Jim Ebers for more information.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Diane Hollingsworth (9)
Lion Nick Stanitz (38)
Lion Ken Strugalla (11)
Lion Linda Strugalla (11)

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

Lion Maria Wilson – September 1
Lion Mark Rafferty – September 8
Lion Donna French – September 14
Lion Carl Smith – September 28

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

September	3 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
September	10 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
September	17 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
September	24 - Board of Directors meeting
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OFFICERS

President – Lion Ken Strugalla
1st VP – Lion Donna Kearney
2nd 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

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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 Paul Rewerts

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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