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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

OCTOBER 2019



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Our deeds determine us, as much as we
determine our deeds.

- George Eliot

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

NNLC Volunteer Opportunities in
October

We have three volunteer opportunities in October. Please consider helping out. Candy Day and the Half Marathon are fundraisers for our club. The more volunteers we have, the more funds we raise!

Candy Day - October 11 - 13

Contact Lion Jim Ebers for helping out with Candy Day. He can assign you to a street location or in front of a store. Our goal is to raise \$6,000. The shift times are flexible.

Highway Cleanup - October 19

Our fourth and final cleanup for the Naperville-Plainfield Road is scheduled for Saturday morning on October 19 starting at 8am. We are usually done in 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Contact Lion Scott Bernal to join the fun.

On Saturday, September 21th, several groups of high school kids were out cleaning up the same roadway along with Book Road. They worked in groups of three (one holding a picker, one holding the garbage bag, and the third person looking at a phone).

Half Marathon - October 20

For the past several years, our club has provided course marshals for this race with payment based on the number of NNLC volunteers. If you are available, contact Lion Jim Woodring who is our coordinator for this event. We are assigned to Area-A, which is the start / finish line area. Our time frame is from 7am – 11am. Our goal is to raise \$1,000.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Ken Strugalla, President

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Happiness is not something ready made.
It comes from your own actions.

- Dalai Lama

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Club News and Guest Speakers

SUMMER RAFFLE DRAWING

The annual summer raffle drawing was held on September 3. Naperville Police Chief Robert Marshall was on hand to pull the winning tickets.



Chief Marshall pulling the winning tickets

3,781 tickets were sold this year for a total of \$28,668. This is down considerably from 2018 as a result of fewer opportunities for street sales. The committee is currently scouting additional locations to conduct street sales for 2020.

Lion Rick Butz sold the most tickets in the club with 699 tickets for a total of \$4,770. Lion Bob Hull was second with 469 tickets and \$3,805. Eight other Lions sold more than \$1,000 worth of tickets.

The competition between the Hertzberg Hackers and the Bleecker Bombers was never really close. The Hackers got out to an early lead and never looked back, snapping a long losing streak. Congratulations

to Lion Steve Hertzberg for finally getting the Burrows Cup back.

We have had very generous winners this year. The winner of the \$5,000 grand prize, Barbara R., donated \$2,500 back to the club. Susan W., winner of the \$2,000 prize donated the entire amount back to the club. This certainly helps make up for the lower ticket sales this year. Thank you to Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla for all of your hard work on this year's raffle.

CHILD'S VOICE

On September 26, Lions Ken and Linda Strugalla and Bill Bleecker volunteered in Child's Voices' Community Art Project. They worked in small groups with the children on their individual art projects and had a great time.



Child's Voice Volunteers

PIZZA WARS

The club has a new fundraiser – Pizza Wars. This event, which is being run by Lion Steve Hertzberg to help fill his Ribfest void, will be held for the first time on February 19, 2020. The event will consist of many local pizza restaurants coming together to serve pizza to attendees.

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The attendees will purchase tickets to the event, eat pizza, and vote on best pizza based on various categories.

Sponsors and volunteers will be important to make this event successful. See Lion Steve if you would like to be part of the committee.

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If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

- Milton Berle

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Luncheon Speakers

WORKING BIKES

Dave Gorman from Working Bikes was our guest speaker on September 10. Working Bikes is an organization founded 20 years ago which takes used bikes and recycles them to be given to people in need.

Working Bikes takes in over 12,000 bikes each year. All of the bikes are inspected and repaired in their shop in Chicago. Some are then sold in their store, which helps provide additional funding. Some are donated to local people in need.

Many of the bikes are shipped to the African nation of Lesotho. Dave became personally invested in this mission when he served here after college in the Peace Corps. When there, he noticed that there was almost no biking culture and he wanted to change that.

Since he began, the organization has sent thousands of bikes to this nation. Once the bikes arrive, they help locals establish bike shops where local business owners can sell the bikes to locals. The one requirement is that the first 100 bikes must be given for free to orphans.

Since beginning this mission, biking has become very popular in Lesotho. It is now the second most popular sport behind soccer. While he has made significant progress, there is still a lot of work to do. He hopes to supply the entire country with bikes, but has so far only established shops in the western part of the country.

Working Bikes has collection locations all over the area, including at Dave's house. You can view these at their website, www.workingbikes.org. They are always looking for donations of bikes and money, as it costs approximately \$13,000 to ship a container of bikes to Lesotho, which works out to \$25 per bike.

RIDE ASSIST NAPERVILLE

On September 17, Bev Patterson and Tim Ells were our guest speakers from Ride Assist Naperville. Ride Assist Naperville is a branch off of the Naperville Senior Task Force which was created about seven years ago. Bev helped to form the Senior Task Force and continues on as an advisor.

Ride Assist Naperville came about when Tim realized that there was a need in the community for

transportation to medical appointments for seniors. They created the organization to provide affordable, dependable, and reliable transportation for this very purpose.

In order for a senior to use the service, they must be semi-mobile because most drivers are using their personal vehicles and may not have the proper space or equipment for mobility devices. The service will transport seniors to any medical appointment in the area.

All drivers are screened and required to complete a training class. Drivers use an online portal to choose routes based on those requested by the users. Drivers pick up their passengers at their homes, drive to medical appointments, wait in the lobby, and then drive the passenger back home. There is no payment at the time of the service and tipping is not allowed. Each user is billed \$12 per ride at the end of the month.

Right now, Tim is working to recruit more volunteers. Since the launch in April 2017, they have completed over 1,800 rides. He is projecting that they will soon eclipse 2,200 rides annually.

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**Personally I'm always ready to learn,
although I do not always like being
taught.**
- Winston Churchill
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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on September 24, 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 October 22, 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of August 27, 2019.

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

Approved the Social Service Report for September 2019. For the three months ended September 2019 expenditures totaled \$12,207.10.

Approved Dick Griffith as a Lifetime Member.

Approved the following donations:

- Donka - \$9,000
- Parkinson's Walk - \$500
- Field of Honor - \$400

Discussed Half Marathon. We will be volunteering on October 20.

Discussed Turkey Trot. 1,274 registered so far. We will be appearing on NCTV17 on October 9 to promote.

Discussed Candy Day. Store locations have been approved for Casey's and other locations.

COMING EVENTS

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

Discussed "Pizza Wars" fundraising event. The date and venue have been confirmed. The event will be February 19, 2020 at Naperville Central High School.

Discussed glasses collection box. It is moving to the parking lot at Naperville Bank & Trust. Lion Steve Hertzberg is making the concrete base.

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Hope is patience with the lamp lit.

- Tertullian

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GUESTS

Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts was our guest on September 3.

On September 24, Debbie from Lion Rick Butz's office was our guest. Debbie is a major part of Lion Rick's raffle ticket sales as she helps with all of the mailing each year.

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**Keep your face always toward the
sunshine and shadows will fall behind
you.**

- Walt Whitman

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October 1 – Illinois State Representative Amy Grant will be our speaker.

October 8 – Kay McKeon from SCARCE will be our guest speaker.

October 11-13 – Candy Day. See Lion Jim Ebers to sign up.

October 15 – Debbie Self from Tabor Hills will be our guest speaker.

October 19 – Adopt-a-Highway at 8:00 AM. This is the final road cleanup of the year. See Lion Scott Bernal to sign up.

October 20 – Naperville Half Marathon. Our club is working the event. See Lion Jim Woodring if you'd like to sign up.

October 22 – Business Meeting.

October 29 – Nancy Conley will be our speaker to provide information about changes in Medicare.



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
AND SERVICE
ANNIVERSARIES**

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

- Lion Steve Hertzberg (43)**
- Lion Bob Hull (18)**
- Lion Al Knotek (43)**
- Lion Agnes Tsiagbe (8)**

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

- Lion Jim Ebers – October 4**
- Lion Chris Williams – October 8**
- Lion Steve Hertzberg – October 15**
- Lion Bob Hull – October 21**
- Lion Ken Strugalla – October 27**

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

- October 1 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 8 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 15 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 22 - Board of Directors meeting
- October 22 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
- October 29 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's

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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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