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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

DECEMBER 2019/JANUARY 2020



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

TURKEY TROT IN THE REAR
VIEW MIRROR

A massive effort, involving 422 volunteer slots, is done. We had 182 volunteer slots filled over the five days of packet pickup and another 240 volunteers on race day. We are waiting on the final figures, however we know for sure that the 6,800 registered runners helped make this fund raiser a big success - decent weather, no injuries, and cash in the bank. A big thank you to the committee and leadership team of Lions Glenn and Donna.

COMFORT TOYS PROJECT
UPDATE

The planned joint effort with Edward Hospital volunteers to make pillowcases for the kids in the pediatric wing has dissolved. A change in volunteer leadership at the hospital has decided not to participate with our club with no reason given. However, our Paramount Theatre contact continues to sew away with 20 scarfs, all with colorful creations celebrating the holiday season.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Pizza Wars! Lion Steve and his committee have been hard at work. Flyers have been handed out to the Turkey Trot runners when they picked up their shirts and bibs, nine pizza places have committed to providing pizzas, Naperville Central is on board as our location and now the hard work of lining up sponsors. Save the date – Wednesday, February 19.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Ken Strugalla, President

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Wisdom outweighs any wealth.

- Sophocles

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Club News and Guest Speakers

TURKEY TROT

The 2019 Turkey Trot was another huge success. Thanksgiving morning was chilly, but dry. A total of 6,072 participants crossed the finish line. In total, we had 6,757 registered participants, which is down from last year.



The start of the 2019 Turkey Trot

Packet pickup went smoothly as always. The event was also stocked with volunteers thanks to our partner organizations and local schools.

This year's event is expected to bring nearly \$200,000 into the foundation to help support our various causes. Thank you to Lion Glen Behnke for running the event

and to the entire Turkey Trot committee for all of their hard work.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Our group volunteered for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing in Downtown Naperville on November 23. The bell ringers received a great deal of support from the community.

Thank you to Lion Jim Burner for organizing this event and to the Lion bell ringers for volunteering.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our club held its annual Christmas Luncheon on December 10 at Walker's Charhouse. The event was filled with great food and Lionism. Members also donated toys and children's gifts for Humanitarian Service Project. Lion Paul Rewerts loaded all of the gifts into his truck and drove them over. HSP was very appreciative of the donations. Thank you to Lion Jim Ebers for planning another great event.

PIZZA WARS

We will hold the first of what we hope will be many successful Pizza Wars on February 19, 2020. Lion Steve Hertzberg has nine local pizza restaurants interested in participating. The event is in need of additional sponsors to make it a success. If you know any business or individual who would like to sponsor the event, please send them to Lion Steve. Also, be sure to mark your calendars for February 19 as

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we will need plenty of Lion volunteers for the event.

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Some things are so unexpected that no one is prepared for them.

- Leo Rosten

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on December 3, 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 January 28, 2020.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of October 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer's Report for October 2019. Funds will be repaid to the Harold White Fund for the loan to pay for Turkey Trot shirts.

Approved the Social Service Report as of November 2019. Total expenditures for the current fiscal year (thru November 2019) totaled \$23,495.30. This amount is significantly lower than the previous fiscal year to date. We have been able to cut our costs year to year with cost savings measures including using warrantied frames.

Discussed the Orcam purchase. It is on hold as we wait to hear back from

Spectrios. We have heard nothing more from the school in Aurora.

The following donations were approved:

- Boy Scouts at St. Timothy - \$250
- Naperville Christian Academy - \$500
- Humanitarian Service Project - \$800
- Feed My Starving Children - \$7,500
- Longwood School Race - \$600
- Ski For Sight (4 people) - \$800
- Leader Dogs for the Blind (2 dogs) - \$1,000
- Easter Seals - \$2,400
- WDSRA - \$1,200
- Lions of Illinois Foundation in memory of Lion Mario - \$250

Discussed Publicity Activities. We are looking for a new chairperson.

Discussed Turkey Trot. 6,757 signups plus any walk-ins. 6,072 finishers. Gross income is at least \$260,000 with an additional approximately \$3,000 from walk-ins. Gross is expected to be about \$14,000 less than last year. Final numbers will be available at a later date.

A check in the amount of \$2,205 was received for the Club's services regarding Lisle Eye to the Skies volunteer project for our 16 volunteers.

Discussed Comfort Toys. We received the fabric tags and will be

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ironing them onto the pillowcases before we deliver them to the hospital.

Discussed Pizza Wars. Besides having the website name, no update.

Discussed Highway Cleanup. It is time for us to renew if we want to continue next year.

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There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know.

- Harry S. Truman

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GUESTS

Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts, was our guest on November 5, 12, and 19 to help with Turkey Trot bibs.

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Civilization began the first time an angry person cast a word instead of a rock.

- Sigmund Freud

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COMING EVENTS

December 17 – NO MEETING

December 24 – NO MEETING

December 31 – NO MEETING

January 7 – Sheriff for DuPage County, Jim Menrick, will be our guest speaker.

January 14 – JT Herzog will be our guest speaker to discuss Beep Baseball.

January 21 – Nancy Dorsman from Humanitarian Service Project will be our guest speaker.

January 28 – Business Meeting.

February 19 – Inaugural Pizza Wars event at Naperville Central High School from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. See Lion Steve Hertzberg for more information.



DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following members have a service anniversary in **December/January** and they are:

- Lion Bob Anderson (63)**
- Lion Karen Maxwell (19)**
- Lion Maria Wilson (25)**
- Lion Katie Hertzberg (9)**
- Lion Glen Behnke (2)**

The following members have a birthday in **December/January** and they are:

- Lion Jim Woodring – December 15**
- Lion Scott Bernal – January 17**
- Lion Bill Cornish– January 24**

Best wishes and congratulations to these members. If your information is missing or incorrect please contact **Lion Jane Bowers** to make additions or corrections.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 17 - No Meeting
December 24 - No Meeting
December 31 - No Meeting
January 7 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
January 14 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
January 21 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
January 28 - 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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