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**NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB
DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Holiday Lunch

Feedback on Biaggi's holiday lunch was very good food, but slow service. This seems to be new normal. I hope you all enjoyed the camaraderie (well, you had 3 hours). Also, thank you for your generous donations to the Humanitarian Service Project.

Turkey Trot Race

Thank you for all of your efforts to again make our signature event a success. The committee, the members, and the volunteers were great. When we had a shortage of volunteers, you stepped up and filled the gaps.

On a Personal Note

My New Year's resolution is to be healthy for the remainder of my term as President. Thank you Lion Tom Garvey for again stepping in during my bout with a kidney infection.

Hibernate for a few months and "As always, We Serve"

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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**The great thing about getting older is that
you don't lose all the other ages you've
been.**

- Madeleine L'Engle

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Club News and Guest Speakers

TURKEY TROT

Thanksgiving morning welcomed our 25th annual Turkey Trot on a beautiful mild morning. We had another very successful event. Almost 6,000 runners registered and

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about 5,000 finished the race. Race day morning saw dozens of people register at the last minute (some in groups of 25-30 people). This put some added stress on the registration desk, but Lion Maria handled it like a champ and got everyone registered in time.

Lion Ken Strugalla ushered the volunteers perfectly and Lion Steve Hertzberg dutifully covered the breakfast stations/volunteers with Belgio's.

The event had a gross income of approximately \$232,000, with roughly \$145,000 net to the club. Thank you to Lion Glenn Behnke for organizing another great event and to all of the Lions who worked to make it so great.

PROJECT C.U.R.E. CHAIR DONATION

Years ago, our club donated an electric-powered vision exam chair to Ann Reid Early Childhood center. They no longer use it and requested its removal.

After contacting local colleges without success, an eager recipient was found. Project C.U.R.E. is a national organization based in Colorado, which collects medical equipment and supplies and ships to locations in need. They have six warehouses around the country, including a huge one in Woodridge.

Our chair, along with much other vision-related equipment and supplies, will be packed in nine shipping containers and sent to 13

countries in Africa. The organization is amazingly effective. Just in 2022, the Woodridge facility has shipped 25 containers (at a cost of \$25,000 each) to Ukraine (12), Nigeria (7), as well as Ethiopia, Ecuador, DRC, USHS Comfort ship, Burundi, and Burkina Faso.



Chair getting loaded up

Also, the facility has a public drop box collecting medical equipment such as walkers and canes.

Thank you Lion Jim Woodring for all of your hard work contacting and coordinating the chair removal/donation.

LIONS VISION SCREENING

At the request of the nurse at Ann Reid Early Childhood Center, Lions Glenn Behnke, Ellen Wolff, and Jim Woodring used the Lions-owned Plusoptix 12C instrument to conduct vision screening on 152 children, aged 3 to 5. Of these, 115 passed, 12 were referred and 25 could not be tested. The Plusoptix scans and locks on the pupils and provides instant analysis of six common eye problems. It supports a wireless printer, which gives a quick summary report.

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School nurses said they would be asking for testing help in the spring, with the support of an optometrist.

Another screening being conducted was for hearing. This was quite interesting, as it required no response from the child. The instrument used was a Madsen Alpha. It uses the complicated-sounding principle of Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emissions (DPOAE). Basically, this involves introducing into the ear canal two simultaneous pure tones at slightly different frequencies. If the cochlea and tiny hair cells are in good working order, the cochlea produces a tiny distorted sound back into the ear canal, which is detected by a small microphone. Not a complete hearing test, but quite valuable for young children. Thirty-seven states require hearing tests for newborns.

HOLIDAY LUNCH

On December 13, our club gathered at Biaggi's in Naperville for our annual holiday lunch. We welcomed many significant others and guests. While the service was a bit slow, the food was delicious and Lionism was in full swing.

The club members donated piles and piles of toys for Humanitarian Service Project. Those gifts were very welcome for the holiday season.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

This year, our club again volunteered to ring the Salvation Army bell and

collect money at the red kettle. In all, ten Lions rang the bell on December 2 in front of Casey's. The overall impression is that many customers donated quite a bit of money to the cause. Thank you to the volunteers for their time.

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**'Tis not enough to help the feeble up, but
to support them after.**

- William Shakespeare

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Luncheon Speakers

WEIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Brett Weis joined our group briefly on December 6. Brett was there to present our club with a commemorative plaque for our donation to the scholarship fund. He also updated us on the progress of our sponsored student, Tonny Blair Arina. Tonny just finished his first year and will start the second year in January.

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For it is in giving that we receive.

- Francis of Assisi

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Aurelio's Restaurant in Naperville on December 6, 2022. The following is a summary of the Board's acts and discussions. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. The next Board meeting will be held on January 24, 2023 at

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Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home. A copy of the complete minutes can be obtained from the Lions Club Secretary.

Approved the Board meeting minutes of the Club and Foundation for its regular meeting on October 25, 2022 and two special meetings of the Foundation on November 1 and November 15, 2022.

Approved the Treasurer's Report for October 31, 2022 and the four months then ended and November 30, 2022 and the five months then ended.

Approved the Social Service Report for November 2022. Expenditures totaled \$21,763 for the five months then ended. At the request of Ann Reid Early Childhood Center Lions used the Plusoptix 12C equipment to conduct vision screenings for 152 children, ages 3 to 5 years old.

Approved the following donations:

- Hands and Voices - \$500
- ORBIS - \$1,000
- Second Sense - \$1,000
- Spectrios - \$1,000
- Surgical Eye Expeditions - \$1,000
- CASA DuPage - \$2,000
- CASA Kane - \$2,000
- Bridge Communities - \$1,000
- Weiss Foundation, Edu Scholarship - \$875
- Hesed House - \$500

Approved Donation of \$1,000 in support of Lion James Gilliard's participation in Dare to Try marathon races. Funds to be taken for the

Lions Club Account. If funds are available in the future an additional donation may be made.

Discussed publicity. Changes may have to be made to Lions' advertisement in Positively Naperville. It was suggested we prepare a news release regarding donation to Donka, Inc.

Discussed Turkey Trot results – 5,943 individuals registered with approximately 5,000 finishers. Lots of race day registration due to good weather. To date, \$223,750 has been received. Estimated net proceeds for the race should total approximately \$145,000.

Discussed membership. Three members are late in paying dues. Invoices have been sent to all members with late dues. No reason to be concerned at this date. No change in membership; however, newsletters have been sent to all prospective members.

Discussed poinsettia flower sales. Estimated income should be approximately \$1,400.

Discussed Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Ten Lions worked at Casey's on Saturday, December 3. Collections were very good and the Naperville community was very generous while we were collecting funds.

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**Wonder is the feeling of the philosopher,
and philosophy begins in wonder.**

- Plato

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GUESTS

Jackie Rewerts was our guest all November long as she helped coordinate the bib process for Turkey Trot.

On December 6, Lion Meghan Williams' mother, Kathy Pitts, was our guest.

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If you're alive, there's a purpose of your life.

– Rick Warren

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COMING EVENTS

January 3 – Lion Steve Sroka from Foundation Fighting Blindness will be our guest speaker.

January 10 – Leanne Vos will speak with the club about Donka.

January 17 – Kate Bousum from Child's Voice will be our guest speaker.

January 24 – Business Meeting.

January 31 – No meeting. Fifth Tuesday.



DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Katie Hertzberg (13)
Lion Karen Maxwell (22)
Lion Michael Russell (2)
Lion Maria Wilson (28)

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

Lion Jim Woodring – December 15
Lion Michael Russell – January 10
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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January	3 -	Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
January	10 -	Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
January	17 -	Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
January	24 -	Board of Directors meeting
January	24 -	Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
January	31 -	NO MEETING

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OFFICERS

President – Lion Linda Strugalla
1st VP – Lion Tom Garvey
2nd VP – Lion Bill Cornish
Secretary – Lion Jane Bowers
Treasurer – Lion Bill Bleeker
Director – Lion Jim Ebers
Director – Lion Maria Wilson
Director – Lion Steve Hertzberg
Director – Lion Paul Rewerts
Director – Lion Kathy Lukavsky
Immediate Past President – Lion Bob Hull

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Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

Dues/Membership – Lion Tom Garvey
Tail Twister – Rotating
Lion Tamer – Rotating
Chaplain – At Large
Social Services – Lions Donna Kearney &
Jim Woodring
Peace Poster Contest – Lion Karen Maxwell
Program Director – Lion Paul Rewerts
Donations Committee Chair – Lion Ken
Strugalla
Diabetes Awareness – Vacant
Publicity – Lion Jim Ebers
Hospitality – Vacant
Pizza Wars – Lion Steve Hertzberg
Candy Day – Lion Jim Ebers
Summer Raffle – Lion Ken Strugalla

Turkey Trot – Lions Glenn Behnke and
Donna Kearney
Sight & Sound – Lion Jim Ebers
Counter Mints – Lion Steve Hertzberg
Investment Committee – Lions Bill Bleecker,
Steve Hertzberg and Al Knotek
Newsletter – Lion Chris Williams
Social Media – Lion Chris Williams
Adopt-a-Highway – Lion Glenn Behnke
Comfort Toys – Lion Ellen Wolff

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If you have newsworthy information, please
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chris@pnlawoffice.com This newsletter
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date for news information will be the 25th of
the month.

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