

The **HEAD LION-ER**

NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

MARCH 2023



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**Let there be work, bread, water, and salt
for all.**

- Nelson Mandela

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Donations for Disaster Recovery

During this fiscal year, we have made three donations for disaster recovery: Puerto Rico, Florida, and now Turkey. The donations at \$2,500 each were sent to Lions International. This is possible due to our club's hard work in raising funds via our raffle, bake sale, candy day, and of course the 5K Turkey Trot and our two flower sales.

LCIF awarded a \$200,000 grant to the Lions in Turkey, who are providing 16 prefab container buildings in Southeast Turkey to create a Lions Village for earthquake survivors.

Spring Flower Sale

Lions Karen Maxwell and Ellen Wolff have handed out sale sheets for the spring flower sale. In addition, Lion Donna Kearney has created an on-line purchase sheet which you can

find on our website. Your purchase sheets are due by April 4. Lions Ellen or Ken will collect your purchase sheets and payments at each weekly lunch meeting.

George Lazansky Award

Congratulations to Lion Glenn Behnke. He will receive the George Lazansky Award at the April District 1J Convention in recognition of his distinguished work as a member of our club.

Budget Snapshot

Through February, we have donated approximately \$144,000. Our working budget for this fiscal year is \$181,000. Thanks to everyone's hard work we have been able to make a special donation of \$20,000 to Donka that will enable them to upgrade their computer facilities.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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**When one paints an ideal, one does need
to limit one's imagination.**

- Ellen Key

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Club News and Guest Speakers

FLOWER SALE

Our spring flower sale is underway and order packets have been distributed. Please get all orders into Lions Karen Maxwell or Ellen Wolff before April 4.



Missing from the January Newsletter, a team photo from the District 1J Bowling Event

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Our club volunteered at the Feed My Starving Children mobile pack event at North Central College on the weekend of February 18-19. The event went well and everyone's work was appreciated.

During the Sunday morning shift, a total of 540 people volunteered their time. In two hours, they packed 129,600 meals for children in over 90 countries.

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I believe that every human mind feels
pleasure in doing good to another.

- Thomas Jefferson

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Luncheon Speakers

ALIVE CENTER

On February 7, Kacie Chitwood, Community Engagement and Development Manager and LaVerne Mathews, Director of Donor Experience, at Alive were our guest speakers. Kacie thanked the Naperville Lions for their many years of financial support and invited the Lions to visit their facilities at any time. She also indicated that Alive has space available for rental for meetings or other events should the Lions have a need.

Alive provides after school drop-in facilities with programs focused on health, well-being and building a strong sense of community. Students from grade 6 through 12 are invited to drop in after school from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm to participate in a variety of programs or just come in to socialize and meet with other teens. Facilities are located in Naperville (on Fifth Avenue), Aurora (inside Community Christian Church) and Hanover Park (inside Greenbrook Tanglewood Community Center) with a new location soon to be available in Glen Ellyn.

The mission of Alive is to create "Teen Led, Teen Driven" centers

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focused on empowering the youth of today to become confident, impassioned resilient leaders of tomorrow. This is done through the “Teen Led, Teen Driven” programs that encourage teens to develop and lead programs which they develop in the areas of mentoring, tutoring, teen lead clubs, and workshops. Some of the clubs which have been developed include Building Bridges Club, Craft and Confidence Club, Culinary Club, and the most popular club “Dungeons and Dragons. In 2021, there were 7,460 teen participations. Teens are referred to Alive through school districts, churches or just word of mouth. Over 60% of teen participants come from single parent families.

Kacie indicated that there are three ways Lion can help, that is to volunteer, as Alive is always in need of adult volunteers to mentor, tutor or just hang out with our teens after school and help with events. Any Lion with special talent can assist with Alive programs and lastly through financial assistance.

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF DUPAGE COUNTY

Dave Andrusyk was our guest speaker on February 14 from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. Dave is in his 25th year with the forest preserve and works primarily at the Fullersburg Woods campus in Oak Brook.

The forest preserve’s mission is to acquire and hold land to restore and protect. They operate as a land

management agency. The district covers 26,000 acres, 145 miles of trails, 60 preserves, 30 lakes, and 47 miles of rivers and streams.

DuPage County is made up of many types of natural land including woodland, savannah, wetland, and prairie. They work to maintain balance in these lands with restoration and mitigation. This includes removing invasive species, collecting native seeds, and prescribed burns. They handle critter management to keep animal populations at a healthy level.

They also work to protect and bring back endangered species. They have had luck with a few species recently including the Baltimore checkerspot butterfly and the Blanding’s turtle.

MARKLUND

Naperville native Natalie Sarby was our guest speaker on February 21. She gave the club an update on Marklund, an organization which strives to make everyday life possible for people with profound disabilities.

Marklund operates centers in Geneva, Elgin, and Bloomingdale where they house a total of 178 residents. Geneva’s Hyde Center has 6 homes housing 96 residents. Elgin’s Wasmond Center has 61 residents. Bloomingdale’s Philip Center has 21 residents. All slots are filled and they have a waiting list.

Marklund provides 24/7 care for their residents. They also provide a wide

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variety of therapeutic services including physical, speech, occupational, music, pet, and aquatic therapy.

There is a community day service where adults come for the day and participate in various activities. They learn life and pre-vocational skills and also go on outings. Marklund also provides these individuals the opportunity to volunteer in the community.

Marklund has a day school in Geneva and Bloomingdale where they serve multi-need students. It is licensed by the board of education and funded by local school districts. They began offering a bridge program as well to help graduates transition to life after school.

Marklund receives funding from the government, but their services far exceed the funding received. As a result, there is a \$15,290 funding gap per resident. They make up the difference with fundraising and individual donors.

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Time passes irrevocably.

- Virgil

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Aurelio's of Naperville in Naperville on February 28, 2023. The following is a summary of the Boards acts and discussions. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. The next Board meeting

will be held on March 28, 2023 at 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 January 24, 2023

Approved the Board meeting minutes of the Foundation's special meetings on January 30 and February 7, 2023

Approved the Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2023 and the seven months then ended.

Approved the Social Service Report for February 2023. Expenditures for the eight months totaled \$41,315.

Approved the following donations:

- Beep Baseball - \$1,000
- Almost Home Kids - \$1,000
- Easter Seals - \$2,000
- Hear Us - \$5,000
- It's about the Children - \$500
- Mission Trip, Optometry Students - \$200

Donations previously approved on January 31 and February 7, 2023:

- Memorial – Dan Casey \$ 500
- LCIF – Turkey Earthquake \$2,500

The following previous recipients of donations were removed from the current donor list: Ski for Sight, Cardio Pathology Run, St. Baldrick's

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Foundation, and UNICEF NVHS Club due to no activity or contact during the year.

Discussed publicity – Change in the Club's monthly Positively Naperville advertisement needs to be made to include dates of meetings.

Advertisements for the 2023 Turkey Trot were placed in the Suburban Family Living Magazine. Additional advertising is being considered being placed in Positive Naperville for spring flower sales.

Membership – Discussed how many times a prospective member can attend a lunch meeting with no charge. More information will be available at a later date. Dues invoices have been sent out in February. All members are current in dues. Follow up with several prospects continues.

Discussed spring flower fund raising event. All orders must be in by April 4, 2023.

Discussed joining with other service clubs in Naperville to sponsor an event such as a Family Safety Day or a similar event. Lion Tom Garvey volunteered to coordinate our efforts and meet with the service club group. Also discussed possible community service event which NNLC would coordinate with local social service agencies to provide resources for that agency. Lion Jane Bowers volunteered to coordinate our effort in this project. More information will be provided on both these events at a later date.

Discussed Sight and Sound Sweepstakes event. Event will continue until middle of May. Tickets totaling \$220 have been sold to date. More tickets are still available.

Lion Steve Hertzberg indicated that Lion Glenn Behnke has been selected to receive the George Lazansky Award this year. The award will be presented to Lion Glenn at the District 1-J Convention in April. It was discussed that anyone wanting to attend this year's convention turn in their registrations either by mail or on-line. The Convention will be held on April 14 and 15, 2023.

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Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion.

- Martha Graham

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GUESTS

On February 21, Lion Paul Calhoun visited the club. Potential new members Bernie Hennessey and Jennifer Brown were also our guests.

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A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.

- William Arthur Wood

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COMING EVENTS

March 7 – Adam Macek will join the group to talk about Wiedemann-Steiner Syndrome

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March 14 – Our guest speaker will be Katie Hanlon from C.U.R.E.

March 21 – Ashley Abraham from Ride Assist Naperville will be our guest speaker.

March 28 – Business Meeting.

April 14-15 – District 1J Convention in Carol Stream. See Lion Linda if you are interested in attending.

April 15 – Road Cleanup on Plainfield/Naperville Road. See Lion Glenn Behnke to sign up. Meet at 8:00 AM.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Bill Cornish (16)
Lion Mark Rafferty (9)
Lion Chris Williams (14)

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

Lion Rick Butz – March 2
Lion Paul Rewerts – March 8
Lion Jim Burner – March 17

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

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| March | 7 - | Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's |
| March | 14 - | Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's |
| March | 21 - | Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's |
| March | 28 - | Board of Directors 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 Bleecker
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 pass it on to editor/publisher *Lion Chris Williams* at **708-297-1987** or email **chris@pnlawoffice.com** This newsletter will be published monthly after the Board Meeting (4th Tuesday of the month). Cut off date for news information will be the 25th of the month.

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