

The
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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

APRIL 2023



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**The only sure weapon against bad ideas
is better ideas.**

- Alfred Whitney Griswold

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring Flower Sale

The final week is coming up for you to order your spring flowers. The deadline is April 4. You can bring your order form to our weekly lunch or you can order via our online purchase sheet.

Sight and Sound Sweepstakes

We still have 13 books left, which sell at \$10 each. Lion Jim Ebers is your contact.

Vision Screening

Lion Jim Woodring has all his volunteers and has purchased small, stuffed lions to hand out to each pre-school student being tested. Lion Ellen is distributing the same stuffed lions to the pediatric wing at Edward Hospital as part of our comfort toy program.

Upcoming Events

Highway cleanup – Lion Glenn has all the volunteers he needs on April 15. Thank you, Glenn for coordinating this event.

We have a visit at Little Friends' new facility on May 16th. Lion Paul will have a signup sheet.

Bake Sale: Lion Kathy has submitted a request for a date TBD.

Installation Dinner: As in the past, the dinner will be held at Clara's on Tuesday, June 13.

Lymphoma Walk: Our club will again support this activity, which takes place on July 28. We will be looking for several volunteers to assist with day of race registration.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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**The wisdom of the wise and the
experience of the ages are perpetuated
by quotations.**

- Benjamin Disraeli

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Club News and Guest Speakers

VISION SCREENING

Our club was invited to do preschool vision screening at local schools in April. We are screening children at Scott, Maplebrook, and Ann Reid. Lion Jim Woodring is spearheading this effort and the club optometrists are volunteering their time, as well.

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**Set your course by the stars, not by the
lights of every passing ship.**

- Omar N. Bradley

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Luncheon Speakers

**WIEDERMANN-STEINER
SYNDROME FOUNDATION**

On March 7, Adam Macek was our guest speaker. Adam spoke with the club about a rare genetic disorder, Wiedermann-Steiner Syndrome (WSS), which affects his daughter, Mackenzie. Mackenzie is a six-year-old student at Spring Brook Elementary School. Mackenzie was diagnosed when she was 18 months old. This happened after she started missing developmental milestones and her parents did genetic testing.

Mackenzie is cognitively at the level of a two-year-old. She understands

language and what people are saying, but she is nonverbal.

WSS is an extremely rare genetic disorder that was officially recognized for the first time in 2012. It affects the 11th chromosome and there are fewer than 1,000 cases worldwide. It is believed that there are many undiagnosed cases, as well, as the designation is so new.

WSS symptoms present on a spectrum and each case presents differently. Many have vision and hearing difficulties. Many are also nonverbal and suffer from musculoskeletal issues. The most common trait is behavioral issues. There is no known limit on life expectancy, as the oldest identified person with WSS is 51.

To date, research on WSS has been sparse because of its rarity. The little research that has been done has been funded by families of those with WSS. Currently, geneticists in Iceland are working on WSS with a grant from the WSS Foundation.

Adam is a regional ambassador for the foundation. He has become the point person for newly diagnosed families to help provide resources and support from the foundation.

PROJECT C.U.R.E.

Katie Hanlon was our guest speaker to talk with the club about Project C.U.R.E., the largest distributor of donated medical supplies and equipment to underserved hospitals in the world. Our club became acquainted with this organization

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when Lion Jim Woodring was attempting to donate our eye exam chair, which was formerly housed at the Ann Reid Center. Project C.U.R.E. accepted the donation.

Project C.U.R.E. started in Denver as a single garage of medical supplies and has grown to distribution centers in seven cities. They have donated supplies and equipment all over the world – 134 countries and over \$1 billion worth of donations.

When there is a need, a hospital reaches out to Project C.U.R.E. and a packing list and assessment is created. They work with a distribution center to fill a 40-foot shipping container with the supplies on the list. That container gets packed by volunteers and shipped to the hospital. Three months later, the organization sends a volunteer to assess the progress.

The volunteers leave no space unfilled in the shipping containers. Each costs approximately \$25,000 to ship, but contains \$500,000 in supplies. Volunteers are in the building almost every day. The closest warehouse is in Woodridge.

RIDE ASSIST NAPERVILLE

Ashley Abraham, executive director of Ride Assist Naperville, was our guest speaker on March 21. This organization provides transportation for seniors to attend medical appointments.

Each ride begins with the senior being picked up at home, driven to

their appointment where the driver waits, and then drives him/her home after it has finished. They do not turn anyone away based on ability to pay. There is a suggested donation of \$15.00 per roundtrip ride.

Right now, the service only covers medical appointments, but they are working on expanding to grocery store trips. They cannot transport for procedures involving anesthesia due to fall risks.

Any senior (60+) in Naperville is eligible for a ride. Rides must be reserved at least seven days in advance.

Both drivers and riders must apply to be a part of the program. Drivers use their own vehicles. They still wear masks for the ride and disinfect after each ride.

They currently serve 477 riders. They have 56 volunteer drivers (Lion Jim Woodring among them). They recently gave their 8,000th ride. Funding comes from the Naperville Social Services Grant.

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Success is never final, failure is never fatal. It's courage that counts.

- John Wooden

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home in Naperville on March 28, 2023. The following is a summary of the Board's actions and discussions. All

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members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. The next Board meeting will be held on April 25, 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 February 28, 2023 and a special meeting of the Foundation on March 14, 2023.

Approved the Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2023 and the eight months then ended as corrected.

Approved the Social Service Report for March 2023. Expenditures for the nine months totaled \$46,383.

Discussed the purchase of an iPhone 12 for District 203 to be used in their diabetes program. Allocated up to \$600 for the purchase of the phone only. The School District will be required to pay the monthly service charge. Funds will be allocated from the budget category "Priority 2 Diabetes."

Approved the following donations;

- JDRF - \$2,000
- WDSRA - \$1,000
- Community Housing DuPage - \$500
- Habitat for Humanity - \$500
- People's Resource Center - \$500
- Senior Home Sharing - \$500
- Wayside Cross Mission - \$500
- Weidermann-Steiner Syndrome Foundation - \$500

Approved the membership of Jennifer Brown, pending receipt of her membership fee.

Discussed membership – Members dues are up-to-date. There are two possible new members from School District 203. Membership applications are expected in April.

Discussed flower sales. Sales are lagging behind last year; however, most money will come in the last week of the sale. The last date to turn in orders is April 4.

Discussed Sight and Sound Sweepstakes event. The event will continue until the middle of May. 13 tickets remain unsold.

Discussed highway clean up. Sign up is complete. The next cleanup date is April 15.

Discussed the Naperville all service club project. No real direction has been established as of this date. Possible September or October event date is being considered. More information will be provided at a later date.

Discussed NNLC service project. Lion Jane has met with Clarendon Hills Lions Club to obtain information. Project is in the preliminary stages. Looking for drop off location and possibility setting up QR code on website for donations. More information will be provided at a later date.

Discussed Lymphoma Walk on July 28. NNLF will be making a donation and supply volunteers for the walk.

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Discussed Naperville Municipal Band bake sale. Application for this year's sale has been submitted. Selection of participating organizations will be made at a later date.

Discussed location of this year's annual induction dinner. Clara's Italian Restaurant, located in Woodridge, was selected for this year dinner.

Discussed this year's Flag Program. To date, six flags have been ordered. Flag lighting systems still are in good working condition; however, new flags will have to be purchased, as the original flags have faded due to weather.

Discussed 75th anniversary NNLC pins. The new pins will be available in July 2023.

Discussed 2023 Turkey Trot – The City of Naperville has approved a grant in the amount of \$16,410 to support the cost of the city services for this year's Turkey Trot.

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**Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow,
it only saps today of its joy.**

- Leo Buscaglia

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GUESTS

Jennifer Brown was our guest on March 7 and 14. She has submitted her application for membership!

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**What would be ugly in a garden
constitutes beauty in a mountain.**

– Victor Hugo

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COMING EVENTS

April 4 – Philicia Deckard from the Brain Injury Association of Illinois will be our guest speaker.

April 11 – Amy Wrigley will join us to discuss Naperville wastewater.

April 14-15 – District 1-J Convention

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

April 18 – Max Wiersum will speak with the club about the Someone Special organization.

April 25 – Business Meeting.

May 16 – Lunch meeting will be held at Little Friends in Warrenville. More information to come.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Jim Woodring (9)

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

Lion Linda Strugalla – April 11

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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| April | 4 - | Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's |
| April | 11 - | Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's |
| April | 18 - | Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's |
| April | 25 - | Board of Directors meeting |
| April | 25 - | Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's |

OFFICERS

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| President | – | Lion Linda Strugalla |
| 1 st VP | – | Lion Tom Garvey |
| 2 nd 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

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 Bleeker, 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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