

The **HEAD LION-ER**

NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

JULY 2023



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Courage is knowing what not to fear.

- Plato

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A Few Thank Yous, but Especially to
Lion Linda Strugalla

I would like to thank Lion Linda for her leadership with an incredible year! It's amazing that we raised over \$283,000 through May 31 with only 38 members! We donated \$168,915 to social services and 73 other organizations. Our Social Services Committee organized over 240 referrals or client encounters! Thank you to all of the dedicated members that made all of this happen! Thank you to all of our club officers last year, who as a team, make our club great! Thank you to Lions Maria, Jim, Paul, and Bob who have resigned from the board. They are not going away! They will still be very busy in the club with appointed positions and as committee chairs.

Welcome to the Board!

I look forward to working with our new board members! A few of the

"new" board members have been members for many years - Lions Ellen, Ken, and Glenn. A recent new member - Lion Jen - has stepped up to join the board. Check your calendar - our next board meeting will be July 25, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Aurelio's.

New Fiscal Year and Same Service!

We will continue to participate in the same fundraisers and projects that we have been doing for close to 75 years. What should we do to celebrate our anniversary?

What Inspires you to be a Lion?

Here are a few things that inspire me:

Presentations to the club by many not-for-profit organizations.

Being involved - great things that have happened to me in the last year. I had a \$100 bill put in my bucket on Candy Day last fall. I sold 43 raffle tickets in 3 hours at Casey's last month.

I have been reading Lion Magazine (www.lionmagazine.org) and seeing what other clubs have been doing.

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I have attended a few of the region forums. I believe they have helped me with leadership, confidence, and ideas.

We Need Some Help!

Our Diabetes Awareness Committee has been vacant for a few years. I'm hoping that a member not currently on a committee will step up and fill the position soon. I have also noticed that the hospitality position is vacant. I look forward to learning more about that position and determining if it is needed. I'm also looking for someone to help as our "cashier" at our meetings so I can interact with our presenter before his or her presentation. We also need a Second VP to step up and fill that position.

Summer Raffle

Summer raffle is our second largest fundraiser. Lion Bill is happy because our sales are ahead compared to last year. I'm sure the pleasant weather has helped with that. We need to make sure we sell every single ticket! I know we can do it! Most of the July sales slots are filled. He will let us know if there are any openings.

Municipal Band Concert Bake Sale

Our club is participating in the Bake Sale again this year on July 27. Lion Kathy is organizing this fundraiser. She will give us an update at our next meeting on July 11. She will reach out to us if we need any more help.

Naperville Noon Lions Social

Our program director Lion Paul has been coordinating with Lion Al for a field trip to Princeton on Sunday, July 30 to view the Knotek Estate/tree farm. This will take the place of the August 1 meeting. More information to come.

Where Have You Been?

Please attend a meeting soon if you haven't seen us in a while. We all miss you!

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Tom Garvey, President

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It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues.

- Abraham Lincoln

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Club News and Guest Speakers

FIELD TRIP TO LION KNOTEK'S IN PRINCETON

Our August 1 lunch meeting is being replaced by a July 30 field trip out to Lion Al Knotek's farm in Princeton, Illinois. Plan on arriving between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for lunch to be served by Lion Al at about 1:00 p.m.

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Lion Al's farm is located at 20736 1650 East St., Princeton, Illinois 61356. It is approximately 90 miles west of Naperville. Bring lawn chairs, a cooler with your favorite beverages, a picnic basket with plates, silverware, and cups. Bring hiking shoes, bug spray, and a sun hat to take part in hiking around the property. If you have any questions, you can reach Lion Al at (630) 536-9041.

NEW CLUB PIN

Our club, founded in 1948, turns 75 this year. To commemorate this milestone, the club created a new club pin. This pin was designed by our very own Lion Steve Hertzberg and includes Lion Steve's impressive original artwork. Wonderful job, Lion Steve.



Pin designed by Lion Steve Hertzberg

NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome Diana Morr to our club as a new member. Lion Diana was inducted into the club on June 6. She was sponsored by Lion Kathy Lukavsky.

Lion Diana has lived in Naperville for 51 years. She is now retired and has time to give back to the community.

Welcome to the club, Lion Diana!



Lions Linda, Diana, and Kathy

INSTALLATION DINNER

Lions and many guests met for a night of delicious food and Lionism at Clara's Restaurant on June 13. Outgoing President Lion Linda Strugalla spoke to the club about the great accomplishments of the last year and thanked everyone who helped in making those a reality.

Lion Linda also presented awards to well-deserving members. Lions Tom Garvey and Jim Woodring received President's Appreciation Awards. Both were always willing to help at the drop of a hat. Lion Donna Kearney was crowned Lion of the Year for all of her hard work and commitment to both our club and the District. The Bob Anderson Golden Lion Award went to Lion Steve Hertzberg as recognition for his many years of service to our club.

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Lion Bill Bleecker received the Jim & Joyce Davis Lifetime Achievement Award – a District-wide award selected by the District Governor. To qualify, one must have 20 years of service, served on committees, held office, and must still be active in the club.



Golden Lion Steve and Lion Linda

Lion Linda also presented Gary “Boomer” Johnson with the Lion Citizen of the Year Award. Boomer has helped us with Turkey Trot shirts every year. He always goes above and beyond and provides us with every item at cost. It is estimated that Boomer’s discounted shirts amount to donations totaling \$300,000 over the last 15 years.

Once Lion Steve accepted his Golden Lion Award, he addressed the club about the Melvin Jones Award. Lion Steve let us know that Lion Kathy Lukavsky was this year’s recipient. She is very deserving of

the award for all of her help with so many of our club’s activities.



Citizen of the Year Boomer and Lion Linda

Lion Tom Garvey, incoming president, addressed the club about his excitement for the year to come and his appreciation of the work done by Lion Linda.

In addition to the pageantry and dinner, our club also collected household goods for Families Helping Families. The large collection was taken to our Fill the Van event that was held at Go Brewing on June 24.

FILL THE VAN

The Naperville Noon Lions had a Fill the Van collection for Families Helping Families, who assist homeless families with personal supplies, on June 24 at Go Brewing. This was the kick-off for our month-long collection for them. Their greatest needs are Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Quarters for

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Laundry, Dish Soap, Body Wash, Shampoo, and Cleaning Supplies. People can also purchase items from Amazon for them and have them shipped directly to Families Helping Families, the link address is:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/V0JZBK2OWBU0?ref=wl_share



Lions Jane and Donna with the full van

The collection will continue through July 20. Anyone can stop by and drop your donation off at Go Brewing, 1665 Quincy Ave., #155, Naperville, during their normal hours through July 20. Each person who donates will receive a free drink certificate for use at our closing event on July 20 from 5:00-7:00 p.m..

TRASH PICKUP

Our club volunteered for another bi-monthly trash pickup on Plainfield/Naperville Road on June 24. We had six pickers out early on the hot day to make the road look great for the Fourth of July holiday.

In total, these Lions provided 19.5 hours of service. The next trash pickup is scheduled for August 8, pending weather.

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The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.

- Mark Twain

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Luncheon Speakers

SAMARACARE

Bill Peterson, Director of Development for SamaraCare, was our guest speaker on June 6. SamaraCare was founded in 1971 by three Naperville congregations to fill the need for unmet mental health care in the area. Today, they are one of the largest non-profit counseling organizations serving Chicagoland.

SamaraCare's mission is to help people achieve their potential with counseling. They serve almost all ages, but mostly work with children and seniors. They serve all of the Chicago collar counties and served 2,800 people last year.

SamaraCare provides counseling services in all types of areas. They provide some services to local organizations and churches. They help people who are unable to afford counseling services by providing subsidized care. They do charge for services so that each individual has a stake, even if it may only be a few dollars. Last year, they provided subsidies of \$547,738 to their clients.

SamaraCare provides its services to other organizations at a contracted discount rate. They have a staff of 44, which includes 34 counselors. In

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2022, they delivered 27,657 clinical hours of service.

Naperville is their largest market served. Bill was proud to inform us that SamaraCare spends 84% of all money collected directly on programs.

EDWARD HOSPITAL CHILD LIFE

Nina Sittler was our guest speaker on June 20 to provide the club with an update on Edward Hospital's Child Life program. Our club has been donating comfort toys to the unit since 2014.

The Child Life department works to normalize the hospital experience for children. They see every child who is inpatient at the hospital and have started working with the surgery and outpatient units, as well.

Her department provides play, preparation, distraction, and coping services for the children and their families. Nina believes that play is very important for these children. They use play as a method for preparing and teaching the children about the medical procedures they will encounter.

The department also provides celebrations for children in the hospital, like birthday parties. They work with other organizations like ours to provide their services as they do not have a budget within the hospital.

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**Love cures people – both the ones who
give it and the ones who receive it.**

- Karl A. Menninger

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Aurelio's of Naperville on June 27, 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 July 25, 2023, at Aurelio's of Naperville starting at 11:00 a.m. A copy of the complete minutes can be obtained from the Lions Club Secretary.

Club President Strugalla thanked departing Board members, Lions Jim Ebers, Paul Rewerts, Maria Wilson, and Bob Hull for their hard work and many years of service on the Board.

Approved the Board meeting minutes of the Club and Foundation for its regular meeting on May 23, 2023, as corrected for the number of new Board members.

Approved the Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2023 and the eleven months then ended.

Approved the Social Service Report for June 2023. Expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2023 totaled \$58,375. Discussed a patient that was referred to Aurora Lions Club who was refused services. Naperville Lions provided the needed services. Discussed the difference in amounts reported as

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expenditures on the Social Service Report and Treasurer's Report. Difference is due to how payments are recorded. It was the consensus of the Board not to change this method of reporting expenditures.

Approved the following donations:

- Boy Scouts Special Needs - \$1,000
- Boy Scouts Three Rivers Council - \$1,000
- Diveheart - \$1,000
- Education Center - \$500
- Kids Matter - \$1,000
- Metro Family Services - \$1,000
- 360 Youth Services - \$800
- Operation Support Our Troops - \$500
- Parkinson Walk-a-Thon - \$500
- Child's Life - \$500

Publicity – Discussed follow-up with NCTV-17 regarding appearance on Spotlight Show. Monthly advertisement continues to run in Positively Naperville.

Membership – One member owes dues for the first quarter. \$50 has been received in dues for the month of June. Overdue invoices were sent to three members on June 25. Next quarter dues invoices will be sent on July 1. Follow up with potential members continues. No resignations for the month of June.

Discussed Naperville All Service Club Community Project. Meeting date has not been scheduled yet. Lion Tom Garvey visited Huntley

Lions Club Health Fair to get ideas for the service project.

Discussed Summer Raffle – All raffle tickets have been distributed to members. All street sales locations have been scheduled, except one date in July. Cash collections are on pace with last year. Raffle chairman encouraged all members to keep up the good work.

Discussed Turkey Trot – Timing contract with Lake Shore is in process, all information has been submitted to the Naperville Central High School for use of their facilities, and audio contract is still pending. All above contracts should be finalized soon.

Discussed Bake Sale – Signup sheets for baked goods is available. Bake sale will be on July 27.

Discussed community service project with Families helping Families and Go Brewing Company. The event kicked off on June 24. Collection of goods at the installation dinner and goods collected at Go Brewing was enough to fill a van. Event will run through July 20 at Go Brewing.

Discussed Free Library Program. The Program was rejected by both the Naperville River Walk Commission and the Naperville Park District. The Program will be on hold unless a suitable location can be found.

Discussed the Lymphoma Walk. Several volunteers are still needed. The date of the event is July 28.

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Discussed the 75th anniversary pins. The pins have been completed and were distributed to each Board member. Approximately 150 pins were ordered and are available to Club members. The consensus of the Board was the pins turned out beautifully. The Board thanked Lion Steve Hertzberg for his work to create the new pins.

Approved the Club's fiscal year 2023/24 fiscal year budget as corrected for Dot Easy and Google Hosting expenditures.

Approved the Foundation's fiscal year 2023/24 budget as submitted. Total targeted donations approximate \$191,000. Discussed increases to several organizations.

Discussed Eagle Scout project. Possible collection of eyeglasses. Lion Cornish will coordinate the project and obtain more information for July Board meeting.

Discussed trash pickup project. Lions are conducting trash pick-up along Naperville/Plainfield Road. Next pick up is scheduled for August 8.

The Board thanked Lion Linda Strugalla for her hard work and outstanding year as Club President.

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Progress was all right. Only it went on too long.

– James Thurber

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COMING EVENTS

July 4 – No Meeting

July 11 – Lisa Snow from Almost Home Kids will be our guest speaker.

July 18 – Stephanie Dewinski from Suicide Prevention Services of America will be our guest speaker.

July 20 – Fill the Van Wrap up Event at Go Brewing from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come out to celebrate the month of collection for Families Helping Families.

July 25 – Business Meeting.

July 27 – District 1-J Golf Outing at Hughes Creek in Elburn. See Lion Steve Hertzberg if interested in golfing.

July 27 – Municipal Band Bake Sale. See Lion Kathy Lukavsky to sign up to bake items or work the event.

July 28 – Lymphoma Walk in downtown Naperville. Our club is helping with volunteers.

July 30 – Lions visit to Lion Al Knotek's farm in Princeton, Illinois. See Lion Paul Rewerts for more information

August 1 – No meeting.

August 8 – Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup on Plainfield/Naperville Road. See Lion Glenn Behnke to volunteer.



JULY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Robert Bremner (4)
Lion Jim Ebers (16)
Lion Gary Vician (14)
Lion Meghan Williams (13)
Lion Ellen Wolff (22)

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

Lion Bill Bleecker – July 10
Lion Kathy Lukavsky – July 10
Lion Katie Hertzberg Mathews – July 18
Lion Glenn Behnke – July 22
Lion Karen Maxwell – July 29
Lion Gary Vician – July 30

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

July	4 -	NO MEETING
July	11 -	Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
July	18 -	Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
July	25 -	Board of Directors meeting
July	25 -	Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's

OFFICERS

President – Lion Tom Garvey
1st VP – Lion Bill Cornish
2nd VP – Vacant
Secretary – Lion Jane Bowers
Treasurer – Lion Bill Bleecker
Director – Lion Jen Brown

Director – Lion Ellen Wolff
Director – Lion Steve Hertzberg
Director – Lion Ken Strugalla
Director – Lion Kathy Lukavsky
Director – Lion Glenn Behnke
Immediate Past President – Lion Linda Strugalla

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 – Lions Ken & Linda 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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