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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

OCTOBER 2023



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**Success seems to be largely a matter of
hanging on after others have let go.**

- William Feather

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our Lions Club is like a band

I drove my wife and sister to an Eric Church concert last month because my daughter was sick and my country mouse wife doesn't like to drive close to the city. I can't enjoy the music the way they do, but I had plenty of time to sit and ponder. Eric Church is one man ironically, fans know him as "Chief." However, so many more people, seen and unseen, come together to make a great show. You have the lights crew, stage crew, people selling merchandise, the backup singers, the bass player, the guitarist, the drummer, the horns... you get the picture. The Lions President, like the lead singer in a band has many people supporting him. We have officers, fundraising activities, club traditions, and service activities. Our club comes together to serve.

When I speak to people in the community and share about the club

I ask, "How many members do you think we have?" The response has been 200 and up to 500. It's incredible how much we do with only 38 members!

We had a great board meeting on Tuesday, September 26th. The board is always throwing out great ideas that keep our club growing with fundraising and projects.

I hope you can join us at a meeting again if you have not attended in awhile. We would love to see your smiling face.

Thank you for being a member and everything you do for the club.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Tom Garvey, President

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**There are people who have money and
people who are rich.**

- Coco Chanel

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Club News and Guest Speakers

MELVIN JONES

After much anticipation (and production delays), Lion Kathy Lukavsky was finally officially awarded her Melvin Jones Award at our September 5 meeting. Congratulations again to Lion Kathy.



2023 Melvin Jones winner – Lion Kathy

POINSETTIA SALES

As has become an annual tradition, our club is selling holiday plants for a fundraiser. The order forms and information packets have been distributed to the club members. The orders are due by October 24. If

you have any questions, please reach out to Lion Karen Maxwell.

SUMMER RAFFLE

Our annual summer raffle came to a conclusion on September 5, when the winning tickets were pulled by DuPage County State's Attorney, Bob Berlin. This year was a major success. 28 Lions sold over 4,000 total tickets.

The prize pool consisted of four total cash prizes totaling \$8,500. Amazingly, the winners of these cash prizes donated back a total of \$8,000 to the club. With the limited expenses this year, we had a record net income to the foundation.



Ready to draw the winning ticket

Thank you to Lions Bob Hull, the high seller, and Paul Rewerts, who both sold over 500 tickets each. Four members sold over 250 tickets. Congratulations to the Hertzberg Hackers who edged out the Bleecker Bombers in the last few weeks to take home the Burrows Cup.

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The Burrows Cup finally changes hands

Thank you Lion Bill Cornish and Lion Ken Strugalla for coordinating the raffle.

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A person's a person, no matter how small.

- Dr. Suess

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Luncheon Speakers

DUPAGE STATE'S ATTORNEY

DuPage State's Attorney, Bob Berlin, was our guest speaker on September 5. He also served as the raffle drawer for our summer raffle. Bob was on hand to give the club a public safety update.

Bob informed the club that while felony indictments in DuPage county had been decreasing, they were on the rise in 2022. He did note that 60% of the felony defendants do not live in DuPage County.

He talked about the various diversion courtrooms that DuPage County has

created, including drug court and focus court. These courtrooms offer an alternative to the traditional criminal justice system for first-time and nonviolent offenders. It offers a treatment program to hopefully curtail any criminal behavior in the future.

Bob discussed the new elimination of cash bail, created by the Pretrial Fairness Act, which covers individuals who have been charged with a crime, but have not been convicted of said crime. This system went into effect in late September and he was hard at work implementing systems so that he could ensure that dangerous defendants remain in custody.

MAYOR SCOTT WEHRLI

On September 12, we were honored to have newly elected Naperville Mayor Scott Wehrli as our guest speaker. He indicated that he grew up in Naperville and comes from a long line of Wehrli family members who have served the Naperville community, but he is the first Wehrli to be elected Mayor. After listening to all of the activities of the NNLC prior to his remarks, he described the Club as "Small but Mighty".

He indicated that his approach to being Mayor is to have lots of energy and wants to move ideas and issues faster than is normal for government operations. He has established a three-minute clock, in the council chambers, for those individuals wishing to speak at council meetings that they do not exceed their allotted

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time and that staff and other officials are addressed by their professional titles rather than by first names. He also wrote a book of guidelines for government boards and commissions so as to help understand how the city works.

Priorities for his first term in office are to address youth mental health, economic development, government transparency, and public safety. He has established a committee to address mental health training for high school students. He also indicated that a new system to track crime called “National Incident-Based Reporting System” (NIBRS) has been established. This is a system that captures detailed data about the characteristics of criminal incidents. Naperville is not crime free, but is a safe place to live, he stated.

He addressed some areas and projects he is excited about. Namely, the Shuman, which is a 360,000 square foot office complex located at 263 Shuman Blvd. and HUB 1415, which is a 75-acre office campus located at 1415 Diehl Road. Both complexes afford sufficient opportunities for high-end companies to relocate to Naperville. He also mentioned the Nokia property (formerly Alcatel-Lucent Campus), which is being sold. Nokia, which employs over 1,000 workers, will stay in Naperville, but the property will be redeveloped. He stated that careful long-term planning needs to be considered so that too many warehouse facilities are not constructed on this property as opposed to office or entertainment

facilities. He stated this may be a location for the Chicago Bears football team.

There are also many opportunities for development in the district west of Route 59 and what he called Block 59. More retail space is needed, especially in the sale of apparel and furniture. He also discussed downtown Naperville and its two recent new businesses, Ramsey Kitchen and Sweet Cream robotic restaurant. Other developments discussed included Main Street Promenade Phase III and River Main Development at Water Street. He indicated that Naperville is the 4th largest city in Illinois, but has the 2nd largest economy. Its hospitality industry is 2nd only to the City of Chicago.

After he concluded his remarks at the Lions Club, he was going to put on his uniform and put in some time as a Lieutenant with the Naperville Park District Police, which he has been doing for over three decades.

ST. JUDE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Danielle Reeves was our guest speaker on September 19 to talk with us about St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. St. Jude was founded by Danny Thomas, who had a passion for children. He wanted to establish a place for children from around the world to come and get treatment, as well as for research – all at no cost to the child’s family.

Founded in 1967, it took Thomas five years to raise the funding to build the

first building in Memphis, TN. Since then, they have expanded a great deal, making up an entire campus.

They have four housing facilities for families to stay at while their children are receiving treatment. These are apartment-style homes to provide a sense of home and respite from the hospital. Most of the patients go to the hospital for treatment during the day and return to the on-campus housing facility for evenings away from the hospital.

St. Jude is unique in that it has everything the patient needs on campus. They have teachers on staff who work in conjunction with the child's home school to make sure they do not fall behind in class. They also have other medical providers available on campus to treat ancillary concerns that may arise.

Danielle talked about the aid that St. Jude has provided globally. They have provided \$200 million in cancer medications around the world. Childhood cancer is treatable and largely survivable, but only if the child has access to care. This is, unfortunately, not the case in many parts of the world. In addition to aid, St. Jude shares its research and treatment protocols with the medical community throughout the world for free.

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The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Aurelio's on September 26, 2023. 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 October 24, 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.

Approved the Board meeting minutes of the Club and Foundation for its regular meeting on August 22, 2023.

Approved the Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2023.

Approved the Social Services Report for August 2023. School is back in session, so more cases have been referred.

Discussed magnifiers stored at Dr. Rafferty's office. Approved loaning one unit to Kathy Pitts, mother of Lion Meghan Williams

Approved request for Ann Reid vision screening on November 7-8.

Approved the following donations:

- Hands & Voices - \$1,000
- Surgical Eye Expeditions - \$1,000
- Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk - \$2,000
- NAMI - \$1,000
- LCIF fund for natural disaster relief - \$2,500
- St. Jude - \$500

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Discussed Membership. One member owes three quarters of dues. Working on keeping in touch with potential new members.

Discussed Comfort Toys. More pillowcases and stuffed animals were purchased. There is discussion of a new possible volunteer seamstress.

Discussed publicity. An updated ad is in Positively Naperville, plus ads going in other publications

Discussed Turkey Trot. We have received many donations through the registration process. National Charity League is providing volunteers.

Discussed Raffle. We had \$8,000 donated back to the club. That made this year a record for net proceeds.

Discussed the Families Helping Families event. Next collection will be in January.

Discussed the Eagle Scout project. Lion Cornish is coordinating. Andrew will be collecting eyeglasses on October 7-8.

Discussed the possibility of a large check to be used in donation photo opportunities. This is on hold.

Discussed the Naperville Service Club Service Project. This event is on hold. May be held in March 2024.

Discussed Candy Day. Permits have been obtained. Street sales

will take place on October 13-14 and at Casey's on October 15.

Discussed Poinsettia Sales. We are participating in this fundraiser again. Last day to turn in orders is October 24.

Approved funding of the Lions Little Free Library. Lion Meghan and Paul are working on the project and are accepting any and all book donations from the club.

Discussed fundraiser at Anderson Bookshop to occur the week after Turkey Trot.

Discussed the Southeast Region Zone Meeting being hosted by our club on November 8.

Discussed diabetes supplies for District 203.

Discussed the creation of a fundraising/project board.

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**The past always looks better than it was.
It's only pleasant because it isn't here.**

- Finley Peter Dunne

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GUESTS

Lion Paul Rewert's wife, Jackie Rewerts, was our guest on September 5 and 19.

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Never take a solemn oath. People think you mean it.

- Norman Douglas

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COMING EVENTS

October 3 – Zach Jatt from K9s for Vets will be our guest speaker.

October 7 – Adopt-a-Highway cleanup of Plainfield/Naperville Road. See Lion Glenn Behnke to sign up.

October 10 – Angie Johnson from the Young Naperville Singers will be our guest speaker.

October 13-15 – Candy Day. Various street sales spots are open on October 13-14. Casey's is available on October 15. See Lion Jim Ebers to sign up.

October 17 – Annie Gilmartin from Child's Voice will be our guest speaker.

October 24 – Business Meeting.

October 31 – Fifth Tuesday – No Meeting



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Agnes Adjorlolo (12)**
- Lion Steve Hertzberg (47)**
- Lion Bob Hull (22)**
- Lion Al Knotek (47)**
- Lion Kathy Lukavsky (4)**

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

- Lion Jim Ebers – October 4**
- Lion Chris Williams – October 8**
- Lion Steve Hertzberg – October 15**
- Lion Bob Hull – October 21**
- Lion Ken Strugalla – October 27**
- Lion Jeff Harper – October 29**

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

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



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

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Candy Day – Lion Jim Ebers
Summer Raffle – Lion Bill Cornish
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
Flower Sales – Lion Karen Maxwell
Lions Little Library Project – Lions Meghen
Williams and Paul Rewerts
Bake Sale – Lion Kathy Lukavsky

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the month.
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