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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

NOVEMBER 2019



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A Thank You to All the Volunteers in October

October was very busy with Candy Day, 5K/Half Marathon Race, and our last highway cleanup of the year for Plainfield/Naperville Road. Our Candy Day income was \$6,736 and our half marathon volunteering effort generated \$975. Volunteers from the National Charity League joined forces with us for Candy Day and the race. Thank you to Jim Ebers for coordinating Candy Day, Jim Woodring and Donna Kearney for coordinating the volunteer activities for the race and to Scott Bernal and Paul Rewerts for the highway cleanup.

A Very Busy November

Our annual 5K Turkey Trot race is our big fundraiser. This event requires approximately 440 volunteer slots to be filled during packet pickup and race day. The vast majority of

the volunteers are provided by the local schools. In addition, we have volunteer commitments from the National Charity League (39), YMCA (16), Warriors Hockey Club (17), and OPUS Financial (5). And, of course, the Lions will be out in full force as coordinators for all the volunteers.

Once again, our club will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army. We are scheduled on Saturday November 23. Contact Lion Jim Burner who is coordinating this volunteer activity.

Comfort Toys Project

For several years our club has been providing comfort toys to pediatric wing at Edward Hospital. This has also included pillowcases with superheroes and Disney characters. Initially, Karen Butz and her sister were making the pillowcases. Now, this sewing effort has spread to a fellow volunteer from the Paramount Theatre and community volunteers from Edward Hospital. Thank you to Lion Ellen Wolff for coordinating this project.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Ken Strugalla, President

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Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

- Oprah Winfrey

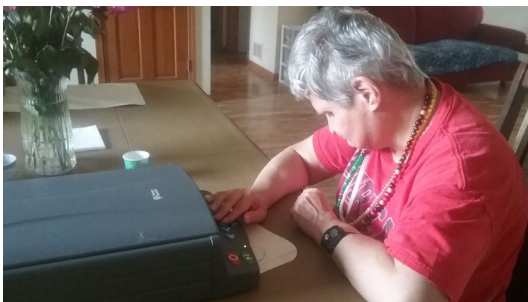
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Club News and Guest Speakers

SARA DONATION

Our club, with the leadership of Lion Donna Kearney, helped to facilitate the donation of a SARA scanning device from friends of the club, George and Linda Villa to Little Friends. This device scans documents and reads them aloud to the user who is blind or vision impaired. Little Friends was very thankful for the donation. Thank you to the Villas and Lion Donna.



A Little Friends client, Noreen, uses the donated SARA scanner

CANDY DAY

Members of the club braved the elements to work on Candy Day from

October 11-13. The rain made Friday very difficult, but many members stood resolute and collected money. Nearly \$7,000 was collected. Thank you to Lion Jim Ebers for another great job organizing this event.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The fourth and final highway trash pickup was completed on October 19. Lion Paul Rewerts handed over the reigns of the operation to Lion Scott Bernal. In total, eight volunteers cleaned up. It took less than an hour.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time this year. We will be back in April to keep the road clean!

EYEGLOSS COLLECTION BOX

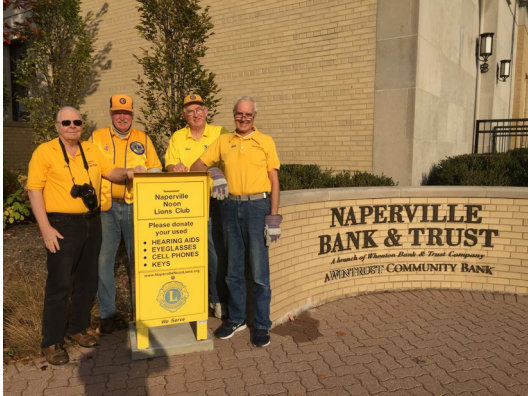
After years of effort and multiple attempts, the club's yellow eyeglass collection box has been successfully moved from the Naperville Township office to Naperville Bank & Trust at Washington and Benton.



Lions Blecker and Hertzberg practicing feats of strength

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Thank you to Lion Steve Hertzberg for spearheading this effort and getting the box moved. Thanks to Lions Jim Woodring, Bill Bleecker, and Paul Rewerts for assisting Lion Steve in the physical move.



The eyeglass collection box's new home

NEW MEMBER

On October 28, we inducted our newest member to the club. Lion Kathy Lukavsky was sponsored by Lion Maria Wilson. Welcome to the club, Kathy!



New Lion Kathy with her sponsor Lion Maria and Lion President Ken Strugalla

RAFFLE DONATIONS

Our summer raffle came to a close and we have been inundated with generous winners. Our grand prize winner, Barbara, donated \$2,500 back to the club. Susan Welter, the winner of \$2,000, donated the entire amount back to the club. Susan joined us at our meeting on October 28.



Susan donating the check to Lion Ken Strugalla with her ticket seller Lion Rick Butz

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Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

- Theodore Roosevelt

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Luncheon Speakers

AMY GRANT

On October 1, Amy Grant, State Representative for the 42nd District covering parts of DuPage County, spoke to our club.

SCARCE

Kay McKeon from SCARCE was our guest speaker on October 8. SCARCE was founded in 1990 as an organization to help with environmental education and recycling programs. Their work covers many different projects.

Kay provided the club information about the various items that can and cannot be recycled and gave us a handy list.

SCARCE rescues books to be donated to teachers and others. They have also reinvigorated the library at the DuPage County Jail and started a literacy program. They started a program that allows inmates to record themselves reading a children's book to their child. The child can then take the recording and the book home. SCARCE has also been supplying books to police departments so that they can have them for children whose parents may have been arrested and are waiting on a relative or someone else to take custody of them.

Recently, SCARCE has been collecting bread tags. These small plastic pieces are very easily recycled. They deliver the tags to a young girl in Indiana who collects them from all over and recycles them for money to purchase wheelchairs for children. To date, these tags have allowed her to purchase seven wheelchairs.

Another new program is the Guitars for Vets program. SCARCE

provides free guitar lessons to veterans with PTSD and if the guitar playing is therapeutic and enjoyable to the veteran, they will donate a guitar. They have also worked with high school students at York High School who have begun making guitar picks out of old credit and gift cards.

Kay is always looking for ways to reuse and recycle items. She makes frequent trips to various locations around the country to drop off donated items. SCARCE is always looking for volunteers to deliver items. You can visit their office at 799 Roosevelt Rd, Building 2 in Glen Ellyn to donate items.

TABOR HILLS

Debbie Self from Tabor Hills was our guest speaker on October 15 to inform us about their Senior Day Services Program. Debbie is the program coordinator.

Debbie estimates that in 2023, there will be 43,000 Naperville residents over the age of 55. As these individuals get older, some of them will require services to allow them to stay in their homes. The major issue will be Alzheimer's which affects 1 in 10 people over the age of 65. These individuals are usually cared for by family members and those family members have a lot going on outside of this care.

Senior Day Services can help these seniors to stay at home and provide respite for their caretakers. It allows the senior to avoid social isolation and loneliness and get out and

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experience life and create their own stories.

At Tabor Hills, their Senior Day Services has a comfortable, home-like atmosphere. It is a professional care setting where individuals can receive therapeutic, social, and health services for part of a day. They have different spaces for different activities. Guests are served meals that are cooked on site. Transportation is not provided and guests must be dropped off and picked up.

Tabor Hills has different pricing for half or full days and most current guests attend for half days. The capacity is 18 guests per day. Currently, they average about five guests per day and Debbie is looking to spread the word about their services in the community.

CHANGES IN MEDICARE

Nancy Conley was our guest speaker on October 29. Nancy is a SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) volunteer. In her roll as a volunteer, she helps people enroll and navigate Medicare and the myriad of options.

She volunteers at the Lisle Park District once per week and will meet with people who have questions or need guidance. This generally occurs with a one-on-one counseling session. She does not sell or recommend any specific type of insurance or plan. All of her services are free to use.

Nancy told the club about some changes that are coming to Medigap coverage. Some plans will soon be eliminated for new eligible recipients. She also discussed some changes to Part D coverage.

Nancy also demonstrated the new plan finder on Medicare.gov. She recommended that everyone go to this site to research and find available plans. If you provide your Medicare information, you will be able to view your current prescriptions and compare available plan options. You can also change plans during open enrollment which is ongoing through December 7.

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**Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday.
People travel thousands of miles to be
with people they only see once a year.
And then discover once a year is way too
often.**

- Johnny Carson

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on October 22, 2019 at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home in downtown Naperville. The following is a summary of the board's actions and discussions. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings, which start at 7:30 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on December 3, 2019.

Approved the Club and Foundation regular meeting minutes of September 24, 2019.

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Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer's Report for September 30, 2019.

Approved the Social Service Report for October 2019. Discussed the implementation of co-pay requirements and purchase of OrCam equipment.

Approved the following donations and grants:

- OrCam equipment - \$3,300
- Dare 2 Tri (James Gilliard) - \$1,500
- CASA DuPage County - \$2,000
- CASA Kane County - \$2,000
- Naperville YMCA - \$6,500
- Quilts of Valor - \$1,000
- Lions of Illinois Foundation (Candy Day) - \$3,000

Approved the at-large membership of Kathy Lukavsky. Discussed members past due amounts.

Turkey Trot advertisements and other announcements have been provided to Naperville Town Planner and Positively Naperville Daily Calendar.

Discussed Naperville Half Marathon. It was a sunny and warm day. NNLC provided volunteers for two areas and received \$950 for volunteer support of the Marathon.

Discussed Candy Day. Friday was wet and cold but collections were strong. Total amount collected was \$6,736 to support the Foundation services. 12 Lions volunteered working approximately 83 hours.

Other volunteers worked approximately 40 hours.

Discussed Annual Summer Raffle. U.S. Bank will no longer allow us to sell raffle tickets at their location.

Discussed "Pizza Wars" fundraiser. Event will be held on February 19, 2020 at Naperville Central High School. Sponsorships are available. Event program is currently being developed.

Approved the acceptance of pillowcases to be donated to Edward Hospital. The pillowcases will replace the current stuffed toys.

Approved \$50 to purchase name tags for the pillows and the actual cost (which will be determined) of material for the pillows.

Discussed payment for volunteer work done at Lisle Eyes to the Skies Festival. No payment has been received as of this date.

Discussed the installation of the Club main eye glass collection box, which is to be located at the Community Bank in downtown Naperville. The base for the box has been completed and placement of the collection box is anticipated to be on Friday October 25, 2019.

Approved the Clubs annual Christmas lunch to be held on December 10, 2019 at Walker's Charhouse and the collection of toys for Humanitarian Service Project. Cost of the lunch will be \$10 per person.

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Approved a two-year extension of the club's highway clean-up project with DuPage County.

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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

- John F. Kennedy

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GUESTS

On October 1, Sue Behnke, wife of Lion Glen Behnke was our guest along with George and Linda Villa from National Federation of the Blind. Lion Donna Kearney thanked George and Linda for their generous donation of a SARA scanning device to Little Friends. Kathy Lukavsky, our newest member, was also a guest.

On October 8, we had a brief visit from Dr. Alfredas Lankauskas, a Lion from the Šiauliai Lions Club in Lithuania. He brought gifts of Lithuanian chocolate and a banner from his club. Kathy Lukavsky was also our guest.

Southeast Zone Chair, Lion Jim Kiser, was our guest on October 15. He was joined by Rich Cullen and Kathy Lukavsky.

On October 29, Susan Welter was a guest of Lion Rick Butz and donated her raffle winnings back to the club. Glenda Knotek and Jackie Rewerts were also guests of their respective Lion husbands, Al and Paul.

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When asked if my cup is half-full or half-empty my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup.

- Sam Lefkowitz

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COMING EVENTS

November 5 – Turkey Trot Labels

November 12 – Turkey Trot Labels

November 19 – Turkey Trot Labels

November 23-27 – Packet Pickup at Naperville Running Company

November 23 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing in front of Starbucks in Downtown Naperville. See Lion Jim Burner to sign up for a shift.

November 26 – No Lunch Meeting

November 28 – Annual Turkey Trot 5K at Naperville Central High School.

December 3 – Business Meeting

December 10 – Christmas Luncheon at Walker's Charhouse at noon. Cost is \$10 per person and spouses/significant others are welcome to join. We will be collecting unwrapped toys for Humanitarian Service Project.

December 17 – No Meeting

December 24 – No Meeting

December 31 - No Meeting



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Phil Barnum (29)
Lion Rick Butz (35)

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

Lion Tom Garvey – November 19

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

November	5 -	Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
November	12 -	Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
November	19 -	Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
November	26 -	NO MEETING
December	3 -	Board of Directors meeting
December	3 -	Luncheon meeting at Braconi's
December	10 -	Christmas Luncheon
December	17 -	NO MEETING
December	24 -	NO MEETING
December	31 -	NO MEETING

OFFICERS

President	–	Lion Ken Strugalla
1 st VP	–	Lion Donna Kearney
2 nd VP	–	Lion Bob Hull
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 Tom Garvey
Director	–	Lion Linda Strugalla
Membership	–	Lion Tom Garvey
Immediate Past President	–	Lion Jim Woodring

Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

Dues Secretary	–	Lion Tom Garvey
Tail Twister	–	Rotating
Lion Tamer	–	Rotating
Chaplain	–	At Large
Social Services	–	Lions Donna Kearney & Denise French
Peace Poster Contest	–	Lion Karen Maxwell
Program Director	–	Lion Paul Rewerts
Donations Committee Chair	–	Lion Linda Strugalla
Diabetes Awareness	–	Lion Meghen Williams
Publicity	–	Lion Bob Hull
Hospitality	–	Vacant
Pizza Wars	–	Lion Steve Hertzberg
Candy Day	–	Lion Jim Ebers
Summer Raffle	–	Lion Ken Strugalla
Turkey Trot	–	Lions Glen Behnke and Donna Kearney
Sight & Sound	–	Lion Al Knotek
Counter Mints	–	Lion Steve Hertzberg
Investment Committee	–	Lions Bill Bleecker, Steve Hertzberg and Al Knotek
Newsletter	–	Lion Chris Williams
Social Media	–	Lion Chris Williams

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