

The  
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**NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB**

**NOVEMBER 2020**



**It takes an endless amount of history to  
make even a little tradition.**

**- Henry James**



**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Lions, we are officially one-third of the way through our year and what a start it has been. I am humbled by your energy and enthusiasm. Thank you just isn't enough. You truly and entirely embody our motto – WE SERVE.

In October we had a tremendously successful Candy Day, sold a huge number of Raffle Tickets, kicked off a whirlwind Poinsettia fundraiser, learned how to put on a Blood Drive, opened registration for the Turkey Trot, and started planning two new community projects/fundraisers – our Flag Program and a night of fun learning to paint at Pinot's Palette.

WOW – I can hardly catch my breath. Thank you to all of our committee chairs and committees for

the extraordinary work and huge amount of time and talent you contribute to make these activities a success. And thank you to everyone who supported and participated in these activities. We are better together. A special shout out to Lion Jim Ebers for keeping us stocked with candy – and for arranging perfect weather.

**Remember WE SERVE**

**Lion Donna Kearney, President**



**A life spent making mistakes is not only  
more honorable, but more useful than a  
life spent doing nothing.**

**- George Bernard Shaw**



**Club News and Guest Speakers**

**LIONS OF ILLINOIS – TERRI  
LYNN FUNDRAISER**

LIF has partnered with Terri Lynn Nuts and Snack Mixes to create a

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new fundraiser that benefits both LIF and member clubs. Clubs receive 15% on everything purchased between Nov 1, 2020 and Jan 31, 2021. To ensure the Club receives the 15%, buyers will need to enter Naperville Noon Lions Foundation in a box labeled Student/Member Name, in both the Student's First Name or Organization Name AND Student's Last Name or Organization Chapter Name. IMPORTANT - remember to click the box to Update Cart and Student Name.

The website is <https://LIF.terrilynn.com>

### CANDY DAY

The annual Candy Day fundraiser took place from October 9-11 this year. Lions members and other volunteers were out in the streets and in front of Casey's collecting money and handing out Lions mints. Lions business cards with club information and donation QR codes were also provided to drivers. These cards were generously donated by Minuteman Press.



Lion Jim Ebers braving heavy traffic for Candy Day

Thankfully, the weather cooperated. Altogether, 23 Lions worked for a total of 113 hours over that weekend. The club was able to raise more than \$7,900 from this event. Thank you to Lion Jim Ebers for his tireless work coordinating Candy Day.



Lions Donna and Jim Woodring in front of Casey's for Candy Day

### POINSETTIA & AMARYLLIS SALES

Thanks to Lion Karen Maxwell, our club participated in a new fundraiser selling poinsettias and amaryllis plants for the holidays. This fundraiser came together in very short order but was a great success.

The club sold well over the required amount of plants to reach quota. These plants will be delivered to Lion Karen's house in the coming weeks for distribution. Thank you to

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everyone who sold and to Karen for leading the charge.

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**The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.**

**- e.e. cummings**

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**Luncheon Speakers**

**FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS**

On October 13, at our outdoor meeting at Lion Paul Rewerts' house, our guest speakers were Lion Steve Sroka and John Corneille. Steve spoke with the club about the Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) Vision Walk and the advancements in research that FFB has been involved with.

FFB's expertise is funding research. They have been involved in about 90% of the research papers published on retinal diseases. They have raised \$600 million in the last 14 years and try to spend every penny on research.

The first gene therapy for any degenerative disease was just approved by the FDA following FFB research. They are currently involved with 40 clinical trials. This is up from zero just ten years ago.

John Corneille joined us via Zoom and thanked our club for our generous donations over the years. He now lives in Minnesota and continues to brag to every group he sees about our club. He is currently

working to create a retinal degeneration fund wherein he solicits large six to seven figure donations from big donors.

**HUMANITARIAN SERVICE PROJECT**

Each year our club members donate children's gifts to Humanitarian Service Project for Christmas. These donations are collected at the annual holiday luncheon, which is unlikely to look the same this year. The club is planning to continue the tradition of donating gifts. Be on the lookout for instructions on how to turn in your donations.

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

Our club can sign up for Salvation Army bell ringing in downtown Naperville again this year. Various shifts are available.

Check your email or see Lion Glen Behnke for more information.

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

Our raffle is quickly coming to an end with the drawing to occur at our December 1 meeting. Please sell any remaining tickets or, if you are unable to sell, return the tickets to Lion Ken for redistribution.

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**We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.**

**- Anais Nin**

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### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors met via Zoom on October 27, 2020. The following is a summary of the Board's actions and discussions. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. The next Board meeting will be held via zoom on December 1, 2020. For more information about how to attend this virtual meeting, please contact Lion Donna Kearney for an email invite.

Approved the Board meeting minutes of the Club and Foundation for the September 22, 2020 meetings.

Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2020. All funds previously held at BMO Harris Bank, Naperville have been transferred to the Naperville Community Bank and Trust Company and the BMO Harris Bank accounts have been closed.

Approved the Social Service Report as of October 2020. America's Best Vision Care has provided the Foundation with two free vouchers per month which can be used for vision care at their facility. Two complete examination chairs were offered to the Club which were turned down. The Club will offer the two chairs to other Clubs that might be able to use them.

Discussed membership dues. Several members are behind in dues. It was suggested that the sponsor of the member contact the delinquent member. There are several possible new members with

whom the membership chair is discussing possible membership.

Discussed final results for Candy Day. A total of \$7903 was collected and expenses totaled \$407 for candy. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Illinois Lions Foundation (ILF).

Discussed progress of the Annual Raffle. \$15,000 has been collected to date to meet the goal of \$20,000. The final drawing will be on December 1. It was suggested that any member who has raffle tickets they cannot sell turn them so that they could be redistributed to other Lion members.

Discussed progress of the Turkey Trot. 506 runners have signed up. Discussed sponsorships.

Approved up to \$500 for expenses for the flag fund raising program. A power point program was presented, and plans are moving forward to have the flag fundraising program active by early next year. Discussed the volunteers needed, publicity, how the flags will be installed, stored, and repaired if necessary.

Discussed the poinsettia and amaryllis fundraiser. All 48 poinsettias and amaryllis have been sold and total amount raised should exceed \$1,000 before expenses.

Discussed the Anderson Bookstore fundraiser. An application has been submitted to Anderson for a date of the fund raiser. No confirmation of a final date has been received.

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Approved future meeting dates. In November, a luncheon meeting is scheduled for November 10 and in December luncheon meetings are scheduled for December 1 and 15.

Discussed the annual Lions Christmas luncheon. Walker’s Char House is available but can only accommodate up to 30 individuals. More information will be available at a later date.

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**Research is creating new knowledge.**

**– Neil Armstrong**

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**COMING EVENTS**

- November 3** – No Meeting
- November 10** – Laura Bruce will be our guest speaker via Zoom. Laura will speak with the club about Caption Call.
- November 14-29** – Turkey Trot Virtual Dates
- November 17** – No Meeting
- November 24** – No Meeting
- December 1** – Business Meeting via Zoom
- December 1** – Annual Raffle Drawing
- December 8** – No Meeting
- December 15** – Holiday luncheon, location TBD
- December 22** – No Meeting
- December 29** – No Meeting
- January 5** - No Meeting
- January 12** – Speaker TBD
- January 19** – No Meeting
- January 26** – Business Meeting



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Phil Barnum (30)**
- Lion Rick Butz (36)**

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 3 - NO MEETING
- November 10 - Luncheon meeting via Zoom
- November 17 - NO MEETING
- November 24 - NO MEETING
- December 1 - Board of Directors meeting
- December 1 - Luncheon meeting via Zoom



### OFFICERS

- President – Lion Donna Kearney
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Lion Bob Hull
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Lion Linda Strugalla
- 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 Kathy Lukavsky
- Immediate Past President – Lion Ken 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 & 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 – Lions Bob Hull & Kathy Lukavsky
- 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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