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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

MAY 2022



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**Change your life today. Don't gamble on
the future, act now, without delay.**

- Simone de Beauvoir

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For many years, we have supported the Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) eyeglass collection program. We have two 24/7 collection boxes. One is located at the Naperville Bank and Trust Company branch office on Washington Street (next to the Post Office) and the other is located at the Naperville Bank and Trust Company branch office on Naper Boulevard (Spring Meadows Shopping Center). In addition, there are 29 different collection locations around Naperville, which are listed on our website.

Since 1994, LIF has distributed more than five million pairs of eyeglasses free of charge to give the gift of sight to individuals around the world. According to LIF, they collect approximately 220,000 pairs of eyeglasses annually from Lions Clubs around the state. Once received, the glasses are sorted as to whether the frame around the lens is metal or plastic. Plastic glasses

are sent to the Indiana Lions Foundation (Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center) located in Indianapolis, where volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength, and package the glasses. Plastic glasses are then distributed to individuals who need them in low-income countries, doctors of optometry, and vision technicians. Metal glasses are sent to a California recycling center where they are sold for their scrap metal value. The funds raised from the scrap metal eyeglass are used to support LIF programs.

No official records are kept as to how many eyeglasses are collected by NNLC, but it is estimated we collect between 5,000 and 7,000 pairs of eyeglasses annually. Both prescription and sunglasses are collected along with hearing aids, cell phones, and keys. Contact lens and eyeglass carrying cases are not recyclable due to sanitary issues and health guidelines, but are distributed to other organizations as needed or destroyed.

Collections of eyeglasses and other items can be taken to Dr. Mark Rafferty's office for storage until we deliver them to the LIF. Thank you

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Dr. Rafferty for providing the storage space. Hearing aids collected should be given to Lion Karen Maxwell and used in our local program to support individuals with hearing issues in the Naperville area.

We are coming to the end of the Lions fiscal year. Mark your calendar to attend the annual installation and awards banquet on June 14 at Clara's Restaurant in Woodridge. This is always a fun event.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Bob Hull, President

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I hear, I know. I see, I remember. I do, I understand.

- Confucius

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Club News and Guest Speakers

GEORGE LAZANSKY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Lion Jim Ebers received the George Lazansky Distinguished Service Award at the District 1-J Convention on April 9. Lion Jim is most deserving of this award. He is the first to volunteer for every event and fundraiser that our club offers and does an incredible job organizing everyone to play in traffic during

Candy Day. Congratulations, Lion Jim!



Lion Jim flanked by District 1-J Governor Lori Chassee (left) and International Director Michael Banks (right)

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Saturday, April 2, was a bit chilly as the club did its first trash pickup of the season. The day later turned colder, rainy, and had occasional snowflakes, but we were safely back in our homes by then.

Lions Glenn, Ken, Ellen, Tom, Jim E., Jim W., Donna, Kathy, Paul and Jackie collected about 12 bags of trash picking from 8am until 10 am.

Lions Paul, Jackie, and Jim Woodring drew the short straw as the east side of the road heading toward 87th Street had a lot of trash blown into the tree line. That team worked until 10am when the rest of the crew had their areas completed by 9:30 am. We will add a little more help in that section next time.

The prize for best find was won by Lions Donna and Kathy for the deer carcass. No antlers, just some deer rib and jaw bones. They promised

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they will make deer jerky for us if they find a more recent carcass.

It was another fun and productive event for the club. Thanks to all who helped.

Lion Glenn drove by the areas the club had cleaned a day later and already saw 3 items on the side of the road. We will unfortunately have more litter to get on our next pick up date of June 4.

DISTRICT 203 Pre-K VISION SCREENING

Naperville Noon Lions Drs. Katie Hertzberg, Mark Rafferty, and Michael Russell conducted Pre-Kindergarten Vision Screening for School District 203 students at Ann Reid, Scott, and Maplebrook schools in April, assisted by Lion volunteers Bob Hull, Bob Bremner, Ellen Wolff, Ken and Linda Strugalla, and Jim Ebers.

Over 70 incoming students received the free Pre-Kindergarten Vision Screenings. The screenings included the Lions Plusoptix S12C instrument, an optometrist exam, and completion of state vision test report forms.



Lions Mark Rafferty and Jim Woodring

An additional screening session is scheduled at Ann Reid on Thursday, May 12. Thank you to all who donated their time.

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Forgiveness is a funny thing. It warms the heart and cools the sting.

- William Arthur Ward

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Luncheon Speakers

OUR CHILDREN'S HOMESTEAD

On April 5, we had three guest speakers from Our Children's Homestead: Jackie Stogsdill, Troy Reever, and Ray Rezek. Our Children's Homestead (OCH) is a therapeutic foster care agency contracted with Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). OCH was founded 27 years ago and handles high profile cases involving extreme trauma.

OCH services 130 children in 120 homes between Naperville and Rockford. They serve the children from birth until age 21. When a child comes into the care of DCFS, OCH will work to place that child into a foster home.

The number one goal of OCH is to reunite the child with his/her biological family. If that is not possible, they work toward adoption. This is a very difficult task for older children, however. Eventually, when adoption is no longer an option, OCH works toward the goal of

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independence for the children who have now grown up and aged out of the foster system.

OCH takes its foster placement very seriously and works to create a good fit between the child and the foster family. They are also actively recruiting new foster families all the time. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent, you can contact OCH to learn more.

FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

Lion Steve Sroka made his annual trip to our club to talk with us about Foundation Fighting Blindness, an organization he has worked with for 16 years. Lion Steve gave us an update on Lion John Corneille, who underwent a clinic trial to help restore his vision that was unfortunately unsuccessful.

Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) has a mission to fund research to end inherited retinal diseases. Since 1971, they are the largest non-governmental source of research in the world. Currently, they are funding 87 grants with 70 institutions.

FFB helped fund the research that led to the drug Luxturna, which is the first FDA-approved gene therapy for an inherited disease. He also talked with us about the RD Fund, which is working with venture capitalists to invest in companies and treatment with all returns going right back into the fund.

Lion Steve invited us to the Chicago

Vision Walk, which will take place on June 5 at Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village.

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

Our club took a trip to North Central College on April 19 to tour their new Health Sciences and Engineering Building. Dr. Marci Swede spoke with us and took us on the tour. Dr. Swede is the Dean of the School of Education and Health Sciences at North Central.

North Central's health education programs are centered on patient care and relationships. Their programs include: physicians assistant, doctorate of physical therapy, and master of occupational therapy. They have also launched a graduate certificate in medical and regulatory writing. Many of these are brand new programs, which have just or will shortly receive accreditation.

Dr. Swede took our club on a tour of the building, which was brand new and state of the art. She showed us a classroom, which included a digital cadaver, which can be displayed on large screens. The tour included the clinical rooms, including physical and occupational therapy set-ups, as well as a full functional hospital room with artificially intelligent "patients" for the students to practice.

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People change and forget to tell each other.

- Lillian Hellman

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Beidelman-Kunch Funeral Home in downtown Naperville on April 26, 2022. The following is a summary of the Boards actions and discussions. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. The next Board meeting will be held on May 24, 2022 at Beidelman-Kunch 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 the March 22, 2022 meeting. Approved Board minutes of the Foundation special meeting on April 12, 2022.

Approved the Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2022 and the nine months then ended. Reviewed donations to date. Total budgeted donation for the fiscal year not paid is \$70,151. Cash balance at March 31, 2022 is \$92,206.

Approved the Social Service Report for April 2022. Expenditures totaled \$37,926 for the ten months ended April 2022. Total budgeted expenditures for the year are \$90,000. Discussed obtaining Dexicon equipment. Deferred action pending obtaining more information.

Approved gifts cards in the amount of \$200 for Drs. Hertzberg, Russell, and Rafferty in appreciation for their services screening pre-school children at Naperville Schools.

Approved the following donations:

- Almost Home Kids - \$1,000
- It's About the Children - \$500
- Boy Scouts Special Needs - \$1,000
- Boy Scouts Three Fires Council - \$1,000
- Community Housing of DuPage - \$500
- Education Center - \$500
- Edward Ronald McDonald Family Room - \$1,000
- Habit for Humanity - \$500
- Little Friends – Krejci Academy - \$1,000
- 360 Youth Services - \$800
- Operation Support our Troops - \$500
- Senior Home Services - \$500
- Loaves and Fishes - \$1,000

Membership – Accepted the resignation of Karen Doyle.

Publicity – NNLC is scheduled to appear on NCTV-17 Spotlight show on Oct 12, 2022.

Sight and Sound Sweepstakes – six books are still available. Raffle will conclude in May 2022.

LCI Hunger Alleviation Grant application has been submitted and is in the process of being approved by the LCI Board. It is expected the grant will be approved.

Approved slate of officers and directors for the fiscal year 2022/23. Will be submitted to membership in May 2022.

Distributed and discussed new brochure, which included Q-R code. Approval deferred to May meeting pending review by Board.

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Approved installation dinner to be held on June 14, 2022 at Clara's.

Discussed Naperville Lions Citizen of the year award. Nominated Positively Naperville and Stephanie Penik, Editor as the 2022 recipient.

Discussed Bob Anderson Lifetime Service Award. Selection of a recipient for 2022 was deferred pending the formation of a committee to review eligible candidates.

Discussed 75th anniversary pins project. Approved order of 200 pins at a cost of approximately \$500.

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People seldom refuse help, if one offers it in the right way.
- A.C. Benson
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GUESTS

Lisa Xagas and Sheri Hey were our guests on April 5. Both are staff members for District 203 in student and health services and guests of Lion Ellen Wolff.

On April 19, Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts, was our guest. Rosanne McInerney was also a guest of Lion Ellen Wolff. Maria Caselli was our guest and host for our visit to North Central College.

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Ten people who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent.

- Napoleon Bonaparte

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COMING EVENTS

May 3 – Dan Bridges, Superintendent of School District 203 will be our guest speaker.

May 10 – Cathy Clarkin will be our guest to speak about Nest.

May 14 – District 1-J Bowling Tournament at Fox Bowl in Wheaton. See Lion Bill Bleecker if you'd like to bowl.

May 17 – Mindy Sabin from DuPage Foundation will be our guest speaker.

May 24 – Business Meeting.

May 31 – No Meeting. Fifth Tuesday.

June 4 – Trash Pickup on Plainfield-Naperville Road. See Lion Glenn Behnke to sign up.

June 14 – Installation Dinner at Clara's Restaurant in Woodridge.



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Bill Bleecker (47)**
- Lion Barb Brauer (8)**
- Lion Donna Kearney (13)**

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

- Lion Jane Bowers – May 3**
- Lion Agnes Adjorlolo – May 8**
- Lion Phil Barnum – May 13**
- Lion Meghan Williams – May 26**
- Lion Al Knotek – May 28**

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

- May 2 - Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
- May 12 - Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
- May 19 - Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
- May 26 - Board of Directors meeting
- May 26 - Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
- May 31 - Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's

OFFICERS

- President – Lion Bob Hull
- 1st VP – Lion Linda Strugalla
- 2nd VP – Lion Tom Garvey
- 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 Kathy Lukavsky
- Immediate Past President – Lion Donna Kearney

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 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

If you have newsworthy information, please pass it on to editor/publisher *Lion Chris Williams* at **708-297-1987** or email **chris@pnlawoffice.com** This newsletter will be published monthly after the Board Meeting (4th Tuesday of the month). Cut off date for news information will be the 25th of the month.

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