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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2022



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I have the simplest tastes. I am always
satisfied with the best.

- Oscar Wilde

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

THANK YOU to Lion Tom Garvey. It certainly wasn't planned, but Tom stepped in as First Vice President and covered for me after my fall. Great job.

Bake Sale/Blood Drive: A belated thank you to Lion Kathy on a successful bake sale that will probably always be remembered for my extracurricular activities during clean-up.

The blood drive had five donors/seven units of blood, which fell short of expectations. We will need to reconsider this community event. A lot of work by Lion Kathy was appreciated.

Summer Raffle: We still have a few days until we have our drawing on September 6, so how we compare to last fiscal year's results are still to be determined. Hope you can all show up for the drawing. Lion Ken has a few surprises up his sleeve.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lion Donna, the new District 1-J Co-Zone Chair. A lot more work ahead for our club's "energizer bunny."

Luncheon Speakers: While I have not been to any meetings in a while, I can see that Lion Paul has done an excellent job. From a Sunday family gathering at the Knotek farm to the Brookdale visit, the pep rally talk by the new North Central football coach and the extremely interesting tour of the new science building at North Central College. Thanks, Lion Paul.

On a personal note: I plan on returning the first week of September. I will have finished my in-home therapy after five long weeks and will then be doing out-patient therapy. My balance is still an issue. I want to thank everyone for the well wishes, cards, food, books, and magazines along with the "personal" gift from Lion Glenn (the usage of a high toilet seat). All very much appreciated.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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Good questions outrank easy answers.

- Paul Samuelson

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Club News and Guest Speakers

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

Our club hosted a summer blood drive on August 6 at the Alfred Rubin Center. We had a relatively low turnout with five donors giving seven total units of blood. The donations were greatly appreciated and so was the hard work of Lion Kathy Lukavsky.



Lion Kathy with representatives from Versiti Blood Centers of Illinois

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

On Saturday, August 13 the Lions crew of Paul and Jackie Rewerts, Bill Bleecker, Jim Ebers and Glenn Behnke picked up trash along Plainfield/Naperville Road. It was very comfortable weather, but the

recent mowing had taken one piece of trash and slashed it into a dozen smaller pieces. The group hauled four bags of trash from our section of the highway.

Lion Glenn is happy to report that the task was completed, injury free.

Our next trash pickup date is October 8.

LOAVES & FISHES GRANT

Thank you to Lion Donna Kearney for coordinating the effort to award a \$3,077 District 1-J Community Grant for Hunger Alleviation to Loaves & Fishes. On August 22, Lion Donna was able to present the check to Cynthia Hamilton from Loaves & Fishes.



Lion Donna and Cynthia

DISTRICT 1-J SOUTHEAST ZONE MEETING

On August 24, Lion Tom Garvey spoke to those in attendance at the District 1-J Southeast Zone Meeting. He spoke about hearing loss and shared his story and experiences. He also informed the Lions of

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methods and tools to use which are helpful for people with hearing loss.



Lion Tom at the Zone Meeting.

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It's not so much our friends' help that helps us, as the confidence of their help.

- Epicurus

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Luncheon Speakers

JULIE & GAVIN STAAB

Lion Al Knotek's daughter Julie Staab was our guest speaker on August 9. She was back to visit our club and talk with us about her son, Gavin, and his progress with Angelman Syndrome. The family has been very active with the Angelman Syndrome Foundation and is active in their local Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk to take place on May 2023 in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Gavin continues to improve, but communication remains one of his greatest barriers. He uses gestures and some sign language. He has an electronic talker as well. He is very

social, but big environments cause anxiety.

Sleep is difficult with Angelman Syndrome. Gavin has progressed to sleeping through the night, but still has about one bad night each week. Gavin still attends occupational, physical, and sleep therapy and continues to make improvements.



The Staabs visit the Lions

School is starting back up and Gavin will be back in school for the first time since Covid. He attended online and then through homeschool last year. He is getting better with writing and can write complete sentences and spell 50 words, which is leaps and bounds beyond what anyone expected.

He learned to play golf with Al and loves animals and digging in dirt. He is able to go on family bike rides, which is great. He loves fishing, water, and the beach. He loves the

library as well. It is excellent to see Gavin thriving and Julie is extremely proud of him.

BROOKDALE

Our August 16 meeting was held at Brookdale Senior Living in Lisle. Brookdale is located on 16 acres, has a gazebo and pond, and is pet friendly. We were guests to an excellent salad and pizza lunch hosted by Hillary Mucha, Business Development Coordinator.

Brookdale Lisle has independent living, assisted living, rehabilitation, and skilled nursing available in a rental community. There is no memory care. Brookdale has a clinic, gym, and pool for use by its residents. Rent for independent living includes two meals per day and laundry of sheets and towels. Assisted living's rent includes three meals per day plus laundry of sheets, towels, and personal items.

Brookdale has over 300 one- and two-bedroom units for rent starting at \$3,295/month. There is a nonrefundable move-in fee of \$3,800. More information can be found at www.brookdale.com or by calling 630-963-1880.

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I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him.

- Galileo Galilei

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home in downtown Naperville on August 23, 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 September 27, 2022, at Beidelman-Kunsch 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 July 26, 2022, meeting.

Approved the Treasurer's Report, as corrected, as of July 31, 2022, and the one month then ended.

Approved the Social Service Report as presented for August 2022. Ann Reid Early Childhood Center has requested we remove the eye examination chair from the Center. Lion Jim Woodring will follow up.

Approved the following donations:

- Donka, Inc - \$2,500
- Hadley School for the Blind - \$1,000
- Lions Project for Canine Companions - \$1,000
- Humanitarian Service Project - \$800
- Loaves & Fishes Community Service - \$2,500
- Turning Point Autism Foundation - \$500
- VFW Judd-A-Thon - \$1,000.

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Approved the pre-expenditure in an amount to be determined for Turkey Trot Shirts.

Membership – Reviewed member dues status. Two members still owe second quarter dues. Still in contact with several prospective members.

Publicity – Two news releases sent to Positively Naperville, none printed.

Discussed raffle - \$23,000 collected to date. Approximately \$4,000 less than last year. However, should meet goals for this year's raffle.

Peace Poster Contest – three kits have been ordered. Lions Karen Maxwell and Gary Vician will be working to get students signed up for this year's contest.

Turkey Trot – Sound system has been ordered, working with Naperville Central High School and City of Naperville for approvals for this year's event. SECA grant application has been completed for 2023. Yard signs for the event will be obtained. Total registrations to date are 62.

Candy Day – will be held on October 14 and 15. Collection locations will be at Casey's and several street corners. Location captains will be appointed to assist Lion Jim Ebers to deliver candy and pick up monies collected.

Discussed the relocation of the flagpole and plaque located at the downtown YMCA. The relocation of the flagpole is on hold pending

additional information from the YMCA.

Discussed Lions Blood Drive held on August 6. Only seven units were donated. Recommended we not participate next summer due to low turn-out and the number of other blood drives held during the summer but consider a date during the winter of 2023.

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He was a bold man that first ate an oyster.

- Jonathan Swift

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GUESTS

On August 9, Lion Al Knotek's family were our guests. Present were his wife Glenda as well as his kids/grandkids: Julie, Stacie, Gavin, Connor, Audrey, Matthew, Lauren, and Megan.

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The best way out is always through.

- Robert Frost

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COMING EVENTS

September 6 – Annual Summer Raffle Drawing at our Luncheon Meeting. We will also be joined by District 204 Superintendent Adrian Talley who will speak to the club.

September 13 – Naperville Fire Chief Mark Puknaitis will be our guest speaker.

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September 20 – Jason Alternbern from Little Friends will be our speaker.

September 27 – Business Meeting.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Nick Stanitz (41)
Lion Ken Strugalla (14)
Lion Linda Strugalla (14)

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

Lion Maria Wilson – September 1
Lion Mark Rafferty – September 8

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

September 6 - Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
September 13 - Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
September 20 - Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
September 27 - Board of Directors meeting
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OFFICERS

President – Lion Linda Strugalla
1st VP – Lion Tom Garvey
2nd VP – Lion Bill Cornish
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 Bob Hull

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 Ken 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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