

The
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NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

MAY 2023



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You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.

- Jack London

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring Flower Sale

Flowers will be delivered on May 16. You will be able to pick them up between 2:00 – 5:00 pm at Aurelio's. This will give you time to go on the tour at Little Friends, where we will provide lunch from Belgio's. The signup sheet for the tour will be handled by Lion Paul. If you are not able to make our weekly meetings, call Paul to get your name on the tour list which we will use for determining our lunch count.

Summer Raffle

Lion Bill Cornish will be taking on the lead role this year. The committee will be preparing the individual raffle packets for handout prior to June. We will have a signup sheet at our weekly meetings for street sales at Casey's, Ace Hardware on Naper & 75th, and the Ace Hardware on Washington off of Ogden.

Installation Dinner

The dinner will be at Clara's Restaurant on Tuesday, June 13 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. A signup sheet will be available at each weekly meeting, or you can call Lion Ken or Linda to sign up. The cost is \$25 per person. The final day for sign-up is June 6.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Linda Strugalla, President

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Perfection itself is imperfection.

- Vladimir Horowitz

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Club News and Guest Speakers

ROAD CLEANUP

The first roadside cleanup was completed along Plainfield/Naperville Road on the morning of April 15. The winds were light and the temperature was pleasant.

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Eleven club members were out to help in the cleanup making short work of the garbage. Lion Glenn found an unopened can of Spam which he is saving for Thanksgiving dinner this year.

The next road cleanup is scheduled for June 10. See Lion Glenn to sign up.

GEORGE LAZANSKY AWARD

On April 15, shortly after organizing and participating in the highway cleanup, Lion Glenn Behnke was honored at the District 1J Convention with the George Lazansky Distinguished Service Award. This is the highest honor bestowed upon a District 1-J Lion and very well deserved. Congratulations Lion Glenn.



Lion Glenn receives his award

PRE-K VISION SCREENING

During April, vision testing was provided for pre-kindergarten children at Ann Reid, Scott, and Maplebrook schools. A total of 82 children were seen, with 65 passed, 12 referred, and 5 unable to test.

Lions Jennifer Brown, Rob Bremner, Jim Ebers, Ellen Wolff, and Jim Woodring performed screening using the Plusoptix instrument. Then, formal pre-school exams were provided by Lions Drs. Michael Russell, Katie Hertzberg Mathews, and Mark Rafferty. Low-income referrals will be seen by the doctors for a more thorough exam. School nurses and teachers provided essential help in organizing and coaching the children.

A big hit with the kids was the provision of yellow stickers: "My Vision was Checked by a Lion" and a small plushie lion. Several kids didn't have permission slips to be tested, but they were also provided lions so they did not feel left out. Leftover lions were given to Lion Ellen Wolff for the Comfort Toys for Kids project at Edward Hospital.

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

- Napoleon Bonaparte

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Luncheon Speakers

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Philicia Deckard was our guest speaker on April 4 to tell the club about the Brain Injury Association of Illinois, a statewide organization. Philicia is the executive director and grew up in a Lions family as her father was a Lion. She shared her memories of working at pancake breakfasts throughout her youth.

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Philicia informed us that a brain injury occurs every nine seconds in the United States. There are 250,000 individuals living with brain injuries in Illinois. Brain injuries impact all aspects of a person's life.

The organization offers education, support, and community resources to individuals with brain injuries. They work with a wide range of injury severities and stages of recovery. They assist individuals in their transition back to the community and provide ongoing services following rehab.

The Brain Injury Association operates an 800 number for calls and texts to get information and resources. They also have an injury prevention program where they go into the school setting to show children ways to prevent brain injuries. They provide training for certified brain injury specialists and operate camps specifically suited for individuals with brain injuries.

NAPERVILLE WATER

On April 11, Amy Wrigley and Frank Selvaggi were our guest speakers from the Naperville Water Utility. Amy is a technical specialist and Frank is a collection and pumping field supervisor. They educated the club on what happens to waste and rainwater in the city.

Fundamentally, the city uses gravity as much as possible to direct water to pumping stations throughout the city. Once water reaches the pumping station, it is pumped out to

the water reclamation center. Each pumping station has two redundant pumps and many sensors for monitoring any issues. If there is an issue, the department is alerted quickly and able to troubleshoot.

The pumping stations are maintained throughout the year. They use a flush truck to clean out the pipes. They clean the entire system every five years.

They use cameras to check the inside of pipes. They also use smoke to look for leaks in the system.

The water reclamation center takes in all of the dirty water in the city and forces it through several steps to come out clean on the other end. One of those steps involves filtering out various items that were flushed but should not have been. This waste ends up being transported to the landfill.

EASTER SEALS OF DUPAGE AND FOX VALLEY

Max Wiersum and Michael Krupka were our guest speakers on April 18 to talk with the club about Easter Seals of DuPage and Fox Valley. Easter Seals was formed about 100 years ago to help children with special needs and developmental delays. Following World War II, the organization expanded to assist in the needs of veterans returning home. The local organization was formed in 1942 and is headquartered in Villa Park. The local focus is on pediatric therapy services.

The local organization has service sites in Naperville, Villa Park, and Elgin which provide services that are unmatched in the Chicagoland area. They devote a lot of energy to diagnostics. They attempt to look at the whole picture to find every issue a child may have so that care can be properly coordinated with multiple medical providers. This is done with their multi-disciplinary diagnosis evaluation in conjunction with the University of Chicago.

They run an audiology department which is open to all ages. They also offer nutrition and feeding clinics. Hearing loss and nutrition deficits are very common in children with autism and developmental delays.

They operate the Lily Garden child development center which is an inclusive program. Children with and without disabilities learn together in one environment where all staff are trained and prepared to handle disabilities.

Easter Seals partners with the state of Illinois' early intervention program available to all children under the age of three. They work with local health departments and offer services to these children who display a developmental delay.

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We must not allow other people's limited perceptions to define us.

- Virginia Satir

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Aurelio's of Naperville on April 25, 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 May 23, 2023, 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 its regular meeting on March 28, 2023.

Approved the Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2023, and the nine months then ended.

Approved the Social Service Report for April 2023. Expenditures for the ten months ended April 2023 totaled \$48,916. Expenditures are about \$5,000 ahead of the same period last year.

Approved the following donations:

- Camp Lions - \$1,050
- Ronald McDonald House at Edward Hospital - \$1,000
- NAMI - \$1,000
- LCIF – Measles - \$1,000
- LCIF – Diabetes Awareness - \$1,000

Publicity - Advertisements for the 2023 Turkey Trot were placed in the Suburban Family Living Magazine. Additional advertising is included in the monthly advertisement for flag sale program.

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Approved payment of registration fee and dinner cost for all members attending District 1-J Southeast Zone meetings. The cost to be charged to the Club Account.

Membership – Approved transfer of membership of Lion Rick Butz to the Palm Springs California Lions Club and his continuation as an Associate Member of the NNLC. Membership fee for Lion Jen Brown was received. Approved membership of Sheri Hey pending receipt of membership application. It was indicated that all members are now considered full-time members due to a change in the method of payment of member meal cost. There are no current at-large members. All members are current in dues. Follow up with several prospects continues.

Discussed Sight and Sound Sweepstakes event - All remaining tickets have been purchased by the Club.

Discussed Summer Raffle - Sites for street sales have been approved by Ace Hardware and Casey’s Food Market. Application for permit will be submitted to the City of Naperville shortly. Raffle tickets will be printed in May and distributed to members.

Discussed Spring Flower Sale – No date has been set for delivery of the flowers.

Discussed Bake Sale – No information on whether the club has been selected to participate in this year’s sale.

Discussed Installation Dinner – This year’s dinner will be held at Clara’s on June 13 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Approved the member and guest price will \$25 per person.

Discussed Slate of Officers for fiscal year 2023/2024. The slate of officers and Board members is in process. Still need candidates for Second Vice President and several Board positions.

The following projects are on hold:

- YMCA/Plaque Relocation
- New Banner for 75th Anniversary
- Naperville Club Service Project
- Community Service Project
- Club Pins for 75th Anniversary
- Lymphoma Walk Commitment

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There’s great power in words, if you don’t hitch too many of them together.

- Josh Billings

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GUESTS

On April 18, Jennifer Brown was our guest and has already submitted her application for membership which was approved by the board.

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Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it.

- George Halas

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COMING EVENTS

May 2 – Our guest speaker will be Georgia Koch from Career Vision.

May 9 – Mia Churma and Ryan Varju from Sharing Connections will be our guest speakers.

May 16 – Club trip to Little Friends. Little Friends is located at 27555 Diehl Road in Warrenville. Parking is available on the side of the building. Use Entrance G when you arrive. Boxed lunches from Belgios will be served. Please see Lion Paul Rewerts to sign up or if you have any further questions.

May 23 – Business Meeting.

May 30 – No Meeting – Fifth Tuesday.

June 10 – Road Cleanup on Plainfield/Naperville Road at 8:00 AM.

June 13 – Installation Dinner at Clara’s Restaurant in Woodridge. The event begins at 5:00 PM. Cost is \$25 per person.



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Lion Bill Bleecker (48)**
- Lion Barb Brauer (9)**
- Lion Donna Kearney (14)**

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 Jennifer Brown – May 23**
- Lion Meghen 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 9 -	Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
May 16 -	Field Trip to Little Friends
May 23 -	Board of Directors meeting
May 23 -	Luncheon meeting at Aurelio's
May 30 -	No Meeting

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

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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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date for news information will be the 25th of
the month.
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