

The **HEAD LION-ER**

NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

OCTOBER 2026



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**You'll never do a whole lot unless you're
brave enough to try.**

- Dolly Parton

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Lions welcome October with its cooler days and longer nights. Chicago has two baseball teams in the playoffs for the first time in eighteen years.

Naperville Noon Lions don't have such breaks in their serving. Every year at this time there are Candy Days. This year they are October 16-17. Be sure to sign up for the streets or in front of Casey's. Three friends of mine have volunteered for street duty. How many people have you asked? The volunteers will be invited to join the Lions for lunch too.

Be sure to ask friends to buy from our Poinsettia sale which is continuing through October and November. Turkey Trot preparation goes into full race mode as bibs are stickers are prepared.

On October 3, the Lions will again lead the volunteers at the city Styrofoam recycling event thanks

largely to the efforts of Lion Jim Woodring.

The Naperville Noon Lions will receive a lot of publicity from the District 203 K-5 Crosstown Classic on October 17 at Jefferson Middle School. It is a series of running races starting with kindergarten boys and girls running a quarter mile and ending with fifth grade boys and girls running a mile with the other grades running a quarter mile or half mile. The organizers from Mill Street Elementary School appreciate the generosity of the Lions. Besides the Naperville Noon Lions logo on the runner's shirts, posters and flyers, the Turkey Trot will be advertised. Be sure to wear your Turkey Trot running shirt or other Lions gear if you stop by on race day. As you can see, the Lions don't take time off making a difference in the community.

Remember WE SERVE

Lion Dave Cleveland, President

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**The time is always right to do what is
right.**

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Club News and Guest Speakers

SUMMER RAFFLE

Our annual summer raffle came to a close on September 8 when the winning tickets were drawn at our lunch meeting. Congratulations to the winners:

- \$5,000: Michael B., sold by Lion Phil Barnum
- \$2,000: Cathy M., sold by Lion Kathy Lukavsky
- \$1,000: John B., sold by Paul Rewerts
- \$500: William C., sold by Lion Bill Cornish



Emily picking the winning tickets

The raffle was a success with \$26,788 in total sales. The Burrows Cup was won by the Blecker Bombers this year.

Lion Paul Rewerts was the top ticket seller. In addition, many Lions sold over \$1,000 in tickets: Lions Jane

Bowers, Kathy Lukavsky, Maria Wilson, Steve Hertzberg, Jim Woodring, Bill Cornish, and Rich Butz.



Lion Paul posing with his pride and joy – his homemade raffle ticket hopper

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It is one of my sources of happiness to never desire a knowledge of other people's business.

- Dolley Madison

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Luncheon Speakers

DONKA

On September 1, Leanne Vos and Kimberly Delaney were our guest speakers from Donka. Leanne is the executive director and Kimberly is an instructor.

The Donka facility is located in Wheaton at the DuPage Care Center on County Farm Road. Established in 1987, their mission is to provide assistive technology training, computer skills, and job placement services to individuals with disabilities. Between 1987-2017 they graduated 850 students. Their staff consists of eight instructors (five

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part-time and three full-time) and one marketing specialist.

Of the 934,000 residents of DuPage County, 5.6% of those under the age of 65 live with a disability. Donka has an instructor to student ratio between 1:1 and 1:2. Their goal is to graduate 40 students per year. 30% of Donka students are visually impaired.

Assistive technology and training consist of computer skills, digital skills, Microsoft Office training and job readiness. Graduates live more independently and communicate more effectively. One of their tools is JAWS: Job Access with Speech – a computer program. Donka is the only program in the greater Chicagoland area that provides computer training as a means of education leading to employment for individuals with disabilities.

MONARCH LANDING

On September 15, 2026, several Lions and spouses visited Naperville's Monarch Landing for lunch and a guided tour of the Springs Health Care Center. The tour was led by Monarch Landing's Kimmy Giudice. The Springs offers memory care, skilled nursing care, and rehabilitation for short term care.

The Springs is a separate unit; however, one can walk to it without having to go outside. This is convenient for visits if one spouse moved to the Springs for the extra care they require while the other lives independently at Monarch Landing.

Monarch Landing is a Life Plan Community, so transitioning between care levels is seamless. There are no stressful relocations and no starting over with a new team.



Enjoying lunch at Monarch Landing

The Springs is the only skilled nursing facility within a 20-mile radius, including Naperville and the western suburbs, to achieve a five-star rating across all CMS categories – a distinction held by fewer than 10% of communities nationwide.

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**I'm an optimist, but an optimist who
carries a raincoat.**

– Harold Wilson

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Pomegranate on September 22, 2026. 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 October 27, 2026. A copy of the complete minutes can be obtained from the Lions Club Secretary.

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Approved the Board meeting minutes of the Club and Foundation for its regular meeting on August 25, 2026.

Approved the Club and Foundation Treasurer's Reports for month ending August 2026.

Approved Social Services Report from September. We scheduled to do vision screenings at Fry Family YMCA on October 14.

Approved the following donations:

- Donka - \$5,000
- Naomi's Village - \$250
- Crosstown Classic Race - \$2,000
- ThinkGlobal Arts Foundation - \$500
- Turning Point building expansion - \$5,000
- Donka matching gift program - \$5,000

Discussed Membership. Approved membership application of Kathy Pennachio.

Discussed Turkey Trot. Everything is moving along nicely. 642 have registered so far.

Discussed Candy Day. This will be held on October 16-17.

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No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it.

- Andrew Carnegie

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GUESTS

On September 8, Jackie Rewerts, wife of Lion Paul Rewerts was a guest of the club. Former guest speaker, Lucky McKeown, was also a guest to witness the raffle drawing.

On September 22, winner of the \$2,000 raffle prize, Cathy, was our guest. Erika Wood was also a guest.

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Learning never exhausts the mind.

- Leonardo da Vinci

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COMING EVENTS

October 3 – Styrofoam recycling from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

October 6 – Jenifer Bustry from Bridge Communities will speak with the club.

October 13 – Mark Kesselburg from Alliance of Therapy Dogs will be our guest speaker.

October 14 – Vision Screening at Fry Family YMCA.

October 16-17 – Candy Day. Time slots are available at Casey's and street sales.

October 17 – Crosstown Classic Cross Country Race.

October 20 – Dan Smith will talk about District 204 nurses.

October 27 – Business Meeting.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lion Agnes Adjorlolo (15)
Lion Steve Hertzberg (50)
Lion Jennifer Brown (1)
Lion Bob Hull (25)
Lion Al Knotek (50)
Lion Kay Albach (3)
Lion Kathy Lukavsky (7)

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

Lion Jim Ebers – October 4
Lion Chris Williams – October 8
Lion Steve Hertzberg – October 15
Lion Bob Hull – October 21
Lion Ken Strugalla – October 27
Lion Jeff Harper – October 29

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

October	6 -	Luncheon meeting at Pomegranate
October	13 -	Luncheon meeting at Pomegranate
October	20 -	Luncheon meeting at Pomegranate
October	27 -	Board of Directors meeting
October	27 -	Luncheon meeting at Pomegranate

OFFICERS

President	–	Lion Dave Cleveland
1 st VP	–	Lion Darryl Kirkland
2 nd VP	–	Vacant
Secretary	–	Lion Jane Bowers
Treasurer	–	Lion Bill Bleecker
Director	–	Lion Jeff Naumann

Director	–	Lion Ellen Wolff
Director	–	Lion Bill Hamik
Director	–	Lion Tom Garvey
Director	–	Lion Kathy Lukavsky
Director	–	Lion Maria Wilson
Imm. Past President	–	Lion Glenn Behnke

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 – Vacant
Program Director – Lion Paul Rewerts
Donations – Lion Linda Strugalla
Budget – Lion Darryl Kirkland
Diabetes Awareness – Vacant
Publicity – Lion Matt Laboe
Hospitality – Vacant
Pizza Wars – Lion Steve Hertzberg
Candy Day – Lion Dave Cleveland
Summer Raffle – Lion Bill Cornish
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
Flower Sales – Lion Karen Maxwell
Lions Little Library Project – Lions Meghan Williams and Paul Rewerts

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