



LIONS ROAR NEWSLETTER



FENWICK ISLAND LIONS CLUB www.filc.us

“Lions make a difference everyday... Everywhere”

President’s Message: Greetings to all, I hope this note finds you all well.

Just when I thought the global financial crisis couldn’t get much worse, it surprises me and does. This is truly becoming quite frightening, with no end in sight. However, I keep thinking we are so much better off than most in this world because we have one very big thing going for us... **We live in the United States**, which has—in times of crisis—always managed to show its resourcefulness and resilience.

While we stand head and shoulders above the rest of the world, at least for the short term, we appear to have a few bumps in the road ahead. And, we are not going to have to look too far from home to find people in need. The latest edition of the Delaware Lions Foundation (DLF) newsletter reminded us all of this fact and the important role that the Lions play, particularly when times become tough.

The DLF newsletter also reminds us all that it has matching funds to help the local clubs carry out their charitable services... thereby potentially doubling our ability



King Lion
Bruce Schoonover

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SNOW DAY!...

Grim news indeed, for many FILC Members when our first Regular Meeting in March (Monday the 2nd) had to be unceremoniously canceled by “Acting King Lion” Fran Pretty who declared in an Email to all:

“OUR MEETING FOR TODAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED”. Lion Fran

We tip our hat to the hardy ones

Brrrrrrrrrr....



News from the Lions Den

ILLIONS:

Reports have it Lion Tom Samworth is doing fine in his new digs at Methodist Manor House in Seaford. Not so good news for Lion Roland and Shirley Hudson. Shirley is under going serious health issues, Jacguie Ashinhurst has returned home from surgery and is under the care of Lion Ash. Jackie Simpson is also home from a short hospital stay and on the

mend under PDG Lion Noble Simpson's care.

Please put all these individuals in your prayers. Continue to call PDG Noble (539-3734) and keep him informed of any Lions or family members that could use little pick me up card to remind them we are indeed are thinking of them. Thank you



March-June 2009 Calendar Of Events

EVENT	DATE	START	END
REGULAR CLUB MEETING (Nominations)	Monday Mar 2	12pm	2pm
11th Annual Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast	Saturday Mar 7	9:30am	
REGULAR CLUB MEETING (Nominations)	Monday Mar 16	12pm	2pm
Fenwick Island Dune Grass Planting	Saturday Mar 21	9:00am	11:00am
Board Meeting	Monday Mar 23	4pm	6pm
LIONS LEADER DOG -Region 3 Dinner	Tues Mar 31	6pm	~9:00pm
REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Monday April 6	12pm	2pm
Dist22 Cabinet Meeting	Sunday April 19	TBA	
REGULAR CLUB MEETING (Elections)	Monday April 20	12pm	2pm
Board Meeting	Monday April 27	4pm	6pm
22D Region III-Zone II Meeting	Thursday April 30	6:30pm	~8:30pm
REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Monday May 4	12pm	2pm
Dist22 Club Leadership School	Thursday May 7	TBA	
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION	Thursday May 17-20	Mon/Tue @9:00am	
SPECIAL CLUB MEETING- Day at the Convention	Monday May 18	ALL DAY EVENT- TIME TBA	
Board Meeting (To Follow Club Meeting)	Monday May 18	2pm	
REGULAR CLUB MEETING (Ladies Day)	Monday June 1	12pm	2pm
FILC PANCAKE BREAKFAST	Saturday June 6	7am	10:30am
REGULAR CLUB MEETING (Awards)	Monday June 15	12pm	2pm
Board Meeting	Monday June 22	4pm	6pm

BEACH SIDE: LIONS NEEDED TO PLANT GRASS – SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2009

Now that the snow is melting and spring is just around the corner, it's time to do something for our beach and environment – plant grass. We will meet at our usual place in Fenwick Island at Dagsboro Street at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, give Lion Fran a call at 436-1773.

Come and join the Leos. Let's make a difference in our community!

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to provide services within our community. You will recall that this past year our zone was the beneficiary of such matching funds when we received \$2,500 toward the purchase of a new vision screening device. (Also see the accompanying table for other grants recently made by the DLF.)

I ask that all members, spouses and friends of the Fenwick Island Lions Club become extra aware of the potential difficulties that your neighbors, friends and others in the community may be experiencing and let your board know if you believe that our Club can and should help. After all, our motto is "We Serve."

I would like to thank all those who have donated to our scholarship fund in memory of Cal Denis. We have received contributions from 39 different parties and have raised \$2,000. I have no doubt that Cal would have been so pleased with both the generosity of those who gave and the fact that this money will be used to assist one or more Indian River High School students to further their education.

My best regards and I look forward to seeing you all soon. *Sincerely, Bruce Schoonover*

Recent Grants Given by the Delaware Lions Foundation

- Frederica Spring Creek Lions Club - Camper Sponsorship for Local Blind child
- Claymont Lions Club - Video Eye Machine for Local Library
- Laurel Lions Club - Hearing Aid for Laurel Resident
- Milford Lions Club - Hearing Aids for Area Residents
- Claymont Lions Club - Laptop Computer for Blind Student
- Wilmington Manor Lions Club - Onyx Pulse Oximeters for Colonial School District
- Lord Baltimore Lions Club - Optilec Clear View Magnifier for Local Library
- Laurel Lions Club - Titmus Vision Screener for Laurel Elementary School
- Midway Lions Club - Optilec Clear View Magnifier
- Delaware City Lions Club - Wheelchair Lift for Minivan for Disabled Area Child

LEADER DOG BANQUET – March 31, 2009

The Annual Leader Dog Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st at the Millsboro Civic Center. This is a great opportunity for club members to enjoy a good meal prepared by Jimmy's Grill, but most of all the Leader Dog Program for the Blind is featured.

The speaker is Lion Carroll Jackson and his leader dog Hunter. This night affords us an opportunity to know more about the Leader Dog program and reinforces what the Lions are all about....helping the blind and visually impaired.

Social hour: 6:00 p.m./Dinner: 6:30 p.m./Cost: \$18

Please join Lions Fran & Bob Pretty and Lion Jack Coxé & Leader Dog Riker. *The deadline for reservations is March 13. Call Lion Fran at 436-1773.*

LAST MINUTE... SOCIAL WORTH THE TRIP:

Fellow Lions,

Here's an opportunity for you to join Bob and Fran at the District 22-D Mid-Winter Social that is being held at the **Felton Fire Hall on March 14th**.

The food is delicious, particularly if you like fried oysters. In addition to the oysters, they will be serving chicken salad, roast pork, usual veggies & salads, and dessert.

The cost is \$23 for all you can eat. This is an evening of fun. The theme is "Wearing the Green" and the entertainment is a barbershop quartet, COLOR HARMONY. The cash bar starts at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The **deadline has come and gone**, however, if you would like to go, give Fran Pretty a call you can pay her later.

Major Club Fundraiser Successfully Completed!

The winning and final number for week #20 is 689. John Furlow was the lucky winner of the final payout of \$200. This completes this fundraising project. It was a great success adding over \$900 to our Administrative Account. Thanks so much to all of you who participated and thanks to Jim who volunteered to be the chair and to Martha who assisted him. Many fellow Lions have requested that we do it again. When Jim gets back in April, he will begin to sign up participants. Again, many thanks! Lion Fran

For the Record: Our first ever 20/20 Winners

#1 \$50	Va. Rolfes	#11 \$25	Bob Schlauch
#2 \$25	Martha Stone	#12 \$50	FILC
#3 \$50	Sam Mooney	#13 \$25	FILC
#4 \$25	John Pitman	#14 \$25	FILC
#5 \$100	Cal Hook	#15 \$50	Joe Diehl
#6 \$25	Martha Stone	#16 \$25	Naomi Popolo
#7 \$50	Mary Walker	#17 \$50	Mickey Cook
#8 \$25	Dick Bowman	#18 \$25	Nancy Cook
#9 \$50	Ruth Easterling	#19 \$25	FILC
#10 \$100	Bob Bertram	#20 \$200	John Furlow
Total Payout \$1000			

UP COMING MAY MD 22 CONVENTION!

Special Convention Meeting May 18th

This year, the MD-22 Convention coincides with our second regular meeting day in May on Monday May 18th.

Because so many members will want to go to this annual event, we have decided a Special Meeting will be held in Dover at the MD 22 Annual Convention. This will provide members with an opportunity to learn more about Lionism and our activities from the perspective of the many fellow Lions in attendance. Also, the Convention program includes a very talented and accomplished International President, Al Brandel, giving a timely message to our District members (see article about and by Lion Al in this Bulletin).

Rather than attempt to hold our Regular Meeting, we thought it would be nice to encourage all members to join us in Dover at the convention... for at least this one day. It is our understanding that there is a Melvin Jones Luncheon—for all those Melvin Jones Fellows and there is also a Multiple District Banquet that evening for those wishing to stay for dinner. Aside from this, we anticipate that during the day there will be multiple seminars highlighting the good work of Lions around the District and around the world.

You will find more information about this change in this Bulletin and plans will continue to evolve as we go forward in the coming months. For example, we will make arrangements for car pooling to get you to the Convention and back home

So even if you had not planned on attending the full convention, please consider attending this very special Monday MD 22 Convention excursion. Please see the "Program Agenda" in this bulletin.

For answers to any questions please contact Fran Pretty at 436-1773 or our Convention Chairperson, Tom Foley at 436-4367 for additional clarification or details.

ADDITIONAL FILC MD 22 CONVENTION INFORMATION:

Our International President, Al Brandel—who you will have the opportunity to meet and hear speak at the MD-22 Convention in May—has periodically sent a broadcast e-mail to the Presidents of all the Lions Clubs. In the last newsletter we shared with you the *Background Statement from the LCIF Case Development*. This month, we wanted to share with our members Mr. Brandel's e-mail because of its timeliness and the message it brings. Words to live by!

I whole-heartedly agree with Mr. Brandel's statement that as we seek to meet our membership goals... we need to keep in mind that the most powerful recruiting and retention tool our club can have is a strong program of effective and relevant service projects. "Relevance leads to recognition. Recognition leads to respect."

While Our Board is responsible for establishing 'a strong program of effective and relevant service programs' this can best be done with every members' input. It is only through the sum total of this input that we can be assured of meeting the needs of our community. And, as stated in this month's president's message, we welcome and encourage input from all of our members, their spouses and friends of the Fenwick Island Lions Club.

Dear Club Officer,

Usually when we say "We Serve" we mean we meet the needs of our communities and the world.



But have you ever considered that one of the greatest needs that exists in our communities is the need to serve? It's true. Especially in hard times generous, open-hearted people turn their empathy and good intentions into action and results.

I think it comes down to this: people need to be relevant. People need to make a difference in the world. As with many needs in our communities a Lions Club is the perfect vehicle to meet this universal need among our neighbors and friends.

But your club can only meet this need if it is *itself* relevant to the community and to your membership. Does your club seek out the most pressing needs in your community? Does it craft innovative ways to make the world a better place? Are your members willing to try something new? Do they have the heart and dedication to take on big projects? Does your club meet your member's needs to be involved in their community?

In my travels as international president I have seen some astounding examples of Lions creating innovative answers to the biggest, most urgent needs of their com-

munities and the world. In fact, I would call them miracles, but they are miracles brought about by everyday people.

The miracle in Germany is that hundreds of children from around the world, many injured terribly by war and violence in their homelands, have a place to go and heal. They live at the Peace Village in Oberhausen while receiving medical treatment they could not possibly receive at home. Many, for the first time, are spending months in a peaceful, safe environment.

The Peace Village serves many and addresses a global need, but many miracles take place one at a time. In Africa, I met a 26 year old woman whose sight had been restored by a corneal transplant. She cried tears of joy because she could see her children clearly for the first time. Lions performed this miracle.

And in North America, Lions – Lions just like you – partnered with local doctors and dentists to work a miracle. They provided medical and dental services for more than 1,500 people who could not afford it. The event may well have saved the lives of some in dire need of care, but it also helped create a happy future. After receiving attention from a dentist, one young woman looked in the mirror and exclaimed, "Now I can smile at my wedding!"

As you seek to meet your membership goals this year

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you should, of course, work with your district leaders and the membership development experts for your area. But keep in mind that the most powerful recruiting and retention tool your club can have is a strong program of effective and relevant service projects. Relevance leads to recognition. Recognition leads to respect.

When your club is recognized and respected as a meaningful and satisfying way for individuals to channel their energies into community service, your invitations to new members will fall on fertile ground.

As Lions of the 21st century I believe we must strive to be relevant in all ways, including operations and communications. As part of our effort to leverage the power of technology and new media, Lions Club International has established a presence on Facebook, the social networking Web site that serves more than 150 million people worldwide. Please become a “fan” of the Lions Club page by visiting (www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Clubs-International/2792222491). You will be able to view

videos and photos, keep up with international events and read messages from other Lions around the world.

(To be sure that you are at the official Lions Club International Facebook page, please copy the Web address from this newsletter and paste it into your browser, then bookmark the page.)

LCI also is greatly improving its Web site to make it easier to use and more informative. You will be able to find what you need much faster. It will be easier to find a resource, file a report or get the latest news.

In closing, in these difficult times, I urge you – meet the need to serve. Give your neighbors what they need. They deserve it. Your community and the world requires it. And your club will benefit greatly from it.

Sincerely,
 President Al
 The International Association of Lions Clubs

FILC Members:

If you have decided to go to the Convention this year, for either our Special Monday meeting day “get together” or for a major part of the Convention (including some of the \$ items listed on the sign up sheet).

Please fill in the “Registration Form” & send the completed form along with any money (checks payable to FILC) for Tickets to our Treasurer Bill Neimiller. He will transmit the registration forms (on pg 7) & a FILC check to the Convention Committee.

Remember, you do not have to pay for attendance at the Convention. And you only pay for items chosen in the “Ticket Box”.

Also, only couples may list two names on the form. All others except for couples will be sent back.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 17, 2009

	<u>Time</u>
Golf Tournament (DAFB Eagles Creek Golf Club)	11:30 am.
Registration, Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales	1:00 – 5:00 pm.
Council of Governors Reception and Dinner (by invitation)	6:00 pm.
Pre – Convention Entertainment	8:30 pm.

Monday, May 18, 2009

Opening Business Session	9:00 am.
Registration, Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales	9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Melvin Jones Luncheon	12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm.
Seminars	1:30 pm. – 3:30 pm
Registration, Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales	1:45 pm. – 4:30 pm.
Multiple District Social Hour	6:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.
Multiple District Banquet	7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Registration, Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales	9:00 am. – 10:45 am.
Seminars	9:00 am – 10:30 am
Necrology Service	11:00 am. – 12:00 Noon
(Registration and exhibit booths closed during service)	
Sub – District Luncheons	1:00 pm. – 2:00 pm.
Sub – District Meetings	2:00 pm. – 4:00 pm.
Registration, Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales	3:00 pm. – 4:00 pm.
Past District Governors Dinner	6:00 pm. – 9:00 pm.
Hospitality Rooms	9:00 pm. – 11:00 pm.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Registration	8:00 am. – 9:00 am.
Open Forum with International President	8:00 am. – 9:00 am.
Second Business Session	9:00 am.
Sub – District Business Meetings and Elections	11:00 am.
Victory Luncheon	12:30 pm.

**Multiple District 22 – 87th Annual Convention
May 17-20, 2009
Dover, Delaware**

Registration and Ticket Order Form

Provide this information to pre-register even if no tickets are ordered.

Registrant No 1

Name: Lion-Lioness-Leo _____ Nickname _____
(Circle one only) Last First

Street or P.O. Box _____ Home Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ Club _____

Email Address _____ District A B C D W
(Circle one only)

Dietary Needs _____

Registrant No 2

Name: Lion-Lioness-Leo-Guest _____ Nickname _____
(Circle one only) Last First

Street or P.O. Box _____ Home Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ Club _____

Email Address _____ District - A B C D W
(Circle one only)

Dietary Needs _____

Hospitality Book and/or Tickets	Price	Registrant No 1	Registrant No 2	Amount
Hospitality Book (Includes MD Banquet, Sub-District Luncheon, Victory Lunch)	*\$60			
Pre-Convention Entertainment Sunday Evening 8:30 p.m.	\$10			
Melvin Jones Luncheon (Fellows only) Monday – 12 noon-1:30	*\$17			
Multiple District Banquet (if ordered separately) Monday –Social @ 6:00, Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.	*\$30			
Sub-District Luncheon (if ordered separately) Tuesday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	*\$17			
PDG Dinner (PDGs and Guests only) Tuesday 6:00 p.m.	*\$32			
Victory Luncheon (if ordered separately) Wednesday – 12:30 p.m.	*\$17			
Tail Twister Stickers – Provides exemption from Contributing to the tail Twister Buckets at events	\$3			

Total Amount _____

Mail orders to: PDG Keith Williams
424 Joppa Farm Road
Joppa, MD 21085

**Make checks payable to:
Multiple District 22 Convention Committee**

NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 23, 2009

Form may be duplicated

*Price reduction is being underwritten by the 2008-2009 Council of Governors

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 Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, Noon - Harpoon Hanna's - September through June
 PP Lion Dick Waughtal-Bulletin Editor
 (Photos by Lions Bruce Schoonover, Sam Mooney, Dick Waughtal & Roland Hudson)

DONORS CORNER... FILC receives unsolicited donations from members and non-members for honorariums to various of our programs, such as scholarships or in the name of someone special. This is the fourth statement of monies received to our Club treasury. So far, March ytd in Lions Year 2008-2009 we have received 3,685.00 for designation as shown below!

Number of Donors	In Memory/Honor of	Ear Marked
3	<i>Estelle Sandler</i>	Scholarship
1	<i>Daughter of Sterling & Mickie Martin</i>	Scholarship
3	<i>80th birthday of Lew Friedner</i>	Scholarship
2	<i>Jack Lorden</i>	Scholarship
1	<i>Bill Hazell</i>	Scholarship
1	<i>David Steinberg</i>	Scholarship
3	<i>Lew Kremer</i>	Scholarship
1	<i>Louis Gaudio</i>	Scholarship
1	<i>Hugh Skip Higgins</i>	Scholarship
33	<i>Cal Denis</i>	Scholarship

In case you wanted to know more about the month of March:

The Ides of March (Latin: Idus Martias) is the name of the date 15 March in the Roman calendar. The term ides was used for the 15th day of the months of March, May, July, and October, and the 13th day of the other eight months. In Roman times, the Ides of March was a festive day dedicated to the god Mars.



In modern times, the term Ides of March is best known as the date that Julius Caesar was assassinated, in 44 BC, famously dramatized in William Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar.

The term idūs (ides) is thought to have originally been the day of the full moon. The Romans considered this an auspicious day in their calendar. The word ides comes from Latin, meaning "half division" (of a month). The word is probably of non-Indo-European origin.

So... bottom line: Caesar was stabbed in the back on the Ides of March, 44 BC, after declaring himself dictator of Rome, for life. A certain soothsayer warned Caesar to be on his guard against a great peril on the day of the month of March. Caesar was on his way to the senate-house, he greeted the seer with a jest and said: "The Ides of March has come," and the seer said to him softly: "Aye, Caesar, but not gone! The Killers called themselves the "Liberators" (group of Senators).

The point of all this information... Your Bulletin Editor suggests the U.S. electorate is beginning to feel like they have been stabbed in the back! You figure it out.