



LIONS ROAR NEWSLETTER



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"Lions make a difference everyday... Everywhere"



President's Message: Season's Greetings to you all,

What a great and busy Lions' year it has been so far. I am glad I am retired so that I can fit everything in!

It has been said that "... *serving others brings tremendous satisfaction and joy into your own life. For, nothing brings greater happiness than to serve a cause that is greater than yourself.*" I am a firm believer in this and feel that, for me, this has indeed been a very satisfying and happy fall.



King Lion
Bruce Schoonover

And, it was all capped off with our Club's Christmas Party followed by the Lions Sussex County Christmas party for the visually impaired.

I think our Christmas parties are pretty special. Not only is it a nice opportunity to visit with fellow Lions and their spouses, but it is a time to just plain have fun. To me, Bear Trap is a pretty elegant place, the service is excellent, the food is good and the cost is consistent with what you get.

This year the Christmas party for the visually impaired was particularly nice and a moving
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FILC Members ... *'Tis the Season!*

"The good old days"

Remember the good old days we spent: Snowballs, your face, and the gifts. Laughter & tid-bits; those long hours waiting for Santa, and the gifts He left for us; Merry-making,

friends, and the carols. Remembering the good old days, and old friends like you, the good food;

In the best of spirit we wish you Happy Holidays & a Great New Year! Bul. Ed.

News from the Lions Den

ILLIONS:

During the Holiday Season many Lions and family have health and other issues to work through. Phone calls, cards, visits and prayers no doubt help! So keep all of our sick-calls that you know of in your thoughts especially at this time of year.

Some Members and family we are unaware of are no doubt also hurting and we wish them well and a speedy recovery. Let's continue to keep all our "Lions family and extended family" who we know to be ailing in our prayers as they no doubt will continue to face some very difficult times in the future.



We hope the "little poem" on Page 1 helps some. Recalling all the fun & nostalgic times seems appropriate. 'Tis the Season!

Please continue to keep PDG Lion Noble Simpson (539-3734) 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. Our sick members appreciate your thoughtfulness, as does your editor.

Thank you



Jan-Feb 2009 Calendar Of Events

<u>REGULAR CLUB MEETING</u>	Monday Jan 5, 2009	12pm	2pm
Melvin Jones Breakfast	Saturday Jan 10	TBA	
REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Monday Jan 19	12pm	2pm
Board Meeting	Monday Jan 26	4pm	6pm
DIST22D Cabinet Meeting	Thursday Jan 29	TBA	
REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Monday Feb 2	12pm	2pm
22D Region III-Zone II Meeting	Thursday Feb 5	6:30pm	8:30pm
REGULAR CLUB MEETING	Monday Feb 16	12pm	2pm
Leadership - Emmitsburg	February 20-22	TBA	
Board Meeting	Monday Feb 23	12pm	2pm

FILC Ralph Helm & James McCarty Awards

Our Club just celebrated it's 22nd Charter year. This is indeed an auspicious accomplishment. Over these past years many awards have been made to deserving Lion members who have helped our community and Club to become one of the strongest. In this regard and in recognition of the several Lion members who have inquired recently to your Bulletin Editor, I have listed on "Page 3" those members who have been awarded Delaware Lions Foundation's top Honors: the Ralph Helm and the James McCarty Fellowships. Our Club has and is being served very well by many of the distinguished Lions shown here.

*Also, this list corrects a couple of errors shown in our current Club Directory. Errors made by your ol' Bulletin Editor.
Please read and thank those who have served our Club. Good Tidings!*



Name	James McCarty Fellowship	Ralph Helm Fellowship	Name	James McCarty Fellowship	Ralph Helm Fellowship
Dominick Alberti		Silver 3/1/2004	Walter Kylen		Gold 6/1/1993
Bernie Apple		Gold 1/15/1996	Joe Leonard		Bronze 6/2/2008
Ash Ashinhurst		Bronze 5/26/1999	Jack Lorden, Jr.		Silver 7/30/1998
		Silver 3/29/2000	Ross Lyon		Silver 5/24/2000
		Gold 6/19/2002			Gold 6/5/2006
		Diamond 6/16/2004	Luke Martin		Silver 5/26/1999
Peggy Baunchalk		Silver 5/5/2005			Gold 6/16/2003
		Gold 6/5/2006	Harry Mayfield		Silver 6/1/1992
Lou Becker		Silver 7/30/1998			
		Gold 6/16/2003	Russ Melrath		Bronze 6/2/2008
Jean Bertram	Bronze 6/2/2008		Daniel Mihalisin	Bronze 6/4/2007	Bronze 3/1/2004
Robert Bertram		Silver 5/5/2005			Silver 6/5/2006
		Gold 6/5/2006	James Miles	Bronze 6/4/2007	Bronze 3/1/2004
John Braaten		Silver 5/24/2000		Silver 6/2/2008	
William Bunting		Silver 5/26/1999	Muriel Mooney		Bronze 6/4/2007
John Carl		Bronze 3/1/2004	Samuel Mooney	Bronze 6/4/2007	Silver 6/11/2003
		Silver 6/4/2007			Gold 3/1/2004
Daniel Casey		Bronze 3/1/2004	William Morison	Bronze 6/5/2006	Silver 6/11/2003
				Silver 6/4/2007	Gold 3/1/2004
Martin I. Cook		Silver 5/20/2002	Gerry Murray		Bronze 6/11/2003
		Gold 6/16/2003	William Neimiller	Bronze 6/5/2006	Silver 5/31/2000
Jack Coxe		Bronze 6/11/2003		Silver 6/4/2007	Gold 6/11/2003
Richard Crone		Bronze 5/24/2000	Phil Pease	Bronze 6/2/2008	Bronze 3/1/2004
		Silver 6/16/2003	John Pitman	Bronze 6/5/2006	Bronze 5/24/2000
Robert Cummings		Bronze 3/1/2004		Silver 6/4/2007	Silver 6/16/2003
Calvin Dennis		Gold 5/24/2000	Frances Pretty		Bronze 6/4/2007
Joseph Diehl		Bronze 5/5/2005	Robert Pretty	Bronze 6/5/2006	Silver 6/11/2003
		Silver 6/5/2006			Gold 3/1/2004
Hugh J. Downing		Silver 5/26/1999	Leonard Price		Bronze 6/2/2008
		Gold 4/12/2001	Harold Rabinowitz		Bronze 3/1/2004
Roland Ebner		Bronze 3/1/2004	Clymont J. Rankin		Silver 7/30/1998
Lou Friedner		Silver 5/26/1999	Paul Ravilious		Bronze 5/20/2002
		Gold 6/16/2003			Silver 3/1/2004
John Furlow		Silver 5/31/2000	Robert Schlauch		Silver 6/5/2006
		Gold 6/16/2003	Bruce Schoonover	Bronze 6/4/2007	Bronze 5/5/2005
David C. H. Grant		Bronze 6/18/2001			Silver 6/5/2006
		Silver 5/20/2002	Jackie Simpson		Bronze 6/4/2007
		Gold 6/16/2003	Noble Simpson	Bronze 6/5/2006	Gold 7/30/1998
Hugh Higgins		Bronze 5/5/2005		Silver 6/4/2007	
Calvin Hook	Bronze 6/4/2007	Bronze 5/5/2005	Donald Stewart		Silver 5/26/1999
		Silver 6/5/2006	James Stone	Bronze 6/5/2006	Bronze 5/20/2002
Roland A. Hudson	Bronze 6/2/2008	Silver 5/24/2000		Silver 6/4/2007	Silver 6/11/2003
		Gold 6/18/2001	Martha Stone		Bronze 6/4/2007
Charles Hyatt		Silver 8/4/1998	John Tartufo		Bronze 5/5/2005
		Gold 6/16/2003	Bill Watson		Bronze 6/2/2008
Robert Jones		Bronze 3/1/2004	Dick Waughtal	Bronze 4/30/2006	Gold: 5/31/2000
Lawrence Kovacs		Silver 5/31/2000		Silver 6/4/2007	
Lewis A. Kremer		Silver 5/26/1999	Roland Williams		Silver 3/29/2000
		Gold 6/18/2001	William Winstead		Bronze 3/1/2004

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experience. Each year this event is hosted by all of the Lions Clubs in Sussex County. It was held at the Millsboro Civic Center and this year 52 visually impaired individuals, plus their escorts, were our guests for a hearty meal, entertainment by the Sussex County School of Arts Steel Pan Band, gifts, laughter and fun.

Boy, all you had to do was look around the room and talk to some of the visually impaired people to recognize how truly fortunate and blessed we are. But, just like our own associate member Jack Coxe, all these people are so resilient, determined and upbeat. And, they are also most grateful for the opportunity to come together to share a good meal and the fun and camaraderie. I have put together a montage of pictures from the party that hopefully will give you a sense of this special event.

One of the best parts of the evening was to watch our Leos interact with the guests. This year, we had 10 Leos (along with Lonnie Riley, their advisor) from the Indian River High School helping with this party. They arrived early, helped the visually impaired go through the buffet serving line, distributed fruit baskets, candy & gift cards to each of the guests, and they provided each with a Christmas tree angel ornament of their own making. They were also inspired to start a conga line, when the Steel Band began playing "Hot, Hot, Hot." Such enthusiasm, spirit and unrestrained joy! Ah, such youth!

These Leos are remarkable young individuals. Just watching them talking and helping others that evening was a real inspiration. It is too bad their parents were not there to witness this... They would all have been so very proud. And, as the sponsoring Club for the Leo program, we too should be proud. Clearly, this program is instilling in these young individuals important life lessons.

This year the party was attended by Sam Mooney, Fran and Bob Pretty, Jack Coxe, his Aunt Ruth & dog "Ryker" and my wife and me. Hopefully, next year, more of our members will be able to attend, and witness first hand, this very special get together.

My very best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and for a HEALTHY and Happy New Year!

Yours in Lionism,
Bruce



District Governors Ball a big gala success!



FILC members: Fran & Bob Pretty, Lion Bill Bunting and friend Mary Lou Murray, KL Bruce & wife Lion Sharon and Lions Sam & Muriel Mooney stepped forward, as is their usual practice for this event, which was held in Dover at the Sheraton Hotel.



LION ASH ASHINHURST HONORED FOR YOUTH EYE SCREENING WORK...

Ash Ashinhurst was singled out by Lions Club International Director Dana Biggs and District Governor Bob Daniels at the Governor's Ball Saturday evening, December 6th to receive the prestigious Lions Club International District 22-D Everyday Hero Award for his work with the Lions Youth Vision Screening program. This is the program in Delaware that tests children for amblyopia (See separate story.) While Ash was not the father of this program in Delaware, he certainly has nurtured and fed it for the past seven (7) + years. And, like any good parent, he has encouraged its growth and allowed it to continue to mature on its own.

We join Director Biggs and DG Bob in expressing our thanks to Ash for his leadership and vision and for his oversight, guidance and promotion of this wonderful service program.

Christmas Dinner Dance:

After going to the party and speaking with a number of members and their spouses, KL Bruce remarked... , "I have to tell you that I think our Christmas parties are pretty special. To me, Bear Trap is a pretty elegant place, the service is excellent, the food is good, the cost is consistent with what you get, and it is a once-in-the-year opportunity for Lions and their spouses to come together for a purely social, upscale event. Indeed, our "Party" was an event to be savored!". See you next time!



CLUB VISITATION PROGRAM:

Visitation Program Chair Dave Crum reports significant progress has been made this year on our planned visitations. To date we will have completed an estimated seven (7) Club Visitations by year end. Please remember: 1) All visits must be completed by 3/31/09 for our club to get credit for 100% completion, & 2) We had hoped to complete our visits before the end of this year before our snowbirds leave us for the rest of the winter! If you have questions, please call Lion Dave at 302-541-4730. See Octobers Bulletin for complete Program detail. Continued good Luck.

LIONS CLUBS YOUTH VISION SCREENING

For the past seven years, the Lions Clubs of this area- Fenwick Island Lions Club, Georgetown Lions Club, Lord Baltimore Lions Club, the Millsboro Lions & Selbyville-Indian River Lions Club—have orchestrated a program designed to test for amblyopia... and other vision abnormalities in children. Amblyopia, a Greek word simply translated as "dull eye", and commonly referred to as "lazy eye," results from a set of childhood vision disorders that affect how the brain processes unequal or abnormal visual input from the eyes. In most cases, it is a condition that cannot be easily detected by a parent or guardian and sometimes is even missed during screenings by health practitioners. Some 3-5% of all children in the United States are affected by such vision abnormalities. These problems are most easily dealt with if they are detected before the child reaches 6 years of age. If left uncorrected, amblyopia may lead to irreversible vision loss and most certainly will affect a child's ability to learn. The program, which is free to all, targets Pre-K and Kindergarten age children, and has grown each year. This fall, under the leadership of Lion Jim and Lion Carolyn Miles, of the Fenwick Island Lions Club, the program has already tested over 900 children at 17 locations throughout Sussex County. And, Jim reports that this testing will continue after a holiday break. Until now these Clubs have relied on an aging, film-based, camera to do the screening... However, this past summer, the Clubs jointly invested in a sophisticated new digital screening device that more reliably detects these childhood vision abnormalities. This device cost \$5,000, but half that cost was offset by a grant from the Delaware Lions Foundation. Unlike the old system which required an eye care specialist to read and interpret the pictures, this device immediately provides a written record of any deficiencies. Lions Club members volunteer their time and go site-to-site doing the testing and the



Pictured is the Eye Screening team composed of District Chair Lion Jim Miles--holding screening device (then L to R,) Lion Ash Ashinhurst, Lion Charles E. Covington, Lion Carolyn Miles, Lion Ray Hamm and Lion Naomi Popolo and children of North Georgetown Elementary.

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Clubs pay the ongoing incidental costs of running the program. This year, Grotto Pizza, located on Route 26 in Bethany Beach, invited the Lions to participate in its “Parade of Trees” program. Each year Grotto's invites participants to trim-a-tree at their stores and invites its customers to make a charitable contribution to the participants. 100% of the money donated goes back to the charity, and the charity that receives the most donations during the holiday season is also given an extra \$250 by Grotto's. This year there are eight trees on display. This group of five Lions Clubs has jointly sponsored a tree and all funds raised through these efforts will go to support the vision screening program. The Fenwick Island Lions Club has organized this effort. And, Lion Sharon Schoonover, Lion Carolee Rooney and Margaret Ann Leonard did the decorating. Please support our efforts for this vision screening program.



There are 45,000 Lions Clubs, in 202 countries around the world. Our motto is “We Serve.” This vision screening program is yet another example of Lions making a difference everyday... everywhere.

Christmas Party for the Visually Impaired... A soul satisfying evening, you'll just have to be there next time! Fenwick Island Lions & Leo's; "We Serve" & help with the work, of course...
"Lions make a difference everyday... Everywhere"



The Melvin Jones Fellowship was established in 1973 and the Progressive program began in 1986 in response to Lions' request for a way to extend their commitment to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Donations through Melvin Jones Fellowships provide 70 percent of the Foundation's annual revenue. There are 100 levels in the Progressive program. Most of the funds raised during the first Campaign SightFirst were through Melvin Jones Fellowship donations.

There are 287,703 Melvin Jones Fellowships worldwide and 53,582 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships. The Melvin Jones Fellowship luncheon began in 1984 and has been held at each convention since All Melvin Jones Fellowships are invited to the annual luncheon and their names are on a rotating computer list of donors in the Melvin Jones Fellowships room at International Headquarters.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is Lions Clubs International Foundations highest honor.

Here are all the Fenwick Island Lions Clubs MJF and PMJF as of the 2007-2008 Lions Year.

FILC Melvin Jones Fellows (alphabetically by Date)

DOMINICK L ALBERTI	4/27/2007	JOSEPH F. MC DERMOTT	12/31/1986
CHARLES C ANGLE	4/5/1991	DAVID L. MESSERSMITH	2/15/1993
O J ASHINHURST	5/26/2006	DANIEL MIHALISIN	2/25/2008
LOUIS A BECKER	4/22/1997	JAMES C MILES	03/16/2006
ROBERT H BERTRAM	4/27/2007	CAROLYN J MILES	02/22/2008
JOHN BRAATEN	6/27/2005	ROLLIN TED MILLER	2/15/1993
WILLIAM R BUNTING	3/16/1995	SAMUEL J MOONEY	05/16/2001
JOHN F CARL	4/27/2007	MURIEL MOONEY	2/22/2008
MARTIN I COOK	3/20/2003	WILLIAM MORISON	6/27/2005
DAVID L CRUM Jr.	2/22/2008	WILLIAM W NEIMILLER	1/7/2004
PAUL C DENIS	04/05/1991 PMJF	DONALD E. O'CONNOR	3/13/2000
	1 diamond y.g.	JOHN B PITMAN Jr.	4/27/2007
JOSEPH C DIEHL	2/22/2008		
HUGH J DOWNING	3/28/1992	ROBERT S PRETTY	6/27/2005
JOSEPH E FITZGERALD	03/28/1992	FRANCIS PRETTY	2/22/2008
SCOTT T FORNWALT	1/8/1998	LEONARD S PRICE	5/16/2001
LOUIS I FRIEDNER	2/8/1996	HAROLD RABINOWITZ	3/16/2006
JOHN FURLOW	3/13/2002	CLYMONT J RANKIN	3/16/2006
ROLAND JOHN HOFFMAN	4/26/1994	ROBERT S SCHLAUCH	4/27/2007
CALVIN T HOOK	4/27/2007	BRUCE SCHOONOVER	4/27/2007
		NOBLE F SIMPSON	04/10/1990 PMJF
ROLAND M HUDSON	1/7/2004		4 diamond y.g.
CHARLES HYATT	5/4/1999	DONALD H STEWART	3/24/1998
ROBERT L INSLEY	3/24/1998	JAMES H STONE	1/7/2004
AL JORDAN	02/22/2008	ROGER L STREET	4/10/1990
		RICHARD F WAUGHTAL	03/20/2003 PMJF
HARRY E KALEY Jr.	4/26/1994		1 diamond y.g.
LARRY KOVACS	3/16/2006	KENNETH B. WHEATLEY	2/8/1996
LEWIS A KREMER	6/18/1994	ROLAND ARTHUR WIL- LIAMS	3/16/1995
JOHN JOSEPH LORDEN	3/13/2000	WILLIAM C WINSTEAD	3/16/2006
ROSS LYON	5/4/1999	NICANOR YENGLE	3/13/2002
LUCAS C MARTIN	4/22/1997		

DG Bob's "Bob's Tales" Remarks for November 2008



Lions: Where do we start? There is so much going on the District and LCI?

Preschool eye screening: The clubs are using the New Sure Sight Devices. We have four of these devices in the District and Region 1 – Zone 3 has voted to buy a new Sure Sight Device. Region 3 – Zone 2 has performed about one thousand screening already. This is what I would like to see up and down the state - Zones working together using the Sure Sight Device's. Training is on-going. If any Lion would like to be trained using this New Device, please call Lion Jim Miles (Preschool Eye Screening Chair) at 302-537-0942 or PCS Guyla Brinckmeyer at 302-227-8752. We have some trouble with one of the new Sure Sight Devices and we had to send it back to the manufacture to be replaced. Lions, if you can please try to do 10 to 20 percent more screenings this Lion year than you preformed in the past. We should try to utilize this New Device eight months of the year.

Peace Poster: Out of thirty seven clubs, we have seven clubs that are participation in the contest and they are: Claymont, Frederica Spring Creek, Glasgow, Milford, Middletown, New Castle Hundred and Rehoboth Beach: Thank you Lions for taking on this worthwhile project. Come to the District Governor's Ball and you will see the winner.

MD – 22 Leadership Institute Training at Emmitsburg Maryland: this Lion year the school will be February 6 to 8, 2009. This will ONLY be for the first timers. There will be twenty spaces for each district. The district has money put aside to assist all the first timers with the cost. Please call or email me if you would like to go. I am here to help all Lions in the district if you need help.

UN Lions Day: March 13, 2009 is the date. I have forms if anyone needs them or you can go to LCI web page and get the form there. The fee for the day's program with lunch is \$110.00. The fee for the day program only is \$60.00. If you have any questions you can call LCI at 630-571-5466 Extension 316. If there is sufficient number of Lions from the district going and if individuals are interested, we can arrange for a van. Remember, **YOU** will also need to pay for the van if we need to rent one.

Tournament of Roses Parade in California on New Year's Day: This will be the seventeenth year that Lions will have a Lions Float. Every year, starting in 1992, the Lions Float Committee has offered a beautiful multi-color lapel pin displaying the theme of the current Lions Clubs International Float entry. They are now offering a complete framed pin sets as well as individual pins of all years. For additional information, call PDG Jack Luellen at 949-488-3032. The theme for the 2009 parade is "Hats Off to Entertainment". Our Float is entitled "The Miracle Workers" and our pin depicts a picture of Ann Frank and Helen Keller. Cost \$5.00 each.

The District pins are finally in. PDG Jim Minnich and PCS Brad Spicer will be passing out the pins to the clubs.

Please do not forget the Christmas Party for the Blind December 2 in Millsboro, December 4 in Camden Fire House and December 13 at Wilmington Manor Lions Club Meeting Hall.

Lions Environmental Photo Contest for 2008 – 2009 Lion Year: The contest categories are, 1 – Animal Life, 2 – Landscape (Urban or Natural), 3 – Plant Life, 4 – Weather Phenomenon and the special annual theme category is: Lions Environmental Miracle Workers – Photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environment project. All photos must be 8" X 10" Black and White or Color: Must be to the District Governor by January 15, 2009.

I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Until next time, Bob Daniels District Governor

DONORS CORNER... Each year the 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 second statement of monies received to our Club treasury. So far this Lions Year 2008-2009 we have received \$490.00!

Number of Donors:	In the Name of:	FILC Fund:
1	David Steinberg	Scholarship
2	Lew Kremer	Scholarship
1	Louis Gaudio	Scholarship



20/20 Club Raffle winners Year to date:

Name		Name		YTD
Virginia Rolfes	\$50	Cal Hook	\$100	
Martha Stone	\$25	Martha Stone	\$25	
Sam Mooney	\$50	Mary Walker	\$50	
John Pitman	\$25	Dick Bowman	\$25	
				\$350

Yours in Lionism, Raffle Chair PP Jim Stone

There's always a Joker...



IF MY BODY WERE A CAR... this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ... But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it ... Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter ..either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

