



Fenwick Island Lions Club

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■ President's Message:

Fellow Lions,
Oh what a wonderful sight to see the daffodils blooming and the joy of walking outside and smelling the lilacs. You know spring has arrived. And, you know that our members who escaped our snowy weather will soon be returning and the FILC Club will soon be buzzing with activity.



Our District Convention in Dover is just around the corner. Information on the hotels and registration is located elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope that many of you will take this opportunity to go up to Dover as it is only an hour and a half away to spend time with other Lions and share experiences and ideas. If you can only attend one day, consider going on Thursday May 20th when our departed Lions are remembered at the Necrology Service followed by our 22-D luncheon where the Clubs are recognized and awards are presented. FILC will have a hospitality suite and you can join us and relax for awhile before you head back home.

Summer is going to be busy. We kick it off with our Pancake Breakfast on June 1st at Harpoon Hanna's, a Longaberger Basket- Vera Bradley-Cash Bingo on June 14th at the Roxana Fire Hall and participation in the Selbyville Old Timers Day on June 19th. Your support and help is going to be needed to make these events successful. Not only are these necessary to raise the money to provide the needs in the community but they afford us an opportunity to have a presence in the community.

Since January, our Club has collected food for the area pantries, collected nearly 400 pairs of glasses, supported the Leader Dog program, had an exhibit at PNC in Bayside, built a handicap ramp, bought eyeglasses for qualified residents, contributed money towards someone needing eye surgery, delivered Meals on Wheels, arranged for people to get medical equipment, continued collecting aluminum cans for recycling, donated to the Lower Sussex Little League and planted grass on the dunes in Fenwick. All of this activity happened because of you... members who care and are willing to **SERVE**.

We are making a difference in people's lives. Apparently many people don't know we are. Today, someone asked me, "Exactly what do the Lions do?" Is the reason why Lions Clubs are having a problem with member recruitment is that **people don't know who we are, what we do and why we believe in our motto, WE SERVE**. Is it because people don't see our signs, don't read about us in the newspaper, or we haven't made a big enough impact in the community? I don't know the answers, but I would guess it is a combination of reasons.

Be an ambassador for FILC and Lionism. Share your enthusiasm and information about Lion activities with your friends and others in your neighborhoods. Ask them to join us.

Thank you!
King Lion Fran





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Up Coming Activities of Interest to us all...

DISTRICT 22-D CONVENTION – MAY 18 – 21, DOVER, DE

Our Annual Convention will be held again this year at the Dover Downs Hotel and Casino. If you are planning to stay in Dover for the Convention, you need to make your hotel reservations ASAP. Where to stay...

Dover Downs Hotel & Casino: All guest rooms' amenities include in-room safe,

Cable TV, internet, refrigerator, coffeemaker, hair dryers and ironing boards. Also has pool, sauna, fitness center, spa and restaurants. The rate is \$135. + 8% tax. To make reservations call 1-866-473-7378 or (302) 674-4600 or go online www.doverdowns.com. Please use code of **GMD2210** when making reservations. Deadline for reservations is April 18th.

Residence Inn by Marriott, 600 Jefferic Blvd. They have studio suites for \$129, one bedroom suites for \$139 and two bedroom suites for \$149. + 8% tax Includes a full breakfast buffet. Call (302) 677-0777 and **use code LCC**. All rooms feature a full-equipped kitchen, flat screen TV, & wireless internet.

Hampton Inn, 1568 N. DuPont Highway: Guest rooms include coffeemaker, iron & ironing board, hair dryer, refrigerator, high speed internet. Also has outdoor pool, fitness center and business center. A complimentary continental breakfast from 6 – 10 a.m. included. The rate is \$119, Jr. suite for \$159. + 8% tax. For reservations, call (302) 736-3500 and use Code **MDL**.

All Convention activities will take place at the Dover Downs Hotel & Casino. Conference activities and registration information and other complete details for this years Convention Program "Move to Grow" are available on the Multiple District 22 website... www.lions22d.org

Reminder:

Our new

Website is www.filc22d.org and is open to view but continues under construction.

Our old domain name was lost so we needed to change to a new domain name and we settled on the same format as with our District website.

Enjoy!

Other Important dates:

- Pancake Breakfast on June 1st at Harpoon Hanna's, Planning starts ASAP!
- Longaberger Basket- Vera Bradley-Cash Bingo on June 14th at the Roxana Fire Hall.
- the Selbyville Old Timers Day on June 19th



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LETS DO ANOTHER RAMP:

Recently, the Fenwick Island Lions Club was honored with a request to install a wheel chair ramp to help one of our neighbors. This kind of service for our neighbors is what Lionism is all about... (WE SERVE). It takes a lot of labor to accomplish this task and I we thank those involved on behalf of our FILC. We had a total of 86 hours of volunteer work on this job.

FILC volunteers involved in completing this project: Jim Stone, Joe Diehl, Charles Lamb, Dan Mihalisin, Dick Bowman, Bill Morison and Sam Mooney.

Special Note from King Lion Fran: PP Sam,

Thanks for spearheading this project and sending the photos and information to us. Bill, Jim, Joe, Charlie, Dan, Paul and Dick thanks so much for helping with the building of this fantastic looking ramp. The "before and after" pictures tell the story.

You are right...this is what Lionism is all about. KL Fran

LONG TIME FRIEND OF FILC VISITS OUR CLUB:

Our speaker Monday April 19th at our regular meeting was Patsy Brown, whom many of you know from her time spent working and helping at the Cheer Center with Meals on Wheels (before she had her accident). She also writes a weekly column for Roxana that appears in the *WAVE*. She includes all of our activities in her column, most recently the scholarship and the recycling of eye glasses and the location of the boxes. FILC appreciates the publicity she has provided on our behalf. We look forward to continuing our relationship and helping her where we are able. KL Fran

LATEST CHIRPS FROM THE DESK OF DG LEE BIRD:

Fellow Lions... Delaware State Lions Day was busy! I had pancakes at Glasgow and more pancakes at New Castle Hundred. That night it was out to the Wilmington Manor Charter Party (Yes, I am off the diet). I am not a bowler but Lion Jim did another fine job this year Chairing the **Bowling Tournament** and I had fun cheering on the Club's teams. The **Leader Dog Meetings** were well attended with good work by Chair PDG Bob Jones and all who helped to make them successes again this year. (Cont'd on Back Pg)



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FILC ATTENDS THE ANNUAL 2010 DISTRICT LEADER DOG EVENT:

The Annual Leader Dog Banquet was held on Tuesday, March 30th at the Millsboro Civic Center. Lions Bob & Jean Bertram, Lion Jack Coxe & Riker, King Lions Fran and PP Bob Pretty attended. Speaker Wanda Scroggins & her leader dog Gibson were unable to personally attend because of a family emergency. However, we heard her inspiring message which was recorded the night before at the upstate Leader Dog Banquet. Lion Jack, Riker and KL Fran presented FILC's check of \$250. The total donations from the Clubs who were present were over \$10,000.

Lion Jack Coxe and King Lion Fran are shown above following King Lion Fran's presentation at the Leader Dog Banquet. PDG Bob Jones and another Leader Dog recipient are included.



PLANTING GRASS ON THE DUNES MARCH 30TH:

That Saturday was the perfect beach day! Actually too pretty to be working, but it was important to help with restoring the dunes after the beating they took from the winter storms. Thanks to Lions Jean & Bob Bertram, Carolyn & Jim Miles, Bill Morison, Dave Crum, Charles Lamb, Bob Pretty, Jim Stone, and 4 LEOS one of whom is an international student. The King Lion had eye surgery and became the cheerleader for the group since she couldn't bend over. (The coats soon came off because it was in the 70's and absolutely no wind. No wind was a good thing as the large fin whale that washed ashore in front of Fenwick Towers was just up the beach from us.)



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GREEN DAY AT PNC—BAYSIDE BRANCH:

1st V-President Tom Foley arranged for FILC to have an exhibit at PNC's first "Green Day" at this bank's location to collect cell phones and eyeglasses. Thanks to Lion Charles Lamb and his wife Lou and Lion John Carl and his wife Barbara for representing us at this event and accepting the eyeglasses that were turned in.

VERA BRADLEY-LONGABERGER-CASH BINGO—MONDAY JUNE 14TH

FILC is having a new fundraiser this year! It is a popular Vera Bradley- Longaberger Basket and Cash Bingo night on Monday, June 14th at the Roxana Fire Hall located on Route 20 in Roxana. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the games will start at 7 p.m. The tickets in advance are \$20 and \$25 at the door. Fellow Lions we need your support in selling the tickets, sponsoring the bingo games and working that night. The cost of sponsorship is \$50 and \$100. Martha Stone, the wife of PP Jim Stone has volunteered to chair this event which is a major undertaking and we greatly appreciate her doing so. Please contact Martha at 436-7866 or KL Fran at 436-1773 if you are interested in a sponsorship. Tickets can be gotten from Lion Jean Bertram at 436-5326. This will be a fun-filled evening of 21 bingo games, a Chinese Auction, door prizes and two raffles.

DID YOU EVER WONDER WHAT 400 USED EYE GLASSES LOOKED LIKE?



Just gaze upon this pile... We are curious, can Eye Glass Collection Chair Lion Joe Leonard even lift this many eye glasses?



Now here's one great big pile of whale!

We're pretty sure Lion Joe won't be lifting this anytime soon.

This whale landed on a Delaware beach and King Lion Fran caught it on camera so we wouldn't forget what a "pile of whale" looks like!



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This time of year, drops increase as clubs try to remove their "Dead Wood". **"DON'T DROP UM, ACTIVATE UM"** (my new retention motto). Be a pain! Make it harder to get out than it was to get in. Membership is at 1354 as of today 4/21, another positive number. We are still one of the top 20 Districts in the nation.

At the April Cabinet meeting, it was approved to resubmit an LCIF grant application for Delaware Association for the Blind. DAB's project from 2006 was held up due to the general economic down turn. This is an excellent Sight project, we are glad to see it back underway. The Claymont Lions Club has submitted the nomination of **Region Chair Ken Chew** for the office of **SVDG 2010-2011**. I am sure Ken will make an excellent SVDG and serve both Mike and Karl well. Many recognitions were made to the cabinet Officers and Chairs with funds donated to DLF in my name totaling just over \$4,600. Thank you all for making it possible to "Grow the Service". I was presented with a Lion's gumball machine (long story).

Training School May 6th is only about 2 weeks away. Again, I hope a member from every club will be able to attend the class on Club Branch Development. This is the key to our District's future growth. We have already started to work on the development of one branch and others are in the mill.

The **Multiple District Convention** in Dover is coming up quickly. Please plan to attend and send in all your forms today. We need a full count of delegates. Please see page 8 for **PDG Ted's Campaign** committee for details.

I have been asked why the Council of Governors (COG) requested the change in the **MD Constitution & Bylaws** as it pertains to site selection for the convention. With the COG power to relocate severely restricted, as it is now, the COG's ability to negotiate is also restricted. Once a site is selected the future COG have to deal with all the problems/changes that may arise while the selected sight is "Locked in" and as such not inclined to negotiate. A decision to move would not be done lightly. All five of the FVDG would be involved in any decision to relocate. This action brings us closer to the standard form of operation for a COG and it's powers. *"Yours in Lionism"* **DG Lee**

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