



Fenwick Island Lions Club Newsletter

The  
Lions  
Roar



December 2006



### Prez Sez By King Lion Bob

December has been a busy and rewarding time for the members of the Fenwick Island Lions Club. We started the month with eight of us attending the Governor's Ball in Dover on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was a gala event honoring our new District Governor Keith Thompson.

Just two days later, we had a great time at our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance at Bear Trap. I want to thank IPP Sam Mooney and his wife Lion Muriel Mooney for the terrific job that they did in once again taking charge of this event. I would also like to thank Martha Stone for creating all of the table favors and her daughter in law, Jodie Stone, for preparing the place cards. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Charter member Al Jordan who was unable to attend our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Unfortunately, Lion Marvin Levinson became ill during the evening and had to be rushed to the emergency room. I am happy to report that Marvin was released from the hospital the next day and is doing well.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, we attended the annual Christmas Party for the Visually Impaired at the Millsboro Civic Center. We donated five fruit baskets and five ten dollar gift certificates which, along with gifts from other Lion's clubs, were presented to those visually impaired who were in attendance. We were pleased to have Lion Jack Coxe and his new leader dog Riker as our special guest. Nine Leos and seven of our members assisted other District Lions in making this a successful night. Our Leos prepared special favors which were presented to each of the visually impaired.

We had a great attendance at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our speaker for the day was Lion Jim Hartman from the Dover Lions Club. Jim is Chairman of the District's "Diabetes" committee

and gave a terrific presentation about the perils of diabetes. This topic is of special interest to those of us with family members that are suffering from this disease.

I would like to give a special thanks to those members that responded to our request for Toys for Tots and brought them to the meeting. We collected four large bags of toys and turned them over to the Marine Corp Reserves later that afternoon.

I hope to see you all at our first meeting for the New Year which will be held on *Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>*. Be sure to mark your calendar. Someone from the Indian River Life-saving Station located 3 miles south of Dewey Beach is the scheduled speaker.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

***Yours in Lionism, King Lion Bob!***

### *"Last Meeting 2006": Diabetes!*



District Diabetes Chair Lion, Jim Hartman from Dover Lions Club relates the Ins & Outs of Diabetes Disease.

50/50 Chairs Lions Bill Morison & Bob Bertram keep us straight about where the Joker is & is not!



Asst. Tail Twister stand-in for one day only Lion Ross Lyon helps our Club raise funds as our Clubs head auctioneer! Really super Chocolate candy!

## Calendar Of Events

- **Tuesday January 2** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday January 15** Regular Member Meeting
- **Saturday January 20** Annual Melvin Jones Breakfast, Dover Sheraton 9:30 AM RSVP by 1-13-2007 (For Details & form Go to: <http://www.lions22d.org/index.html>)

- **Monday January 22** Board Meeting
- **Sunday February 4** Polar Bear Plunge
- **Monday February 5** Regular Member Mtg.
- **Monday February 19** Regular Member Mtg.
- **Monday February 26** Board Meeting

See Our Web Site's for additional schedule & general Info.: [www.filc.us](http://www.filc.us)

## News from the Lions Den

### ILLions:



Do you have that smile on your face? Are you praying for the "walking wounded" types? Good! Please continue to keep PDG Lion Noble Simpson (539-3734) informed of any Lions or family members that could use a "thinking of you, please get well" or a

little pick me up card nudge to remind them we are indeed thinking of them. Our sick members appreciate your thoughtfulness, as does your editor.

Thank you so much!



# Membership?

Why Membership? Two good reasons! Without *member retention* and *new member growth* our "We Serve" Motto will become a hollow reminder that in "the day" we really did serve!

Over the last twenty years we have: Funded the Food Pantry by at least (\$8,000.00), Meals On Wheels over (28,000 Lion Hours), the early Bethany Beach Library (\$4,500.00), Stockley Center (at least \$10,000.00), College Scholarships to over 50 students (\$85,000.00), youth sports football four year program over 120 kids (\$12,900.00), weather related support (\$10,000.00), eye glass replacement (\$2,000.00), ramp building for the handicapped (\$2,000.00) and a host of other civic duties such as: Thousands of eye glass collections, "Adopt A Highway", dune grass planting, beach cleanup, Bethany Beach Fourth of July Parade, and lately and most importantly "Preschool Eye Photo Screening" for youngsters, among just some of the other small but important "Lion Hours" & financial assistance that we provide!

To say nothing about our support to Lions Clubs International, to which we owe allegiance in the name of "Serving our Community". This includes, among others: LVRF, Melvin Jones (38 members), Leader Dogs for the Blind, Delaware Valley Eye Bank, Special Olympics, Blue-Gold Game, Sight & Hearing (Del-Vosh), Diabetes & Related Diseases, Youth Services (Leo Club, Baseball, Football & Other), Campaign SightFirst I & II, Delaware Lions Foundation, Delaware Hospice, and smaller projects, such as: Kent-Sussex Industries, Drug Awareness & QUEST in Schools and United Nations participation.

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Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air! -  
Jack Benny

## District Governor Keith Thompson & December "Keith's Briefs":



**Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos:**

Oh What A Night, as the song goes, except this wasn't late December back in '63, this was early December in '06. What an awesome event that PCS BJ and her committee put on for all of us. Kudos to PCT Janet Brown and her committee for another super job of putting together the best ad book in the Multiple District. Congratulations also to King Lion Roy and Barbara Palo from the Glasgow Lions, who put on one heck of a Pre-Governor's Ball Hospitality Reception. Debbie and I had a great weekend with International Director Joe and his lovely wife Eileen. It was a "relaxing" weekend of frivolity, karaoke and just all around great Lions interaction.

While I'm passing out some well deserved attaboy/girl, congratulations go out to Shaquille Stratton from Lake Forest Central School in Felton on her District 22-D award winning peace poster. The Frederica Spring Creek Lions sponsored her poster "Celebrating Peace". They were one of six clubs that participated in the Peace Poster Contest this year. If your Club did not sponsor a poster this year consider doing so and Shift the Paradigm.

Speaking of Shifting the Paradigm, I know there are many well-qualified up and coming Lion Leaders in our District that would benefit from Multiple District 22's Regional Leadership Institute held at Emmittsburg, Maryland. The application to attend can be found on the website and the District is providing scholarships for up to half the cost. So if you desire, shift from a first gear grass roots Lion to a second gear beginning Lion Leader.

In the spirit of the season, your Cabinet had the pleasure of attending all three Region's Christmas Parties for the Blind. What great events each and every one of these is. Co-sponsored by the Delaware Association for the Blind, these carry on yet another of our great traditions of being "Knights of the Blind" in our "Crusade Against Darkness". All the Region Chair's and their committees did a terrific job in orchestrating these events. I was indeed humbled at the New Castle County party when long-time Lion Frank Harrison from the Wilmington Manor Club presented me a copy of a Book of Lions Prayers suitable for any occasion that your Club may be participating in. Lion Frank is truly a wordsmith as he penned all of these prayers. It is a wonderful compilation of prayers that a Club could retain for the Club Chaplain or Lion Tamer to utilize at a Club meeting. Many times Lions are taken by surprise when asked to do an invocation. This book could certainly alleviate those anxieties.

At our last visitation of the Calendar Year, Region 3 Chair Brad Spicer informed me of the explosion of Leo Clubs that is about to happen in District 22-D. He is preparing for this onslaught of young people to our District with a Leo handbook that he has developed and a Leo program he is developing and will be giving in January of 2007. So stop, look and listen for details on this exciting event.

In closing, on behalf of myself, Debbie, Bob, Cheryl, Ann, Ted and the rest of your Cabinet, we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday Season, and a Happy and Joyous New Year.

***Keep on Shifting... Keith***



## Donations To CSF II Go To Treasurer Bill, Care Of FILC!:

<p><b>2005-2006</b>                  The Year of Education and Preparation                  CSFII Launched at the International                  Convention in Hong Kong. Model Clubs begin                  intensive fund raising. All Clubs conduct one                  additional fund-raising event for CSFII.</p>	<p><b>2006-2007</b>                  The Year of Inspiration and                  Motivation. Prepared Clubs                  begin intensive fund-raising                  efforts</p>	<p><b>2007-2008</b>                  The Year of Participation and Celebration                  All remaining Clubs begin intensive fund                  raising. CSFII concludes at the International                  Convention in Bangkok</p>
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### *(Continued from page 2) Why Membership?*

In 2006 alone we have expended many "We Serve Lion Hours" and Funds collected in the name of Lionism (more than \$40,000 in new funding) to our local and extended community. We receive these funds from the community to give to our community of needy. **To do less Serves them less!**

If by some small chance you are unable to find a new member candidate or have doubts about your own membership, Please... contact your Membership Chair (Lion Dick Waughtal 302-236-3790) or any of our other fine Lion members who you may feel comfortable speaking to about these issues. Our wonderful southern Delaware community deserves no less.

It does seem to your Membership Chair, our "Lion" members count on each other to help with the growing needs of our community. Your help is essential!!! Don't forget... payment of dues is the not only a great contribution to our community but supports our Clubs basic existence and we do count on you!

### Extra Content for Web Viewers:

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up.

The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?"  
 "No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"  
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Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked.

"To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue.  
 "What's the matter?" asked Little Johnny. "Giving up?"  
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Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

"Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him."  
 Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

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Little Johnny attended a horse auction with his Father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs, rump, and chest. After a few minutes, Johnny asked, "Dad, why are you doing that?" His father replied, "Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy."

Johnny, looking worried, said, "Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom."

Go ahead and laugh, it might hurt but you'll be better for it! - Your Webmaster