



Lions Roar

Fenwick Island Lions Club Newsletter

A Great Team in Action... We Serve!



August 2006-2007



Prez Sez By King Lion Bob

If you missed our regular meeting on September 18th, you missed one of the most heart warming meetings that our club has ever held. First, Lion Jack Coxe introduced his new leader dog "Riker" and then he demonstrated his new "JAWS" computer program which the club had helped him obtain. What a thrill it was to see first hand how this software leads him through the various tasks on the computer by speaking the words that appear on the monitor. To know that we had a part in Jack receiving this new software made every Lion that was in attendance feel good.

Next, Lion Bruce Schoonover showed a video that he had obtained about the "Campaign SightFirst II" program. The mission of SightFirst is to significantly reduce preventable and reversible blindness worldwide. Over the past 15 years, this program has had an impact on hundreds of millions of people. The video showed us first hand where the money that we had helped to raise on "SightFirst I" had been spent. Now we have the opportunity to continue this important program with "SightFirst II". It is my hope that

ALL of our members will catch the fever that was present at our last meeting and do their part to make this program a success. One way to help is to get behind our "Basket Bingo" scheduled for October 17th. Get out there and sell those tickets. I have been told that the women love this event if you will just let them know that it is being held. If we fill that hall, we can make a significant amount of money for the "SightFirst" program.

We had a great time at the annual club picnic that was held on September 11th. We had a total of 66 Lions, Wives and guest in attendance. Unfortunately, a hurricane was going by the east coast the day of the picnic and we had 25 mile an hour winds that put a damper on our festivities. Many thanks to Nancy Cook and her team of workers who provided the excellent food that made it all worthwhile.

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"Campaign SightFirst II: A Program to Prevent Blindness!"



FILC is assisting in the funding of a great LCI program (described last month) by hosting a local Longaberger Basket Bingo Fund Raiser to be held Tuesday October 17, 2006 at the Millsboro Town Civic Center (322 Wilson Highway, Millsboro, DE).

Doors open @ 6:00pm, Games @ 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20 (\$25 at the Door) and are available from Lions: Donna Waughtal (539-5880), Naomi Popolo (436-0992) & Muriel Mooney (436-8216).

Bingo winners receive a beautiful Longaberger basket with assorted "goodies inside". Refreshments, raffles, door prizes, 50/50 drawings are exciting activities to also be enjoyed!

Please join us and support *Blindness Prevention and be a Bingo Winner!*

We need all the support we can get! Bring a friend, tell a friend, inform a neighbor anything else you can do to get our community to our... BASKET BINGO!

Remember...

This is not about Bingo, it is about making a difference in millions of peoples' lives throughout the world.

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Calendar Of Events

Monday October 2 Regular Member Meeting

Sunday October 8 DLF Walk for Sight, Dover, DE

Monday October 16 Regular Member Meeting

Friday & Saturday October 13-14 District 22 D Vision Days

Monday October 23 Board Meeting

Saturday November 4 FILC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Fenwick Crab House

Monday November 6 Regular Member Meeting

Monday November 20 6:00 pm FILC 20th Anniversary Dinner Celebration

Monday November 27 Board Meeting

Saturday December 2

District 22D Governors Ball Dover Sheraton

• **Monday December 4** Christmas Dinner Dance, Bear Trap Dunes

• **Monday December 18** Regular Member Meeting*

*Monday December 18: Board Meeting

See Our Web Site's for additional schedule & Info.: www.filc.us

News from the Lions Den

ILLions:



we do have a Lion who is having trouble doing the "walking" we are surprisingly free of "major cases", so

Part Deux: Can you believe it! Our Treasurer, Lion Bill Neimiller is home and doing fine... again! So, let's keep a smile on our face and put all those we know of, who are associated with our Club, who are of the "walking wounded" type, in your prayers. While

to speak!

Please keep PDG Lion Noble Simpson (539-3734) informed of any Lions or family 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!



(Continued from page 1) Prez Sez Message

Once again, our club participated in the annual Fenwick Island beach cleanup on September 16th. Fifteen minutes before the 9:00 am start time it was raining cats & dogs. But at 9:00 am the rain stopped and the chairman decided to proceed with the cleanup. In spite of the bad weather, we had 8 Lions and 10 Leo's that participated. Thanks to all that helped. If you did not receive your Tee Shirt, see King Lion Bob.

On October 8th, the "Walk for Sight" will be held at the Monster Mile at Dover Speedway. Come out and help to raise money for the Delaware Lions Foundation. Get a pledge form and have your neighbors sponsor you to walk. A total pledge of at least \$25.00 is needed to walk. Registration begins at 12:00 noon and the walk is from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Lets try to have a good number of Lions and Leo's from our club at this event.

Yours in Lionism, King Lion Bob

The Campaign SightFirst Program Summary:

2005-2006

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.

2006-2007

The Year of Inspiration and Motivation. Prepared Clubs begin intensive fund-raising efforts

2007-2008

The Year of Participation and Celebration All remaining Clubs begin intensive fund raising. CSFII concludes at the International Convention in Bangkok

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Campaign SightFirst II (Cont'd)



Two of the Longaberger baskets offered as prizes...

Since 1990, the SightFirst program has:

- Prevented serious vision loss for 27 million;
- Provided 80.5 million treatments for river blindness;
- Administered 4.6 million treatments for trachoma;
- Restored sight to 7.139 million individuals with cataracts;
- Improved eye care for hundreds of millions;
- Built or expanded 213 eye hospitals, clinics and wards;
- Upgraded 325 eye centers with equipment;
- Trained 305,000 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye care workers and village

health workers;

- Launched the world's first-ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organization. Thirty pediatric eye care centers will be established; and
- Awarded \$193 million for 818 projects in 90 countries.
- SightFirst has not only been stunningly effective but also startlingly efficient. On average every \$6 in donations has resulted in a person with vision restored or saved from blindness.

We hope that you will support this effort by making a donation or by joining us for a fun-filled evening on Tuesday, October 17th. Donations can be sent to the Fenwick Island Lions Club c/o Bill Neimiller, Treasurer 346 South Ocean Dr. Ocean City, MD 21842.

Spaghetti Dinner Work Crew:

Well here goes. The members listed are signed up to help with our Spaghetti Dinner Fund raiser. If you are not listed and want to work Call Lion Bill Morison Fund Raiser Chair and add your name!

ASH	ASHINHURST	DANIEL	HILL	BILL	NEIMILLER	CLY	RANKIN	MICKEY	COOK
NICK	BARTOLOMEO	CALL	HOOK	DUKE	PANTOS	PAUL	RAVILIOUS		
JEAN	BERTRAM	ROLAND	HUDSON	PHIL	PEASE	BOB	SCHLAUCH SR.		
BILL	BUNTING	LARRY	KOVACS	JOHN	PITMAN	NOBLE	SIMPSON		
JOHN	CARL	LEW	KREMER	NAOMI	POPOLO	ROBERT	STAMP		
DANIEL	CASEY	LARRY	McDONALD	FRAN	PRETTY	DON	STEWART		
DAVID	CRUM	DANIEL	MIHALISIN	BOB	PRETTY	JAMES	STONE		
ROBERT	CUMMINGS	JIM	MILES	LENNY	PRICE	DONNA	WAUGHTAL		
JOHN	FURLOW	SAM	MOONEY	JEAN	PRICE	DICK	WAUGHTAL		
DAVID	GRANT	BILL	MORISON	HAROLD	RABINOWITZ	NICK	YENGLE		



In the "Check It Out" Category... Re: Free 411. Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. When you need to use the 411 / information option, simply dial 1 800 FREE 411 or 1 800 373 3411 without incurring a charge at all except for the minutes required to make the call. This is information people don't mind receiving. Pass it on! P. S. *Works on home phone also.*

"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'
"That sounds like the Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" Well, "It's Not Unusual."

**Lower Sussex County Lions Club Children's Eye Photo screening Program
For Pre K and Kindergarten Children
2006 Fall Schedule**

Lion O.J. (Ash) Ashinhurst of the Fenwick Island Lions Club has announced this Fall's schedule of the **free** vision screening program for the early detection of amblyopia for children in pre-K and Kindergarten in lower Sussex County.

Ashinhurst comments that "...this program has been hugely successful. Starting from nothing five years ago, the Lions have successfully acquired the equipment and built a program that reaches all young children in the Indian River School District and in the "Head Start" program within the area."

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. The brain literally shuts off the bad eye and slows its development in relation to the good eye. If left uncorrected, amblyopia may lead to irreversible vision loss. Amblyopia develops most rapidly in the early years of the child's life and affects 3% to 5% of all American children. The need for early detection of amblyopia and the factors which cause amblyopia is widely recognized. Amblyogenic factors include:

- Strabismus - Both eyes cannot be directed to the same object;
- Anisometropia - A difference in refraction between the two eyes;
- Hyperopia – Farsightedness;
- Myopia – Nearsightedness; and
- Astigmatism - Unequal focusing of the light rays as they enter the eye, causing a blurring of the object.

Early Detection and Treatment

Amblyopia is usually more easily treatable if addressed at an early age. Unfortunately, the majority of children do not receive proper eye examinations until they enter school. In many cases, it is a condition that cannot be easily detected by a parent or guardian. Most preschool children have their eyes checked by general health practitioners and pediatricians who may not have the proper equipment to perform an amblyopia screening or exam.

Photo screening Process

The Lions vision screening program is based on the use of photo screening technology for the detection of amblyopia. Photo screening methodology is relatively simple. Two photographs of the child's eyes are taken with a special Polaroid camera and high-speed film. Trained interpreters analyze the photographs to detect amblyogenic factors, looking for crescent marks and shadows that appear in the photographs if the child's eyes are not focusing properly. The procedure is non-invasive and no eye drops are necessary. Photo screening is only a screening process and is not a substitute for a professional eye examination. Vision screenings are not necessary for children who are currently fitted with glasses or whose eyes have recently been examined by an eye care professional.

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Idle Thoughts of a Retiree's Mind...

I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it. I had amnesia once -- or twice. I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart. Now what? Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic. All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy. If the world was a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle. What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free? ... *To be Continued*

(Continued from page 4) **Children's Eye Photo screening Program (cont'd)**

Vanderbilt University Involvement

The screenings are performed by Lions club volunteers who are trained in the operation of the camera and vision screening procedures. The resulting photographs are sent to Vanderbilt University where they are examined by professional photo screening interpreters, and the results returned to the parents. If an abnormality is detected, the parents are notified that the child should be taken to an ophthalmologist or optometrist for a comprehensive vision examination.

This Fall's Schedule of Screenings: (Work in Progress)

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lord Baltimore	9--26	Proj. Village- Selbyville	
Proj. Village – Georgetown		Frankford	
Georgetown Elementary		Howard T. Ennis	
Headstart/Annex		Long Neck	
Headstart/Stokely		E. Millsboro	
Headstart/Belltown		Philip Showell	
Headstart/Laurel		North Georgetown	

Parental or guardian consent is required before the screening can be performed. This service is provided by the Lions at no cost to the parent/guardian or the sponsor of the screening.

Vision screening is a good beginning to proper eye care. A screening does not replace a professional examination, but it can help identify children at risk for eye disorders. Finding eye disorders in their early stages saves SIGHT.

Lions Clubs Participating in this Program: All Lions Clubs in Region 3, Zone 2 will have volunteers participating in the screening program. This includes the Central Sussex County-Hispanic ions Club, Fenwick Island Lions Club, Georgetown Lions Club, Lord Baltimore Lions Club, the Lord Baltimore Lioness Club, Millsboro Lions Club and the Selbyville/Indian River Lions Club.

We Serve

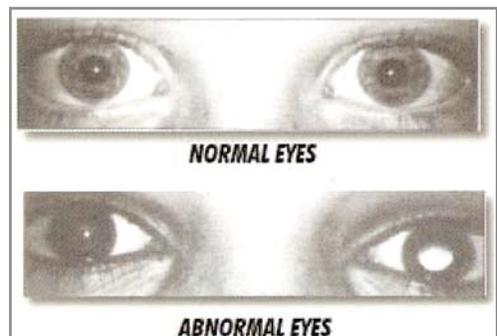
It is anticipated that well over 1,000 children will be screened this Fall and many volunteer man-hours will be devoted to this essential and worthwhile community-based vision saving program.



A young boy receives glasses courtesy of the LCIF SightFirst Program



A Young Girl waiting for Eye Test



Picture of Eyes Taken During Test

An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

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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)



Watching Our Back

The Board of Directors meets the fourth Monday of the month at 4:00 pm in Fenwick Island Town Hall—all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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