



Fenwick Island Lions Club Newsletter

The
Lions
Roar



April 2007



Prez Sez By King Lion Bob

It is almost May and one by one the snowbirds are finally returning from their warmer winter habitats. I hope that you all had a great winter and that you are now ready to roll up your sleeves and help us with the many events that are planned for the coming months. We have excellent speakers lined up for our next two meetings. On May 7th, John Saxon will be here with two members of his Lions Vision Research Foundation Education team. They have an interesting power point presentation to bring to us about Lions Vision Research. This is what Lionism is all about. Please make every effort to attend.

On May 21st, our own Bruce Schoonover will present a 32 minute video entitled "The Establishment of the Virgin Islands National Park". This is a documentary based on more than 2 years of research that Bruce did on the Virgin Islands which happens to be where he and his wife Sharron are fortunate enough to spend their winters. Those of us that are familiar with Bruce's work will tell you that this is going to be a first class presentation that you will not want to miss.

Don't forget the Multiple District 22 Convention in Dover, Delaware, May 14 – 17th. If you can't attend all of the days, at least try to get there on Wednesday, May 16th. That is the day for the District 22D Luncheon. Our Club will have its own Hospitality room that night so come by and socialize with your fellow club members. We will be providing light snacks and drinks

for your enjoyment.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday June 2nd. We hope to have tickets available at the May 7th business meeting. Please get out there and sell those tickets so that this fundraiser will be a big success. In addition, Bill Morison will be passing around a work assignment sheet for you to indicate when you will be available to help us. Last year we had more than 40 club members that helped with this event. Please come out and support this important fundraiser.

On Monday June 4th, we will have our annual "Ladies Day" luncheon. Once again, we will be entertained by the musical duo "IMAGINE". We will also be honoring some of our members with various awards. Please be sure to put this date on your calendar.

At our last business meeting, we announced the nominations for the officers of the club for the coming year (see separate article). I am extremely grateful to the individuals who graciously stepped forward to serve so that our club can continue to be one of the leading forces of Lionism in the state of Delaware. I am happy to report that we have almost a full slate. Please give some thought to the possibility of filling one of the remaining slots.

Yours in Lionism, King Lion Bob

Multiple District Convention!



Held at Dover Downs... May 14 through May 17! Go to www.lionsmd22.org for details:

Did you know? You may attend a wonderful convention packed with Lions information and camaraderie without cost? You must register and if you chose to attend a special event you need a ticket (cost). But all Seminars, Exhibits, Hospitality Night & other stuff... all free! Daily attendance is fine! Pick & Chose.

See you there!

Calendar Of Events

- **Monday May 7** Regular Member Meeting
- **Thursday to Sunday**
- **May 14 to 17** Multiple District 22 Convention
Dover, Delaware
- **Monday May 21** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday May 28** Board Meeting
- **Saturday June 2** FILC Pancake Breakfast
- **Monday June 4** Regular Member Meeting

- **Monday June 18** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday June 25** Board Meeting
- **Sunday July 1, 2007** New Administration Begins.
- **Tuesday September 4, 2007**
First Regular Meeting.

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

News from the Lions Den

ILLions:

Laughter is sometimes the best medicine! But don't neglect the power of prayer for our "walking wounded"?



You never know! So 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!



News You Can Use or Abuse: Or AKA... Things we should know!



- THE 90TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD JULY 2-6, 2007 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA - THEME: THE "BIRTHPLACE OF LIONISM."

THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS ARE BUSY PLANNING TO HOST THE LIONS OF THE WORLD AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT TO CHICAGO AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT 1 AS WE CELEBRATE 90 YEARS OF LIONS SERVING OTHERS IN NEED. DETAILS HERE: [HTTP://WWW.LIONSCLUBS.ORG/EN/CONTENT/NEWS_CONV_HOSTCITY.SHTML](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/content/news_conv_hostcity.shtml)

- FILC members **PP Bob Pretty, IPP Sam Mooney, Lion Joe Diehl, Lion Dave Crum and his wife Kay**, attended a thank-you dinner at the Pyle Center representing Fenwick Island Lions Club. We were treated with a good dinner and service.



We were given certificates and travel bags along with entertainment by DJ and singer Donnie Hopkins. It's great to be a Lion.

We also had a bit of bad news, one of our meal clients was found by Lion Larry Kovacs lying in the yard and an attempt to revive him was unsuccessful.



In my experience: Some people say that I'm superficial, but that's just on the surface. On one hand, I'm indecisive; but on the other, I'm not. If there's one thing I can't stand, its intolerance. The world's full of apathy, but I don't care. Prejudiced people are all alike. And that's also a big . . . Ha-Ha!



Dear Lioness:

I come to you with an **Apology**, a **Plea**, and a **Request**.

As an officer of Lions Clubs International I would like to formally **APOLOGIZE** to the Lioness members of District 22-D for the way the "Grand Plan" was attempted to be instituted back in 1991 to phase out all Lioness Clubs and its membership.

History over the years has seen such plans go awry with many hurt feelings and in some case even deaths. This was seen in the Bay of Pigs incident and the failed rescue attempt of our hostages in Iran. Fortunately no one was physically killed in the attempt by Lions International to forcefully encourage the Lioness to become Lions, although the membership was greatly affected when this policy was attempted to be instituted. For all this, I apologize and hope you all can forgive, in this Christian season of forgiveness.

District 22-D (Delaware) has been its own Sub-District since the early 1940's. To remain a separate Sub-District of a Multiple District, a Sub-District is required to have 1250 members and 35 Clubs. Unfortunately, with our aging and declining membership we are within two to three years of losing our Sub-District status, based on our statistics this year. But it's not too late to turn those numbers around, as witnessed last night when I installed 5 new members at Frederica Spring Creek.

Speaking of history, I want to take you back to 1920 when the 19th amendment was passed. For those of you who do not remember, the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote. Although an inalienable right for all citizens of the United States, you all as Lioness have no given right to vote in any Lions elections. We have an election for Vice District Governor coming up in District 22-D that you all will not be able to vote in. Although the District Governor and Vice District Governor represents you all, you have no right to vote, nor an ability to elevate one of your fellow Lioness to the office of District Governor or Vice District Governor. This has been this way since the formation of the very first Lioness Club.

My **PLEA** is this. We need your help; we need to make a concerted effort to turn these numbers around. You all number between 150 and 200 members. Single handedly you can help out District 22-D. This is not just the Lions District; this is your District as well. The out of pocket additional dues cost is only \$46.25 per year or \$3.85 per month or 13 cents a day. Just like the Women's Suffrage movement in the early part of the century you all would be immediately eligible for all the rights and privileges enjoyed by all Lions members. The right to vote for Vice District, District Governor and International candidates; the right to vote for changes to all Constitutions & By-Laws; you would automatically receive a copy of the Lion magazine; and most importantly, you would be able to run for a Cabinet level leadership office, if you so desire. You have many members that would be wonderful as leaders in our/your District.

So, my **REQUEST** is this. At your next Board meeting, all I ask is that you just discuss some of the points I have raised. I know many of your Clubs have talked about this before, but maybe I have raised some additional discussion points. Whatever the decision that you and your Board of Directors makes, whether to remain a Lioness Club or become a new Lioness/Lions Club it is solely up to you all. You will all remain a viable and integral part of District 22-D and more importantly will remain as a Club helping out in your local community, helping those less fortunate than ourselves. **Keep On Shifting... Keith**

HAUNTING QUESTIONS: CAN YOU CRY UNDER WATER?... HOW IMPORTANT DOES A PERSON HAVE TO BE BEFORE THEY ARE CONSIDERED ASSASSINATED INSTEAD OF JUST MURDERED?... WHY DO YOU HAVE TO "PUT YOUR TWO CENTS IN".. BUT IT'S ONLY A "PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS"? WHERE'S THAT EXTRA PENNY GOING TO?... HOW IS IT THAT WE PUT MAN ON THE MOON BEFORE WE FIGURED OUT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PUT WHEELS ON LUGGAGE?... WHY IS IT THAT PEOPLE SAY THEY "SLEPT LIKE A BABY" WHEN BABIES WAKE UP LIKE EVERY TWO HOURS? **WHO KNOWS?**

Fenwick Island Lions Club, Box 732, Bethany Beach, DE 19930
 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)



Donations to *CSF II* Go to Treasurer Bill, *Care of FILC!*

Oak Brook, IL (USA) May 1, 2007 — Year to date, CSFII has collected over \$85.5 Million. You'll be happy to know in the past FILC has done its part in support of this program. Now we move on to individual Lions members and their support. **Keep in mind, \$6** is the average cost to save one person from blindness through Campaign SightFirst II. Let's continue do our part FILC... *just "get'er done"!* Your Editor

NEW OFFICER ELECTION: 2007-2008 Lions Year FILC Board The following slate of candidates are presented for consideration to their corresponding offices. These candidates will be voted upon at the May 7th Regular Member Meeting. This meeting action is in effect the second announcement of nominations. Nominations for the open seats will be accepted & voted upon.

PRESIDENT	Dick Waughtal	ASST LION TAMER	Bob Bertram
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	Ash Ashinhurst	TAIL TWISTER	John Pitman
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	Bruce Schoonover	ASST TAIL TWISTER	Open
3rd VICE PRESIDENT	Open	DIRECTOR TWO YEARS	Bob Pretty
SECRETARY	Cal Hook	DIRECTOR TWO YEARS	Jim Stone
ASST SECRETARY	Noble Simpson	DIRECTOR ONE YEAR	Cal Denis
TREASURER	Bill Neimiller	DIRECTOR ONE YEAR	Luke Martin
ASST TREASURER	Dan Mihalisin	DIRECTOR ONE YEAR	Sam Mooney
LION TAMER	Bill Morison	MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN	Bob Schlauch



So... where you been Fellow Lions? Don't forget our meetings!



Not many Lions run into this situation, however, it doesn't hurt to be prepared. As any Boy Scout will tell you, it's important!

When I was married 25 years, I took a look at my wife one day and said, "Honey, 25 years ago, we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10 inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 25 year old blonde..."

Now, we have a nice house, nice car, big bed and plasma screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 50 year old woman. It seems to me that you are not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 25 year old blonde, and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10 inch black and white TV.



Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve your mid-life crises....