



Fenwick Island Lions Club Newsletter

The
Lions
Roar



August 2007

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Well... wasn't that a hot summer... by gore! Pun intended. Your Board has had a very busy summer this year and we expect all of our Club members have as well, in spite of the heat. So far, we have finished the Club schedule of Events, Committee assignments and made other important decisions but more importantly, we've even had time for some fun!



*What a gang!!! Baseball and Fireworks...
the way we like'm*

Above is a good example: A whopping 69 Lion Members & quests attended the Maryland Minor League Shorebirds July 18, 2007 baseball game & fireworks extravaganza. We say extravaganza since the Shorebirds did win the game over the Lexington Legends, 8 to 0 and the fireworks were outstanding. And to put a finer point on the evening, Lion Lew Kremer and wife Jan celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary at the game. *Oh what a day!* This is a great annual event for our Club and serves to elevate the camaraderie we have become known for!

Other events occupied Board members time during August. A small group attended the District 22 D Banner Transfer Dinner at the very end of July on the 30th of the month. Our new DG Bob Jones (Laurel LC) accepted the District 22 D

leadership responsibility in a "unique to Lionism" Banner Transfer Ceremony wherein Immediate PDG Keith Thompson (Glasgow LC) passed our District 22 D's DG Banner to DG Bob for safe keeping during his Lions Year. In effect this means DG Bob and his Board are now officially in charge for Lions year 2007-2008. FILC was well represented at this administrative event.

Anyone want to see Championship Softball game? This year was a wonderful example of the World Series of Senior League girls' softball play. FILC successfully handled the Saturday playoffs parking for the event. This included: Lions: Bruce & Sharon Schoonover, Bob Pretty, Ash Ashinhurst, Sam Mooney, Charlie Lamb, Joe Diehl Jim & Carolyn Miles, Dick Waughtal, Lonnie Riley Leo IRHS Sponsor and three young lady Leo's. Plus many of us had the opportunity to see some of the great play. Once again, a Host Delaware District III Champion Team (Laurel Little League, Laurel, Delaware) worked their way into the playoffs and won the runner-up game beating the USA West Team (Arrowhead Little League, Glendale, Arizona) by a score of 7 to 1! It was a fine day for parking cars! This World Series will be back again next year. Come on out and enjoy!

The picnic is coming... announcement soon! PP Jim Stone is working on the details. This FILC annual picnic will most probably happen in the first week of October at Holts Landing, where we've gone before. Stay tuned!

Go ahead and recruit some new members... it's a family thing you know! We can do better, we will do better!

Yours in Lionism, King Lion *Walktall!*

Lions... New Club shirts are a big hit!

If you would like a shirt, contact Sam or Muriel Mooney. The price is \$25.00 and there are only a couple left. When they reorder a minimum of order of 12 shirts is needed to get this price. Thanks.



Calendar Of Events

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

- REGULAR CLUB MEETING ⇒ Tuesday, September 04, 2007
- USA/Canada Forum ⇒ Thursday September 06 to 08,2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING ⇒ Monday, September 17, 2007
- Lions Leadership Retreat @ Camp Merrick ⇒ September 14 to 16-2007
- COASTAL BEACH CLEAN UP (9:00 AM Dagsboro Street) ⇒ Saturday, September 15, 2007
- BOARD MEETING ⇒ Monday, September 24, 2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING ⇒ Monday, October 01, 2007
- FILC PICNIC (Holts Landing) ⇒ Thursday, October 04, 2007
- Delaware Lions Foundation Walk ⇒ Sunday, October 14, 2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING ⇒ Monday, October 15, 2007
- BOARD MEETING ⇒ Monday, October 22, 2007
- District 22 D Cabinet Meeting- Dover ⇒ Monday, October 29, 2007
- ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER ⇒ Saturday, November 03, 2007
- Delaware Lions Foundation Auction ⇒ Sunday, November 04, 2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING ⇒ Monday, November 05, 2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING-Official DG Visit ⇒ Monday, November 19, 2007
- BOARD MEETING ⇒ Monday, November 26, 2007
- Governors Ball 22D ⇒ Saturday, December 01, 2007
- FILC CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE ⇒ Monday, December 03, 2007
- Vision Impaired Party Region 3 ⇒ Tuesday, December 04, 2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING ⇒ Monday, December 17, 2007
- BOARD MEETING (To Follow Regular Meeting) ⇒ Monday, December 17, 2007

News from the Lions Den

ILLions:

Illness is no "laughing matter" just ask any FILC Member who is having difficulties! So please don't neglect the power of prayer for our "walking wounded"?

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!



We are... "Knights of the Blind": It's a stark fact. By the time you have finished reading this page one child somewhere in the world will have gone blind. One goes blind every minute. Half-a-million will have lost their sight by the end of the Year. Childhood blindness is only one part of the global vision crisis. If nothing is done, experts say that the world's blind population could double from 37 million to 74 million by 2020.

But Lions will not allow "nothing to be done." True to their commitment to be "knights of the blind," Lions have launched Campaign SightFirst II to prevent this tragedy. CSFII has set out to raise at least US\$150 million to continue and expand the extraordinary work of SightFirst, Lions worldwide program to combat preventable blindness.

Meals on Wheels News Article:

Coastal Point newspaper on July 27, 2007

The Fenwick Island Lions Club has long been a supporter of the Meals on Wheels program in Sussex County. Its goals are to (1) help seniors remain independent; (2) help them maintain their nutritional health; (3) act as a referral agency; and (4) help seniors live their life with dignity.

John Carl is the longtime Chairman of this committee. He and his wife, Barbara, are among 18 regular and 4 alternate volunteers in the club who deliver the hot meals to Roxana-area residents. Members of the Lions Club, along with dozens of other county volunteers, have been making these rounds for more than 25 years. They can be seen delivering meals year-round, five days a week through heat and cold, rain and snow.

Regular Lions Club participants in this program are David & Kay Crum (541-4730), John & Barbara Carl (436-0136), Joe & Mary Jean Diehl (436-1531), Larry & Ann Kovacs (436-4336), Cal Hook (436-2801) & Naomi Popolo (436-0992), Jim & Carolyn Miles (537-0942), Sam & Muriel Mooney (436-8216), Bob & Fran Pretty (436-1773), Cal Denis (436-5743) & Jim Stone (436-7866), and non-Lion member Pat & Una Carew (410/250-8369). Serving as alternate drivers are Jim Stone (436-7866) and Bob & Pat Schlauch (410/250-9881) and serving as an alternate assistant is Sharon Schoonover (539-2043).

Soon after 2 a.m. each weekday morning, the aroma of barbecue, chicken, beef or other dishes begins wafting through the air at the CHEER Center in Georgetown. Cooks there are preparing Meals on Wheels for Sussex County residents who are shut-ins or temporarily unable to cook for themselves. Around 8 a.m., the meals are loaded up and delivered to eight different sites. Once delivered, the meals are individually packaged and organized for each route. At 10 a.m., volunteers from all over the county pick up the meals and begin delivering them.

"You make friends with these people, talk to them, and try to brighten their day," says John. "You may

be the only face they see all day."

After loading up his car at the Pyle Center, Carl begins his route—nine stops in all. The first delivery is to a lady, whom he fondly calls "Cat Woman." The client has four cats that have kept her company since her husband died. She has especially appreciated the help from Meals on Wheels since she had to have a pacemaker about two years ago.

Another regular on John's route is another lady who always greets him with a "God Bless." She has been receiving Meals on Wheels since her stroke a couple of years ago and enjoys the interaction with the drivers. "They are just as nice as they can be," she says. "I love them all."

Each CHEER center has a site manager, kitchen manager, kitchen helper, and an outreach worker to keep the program going. After a county resident is referred to Meals on Wheels, outreach worker Linda Burch and other CHEER outreach workers makes a home visit. Before the first meal is delivered, the outreach worker must assess client's eligibility. After the assessment is completed and eligibility is determined, a diet order is sent to the family doctor. The doctor informs outreach workers what type of diet will work best for the client.



Lion John Carl visits with Pyle Center employees

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2007 when... 1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave. 2. You haven't played Solitaire with real cards in years. 3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three. 4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you. 5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses. 6. You're reading this and nodding and



Brand new FILC Money Tree Raffle for LCIF Campaign SightFirst II

Our Club has decided to once again support Campaign SightFirst II. This will be done, in part, by raffling off a "Money Tree" with \$500.00 in cash attached to tree limbs.

The drawing will be held at our Christmas Dinner Party on December 3rd, 2007. You do not have to be present to win. All sales are final and paid to the bearer.

Ticket prices are \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00. We will also sell these tickets at our Spaghetti Dinner held on November 3rd, 2007. We will need to sell as many tickets as we can. We have set a minimum net goal of \$1,500.00. Of course, this effort will require the full participation of every FILC member to accomplish. Remember, for every \$6.00 contribution we make we can help someone keep from going Blind or help restore their eye sight.

Tickets make great gifts at Christmas time (a favorite waitress, hairdresser, mail person and etc.).

This year we have a new sponsor who has agreed to pay for our raffle ticket printing. Caruso's Italian Restaurant at the west Fenwick shopping center has stepped up to the plate for us, so please patronize this restaurant as much as you can.



Meals on Wheels: a FILC Charitable Community Service! *(Continued from page 3)*

Frozen meals are delivered on Friday for clients who may need weekend meals.

There is a requested donation of \$2.50 for the meals, and almost all of the Meals on Wheels recipients contribute something. "They are all very appreciative," Burch says.

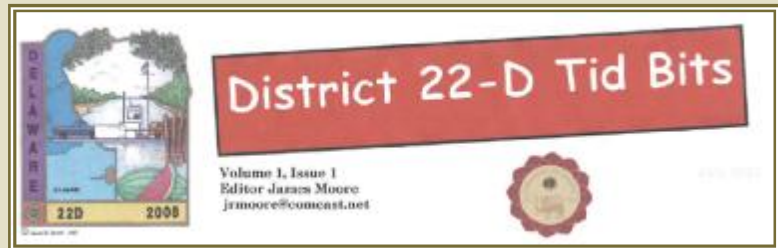
Meals on Wheels had its beginnings in England during World War II. During the Blitz, many people lost their homes and were unable to cook. The Women's Volunteer Service for Civil Defense provided meals for these people and for servicemen. This concept of delivering meals to those unable to prepare their own evolved into today's Meals on Wheels, which primarily serves the homebound elderly. The first home-delivered meal program in the United States began in Philadelphia in 1954, followed soon after by similar programs in Columbus and Rochester. Today Meals on Wheels operates on a local level, though the Meals on Wheels Association of America is a national clearinghouse.

The CHEER program has been in existence for more than 36 years. Meals on Wheels Delaware is a nonprofit 501c3 organization, a public-private partnership between the federal government, the state, five agencies, and thousands of volunteers. Together they provide and deliver meals to more than 4,300 seniors a year. CHEER in Georgetown is one of these five agencies.

If you have an interest in participating in this program, in whatever capacity, (regular driver, alternate or just willing to assist, please contact Chairman, Lion John Carl (436-0136.)

(Much of this write-up has been excerpted from the article written by Judy Myers, which ran in the Coastal Point newspaper on July 27, 2007. Many thanks to Judy for this fine article, and many thanks to John and all the participants in this incredible program... a splendid example of Lionism at its very best.)

From the desk of: DG Bob Jones:



Fellow Lions of District 22 D

Wow! What a great attendance at Banner Transfer. It was a huge success with representatives from twenty nine Lions Clubs and two Lioness Clubs in attendance. I had a great time, the meal was delicious and the fellowship super. The Laurel Lions Club now has the Official District Governor's Banner in their possession. I'm sure they will give it up next year. The following week we moved right into the first cabinet meeting held at the Frederica Fire Hall. It was the annual picnic style meeting with everyone bringing a dish to pass. As always, there was more food than we could eat, but we tried. I have an idea the spouses program was more interesting than the reports from the cabinet. We completed our meeting in good order, however, the program headed up by Detective

Danny Wright of the Delaware State Police lingered on for another half hour. The attendees had nothing but good things to share.

Moving into the month of August, First Lady Cheryl and I traveled with the Governors from MD22 to visit the Leader Dogs for the Blind facility in Rochester, Michigan. We have visited the school several times in our Lions tenure, however, this year the format was different. Leader Dog has stepped up to our International President's theme "challenge to change". The two days were filled with more information about the training of Leader Dogs from puppies to their graduation with a client as a team. We also learned much through demonstrations about their "Orientation and Mobility" program. The newest technology at the school is the "Treker" GPS (Global

Positioning System). This new technology will present a lot of opportunities for the blind and visually impaired. August 16th found us traveling to the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley. This is the first time we've had the opportunity to tour this facility. We learned there is more to harvesting and processing a cornea than meets the eye (no pun intended). The Lions of 22D can be very proud of their continuing support for the "Gift of Sight" program.

I'm looking forward to a full representation of the clubs for the President / Secretary/ Treasurer / Membership Chair dinner August 28th.

We're planning what we hope is an interesting and informative program for Club officers.

Visitations will be starting up soon. Letters will soon be sent to the Clubs we will be visit-

ing in September. I'm looking forward to visiting and having fellowship with all of you this year. As you start your meetings this year remember this is the year for "Challenge to Change". Club leaders let yourselves think outside the box and don't be afraid to try something new. DG Bob

To the engineer, all matter in the universe can be placed into one of two categories: (1) things that need to be fixed, and (2) things that will need to be fixed after you've had a few minutes to play with them. Engineers like to solve problems. If there are no problems handily available, they will create their own problems. Normal people don't understand this concept; they believe that if it isn't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it isn't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

