



January 2007



### Prez Sez By King Lion Bob

Once again, our club donated 51 one pound cans of ham to the recipients of Home bound Meals on Wheels out of the Pyle Center. The cans were distributed Christmas week each can labeled Merry Christmas and Happy New Years from the Fenwick Island Lions Club. I forgot to put this item in the December edition of the Lions Roar.

We had a very interesting speaker at our January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. He was Jim Hall from the Indian River Life-Saving Station. Mr. Hall told us about the 100 year history of the station with the extensive use of slides. Unfortunately, our attendance was down considerably because so many of our members have headed south for the winter. Speaking of heading south, I will be in Florida for the month of February. IPP Sam Mooney will be filling in for me during my absence. Those of you that are still in town, please come out and show your support for the club.

Seven of our members attended the Melvin Jones breakfast in Dover on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker for the breakfast was International Director Joseph Gaffigan. The primary theme of Joe's talk was the importance of the Campaign Sightfirst II program. LCIF would like each club to start a new fundraising activity in support of this program rather than taking funds from existing fundraisers. Our Club got a great start on this program with the Basket Bingo Fundraiser that was headed up by IPP Sam Mooney last October. This event raised more than \$4,000.00 towards our three year goal of \$25,000.00. However, we still have a long way to go. Incidentally, our own IPP Sam Mooney was presented with a Club President Excellence Award by District Governor Keith Thompson at the breakfast for the outstanding job that he did last year.

Our aluminum can collection program is in serious need of new volunteers. Two of the members that had been helping with this project for many years recently got rid of their trucks and are no longer able to pick up the cans. The Board had considered looking in to the purchase of a used truck by the club to use on this program. However, the insurance costs are prohibitive. Another alternative under consideration is the purchase (or the donation to the club) of a trailer which members without trucks could use for the pick up of the cans. This is the Club's largest fundraiser having accounted for almost \$17,000.00 during the last year. We sincerely need your help. Funds which are not raised through the can collection program will have to be made up through alternative fundraisers.

We have interesting speakers lined up for the two meetings in February. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, the speaker is Suzanne Thurman from the Marine Education, Research & Rehabilitation Institute. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, the speaker is Cynthia Tunney from the Alzheimer Association. I hope you have a nice February and I will see you the first meeting in March. ***Yours in Lionism, King Lion Bob!***

### Annual "Melvin Jones Breakfast":

**IPP Sam Mooney reports this years breakfast was great and the guest speaker was International Director Lion Joe Gaffigan, who spoke about Campaign SightFirst II and the good we Lions are doing.**

**Several FILC members were in attendance: PDG Noble Simpson, Ash Ashinhurst, Jim Miles, Bill Bunting, Bob (pardon the expression) Pretty, Bill Neimiller and Sam Mooney (taking the picture).**



## Calendar Of Events

- **Sunday February 4** Polar Bear Plunge
- **Monday February 5** Regular Member Mtg. Our speaker is Suzanne Thurman from the Marine Education, Research & Rehabilitation Institute.
- **Tuesday February 6** Zone 2, Region 3 Meeting Bonanza Restaurant, Millsboro (Eat 6pm, Meet 7pm)
- **Monday February 19** Regular Member Mtg. the speaker is Cynthia Tunney from the Alzheimer Association.
- **Monday February 26** Board Meeting

- **Monday March 5** Regular Member Meeting
- **Saturday March 10** Mid-Winter Social 22-D
- **Monday March 19** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday March 26** Board Meeting
- **Monday April 2** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday April 16** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday April 23** 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:

Keep that smile on your face... hear, now? And keep praying for the "walking wounded" ?



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!



## From the January Board... News You Can Use

- Lion Tamer Bill Morison reported that CPR training will be held March 3 and March 24 at the Keenwick Sound clubhouse. The cost will be \$10. The time is not yet scheduled... more later.
- Lion Ash Ashinhurst reported that 150 children have been referred for further testing as part of the Preschool eye screening testing being conducted in Sussex County by Lions. Five (5) of them do not have funds and need \$60 each for further exams. A motion was made and passed unanimously for our Club to pay for the children's exams.
- IPP Lion Sam Mooney stated what many believe, that we need to begin adjusting expenditures on our balance sheet to accommodate our declining membership. This will be pursued in later Board meetings.
- King Lion Bob Schlauch reports he has made the decision to eliminate FILC Club Visitations this year as we have no chairman and the District 22 D Visitation Contest expires March 31 anyway.

Grandpa started getting a \$500 check every month. So Grandpa and Grandma started cashing them. It turns out the government made a mistake with the address; the checks were intended for another person with the exact same name. Grandpa then received a notice that he had to pay back \$6,000. Visibly upset, he complained to his grandson, an accountant. His grandson asked: "Grandpa, didn't you wonder why you were receiving checks for doing absolutely nothing?" Grandpa answered: "No, I just assumed the Democrats were back in power."

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



### Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos:

Is your Club shifting the Paradigm yet? Well, for those of you out there who do not know, your District Governor has shifted the Paradigm in his personal life. After nearly 24 years working in the Christiana area, I have taken a position with the accounting firm of Dingle and Kane, Certified Public Accountants, located in downtown Newark. This new position has already proved fruitful and like many changes in your Club, sometimes you just need to bite the bullet, make the change, and don't look back.

Region Chair Brad Spicer has helped King Lion Richard Merriweather and the Rehoboth Beach Lions shift their Paradigm by holding a Club Retreat. A three hour session was set up by Region Chair Brad with excellent topics to try to get to the bottom of what the Rehoboth Beach Lions are all about and where the membership wants to take their Club.

The meeting was held at a Club Member's homeowners' association clubhouse with light refreshments served during the Retreat. A tremendous success was the conclusion of many of the Rehoboth Beach members. Kudos go out to Region Chair Brad, King Lion Richard, and most importantly the Rehoboth Beach Lions. Has your Club considered such a Retreat? I am sure Region Chair Brad or either Region Chairs Cheri or Don would be happy to assist your Club.

Another way to shift the Paradigm, and this won't cost anything either, is to contact Lion Jim Hartman who is our District Diabetes Chair. Lion Jim is making the rounds of Clubs that are interested in learning more about this debilitating disease that affects so many of us. Lion Jim can give you first hand, real life experiences in a very worthwhile Club program. Club Program Chairs remember; that all District Chairs are at your beck and call and would love to come out to each and every Club in the District and speak to your membership on many very interesting topics.

Many of you were treated to a special presentation at the Melvin Jones Brunch. A terrific number of Lions, Lioness and Leo Sierra, some 135 strong, heard Immediate Past District Governor Ralph host the Program with International Joe Gaffigan as the keynote speaker. Much of ID Joe's talk centered around Campaign Sightfirst II, but he also presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to King Lion Alan Thorpe from the Smyrna Lions Club.

ID Joe also mentioned that all of us here in 22-D have contributed nearly \$900,000.00 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation over the years. Way to go Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 22-D!!! ID Joe stressed the fact that LCIF would like each Club to start a new fundraising activity in support of Campaign Sightfirst II rather than taking away from your existing fundraisers. An excellent example of this was the Laurel Lions Club's recently held Train Show that attracted over 350 train enthusiasts and 35 dealers purchasing 55 tables. The Humanaires provided entertainment during the show. This very successful show was specifically set up as a fundraiser for Campaign Sightfirst II. Your Club's effort in support of Campaign Sightfirst II need not be as elaborate but remember that for every \$6.00 your Club contributes to CSF II you will save the eyesight of one of your fellow human beings somewhere around the world.

Watch your mail as the MD 22 Convention ticket order form will be out shortly so get your tickets ordered and get Pre-Registered on the same form. If you can't make the entire Convention, just stop in at the Dover Downs Hotel and Convention Center. Make sure that you, your spouse, your guest, your children

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**In my experience:** Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket. Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving. So... never miss a good chance to shut up.

Alas, Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

PS... Don't worry; it only seems kinky the first time.



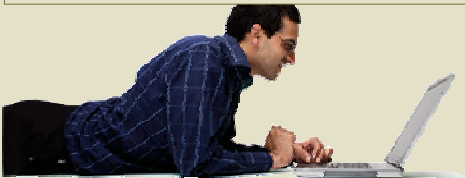
## Donations to *CSF II* Go to Treasurer Bill, *Care of FILC!*:

<b>2005-2006</b> The Year of Education and Preparation. Model Clubs begin intensive fund raising. All Clubs conduct one additional fund-raising event for CSFII.	<b>2006-2007</b> The Year of Inspiration and Motivation. Prepared Clubs begin intensive fund-raising efforts.	<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
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or whomever comes with you stop in and register. I would love to see 300 – 400 Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests from 22-D register at the Convention. Remember the more representation that our District has at the Convention the more likely we will bring the Convention back to 22-D.

In closing, I would like to personally thank the Brookside Lions Club for my “automatic dancing shoes” to replace my two left feet and my “official” Keith’s Brief’s that I just may have to break-out at the Polar Bear Plunge. But you have to come to Rehoboth Beach on Sunday Morning February 4th to really see if I wear them. **Keep on Shifting... Keith**



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