



June 2007

Prez Sez by  
King Lion Bob

ANNUAL REPORT



It has been a real honor to serve as your President this past year. Although, I must admit that it has been an extremely challenging year. It started off with my 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Peggy Baunchalk, resigning because of health reasons. A few months into the year, my 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Russ Melrath, had to resign as an officer because he had to move back to the Wilmington area to take care of his ailing mother. I never really had a 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. However, John Pitman did agree to serve in that capacity on a limited basis. Needless to say, some things did not get done as well as I would have liked.

Nevertheless, I am proud of what we as a club have accomplished this year. Under the leadership of Lion Ash Ashinhurst, the Pre-School Eye Screening Program touched the lives of almost 1,000 kids. In many instances, our club was the only thing standing between these kids and a potentially serious eye condition. When funds were not available, our club paid for follow-up examinations and glasses.

Under the leadership of Lion John Carl, the Meals-on-wheels Program again provided hot meals to mostly home bound seniors in the Roxana area. On one occasion, Lion Larry Kovacs discovered one of our customers lying unconscious on the front lawn. Larry, who had just completed CPR training, called 911, provided CPR and did everything he could to revive the customer. Unfortunately, he was not successful. The man was over 90 years old and had been in poor health for some time. The man's son told me how much he appreciated

Larry's efforts on behalf of his father and also how much his parents had looked forward to the warm and friendly people that delivered meals to them each day.

Under the leadership of Lion Jim Miles and his wife, new Lion Carolyn Miles, the Leo Club continues to flourish. The Leo's have been there in numbers to support all of our fundraisers. They picked up trash and planted grass on the Fenwick Island Beach. They provided favors to the visually impaired at the annual Christmas party and periodically to the meals-on-wheels customers. These young people make me feel better about the future of our planet.

Under the leadership of Lions John Pitman and Bruce Schoonover, our Aluminum Can Collection Program has soared to new heights. The revenue that this program is generating is the only thing that is keeping our club in the black. We certainly appreciate the members of the "dirty dozen" that faithfully collect the cans. I estimate that these members spend from 100 to 200 hours per year on this project alone. If more members would volunteer, I believe that we could make this program even more successful.

Under the leadership of IPP Sam Mooney, and with a lot of help from the wives, our club held it's first ever basket bingo fundraiser to support the Campaign Sightfirst II program. This fundraiser was a tremendous success with a final total of about \$4,500.00. This together with monies that had already been budgeted for the Melvin Jones program, which we were able to transfer to the Sightfirst program, enabled our club to contribute a first year total of \$7,000.00 to this important program. If we can duplicate this effort over the

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Lions! Don't  
forget to sign up for our first outing of  
the 2007-2008 FILC Lions Year:  
See PP Jim Stone for details: 436-7866

## Calendar Of Events

- **Sunday July 1, 2007** New Administration Begins.
  - **FILC** On vacation July & August!
  - **Tuesday July 10, 2007** Board Meeting.
  - **Saturday August 18, 2007** Shorebirds Baseball Outing! Sign up with PP Jim Stone 436-7866
  - **Tuesday August 14, 2007** Board Meeting
  - **Tuesday September 4, 2007** First Regular Meeting 2007-2008 Lions Year.
- See Our Web Site's for additional schedule & general Info.: [www.filc.us](http://www.filc.us)

## 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!



## News For You Follows:

*We Are Family and We Serve ... Now give the new members a Hand!*



- What a wonderful way to cap off a great FILC Lions Year, four new members joined our Family at our last meeting in June: Lion Patricia Schlauch sponsored by you know who, King Lion Bob; Lion Carolyn Miles, sponsored by her husband Lion Jim Miles; Lion Charles Lamb, sponsored by PP Lion Jim Stone and not attending, Lion Gertrude Apple, sponsored by, you guessed it, our next Membership Chair... King Lion Bob Schlauch!



IPDG Ralph Schieferstein & his wife Sharon, with Club Founder Noble Simpson & FILC Pres. Bob Schlauch.



There are two things you can learn by stopping your back-swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove. Ha, Ha, Ha!!!



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next two years, we can reach the level of giving that we achieved for Sightfirst I.

We provided Scholarship Awards to six outstanding high school seniors. We made significant contributions to the Lions Vision Research Foundation, the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware, the Leader Dog Program, Diabetes Association, Special Olympics, Delaware Foundation for Retarded Children, Pyle Center Food Fund, various Youth Programs, the Delaware Lions Foundation and various emergency relief situations as they arose through the year.

The membership participation at both the Spaghetti Dinner and Pancake Breakfast fundraisers was outstanding. At both of these events, the funds raised for our charities was close to being a record. We owe Lion Bill Morison and Lion Bob Pretty and all of their committee members a debt of gratitude for the effort that they put into these events each year. The membership turnout at the Club sponsored Shorebird's game and the Annual Club Picnic was also outstanding. We need more of these fun outings to recharge our batteries for all of the hard work that we do all year.

In closing, I want to thank all the Lions that supported me this past years in our clubs efforts to provide help to those in need right here in Sussex County and around the world. Congratulations to our new President Dick Waughtal. Dick has an outstanding team of officers behind him and I wish them the best for the coming year.

Yours in Lionism, IPP Bob Schlauch

## Environmental Services Group Meets



The "Dirty Dozen" gather...

The Environmental Services Group, better known as the can collectors or the "Dirty Dozen" met recently, along with their spouses, to celebrate another good year of can collecting and recycling... and the continued high price of aluminum.

This past year, this dedicated group of individuals filled over five 48-foot tractor trailers—representing more than 20,000 pounds of aluminum—and added some \$12,237 to our treasury... making this effort, once again, the largest ongoing fundraiser of our Club. Current aluminum prices are at an all time high and our recycling agent, Fitzgerald's Auto Salvage of Lincoln, DE, paid us \$.67 per pound for our last load of 4,167 pounds.

Pictured above from left to right, Bill Morison, John Pitman, "Ash" Ashinhurst, Don Stewart, Bob Schlauch, Bruce & Sharon Schoonover, Cal Hook, Sam Mooney, Jim Stone, Mickey Cook, Joe Diehl, and Bob Pretty. Unable to attend were Larry Kovacs, Russ Melrath, and Ray Spence. We are grateful to each of these individuals and to Bruce Bennett, and his wife Sandy, for continuing to provide to us, at no cost, both storage space and tractor trailer space at their Roxana Mini Storage facility. Our thanks also go out to the merchants and others that allow us to place our collection bins and barrels at each of their locations.

If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.



## New FILC Board of Directors Inducted



- **IPDG Ralph Schieferstein inducted each 2007-2008 Board member at the June 18, 2007 Regular Meeting. Following the induction IPDG Ralph introduced the new Board to FILC members.**

### 2007-2008 FILC Board

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	Fran Pretty	DIRECTOR TWO YEARS	Bob Pretty
SECRETARY	Cal Hook	DIRECTOR TWO YEARS	Jim Stone
ASST SECRETARY & PERMANENT DIRECTOR	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

## FILC Walk For Sight

Club activities this coming fall include FILC participation in the Delaware Lions Foundations 5th Annual "Walk For Sight" to be held at the Dover International Speedway Sunday October 14, 2007. This is an annual Foundation fundraiser which provides some of the funding for "matching grants" to assist State Clubs with their service projects in local communities.

This year Lion Russ Melrath is chairing this important committee in support of our Clubs contribution to our local communities. You will hear more about this project from Lion Russ in September as he presents his program to our Club and solicits participation by Club members and others.



At our June 18th meeting Lion Russ gave our Club a small taste of the program he has laid out to support DLF's "Walk For Sight".

The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all of your many other errors. If it ain't broke, try changing your grip.



## *Distilled Essence: Great Year!*



### ANNUAL MESSAGE

Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos:... WOW , what a great year, you: the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of District 22-D have had. You should all be proud of your accomplishments. I am proud and humbled to have had the great honor of being your District Governor for the year.

The year started off with a bang over July 4th in Boston where we had the pleasure of attending the International Convention after a change from New Orleans. Based on this, we should have known that we were all in for a Paradigm Shift and that coincidentally would be the theme for the year. President Jimmy, don't call me Mr. President, Ross was our leader in the Great Paradigm Shift.

We started with our Banner Transfer, shifting from September to July, which sure worked out to be a popular shift as we had a tremendous turnout. It was an unknown holding the Banner Transfer in the summer, but based on the comments it certainly worked out for the best. We then shifted the President's, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Meeting to the end of the summer, prior to Labor Day, and once again, a popular Shift.

One thing that didn't change was our dates for our Cabinet Meetings, which are pretty much etched in stone by our Constitution and By-Laws. But we did make a shift thanks to our new Roster Book Committee of PCS Lee Bird and PCC Don LeCates having our roster books ready to distribute at the First Cabinet Meeting. RC Brad Spicer had the District Pins ready for distribution as well. One of the many good things we did this year was to distribute items and information in a timely manner and this was in good part due to the efforts of Bulletin Editor Ed Short and Webmaster Dick Waughtal.

Our Delaware Lions Foundation shifted a little this year with the initiation of the Emergency Grant Funding for Club Assistance in the event of a natural disaster. This came about as a suggestion at the International Convention and our Delaware Lions Foundation Board of Trustees had the foresight to approve the idea.

Fortunately we did not have any natural disasters but the funding is there now, thanks to all the Clubs who contributed on our official visitations. Over \$2,000 was raised in this effort.

What a Ball we had in December. PCS BJ and her committee did one heck of a job in putting together a terrific Governor's Ball, with just an incredible amount of money raised by PCT Janet and her ad book committee. Thanks go out to all the hard working Lions, Lioness, and Leos who gathered up the ads. Speaking of Janet and BJ, didn't they do a super job on the Turtle and Frog Mid-Winter Social? That was just plain old fun and good eatin'.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Christmas Parties for the Blind and the fellowship shared with those less fortunate. It sure does make you feel good to see the smiles on the faces when serving up those meals.

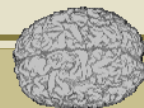
Speaking of the Smiles, even with a shift in location, we still created a lot of smiles at the Special Olympics and the Healthy Athletes. Kudos go out to CT Ann and all the Lions and Lioness who helped out. The Cabinet meetings, like all the others, turned out to be a great deal of fun and frivolity with costumes and hats among the apparel. CS Cheryl orchestrated all these events and they went down without a hitch - she is the best. We did shift the emphasis away from what's happened in the District to what's in the future in the District. This met with much more interesting "2 minute" reports.

Finally , the Coup De Gras, the Biggest Double Clutch Shift of the year; and it had to wait until May for the Multiple District Convention, where District 22-D hosted the Convention at Dover Downs. What can I say: Good Accommodations, Good Meetings, Good Food, Good Service, what more could you ask for at a Convention. All you had to do was park your car on Monday and never touch it until Thursday afternoon. It reminded me of the Conventions back in Atlantic City at the Chalfont Hadden Hall Hotel, where you did the same.

What a Great Ride we have had this year in all our travels, seeing and meeting all the Lions, Lioness and Leos of the Best District in the Greatest Service Organization in the World. On behalf of the best officer's a District could have, VDG Bob, CS Cheryl, and CT Ann, I THANK YOU for what you do, and what you will do for those less fortunate than ourselves.

*Shifting One Last Time... KEITH*

Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your golf swing. *Er OK... Right!!!*





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

Oak Brook, IL, USA, June 26, 2007 — CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II UPATE

From International Director Joe Gaffigan: We, the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of MD22 should be very proud. So far we, together have raised over \$600,000 for Campaign SightFirst II. Do you know what that means? That means that you have helped save or restore sight to 100,000 people. Think about that. That is power. That is impact.

My goal is for us here in MD22 to be able to say we saved or restored sight to 170,000 people by the time we are done. We can do that. I see and feel your power. Your compassion. Please, contact your CSFII District Coordinator or Group Coordinator. If you do not know who that is email me or call 240-460-9328. Yours in Lionism & Thanks.



So... come on out... Hope to see you at the First September meeting!



**Donate Glasses to the Largest Eyeglass Collection Program in the World.**  
*Let a child read and learn. Help an adult earn a living.*

Fenwick Island Lions Club collects eye glasses of all kinds for the benefit of the Worlds children.

Lion Joe Leonard Chairs this important Committee for our Club. See him for additional details. If you have used *prescription or nonprescription* glasses or sunglasses in your drawers, desks, or closets, you can donate them now! Children's glasses are especially needed.

### World Wide... Lions Recycle For Sight

Throughout the year, Lions, Leos, and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers that are located throughout the world. The used eyeglasses are cleaned and classified by prescription. The eyeglasses are then distributed to those in need by Lion volunteers and other organizations hosting optical missions in developing countries.

Lions collection boxes can be found in community locations such as banks, libraries, schools, places of worship, train stations, coffee shops, video stores and other community businesses; **Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers**; or Offices of **American Optometric Association** or the **Canadian Association of Optometrists** members.



To complete our golf theme: If there is a ball on the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker; If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint. If things can go wrong they will so just go for the drop and call it a day!