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Prez Sez By King Lion Bob

As I sit here and write this article for the newsletter, I just heard someone on the television say that it is the first day of spring. Well someone forgot to tell mother nature because it is still pretty cold up here on Delmarva. Of course, most of you snowbirds are still somewhere down south enjoying that 80 degree plus weather and laughing at the rest of us that are holding down the fort up north. I hope that you will be returning soon. We miss you and we need you. Our attendance at our meetings during February and March has been the lowest in club history. Please make every effort to come out and support our club as soon as you can.

We had exceptionally good speakers at both of our March meetings. On March 5th, John Culp, Deputy Director of the Sussex County Senior Services, CHEER Centers, came and told us all about the good things that his organization does for seniors in our area. Of course, our club already participates in the CHEER program by delivering meals on wheels. CHEER is an independent, private non-profit agency serving the needs of senior citizens in Sussex County. In addition to meals on wheels and mid-day meals at their centers, they provide numerous home services and transportation. Our club is proud to be a part of this program.

The speaker at our March 19th meeting was Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky from the Sussex Eye Center. Dr. Jeff is the eye doctor that has been reviewing all of the photos that we and other Lions Clubs have been taking in the pre-school eye screening program that we have been participating in the last three or four years. This has amounted to from 1000 to 2000 photos per year and Dr. Jeff has done this free of charge. Based on Dr. Jeff's recommendations and follow-up examinations, numerous children have

received preventative care from potentially serious eye problems. Our club is proud to be a part of this program also.

However, Dr. Jeff didn't come to talk to us about the eye screening program. He came to tell us about his experience as a Commander in the Air Force National Guard at the Dover Air Force Base. In the olden days, the National Guard use to be a few weekends a month and two full weeks during the summer. That has all changed since the Iraq conflict. Although he does have a civilian practice, he is pretty much on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Guard does have full time employees that he can call on for specific assignments. As Commander of the Medical Division, he has his hands full. But after his talk, I think I speak for most of our members in saying that the Guard is in pretty good hands. Incidentally, both of the speakers for March are fellow Lions.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of one of our own Club's Lion Awards to Dr. Jeff for his outstanding service to our club and the community. The Lion was made by the mentally and physically challenged individuals at the Stockley Center and handcrafted by our own PP Cal Denis.

Don't forget the 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 22 Luncheon. Our Club will have it's own Hospitality room that night so come by and socialize with your fellow club members. See me at the next club meeting if you need a registration form for the convention.

Yours in Lionism, King Lion Bob

Check It Out!



A [new website](http://www.lionsmd22.org) for our Multiple District 22 has been set up. Go to www.lionsmd22.org and find out more about our brother "Lions", programs, news and forms among other info.

Please let your OI' Webmaster know what could be done to add to or upgrade this new source of communications! Your Editor

Calendar Of Events

- **Monday April 2** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday April 16** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday April 23** Board Meeting
- **Monday April 2** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday April 16** Regular Member Meeting
- **Monday April 23** Board Meeting
- **Monday May 7** Regular Member Meeting
- **Thursday to Sunday**
- **May 17-20** 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

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: FILC members have been busy as little beavers or is that little Lions this month? FILC participated in the following:

- CPR Classes Lion Tamer Bill Morison organized this schooling for members held on two different Saturdays at the Keenwick Sound Club House. Lion Bill's wife Bonnie was there, Lions Joe Diehl, Harold & Elaine Rabinowitz, Larry Kovacs, John & Barbara Carl, Cal Hook, Naomi Popolo, Roland & Shirley Hudson, Luke & LaVonne Martin, Jim & Carolyn Miles and with a wing and a prayer hopefully your editor didn't leave anyone out!
- DLF Breakfast Lions Bob Pretty & Bill Bunting attended a super event.
- D 22 Mid Winter Social Attended by, Lions Bill & Fran Pretty and Bill Bunting. Past Presidents' Bill Bunting and Bob Pretty and Lion Fran Pretty attended the 22-D Mid-Winter Social March 10th. The social was hosted by District Governor Keith Thompson and was held in the Felton Fire Hall. It was an evening of fellowship and a good fried oyster and roast beef dinner. Mr. Jack Foreaker provided the entertainment and was a guy of many talents. He was a singer, puppeteer, comedian, and magician and our Lions thoroughly enjoyed him. As usual, no door prizes came home with them
- National Federation of the Blind Presentation Lions Bill Bunting & Dick Waughtal



In my experience: A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife. A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man. And that's a big. . . Ha-Ha!



Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos: Has your Club done any Paradigm Shifting this past Month? Planning any shifting in the few Months that remain in our Lions Year? Well, as the saying goes, it's not too late to start. Your Cabinet, just last night, made our last official visit to a Lions Club. Although we still have three Lioness Clubs to visit, your Cabinet has been very busy shifting. Shifting so much that your District Governor had to have the clutch in his little blue car replaced the other day. Oh my, the price of a clutch has done some major shifting since 1977, the last time that I had to pay to have a clutch replaced.

What a great time we have had in the District and what a great time we still have planned. Don't miss out on the upcoming Leader Dog programs. These are definitely don't miss programs. Lion Kudos go out to several of your District committees, and if you missed their events this year, be sure to put them on your personal and Club calendars for next year.

We started the month off with a great annual event: the brunch sponsored by your Delaware Lions Foundation. Chairman John and the Board of Directors of the Delaware Lions Foundation did a fantastic job on the brunch and the program, with testimonials from some of the folks in our local communities that your clubs have helped out. The event was very well attended and we were so happy to have Gladys Helm and Lion Jan McCarty at the head table, representing PID's Ralph Helm and Jim McCarty, who dedicated much of their lives to helping out so many folks less fortunate than themselves.

During the Month we also had a great time with the resurrected District Bowling Tournament, chaired by Lion Jim Littleton. He and his committee did a bang up job of getting out so many Lions and Leos to enjoy each others camaraderie in Milford. Although your District Governor's team did not win, we made a respectable showing and when I had the honor of throwing out the first ball I didn't throw a gutter ball while all the Lions and Leos were watching. Look for this event to continue on into the future thanks to all that attended.

Final Kudos go to Lion Janet and her committee for a wonderful Frog and Turtle Mid-Winter Social. A great time was had by all with plenty to eat (oysters, yum!) and the entertainment by Mr. Jack was just plain old FUN! I have never seen all the Lions stay for the entertainment. Hats off again to Lion Janet for arranging the entertainment. We also had some fun with the hopping frog games where your District Governor proved he's not from Calaveres County.

In closing, at our final Lions Club official visitation, to the Glasgow Lions Club, I had the honor of installing two of mine and PDG Debbie's very good friends. I congratulate PDG Debbie who worked very diligently and persistently with these two new Lions. For those of you who attended the District Governor's Ball we promised that at least two of our guests would be Lions by the end of the year and here we are "mission accomplished", with three months left to work on the others. We welcome Lions Nancy Reasin and Bob Snyder who have already proved their "Lionistic" instincts by participating in the District Bowling Tournament. This goes to show that you may have asked someone to join before and they said no, but times change and maybe the individual might like to be asked again. Shift that Paradigm back, and ask again. **Keep on Shifting... Keith**

Insults sure aren't what they use to be: "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." -- Oscar Wilde, or "He is not only dull himself, he is the cause of dullness in others."-- Sam Johnson or "They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge." -- Thomas Brackett Reed or this one, "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." -- Mae West or "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." -- Billy Wilder and, "He had delusions of adequacy." -- Walter Kerr and finally, "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."-- Mark Twain



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

Lions Reach Half of Campaign SightFirst II Goal of US\$150 Million

Oak Brook, IL (USA) March 19, 2007 — Lions surpassed a major campaign benchmark by reaching more than US\$75 million raised, half of their Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII) minimum goal of US\$150 million to fight preventable blindness around the world.

With 15 months remaining in Campaign SightFirst II fund raising, Lions are keeping their focus on their ultimate goal: saving sight by raising funds to continue the SightFirst program.

"We have many millions of dollars still to raise, but reaching this half-way point is very encouraging and exciting for the thousands of Lions raising funds," said Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, Past International President and CSFII Chairperson. "Lions have always risen to the challenge and are prepared to continue their global leadership in the fight against blindness."

Let's do our part FILC... just "get'er done"! Your Editor



We Serve

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

FILC Membership Matters:

Each year we decide on what projects and events we will focus upon. Inviting new members is essential to our club achieving its goals. New members provide your club with fresh ideas, new projects and additional ways to make a difference in our community. Before inviting a new member to your club, ask yourself the following questions:

- What is your motivation for inviting new members?
- What can your new prospect do to help FILC achieve its goals?
- Are their additional projects or events needed in your community that would be attractive to your new prospective member?

Answering the above questions will help you determine how to answer prospective members' questions. (Remember that your presentation to a prospective member will help determine their attitude towards your club.)