



Fenwick Island Lions Club Newsletter

The Lions Roar



September 2007

Prez Sez:

Hello fellow Lions! My... doesn't time fly. By the time you read this issue of Lions Roar our Club will have completed the October 1st Regular Meeting and our Annual Club Picnic on October 5th, 2007.

That having been said, we do have several tremendous programs to complete the month of October. Many will participate in the Delaware Lions Foundation (DLF) "Monster Mile Walk for Sight" on October 14th, others our Regular Meeting October 15th (our friend of Lions Gerald Hocker will speak), then our October 22nd Board Meeting Club leaders come together to decide many important issues followed by most Club Members getting ready for our 21st Annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 3rd, most of the preparations being done in October (Please see our busy schedule as listed on page 2).

You know, we all do our part, in fact we mostly do more than our part to make this Club what it is and what we want it to become. We thank each and every one of you for being a member and for all you have done for and offer our Club and the communities we benefit.

From time to time we each in our own way make our contributions to Club programs and activities and we all benefit from these efforts. Every so often though Lion members come along who make outstanding contributions which propel us further toward our goals than otherwise would be the case. For this we thank them too. At this point in our Lions Year it appears most of our programs are humming along and we should meet most of our goals, with the possible exception of new membership development. On the other hand, Membership retention has been excellent, this dues paying cycle, so now with only a few new members we could make a successful contribution to our District Governor Bob's membership goal.

Essentially, whatever you can do to bring new members on will simply make our goals easier to attain... making the pie bigger, so to speak.

Car Raffle, over and done with! Thanks to all those sellers who participated and of course those who organized and ran the schedule. It was a long slog but rewarding. It appears we will do over \$1800 for our part of the Car Raffle Program.

We're hoping for a record breaking FILC turn out this year for the DLF's "Monster Mile Walk for Sight" fundraiser. Whether we do is up to you! Get your Registration Form and Pledge Form (www.filc.us), sign up, and get some pledges and come on up to Dover International Speedway October 14th.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! This is a primary fundraising effort. We are on schedule and anticipate another successful solicitation of outside contributors to our bottom line. Sign up to work or do what you can to help, especially pre-selling tickets. Maybe we can have all our costs covered by "Spaghetti Day"!

Of course, another great way to assist your Club is to sell, purchase or otherwise donate to our brand new SightFirst II \$500 Money Tree Raffle: Truly... a "Knights of the Blind" activity.

To all those members that are "under the weather" we wish you the best for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you soon at a Club event.

Yours in Lionism, King Lion *Walktall!*

New Club shirts are still a big hit!

The second order has come in and shirts are being distributed again. However, if you missed out or want an extra we can order again. So contact Sam or Muriel Mooney. The price is \$25.00. 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

- DELAWARE LIONS FOUNDATION WALK: Monster Mile, Dover DE ⇒ Sunday, October 14, 2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING: PDG Bill Kircher (LVRF Vision Days) ⇒ 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 ⇒ Saturday, November 03, 2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING: Representative Gerald Hocker, 38th Distr. ⇒ Monday, November 05, 2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING-Official DG & Cabinet 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: 4-5 FILC Service Project ⇒ Tuesday, December 04, 2007
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING: Air loom Trunks, Norman Justice & LCIF Video ⇒ Monday, December 17, 2007
- BOARD MEETING (To Follow Regular Meeting) ⇒ Monday, December 17, 2007

News from the Lions Den

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Ask any FILC Member who is having difficulties: is illness fun? The answer is a resounding: **NO!** So please don't neglect the power of prayer for our "walking wounded"? Also, lets give our Treasurer Bill Neimiller and Lenny & Jean Price a big hello when they return.

Please continue to keep PDG Lion Noble

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(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



FILC Money Tree Raffle for LCIF Campaign SightFirst II Underway!



Our Campaign SightFirst II raffle is now underway. So far we have collected more that costs, so funds collected from this point directly contribute to support of this important Lions Clubs International program. Pick up extra tickets and redouble your sales effort. Remember, for every \$6.00 contribution we make we can help someone keep from going Blind or help restore their eye sight.

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.

The Value of Membership:



We as FILC members realize Lions club members are men and women who strive to make a difference in their local community as well as in communities worldwide.

Their volunteer efforts go beyond the support of vision care, to addressing unmet health and education needs both locally and even worldwide.

Of course, there are many avenues to Lionism. But one of the most effective ways to help the less fortunate among us is a membership in a local Lions Club. Many good things happen to good people as a member and to the recipients of our charitable contributions, when Lionism is at work.

Members are Lions clubs' most important asset. Joining and paying dues are all that is necessary to call yourself a Lion. However, predictably most chose to help fulfill the Club motto: "We are Family and We Serve" and we take this seriously.

Another way to help our Club is the valuable support of "Friends of Lions". Which includes individuals and companies that donate time, money and materials needed to run our annual programs. Affiliates, if you will.

Our new Fenwick Island Lions Club four fold brochure can inform prospective members as to the why's and wherefores of being a FILC member. It will probably move them from prospect to candidate for membership. Bringing forth new candidates is invaluable to our high activity, high performance Club.

Get a copy or more and approach prospects with the zeal you show when around Club members. It's infectious! Approach our Membership Chair, our Women's Development Chair or any Board member to carry the candidates credentials forward to full membership for your candidate.

Join in "Walk for Sight"



The Lions Clubs of Delaware and The Delaware Lions Foundation are hosting a "Walk for Sight" on Sunday October 14, 2007 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the "Monster Mile" Dover Downs International Speedway.

Registration for this event begins at 12:30 and a minimum pledge of \$25 per person—which is a fully tax deductible contribution—is requested. Each registrant will receive a commemorative Tee shirt.

All are invited and family and group participation is encouraged. Join other likeminded Lions Club members and Leos in our District on Saturday October 14th and stroll around the high banked Dover International Speedway.

Keep in mind it is the Mission of the Delaware Lions Foundation to support the Lions Clubs of Delaware in their humanitarian service to Delawareans through matching grants and to provide educational scholarships for Public High School seniors residing in Delaware.

Come on "family" turnout more than last year! Shown at the right! ►

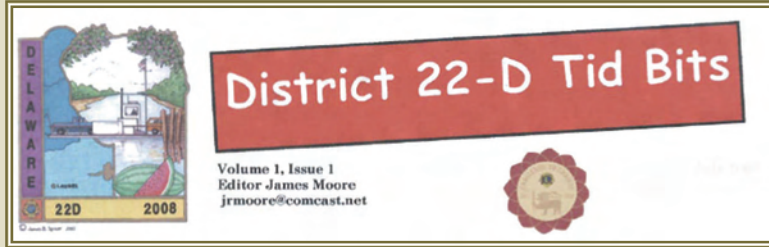


Lions Jim & Carolyn Miles, Sam Mooney, LEO Karalyn Roach and Lion Bob Schlauch at last year's Walk For Sight

Everything you need to know about MEDICAL INSURANCE, NOW EXPLAINED (Research done by an HMO Legal Department): Q. Will health care be different in the next decade? A. No, but if you call right now, you might get an appointment by then.

From the desk of:
DG Bob Jones

Fellow Lions of District
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September has been a very busy month for First Lady Cheryl and I. Labor Day weekend we were able to travel to our hometown in upstate New York to spend a little time with our families and that was very relaxing.

When we returned home we were given the opportunity to visit the Glasgow Lions and present an orientation program. It felt good to get back to our Lions family again.

The next day we were off to Grand Rapids, Michigan to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. What great experience! This was our third forum and it was as good as the other two. The forum provided three great motivational keynote speakers. The presentations were based on International President Mahendra Amarasuriya's theme "Challenge to Change"; focusing on the necessity to change the image of Lions to be more attractive to the upcoming generations. We attended several seminars, with one in particular that really got our attention. It was "The Murder of Any Town Lions Club", you will hear more about this throughout the year, so stay tuned.

Upon returning from the USA/Canada Forum we immediately started getting ready for the weekend at Lions Camp Merrick's Leadership Retreat. What a great weekend. The MD22 Leadership Team provided three seminars designed to improve the participant's knowledge of Lionism and leadership. There were four teams of Lions from all over the Multiple District working together as teams competing for first place. The retreat was a lot of fun, fellowship and information. If you're thinking you should have been there well, there's next year, or even better you can sign up for the leadership retreat in Emmitsburg in February. Keep an eye out for the information.

Next on the list we start our official visitations. With Murderkill Lions Club being first on the list. October is membership month. I encourage each and every one of you to look around you for quality member prospects. All of our clubs can use a few new dedicated members.

Don't forget about LVRF Vision Days October 12th & 13th and the DLF Monster Mile Walk. Get those pledge sheets filled out and hit the track October 14th. See you there.

Keep CSFII on your mind and let's do our part to make this campaign a huge success. Have a good month. DG Bob

Q. What does HMO stand for? A. This is actually a variation of the phrase, "HEY MOE." Its roots go back to a concept pioneered by Moe of the Three Stooges, who discovered that a patient could be made to forget the pain in his foot if he was poked hard enough in the eye.

Fenwick Island Beach Clean Up Day:

We had a very good turn out again this year for this State of Delaware beach clean up. Lions and Leos participated in covering the beach from Dagsboro street to the Delaware - Maryland line. The cleanup spans the state's 97-mile eastern coastline and includes river and ocean shorelines as



well as wetland and watershed areas. This year 36 sites, which cover New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties, were cleaned up.

Shown are Six and one half FILC Lions and nine Leos & Advisors who showed up for duty! Some Leos arrived late and are not shown. Including Lions (l-r back row) Sharon Schoonover, Publicity Chair Bruce Schoonover, King Lion Dick, Membership Chair Bob Schlauch, Ray Spence and David Crum.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Get ready for our: famous FILC Spaghetti Dinner to be held on Saturday November 3, 2007 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Setup will begin Friday November 2, 2007. Please see PP Sam Mooney or PP Bob Pretty for more details and learn how you may help (Put up posters, for example)! Please sign up for work detail at the meetings or call one of our co-chairs. And as important as all this, please sell all your tickets... "it's the right thing to do" Thanks for all you can do!

Of course we'll be ready, aren't we always!



Regular Meetings becoming a Big Hit! Plan on attending, you'll have fun and learn a lot of stuff you didn't know! We kicked off September with a special Lionism video presented by Publicity Chair Bruce Schoonover and remarks by Lion Russ Melrath about the "Walk for Sight" Monster Mile in Dover. September 17th we featured more inspiring video by Lion Bruce about Campaign SightFirst (who will be featuring at least one new video on different subject the rest of the Lions Year).

Our October 1st meeting featured Representative Nancy Carig of Blue Water Wind who described the advent of wind turbine power coming to Delaware. This was an excellent review of the pros & cons of this state initiative into alternative forms of energy generation. Come and find out what exciting program has been planned for you!



THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed grandma. Yes, honestly it's true! She pressed 'control' and 'enter' and disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely; the thought just makes me squirm. She must have caught a virus or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin and files of every kind; I've even used the Internet, But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves my searches to refine. The reply from him was negative, not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,' My Grandma you should see, Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her and send her back to me.



So... come on out... Hope you can make it to one of our fall or winter activities! We miss you!



"The happiest people in the world are not those without problems, but those who learn to live with things that are less than perfect."

* A group of graduates, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor.

* Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

* Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups -porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite- telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

* When all the students had a cup of coffee, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the simple and cheap ones.

* While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress.

* Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee.

* In most cases, it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink.

* What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... Then you began eyeing each other's cups.

* Now consider this:

- Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups.

- They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live.

- Sometimes, by concentrating on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us. Enjoy your coffee!"

* The happiest people don't have the best of everything.

* They just make the best of everything."

1. Live simply.
2. Love generously.
3. Care deeply.
4. Speak kindly.
5. Leave the rest to God.

You are the miracle, my friend; your life either shines a light OR casts a shadow! Shine a light & enjoy the Coffee!!!