



February 2008

Prez Sez:

Who says winter is tough? Of course, we remember this depends on where one stands at any given moment. Since this report comes to you once again from “snowbird” headquarters and from here spring appears to be just around the corner, we take this under advisement. Of course, there are different views on when the season starts and finishes anyway. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary states that spring comprises in the northern hemisphere usually the months of March, April, May, or as reckoned astronomically extending from the vernal equinox (March 21) to the June solstice (June 21). Let’s hope for a modest amount of global warming and we’ll see you by Mid April!

Our Club has been doing great things this Lions Year (2007-2008). Some random thoughts on this: One of our more important financial contributions has been the success of our Campaign SightFirst II program. By Treasurer Bill’s figures we have exceeded \$26,000 in pledges (with over half this amount now donated by our Club and Club members) for this very worthy International program. In addition, the national LCI program, Campaign SightFirst II, has now surpassed the \$150 million minimum goal (see page 6 for more details). So once again, FILC Lions, we appear to have fulfilled our responsibility in helping to prevent the world’s blind population from doubling in the next 15 years, from 37 million to 75 million. This is critical since 8 out of 10 cases of blindness can be prevented or cured, if caught in time. Also, other donations, such as Delaware Lions Foundation, LVRF, Melvin Jones and likeminded programs have not only been rewarding for the recipients but given us reason to be proud of our efforts.

Also, our individual community service contributions coming from member participation have been awesome this year. All the way from Pre-School Vision Screening (outstanding program this year), helping our LEO Club, helping our fellow Lions and Lions Clubs, Meals-On-

Wheels, environmental projects and importantly participating in local Lions Club events and service projects! And many more.

Our Club has also stood tall in regard to participation in District 22D administration and service projects. From our very successful Visitation Program (100% completed as designed), Emmitsburg Leadership School, attendance at Delaware Lions Foundation breakfast, Mid-winter D22 Social to very high value meetings with interesting quests & DVD’s about other Lions in action, at our meetings.

We all know our members are our most valuable asset. It’s a sad fact but gaining new members to fill in for ill members and those passing to their just rewards is critical to sustaining a robust and service oriented Club such as ours (see Health Report on page 2). Attention to bringing in new members is especially important at this time. We know and trust you are doing your individual best to bring new people to our Club to help us deliver the kind of FILC charitable service to our community that we expect.

Remember... we are family... and we serve!

Yours in Lionism Old “No See-Um”

LVRF Comes To FILC

Fenwick Island Lions Club Donates \$2,000 to Lions Vision Research Foundation

At the February 4th meeting of the Fenwick Island Lions Club, the Club’s 1st Vice President, O.J. Ashinhurst, presented Fred Williamson, John Saxon and Henry Cowell II—representing the **MD-22 Lions Vision Research Foundation, Inc. (LVRF)**—with a check for \$2,000. This donation is intended to help support their ongoing efforts related to vision research and support for the blind and visually impaired within our local communities.

The Lions Vision Research Foundation was established in 1988 by Multiple District 22 (Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.) Its primary purpose is to support low vision research and rehabilitation to minimize the disabilities caused by low vision and blindness.

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Calendar Of Events

- Mid-Winter Social 22-D ⇒ Saturday, March 08, 2008
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING: 2nd Nominations Announcement & Special Speaker, Jamie Magee Chair, DE Alzheimer's Assoc. ⇒ Monday, March 17, 2008
- BOARD MEETING ⇒ Tuesday, March 25, 2008
- Zone 2 Meeting: Lions Members just a remainder about our meeting. To be held at Harpoon Hannah's at 6:30 pm. Hope to see there. Zone Chairman Bob Hensler ⇒ Thursday, April 3, 2008
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING- Special Speakers Lion Winnie & Barbra Spence co-Chairs, Special Olympics ⇒ Monday, April 07, 2008
- NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING ⇒ April, 2008
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING- Club Elections ⇒ Monday, April 21, 2008
- District 22 D Cabinet Meeting- Dover ⇒ Sunday, April 27, 2008
- BOARD MEETING ⇒ Monday, April 28, 2008
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING ⇒ Monday, May 05, 2008
- MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION- Opening Day ⇒ Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Seelast months Lions Roar Insert for full details: See also www.filc.us website

- MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION- Closing Day ⇒ Saturday, May 10, 2008
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING- Ladies Day ⇒ Monday, June 02, 2008
- FILC PANCAKE BREAKFAST ⇒ Saturday, June 07, 2008
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING- Awards ⇒ Monday, June 16, 2008
- BOARD MEETING ⇒ Monday, June 23, 2008
- FILC Regular 2007-2008 Lions Year Ends ⇒ Monday June 30, 2008

News from the Lions Den

ILLions:

Fenwick Lions we're faced with a gloomy February health report. This year to date, three stalwart Lions have passed on to their just rewards: including our only Honorary Lion, Roy Barton and Lions Ray Harding and Roland Ebner, all long time FILC active members. Recently FILC had the honor to conduct our Clubs own unique "Rose Ceremony" for Lion Roland Ebner.

1st VP Fran Pretty reports Lion Roland's family really appreciated the service and thanked our Club for conducting the ceremony. Club members for each of the "12 Apostles" and at least six others attended the service conducted by FILC Founder, PDG Noble Simpson at St Mathews by the Sea church. Additionally, all our

departed Lions in the 2007-2008 Lions year will be remembered at the Friday May 9th "Necrology Service" held during our District 22 D Annual Convention.



Let's continue to keep all our "Lions family and extended family" who we know to be ailing in our prayers as they no doubt will continue to face some very difficult times in the future.

Please continue to keep PDG Lion Noble Simpson (539-3734) informed of any Lions or family members that could use little pick me up card to remind them we are indeed are thinking of them. Our sick members appreciate your thoughtfulness, as does your editor. Thank you

Staying Young by George Carlin: Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'

(Continued from page 1) LVRF

The objectives of the LVRF are being met through its partnership with the Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center (LVC), at the Wilmer Eye Institute of The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Maryland and through its association with the Foundation for the Blind.

Club members were reminded that, as the population grows over the next 20 years, those impacted by blindness and low vision are expected to double in the United States and reach a staggering total of 7 million individuals. The leading causes for such an increase in the United States is a combination of macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and cataract.

Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF)

The LVRF is a private, nonprofit foundation that secures and manages its own funds. It is governed by a 23-member Board of Trustees elected from the Multiple District 22 Lions membership, plus three Wilmer faculty. The Board oversees the Foundation's activities and finances, and informs Lions throughout the Multiple District of advances in research and patient care at Wilmer.

Low Vision Center (LVC) of Wilmer Eye Institute

The Low Vision Center of the Wilmer Eye Institute has three integrated missions: research and development, education, and patient care in low vision (uncorrectable vision loss). All three missions are brought to bear on the search for an understanding of the causes of low vision, better management of patients, and, ultimately, effective treatments. At the Low Vision Rehabilitative Service, a multidisciplinary team of doctors and rehabilitative specialists works closely with the patient, family, friends and the referring doctor to assist an individual in regaining function lost by visual impairment. This typically includes addressing vision issues causing problems with reading, driving and activities of daily living.

National Federation of the Blind

One of the primary goals of the Lions Vision Research Foundation is to act as a resource and to provide support for the needs of the blind and visually impaired within the local communities here in Delaware. It has partnered with the National Federation of the Blind, which is the leading source for helping blind and visually impaired people find the resources, support, and hope they need to lead productive and fulfilling lives and to achieve self-confidence and self-respect.

The support provided by the National Federation of the Blind includes providing public education about blindness, information and referral services, scholarships, literature and publications about blindness, aids and appliances and other adaptive equipment for the blind, advocacy services and protection of civil rights, development and evaluation of technology, and support for blind persons and their families.

The products and technology have become increasingly critical in meeting the needs of the blind and visually impaired, and in concert with the National Federation of the Blind, the Lions Vision Research Foundation helps to educate the public as to their applicability and availability



(L to R) Lion Fred Williamson, Lion John Saxton and Lion Henry Cowell II— Representing the Lions Vision Research Foundation— They were presented with a check for \$2,000 by the Fenwick Island Lions Club

Fenwick Island Lions Club Support

In 1925, at a Lions Club International annual meeting, Helen Keller posed the question: *“Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”* Today, some 83 years later, Lions Clubs worldwide continue to fulfill this dream and the Fenwick Lions Club and its members are proud to support the efforts of MD 22 Lions Vision Research Foundation and the numerous other Lions Club programs designed to aid the blind and visually impaired.

Lions:
32nd Annual
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 18-20, 2008
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

All the information on the Forum can be found at:

<http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

Early bird price break still available. Register now!



FIRST TIMERS

So, you have never attended a USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM!!

Why not??

I have been told that this year's FORUM could be the best yet.

Could I maybe persuade you to attend?

The USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM is probably the best place to learn about Lionism in the whole world. Grab a friend, get an application, send it in, and plan to attend OR, come on your own.

We look forward to meeting you and the FIRST TIMERS SESSION, where we plan to help you meet Lions from all parts of North America and have FUN

while learning what Lions do.

See you in SASKATOON!!!

PID Terry Graham, Canadian Advisor at: tjgraham@look.ca



Notes from Lions Clubs International

Lions Join Coalition: Lions Clubs International has joined the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) as a sustaining member and partner to enhance the work of local communities and help youth resist alcohol and other drugs. Lions will support their mission to build stronger capacity for anti-drug efforts through the 5,000 community coalitions nationwide. Through Lions Quest, Lions can teach youth how to avoid drugs and make responsible decisions. A letter announcing the partnership was sent to the 500 other organizations in the coalition encouraging these organizations and communities to work with their local Lions club on drug-free programs. LCIF also had a booth at CADCA's annual convention this month, the largest training conference in the U.S. for community coalition activists and substance abuse professionals.

New Giving Publication: A new publication, ForSight in Gift Planning, is available to those Lions wishing to increase their support to LCIF. It provides an overview of various donation programs, news updates and stories of those helped through Lions' contributions. The publication is available online or by contacting [LCIF Development Staff](#).

New Support for Purchasing "Official Licensee Supplies: The Official Licensees of Lions Clubs International are now posted on the Club Supplies Store website. You may access this information by going to www.lionsclubs.org, clicking on "Lions Store" on the left side of the screen and then on "Official Licensees" on the left side of the Club Supplies Store home page. Official licensees are authorized to sell items with the Lions logo as noted on the Official Licensees web page. Please visit this page often as we will be adding more licensees in the near future.

Please e-mail clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and attention: Anthony Holowicki, Division Manager, Club Supplies and Distribution Division

According to Carlin: Keep only cheerful friends! And the Irish say... Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching... Sing like nobody's listening... Live like its Heaven on Earth. All in the name of Friendship Week!

From the desk of: DG Bob Jones

The third District Cabinet Meeting was held after our January bulletin was published, so let's review this event first. It was hat night and we had many participants. The only

problem I had, as one of the judges, when we all sat down to start the meeting and eat everybody took their hats off. I hadn't filled out my judge's card yet. Thanks to the age of digital camera I could review the pictures that Lion John took and then fill out my card. If Jim has room maybe he'll put in a picture of the winners.

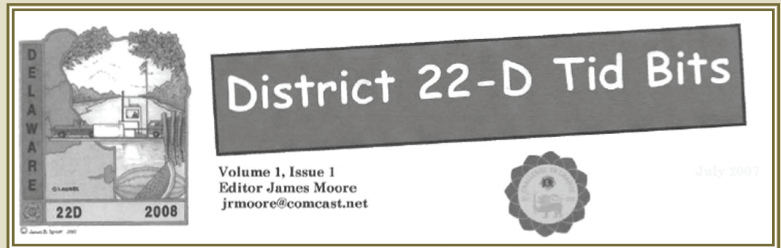
We had a very informative meeting; the Region Chair reports indicate the clubs in our district are very busy with a multitude of service projects. It sure makes me proud to be serving as your District Governor. VDG Bob Daniels had a chance to get his feet wet in preparation for next year. He took command of the meeting and did a great job. The beginning of February of course is the annual "Polar Bear Plunge" and I'm happy to say it was a most pleasant experience this year. The water temperature was 42° with air temperature in the high 50's. There were several of us that plunged as a group from 22D. I'm pleased to report that the donations from the cabinet meeting that were donated amounted to \$271. I understand from Mr. Special Olympics, Lion Winnie Spence, they had a record turnout of plungers, Polar Bears that is, so I'm guessing there was a record set for donations too. I'm sure we'll hear of that later.

MD22 Leadership Institute, Emmitsburg, Maryland... I can only say what a great weekend, First Lady Cheryl and I presented our program on Orientation late Friday afternoon giving us the opportunity to observe presentations and take pictures the remainder of the week-end... From all the Lions I spoke with I'm hearing it was fun filled, educational and very successful. Please do consider attending the Institute next year.

Don't forget about some of the important upcoming events for March, this is going to be a busy month. The DLF (Delaware Lions Foundation) breakfast Saturday March 1st. Remember this is our foundation, attending will help you see how your donations are used to help those in need right here in Delaware. The next day it's time to have fun Lion Jim has he bowling outing all lined up for Sunday March 2nd and waiting for us to participate. Let's all get out and have an afternoon of fun. I'll see you there. March 8th is the Mid-Winter Social: PCT Janet and Region Chair BJ pretty much have this all set. It's going to be great food, some entertainment and a lot of fellowship. Please join us.

The end of the month March 24th & 25th brings us to the Leader Dogs for the Blind program. This is my favorite, after seeing and listening to the Leader Dog field representatives, when you leave you really have a warm and fuzzy feeling about being a Lion.

I know we're coming into a very busy month but I'm sure along with the work there will be a lot of fun and fellowship to be had. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of all the good things accomplished in 22D. Have a good month.



Finally, Carlin also says: . Laugh often, long and loud, Laugh until you gasp for breath, The tears happen, Endure, grieve, and move on, The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves, Be ALIVE while you are alive, Surround yourself with what you love , whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge, Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it, If it is unstable, improve it, If it is beyond what you can improve, get help, Don't take guilt trips, Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is & ALWAYS REMEMBER : Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away! *Ya gotta believe!!!*

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(Photos by Lions Bruce Schoonover, Sam Mooney, Dick Waughtal & Roland Hudson)

All About Charity: CSFII Surpasses Goal

Campaign SightFirst II has surpassed the \$150 million minimum goal. On Worldwide Report Day February 20, National and Multi-National Coordinators' telephone calls and reports revealed that Lions have raised more than US\$157.9 million for CSFII. With four months remaining, Lions are now looking ahead to the additional challenge goal and helping ensure the future of SightFirst through continued and expanded efforts to eliminate preventable blindness worldwide. Lions' support of CSFII is crucial in the remaining months. Visit the CSFII Web site for more information on the campaign and fundraising ideas.



Hope you can make it to one of our winter meetings or activities! We miss you!