



March - April 2008

Prez Sez:

As we write this month's issue of our *LR* we peer from our window and notice the cold rainy day outside! However, Can you believe it? Winter is over and spring has sprung! One day, warming will come to Delaware... we have it on good authority, if you know what we mean.

In the meantime, from everything we've heard since returning, our winter meetings have been a wonderful experience. We thank our stalwart 1st VP Ash for his outstanding programs and speakers, including those super LCI videos compliments of Lion Bruce and Lion Sam. Our whole Team, including 1st VP Ash and 2nd VP Fran jumped in and helped bring fresh meaning to "We are Family and We Serve". So to all who helped us through in the absence of our King Lion... Thanks a whole big bunch for helping your Club!

All this winter our meeting speakers were excellent: examples through March & April with Dr. Bunting Superintendent of Indian River School District to Lee Boyle of Millville who spoke on his experiences at the Fenwick Island Lighthouse and patrolling the beaches during WWII. Particularly touching were the special remarks by Sara Bosco about her history and involvement in the Delaware Special Olympics.

Our Club Committees: LEO's, Meals On Wheels, Can Collections and Membership appear to have had a very remarkable winter's activity. Never let the rain, sleet or snow slow down a FILC member doing their job! Our LEO Club is the largest and probably the most active ever in no small part through the help of Lions Jim and Carolyn and their LEO support, Lion John Carl and his Meals On Wheels Team reports all is well the deliveries go through, another unexpected happening this

winter not only are can collections up the price of cans has increased so that Lion John delivered to our treasury a check for almost \$3,000 making this a record for a single truck collection, Visitations; at our first meeting in April it was announced that Lion Bruce and his program had completed 100% of the assigned visits. And there are plenty of other happenings that occurred; meetings, communications with District and LCI and a very successful Campaign SightFirst commitment and donation to International by our Club.

The point of all this recitation is to say we've had a very exciting and productive winter's effort in the name of Lionism; and your King Lion profoundly thanks all who have helped! "We are Family and We Serve"!

Guess what? Finishing out this Lions year's activities will be every bit as hectic as what has gone before. Things to remember: First check the FILC Calendar (this Bulletin or the website), second, key items; Melvin Jones Awards May 5th (you won't receive this bulletin before then),

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Campaign SightFirst Rolls On!

Good news... our Club has received the "Top Five Award from CSFII for donations the Club and individual members made for the 2006-2007 Lions Year. All are to be congratulated on this achievement. This means our Club donated sufficient funds to this worthy project to qualify for inclusion in the top five clubs in our District 22 D. As some say... we are on a "glide path" to receive the same award for the 2007-2008 Lions Year based on our Club pledging a denotation over \$26 thousand to this worthy project. So far for 2006 year to date 2008 we have sent \$14, 542.28 to LCI for Campaign SightFirst II.

Remember the "bang for the buck", for every \$6 contribution we save the eye sight of over 4300 individuals world wide, including in the US with our donation!

Now just so we don't fall into the "Smarty Pants" category regarding our



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Calendar Of Events

- REGULAR CLUB MEETING DG Bob Jones here to present 8 Melvin Jones Awards ⇒ Monday, May 05, 2008
- MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION- Opening Day ⇒ Wednesday, May 7, 2008
See January's Lions Roar Insert for details or See also www.filc.us website for full Details
- MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION- Closing Day ⇒ Saturday, May 10, 2008
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING- Ladies Day/Awards ⇒ Monday, June 02, 2008
- FILC PANCAKE BREAKFAST (See PP Bob Pretty and or Lion Tamer Bill Morison for Details) ⇒ Saturday, June 07, 2008
- REGULAR CLUB MEETING- Officer Swear-In & 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:

Kitty Ebner the wife of our deceased member Lion Roland Ebner has passed away. There will be a memorial service on Friday May 2nd at 12:00 noon at Saint Matthew by the Sea. The Church is located on Coastal Highway & Dagsboro St. in Fenwick Island, DE.

We're pretty sure others are hurting and we wish them well and a speedy recovery: Lions Bill Winstead, Harold Rabinowitz, PP Cal Denis, Jean Price, Bob Bertram, Alice Casey and Anna Neimiller, to name only a few.

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



February Leadership Institute In Emmitsburg :

I want to thank my fellow Lions for sponsoring my trip to attend this Leadership Institute. It was a fast and interesting three days. The theme of the Institute was "Preparing to Meet the Challenge to Change." There were twelve of us representing 22-D in the Basic Course.

The topics of the sessions were: Diversity, Public Speaking, Communication, Motivating Club Members, Goal Setting and Meeting Management. All of these sessions were interactive and led by experienced Lion leaders. The session that stressed most of us and ended up being the most fun was Public Speaking where we had to work with a partner to prepare and present a two to five-minute presentation on a subject that we drew randomly from a hat. And, it didn't necessarily have anything to do with Lions.

In addition to learning the techniques to be a leader, it was an opportunity to make new friends and share ideas and solutions to challenges that we face in Lionism. I strongly urge my fellow Lions to consider attending this worthwhile institute next year. 1st VP Fran Pretty

They Walk Among Us! One day I was walking down the beach with some Friends when one of them shouted, 'Look at that dead bird!'. Someone looked up at the sky and said, 'Where'?

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commitments for this project LCI reports in April that "The family of Mrs. Aruna A. Oswal has made the largest, single personal donation in Lions Clubs International Foundation's 40-year history by pledging a total of US\$3 million to Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII). Oswal is a member of the Lions Club of Juhu in Mumbai, India and is a Lions past district governor. In addition, she is a CSFII national fund-raising coordinator for India.

We here in the ol' Bulletin Editors office suspect we could do better. We have the time. This project ends, in the 2010-2011 Lions Year. Assuming CSFII stays with the \$400 minimum needed for a "Model Club Award" we only about \$5K additional funds for the outlying 2010-2011 Lions Year. In this event then, we might even become what we are capable of... A Model Club. Let's all think this over and between our Melvin Jones Awards and individual Lion members contribution we could complete the "deal"!

Parenthetically; Maybe we could do something like our Chairperson has recommended below...

From, Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, Past International President, Chairperson, Campaign SightFirst II

Dear Lions,

As members of this great association, we measure a day not in minutes or hours, but in the amount of service we can deliver to our communities both locally and worldwide.

As you know, less than 10 weeks remain to be a part of Campaign SightFirst II. Together, we have surpassed our minimum goal of US\$150 million to continue and expand our SightFirst program because tens of thousands of Lions clubs have joined the fight against preventable blindness by raising funds.

Now, during the week of May 11-17, 2008, clubs around the world will select one day to act for sight. Has your club discussed and finalized their action for sight and planned a Campaign SightFirst II Day?

To be a part of Campaign SightFirst II Day, simply:

1. Select one day during the week of May 11-17, 2008 to participate.
2. Discuss and decide ways your club and members can provide the gift of sight on that day:

http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/csfii_day_files_archive.shtml

- Make a Club Commitment, payable over three to five years
 - "Three over three" — Designate one new Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) for CSFII each year for the next three years to save as many as 500 people from blindness
 - Promote "The Power of 30"— Each US\$180 donation to CSFII by a club member saves 30 people from blindness
 - Hold an additional club fund-raising event or activity and designate funds to CSFII
3. E-mail (csfii@lionsclubs.org) or call the CSFII office to share your club's success by May 23, 2008 so that your Campaign SightFirst II Day efforts for sight can be included in CSFII's final funds-raised total.

It is just one day and one action for you and your Lions club, but your club's Campaign SightFirst II Day activity has the power to provide a lifetime of sight to people who need Lions' help.

Note: If you have any ideas how we might do this project let PP Lion Sam Mooney hear from you. We are Family and We Serve!

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May 7th to May 10th our Club participates in the Multiple District 22 Convention held in Dover (see 2nd VP Fran about coming); and on June 2nd our Ladies Day and Awards, Sign Up for duty at our PANCAKE BEAKFAST (Sign Up Sheets will be available at all meetings until then or call PP Lion Bob Pretty to show your support by signing up!... PS Tickets are on the way) and last but certainly not least June 7th New Officer Swear-In and some additional awards may be given. Yours in Lionism King Lion Dick

They Walk Among Us! While looking at a house, my brother asked the real Estate agent which direction was north because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?' When my brother explained that the sun rises in the East, and has for sometime, she shook her head and said, 'Oh I don't keep up with all that stuff.'

LEO Officers Attend February 17th Meeting:

The Officers and the Faculty Adviser of the Indian River Leo Club were invited to attend our February 17th meeting. Kim Tran, President, Nicole Her-

bert and Jonathan Charles joined us for lunch. President Kim told the group about the community activities that the Club participates in and thanked FILC for our guidance and support. Ms. Lonnie Riley was ill and unable to attend.

Leader Dog Meeting & Dinner- March 25:

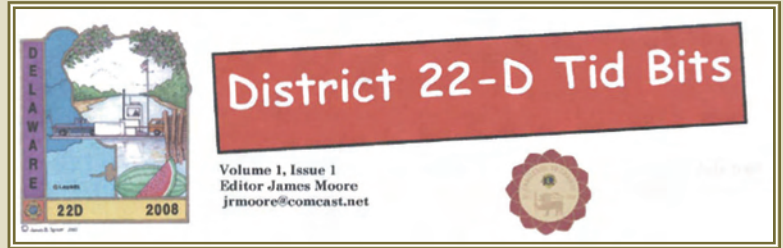
This program was held at the Millsboro Civic Center and the dinner was provided by Jimmie's. The guest speaker was Wanda Scroggins, a very dynamic woman from Alabama who lost her vision as an adult. Her Leader Dog was a poodle named Gibson which is not the typical type of leader dog. She spoke about the Leader Dog Program and talked about her challenges to adapt from being an independent corporate traveler to becoming a blind person taking care of chickens on a farm in Alabama and now working on an advanced college degree and becoming a motivational speaker.

Lion Jack Coxe and his Leader Dog Riker as well as his Aunt Ruth joined Lions Ash Ashinhurst and his wife Jacquie, Lions Bob and Fran Pretty attended this event. Lion Ashinhurst accompanied Lion Jack to present the FILC check for the Leader Dog Program. 1st VP Fran Pretty



They Walk Among Us!! I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, 'The number you dialed is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.' He responded, 'Is that Eastern or Pacific time?' Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, 'Uh, Pacific.'

From the desk of: DG Bob Jones



Moving through the month of April we find ourselves on the down-hill slide for this Lions year 2007-2008. Visitations were completed for all Lions and Lioness clubs in 22D. I can't express how I feel after having visited all the clubs. All of you have been very supportive of the message we were bringing and I felt a sense of sincerity from everyone. Visitations were at the top of the list of great memories as your District Governor.

During the month, First Lady Cheryl and I had the pleasure of judging one of our own Lions in the "Roaring Lions" speak-off. As has always been the case, another great Lion speaker has emerged from silence with the help of the Roaring Lions program and a dedicated chairperson. Great job Lion Valenda Courtney and Roaring Lions Chair Lion Joan Bestpitch.

We just returned today from the 22C Social and Council Meeting and may I add the last one for this Council of Governors. The MD22 Convention committee is working very hard putting together the Multiple District Convention at Dover Downs. It has all the earmarks of being another great time. I'm hearing from Cabinet Secretary Brad that several clubs are submitting information for all of the district contests. Good Luck to you all. Our special guest attending this year will again be our own Lions International President Mahendra Amarasuriya and First Lady Kushi. Let's all be there to wish them well as their year begins to come to an end. I'm sure by now, you are all aware of the Constitution & Bylaw changes that are being submitted for the delegates to vote on. Be sure your King Lion has read the proposed amendments to your membership and you understand what you will be voting on. I trust all of you are planning to attend.

Our final Cabinet meeting is coming up in another week and that will finalize the business of the district until our district meeting at convention. Until then please continue to do all that you're doing to serve the residents of Delaware, and around the world.

We Serve, DG Bob

Visitation Program Completed: First Time In a Very Long Time!

Committee Chair Lion Bruce Schoonover reports: I believe that the benefits of this program are five-fold: (1) it encourages the exchange of ideas among clubs; (2) it fosters more fellowship among our own club members; (3) it provides an opportunity to meet and come to know members from other clubs; (4) it enhances our knowledge of the Lions movement and the myriad of service programs designed to help others in our communities and worldwide; and (5) it makes us proud to be a Lion when we are exposed—first-hand—to so many other Lions that consistently give so freely of their time—asking nothing in return.

I hope all those who participated feel that they too have benefited in a similar manner. A very special thanks to all those team leaders and those that participated in this program throughout the season. My best regards and thanks!

They Walk Among Us!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area, so I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. 'Now,' she asked me, has your plane arrived yet?'

All About Fellowship: FILC Attends MD-22 Mid-Winter Social

Five of our Lions attended this event held at the Felton Fire Department on March 8th. PP Bob Pretty and 3rd VP Fran, 1st VP Ash and his wife Jacquie and PP Bill Bunting enjoyed the delicious meal and three of them came home as winners of door prizes. 1st VP Fran Pretty

2008-2009 Board of Directors to be Sworn in at the June 16, 2008 Regular Meeting

- ▶ President/King Lion, Ash Ashinhurst
- ▶ 1st VP, Bruce Schoonover
- ▶ 2nd VP, Fran Pretty
- ▶ 3rd VP, Charles Lamb
- ▶ Club Secretary, Cal Hook
- ▶ Asst. Secretary, PP Dick Waughtal
- ▶ Club Treasurer, Bill Neimiller
- ▶ Asst. Treasurer, Dan Mihalisin
- ▶ Tail Twister, John Pitman
- ▶ Asst. Tail Twister, Ray Hamm
- ▶ Lion Tamer, Bob Bertram
- ▶ Asst. Lion Tamer, Joe Diehl
- ▶ Membership Chair, PP Bob Schlauch
- ▶ Asst. Membership Chair, Luke Martin
- ▶ Women's Membership Chair, Muriel Mooney
- ▶ Permanent Director, PDG Noble Simpson
- ▶ Director 2 Years, Sam Mooney
- ▶ Director 2 Years, Luke Martin
- ▶ Director 1 Year, Jim Stone
- ▶ Director 1 Year, Bob Pretty
- ▶ Director 1 Year, Bill Morison
- ▶ Bulletin Editor, PP Dick Waughtal

*Hope you can make it to one of our meetings or activities! We miss you!
Don't forget to help work the Pancake Breakfast!
Sign Up soon!*

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!!

LITTLE LADY:

A little old lady was running up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip up the hem of her nightgown and say "Supersex." She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair. Flipping her gown at him, she said, "Supersex."
He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, "I'll take the soup."

DRIVING:

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!" Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, crap, am I driving?"

"I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!"

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?"
"No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday."
And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

