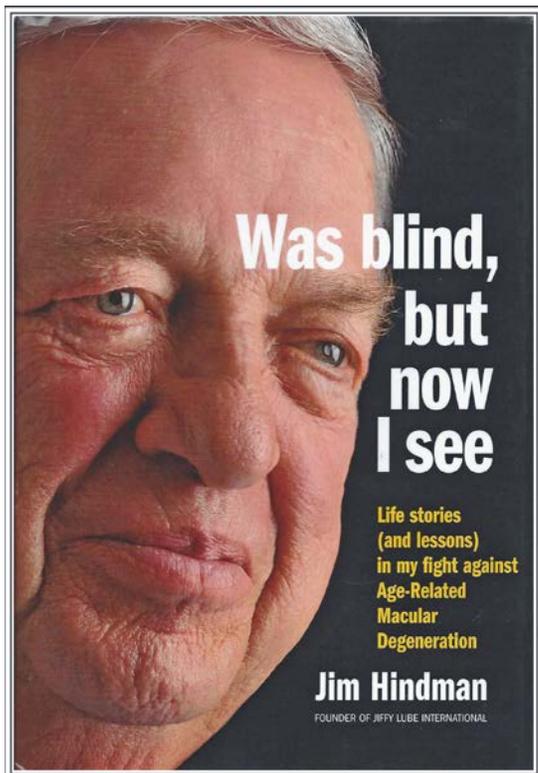


# FILC September 21, 2015 Dinner Meeting Guest Speaker

See Support Article "Macular Regeneration" by Jim Hindman



To all,

I am excited to report that it has just been confirmed that on September 21<sup>st</sup>, Jim Hindman will be the featured speaker at our first evening meeting of the fall season at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant.

Jim Hindman is the founder of Jiffy Lube International, and the author of an inspiring book **Was Blind, But Now I See**, which tells the story of his hard scrabble beginnings, his seemingly charmed life and his struggles to regain his sight, which had deteriorated badly from the results of Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD). Jim underwent a miracle operation at the Wilmer Eye Center, that has restored his vision. See more about Mr. Hindman below.

At the MD-22 Lions Convention in Dover, the Low Vision Rehabilitation Network (LOVRNET) had an incredibly informative seminar devoted to Macular Degeneration. It featured Dr. Robert Massoff, the founder and director of the Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center at Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Hospital Center, as well as Jim

Hindman. Sharon and I were fortunate enough to have attended this seminar and all I can say is "WOW.!" What a story he has to tell and what an inspiring and entertaining speaker he is!

You may also recall that the January edition of the Lions Magazine featured an article on Jim Hindman, which told of his struggles with Macular Degeneration. Attached is a copy of that article.

## **"You are legally blind."**

With these four words Jim Hindman, renowned entrepreneur and founder of Jiffy Lube International, faced the biggest challenge of his life at age 57 when he was diagnosed with macular degeneration, an age-related progressive disease that leads, eventually, to blindness. Throughout his successful career, Hindman always met challenges head-on, but nothing prepared him for the impact of macular degeneration. Fearlessly embarking on a more than 20 year exploration with multiple physicians throughout the United States, Hindman refused to give up until he found a way back through the darkness; innovative new medical procedures and technologies ultimately restored his vision after he successfully underwent surgery for the implantable miniature telescope.

In **Was blind, but now I see**, Hindman shares his remarkable journey to recovery, his setbacks, and dramatic achievements. Woven throughout his inspirational account is a rags-to-riches story featuring many of the lessons he learned as kid on the streets of Sioux City, shining shoes and selling newspapers, to become a self-made millionaire by 35. All proceeds will go to education, rehabilitation, and research for macular degeneration and low vision efforts.

Chapter 19 of the book starts out with a passage that gives you an idea of Mr. Hindman's character:

**The people whose lives we touch, our contributions to our country, our communities, and our families, our faith in God and our fellow**

**man, and what we strive to achieve, like stones tossed into a pond, become the ripples of our lives and our legacy. Each of us is given the opportunity to share our little fragment in time on this earth, and it's my greatest hope that I have used mine wisely.**

Past Lions International Director Joe Gaffigan has made this arrangement possible and he, along with Past International Director Darlene Sartain, will join us that evening.

I have promised Joe that "we will fill the house" that night, so we will extend an invitation to neighboring Lions Clubs and, if room permits, perhaps publicize the evening and invite members of the community.

I wanted to share this good and exciting news with you,  
Bruce