

To all PDG's, Cabinet Members, Club Presidents & Secretaries...

after our most recent Cabinet Meeting, several cabinet members asked me to send a copy of the information used in my remarks about the Fenwick Island LC's special invitation to our new regular Monday evening meeting held now at Peaky's Restaurant & Oyster Bar in north Ocean City.

This invitation applies to all Lions (even those not at the meeting) and to any guests.

Please see below. All are invited but seating is limited. Therefore a prior reservation is needed on a first come first served basis to listen to Lion Jim Hindman and Lord Baltimore Lion Dr. Jeff Hilovsky discuss their experiences with/about "Age-Related Macular Degeneration". Details of how to do this are described in the write up below.

Thank you and remember if anyone at the meeting took photo's please send your best to me for the website.

Lion Dick Waughtal, Chair Information Technology, 22 D Webmaster  
(<http://www.golions22d.org/>)

## *Special Invitation...*

What: "Age-Related Macular Degeneration" Presentation by Keynote Speaker Lion Jim Hindman, founder of Jiffy Lube, and Speaker Lord Baltimore Lion Dr. Jeff Hilovsky provides his perspective on this very same disease, which he routinely deals with in his practice.

We are extending an invitation to Lion Club members & guests to join us for this special occasion.

Where: At the FILC regular dinner meeting held at Peaky's Roof Top Restaurant, Fenwick Inn in Ocean City Maryland and beginning at 6 PM. on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

## **Overview...**

Jim Hindman, the founder of Jiffy Lube, was diagnosed at the age of 57 with Age Related- Macular Degeneration (AMD). Twelve years later he lost his sight and several years ago had a miniature "telescope" implanted in his eye, at the Wilmer Eye Institute, which restored his vision.



He has written a book "**Was Blind, But Now I See**"—the proceeds of which go to Lions Clubs International, Wilmer Eye Institute and the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. His story was also featured in the Lions Magazine in January and as indicated, he was a speaker at this spring's MD-22 convention. He is now 79 years old, lives in western Maryland and is truly an inspirational speaker, who has overcome enormous obstacles during his lifetime. Lion Jim will have copies of his book available that evening and will do a book signing.

Dr. Jeff Hilovsky, OD FAAO, an area optometrist and member of the Lord Baltimore Lions Club—who routinely treats macular degeneration in his

practice, has also accepted an invitation to speak that evening about his experience with this progressive life changing event.

Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant can seat 150. We would be delighted if you would extend this invitation to your members, as this is such an incredible opportunity to hear first-hand about a disease that is quickly becoming an epidemic. **The presentation coincides with our monthly dinner meeting and the cost for the meal is \$16 per person.** We will be pleased to treat this as an official Visitation!

We also plan to advertise this presentation to the general public and feel that we will have a very positive response to this opportunity. In order to ensure your members participation, we ask that you put in your reservations early. The meal will begin promptly at six, with presentations to follow.

**Please provide the names of the individuals who will be attending and the club affiliation. Make checks payable to the Fenwick Island Lions Club and return them to our treasurer, Bill Neimiller 346 South Ocean Drive Ocean City, MD 21842, by no later than September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

If you should have any questions, please contact me at my e-mail address: [bschoonover@attglobal.net](mailto:bschoonover@attglobal.net) or my phone at 302 539-2043 or my cell at 443 214-9912.

My thanks,  
Bruce Schoonover  
President  
Fenwick Island Lions Club

## As Further Background on Mr. Hindman...

### **“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.

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