

KEITH'S

22-DELAWARE



BRIEFS

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KEITH L. THOMPSON, District Governor

ED SHORT, Bulletin Editor



An Open Letter to All Lioness Members

Dear Lioness:

I come to you with an Apology, a Plea, and a Request. As an officer of Lions Clubs International I would like to formally APOLOGIZE to the Lioness members of District 22-D for the way the "Grand Plan" was attempted to be instituted back in 1991 to phase out all Lioness Clubs and its membership.

History over the years has seen such plans go awry with many hurt feelings and in some case even deaths. This was seen in the Bay of Pigs incident and the failed rescue attempt of our hostages in Iran. Fortunately no one was physically killed in the attempt by Lions International to forcefully encourage the Lioness to become Lions, although the membership was greatly affected when this policy was attempted to be instituted. For all this, I apologize and hope you all can forgive, in this Christian season of forgiveness.

District 22-D (Delaware) has been its own Sub-District since the early 1940's. To remain a separate Sub-District of a Multiple District, a Sub-District is required to have 1250 members and 35 Clubs. Unfortunately, with our aging and declining membership we are within two to three years of losing our Sub-District status, based on our statistics this year. But it's not too late to turn those numbers around, as witnessed last night when I installed 5 new members at Frederica Spring Creek.

Speaking of history, I want to take you back to 1920 when the 19th amendment was passed. For those of you who do not remember, the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote. Although an inalienable right for all citizens of the United States, you all as Lioness have no given right to vote in any Lions elections. We have an election for Vice District Governor coming up in District 22-D that you all will not be able to vote in. Although the District Governor and Vice District Governor represents you all, you have no right to vote, nor an ability to elevate one of your fellow Lioness to the office of District Governor or Vice District Governor. This has been this way since the formation of the very first Lioness Club.

My PLEA is this. We need your help; we need to make a concerted effort to turn these numbers around. You all number between 150 and 200 members. Single handedly you can help out District 22-D. This is not just the Lions District; this is your District as well. The out of pocket additional dues cost is only \$46.25 per year or \$3.85 per month or 13 cents a day. Just like the Women's Suffrage movement in the early part of the century you all would be immediately eligible for all the rights and privileges enjoyed by all Lions members. The right to vote for Vice District, District Governor and International candidates; the right to vote for changes to all Constitutions & By-Laws; you would automatically receive a copy of the Lion magazine; and most importantly, you would be able to run for a Cabinet level leadership office, if you so desire. You have many members that would be wonderful as leaders in our/your District.

So, my REQUEST is this. At your next Board meeting, all I ask is that you just discuss some of the points I have raised. I know many of your Clubs have talked about this before, but maybe I have raised some additional discussion points. Whatever the decision that you and your Board of Directors makes, whether to remain a Lioness Club or become a new Lioness/Lions Club it is solely up to you all. You will all remain a viable and integral part of District 22-D and more importantly will remain as a Club helping out in your local community, helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Keep on Shifting
Keith

“THE BIG RACE” THROUGH 22D

BROOKSIDE

Supporting child to attend Camp Merit. Sight First II fundraiser planned.

CLAYMONT

12 lions were recognized with various awards during charter night. In spite of bad weather held a successful pancake day. Spring White Cane Days are scheduled for last week of April. Presented a Humanitarian Award to a community member. 29 lions recognized with perfect attendance pins.

DELAWARE CITY

Hosting pancake breakfast on April 28 (See ad)

DELMAR

Planning on upcoming *Day in the Park* event. Several lions received awards recently. Beginning to think of plans for 70th anniversary next year.

DOVER

Preparing for annual Flea market at Spence's Bazaar on May 12 (See ad). Club's total eyeglass collection this year at 1626 pair. Working on car raffle ticket schedule.

DOVER LIONESSE

Finishing touches being put on scrapbook. Scholarship winner announced.

FENWICK ISLAND

Organized CPR classes for membership to take advantage of. Will have a hospitality room at convention.

FREDERICA SPRING CREEK

Welcomed four new members. Held Vision Days fundraiser at Uno's. Over \$1,000 profit on Beef and Dumpling dinner. Sponsored Easter Party for 94 elementary children.

GLASGOW

Scheduled family fun night at Friendly's for April 24 th (See ad). Highway cleanup scheduled. Two scholarship recipients have been chosen. Designated funds for Sight First II.

LAUREL LIONS

Held another successful Variety Show. Looking for lost Lion bell that grew legs and walked away.

LAUREL LEOS

16 Leos attended the leaderdog presentation making a donation. Participated in Variety show. Finalizing "Coins for Katrina" collections.

LAUREL LIONESSE

Very successful Vera Bradley Bingo. Vera Bradley Beach Raffle tickets on sale.

LORD BALTIMORE

Raised over \$8600 from Fruit sales this year. Car raffle tickets available to sell. Have set up a selling schedule for the summer. Vera Bradley Basket Bingo scheduled (See ad)

MIDDLETOWN

Preparing for car raffle sales. Donations to Special Olympics, Boy Scout Troop 204, MOT Senior Center, Delaware National Guard Youth Camp, Groves Adult High School scholarship.

MILLSBORO

Significant donations to Millsboro Little League and Leader Dog. Preparing for September Golf Outing.

MIDWAY

Held event for the students of consortium schools of Sussex County. Have held several raffles and obtained donations which allowed over 170 children to bowl.

MILFORD

Car raffle tickets now available. Will start selling at Bug and Bud Festival. Charter night scheduled for April 21. #61. Worked on 2008 ad work for telephone books....a 9 month project.

NEW CASTLE HUNDRED

Held successful Pancake breakfast. Held annual Easter parade. Donations of food made to Emmanuel House. PDG Dave Jones awarded Gene Polgar Fellow Award.

PIKE CREEK

Continue to prepare for Blue Gold picnic. Continues with Manor Care Bingo. Another 850 pairs of eye glasses collected. Working on updating web site. Six students receiving scholarships this year.

REHOBOTH BEACH

About ready to distribute Telephone Directories. Presented \$500 check to Leader Dog. Have raised half of their Sight First II goal.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FRIENDLY'S

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24
5 PM TO 8 PM**

PEOPLES PLAZA, RT 40

FRIENDLY'S WILL DONATE A
PERCENTAGE OF THE PURCHASES
(BOTH TAKE OUT AND EAT IN)
to
GLASGOW LIONS.

BASKET BINGO

(Vera Bradley/Longaberger)

Friday, MAY 11

Doors Open: 6 pm
Play: 7 pm – 11 pm

MILLSBORO CIVIC CENTER

\$20 Advance, \$25 at door –
20 regular games, - 2 special games

Refreshments, Baked Goods, Door prizes, 50/50

Benefits Indian River Schools Odyssey of the Mind Teams –
World Finals in Michigan May 22-27

Info: Lion Karl Gude 539-3498 or lionkarl@hotmail.com

LORD BALTIMORE LIONS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Opening Eyes Program
Delaware Special Olympics Summer Games
University of Delaware – Newark

**Friday June 8 11 am - 3 pm
2 pm - 6 pm**

Saturday June 9 11 am – 3 pm

To volunteer call: CT Ann Reiver 302-762-6970

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, APRIL 28

8 am - 12 noon

E.U. METHODIST CHURCH
306 Clinton Street

Adults: \$6.00
Children: \$3.00

Take-Outs Available

Coincides with opening day of Fort Delaware
State Park and the annual town yard sale.

DELAWARE CITY LIONS

3RD ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Saturday, MAY 12

8 AM – 2 PM

Auction begins at Noon

SPENCE'S BAZAAR

RENT A TABLE FOR \$20

To rent a table contact:
Lion Norman Quible: 302-677-0860
Lion Lyle Dabson: 302-674-3832 (w)

DOVER LIONS

DISTRICT WEB SITE

WWW.LIONS22D.ORG

USA CANADIAN LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

SEPT 6 - 8

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

The USA Canada Forum helps develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provides an open exchange of ideas and support programs.

For information: contact:

Lion Bob Daniels, 22-D Forum Chair, 302-653-6433 or lionbobd123@aol.com

Lion Angela Bruce, MD 22 Co-chair 301-854-0096, abruce0410@aol.com

Travel agent for forum is Suzi Davis Travel, 309-682-7900 or 888-966-4445, www.suzidavis.com

Website:

www.usacanadalionsforum.org/promotion.html

**LIONS EYE BANK OF DELAWARE VALLEY
50TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & LUNCHEON**

Saturday, JUNE 9

The Sheridan Reading Hotel
1741 Paper mill Rd.,
Wyomissing, PA

Reception/Cash Bar 11:45 am
Luncheon 1:00 pm followed by meeting

\$25

Registration by May 18
Information: 1-800-743-6667

Open to all Lions

SCRAPBOOKS

DUE DATE: MAY 3

Scrapbooks can be turned in at Leadership School, May 3, at Caesar Rodney High School, to scrapbook chair, Lion Gail Krebs.

Club Scrapbook contest rules are printed in roster book on pages 69 & 70.

Any questions: Contact Lion Gail at 302-477-1271 or kgkrebs@verizon.net

SAVE THAT TAB !!

Before recycling your aluminum beverage can -- save the tab. Lion Al O'Neill of Glasgow has been saving them for years, annually turning them over to the Ronald McDonald's House to cash in to help defray expenses. If you can help, call Lion Al at 834-4091.

ENJOY GOLF ?

A NUMBER OF LIONS AND FRIENDS GET TOGETHER FOR A MONTHLY GOLF OUTING

2007 GOLF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events are played on Thursday and start at 10:00 am

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| A. | Chisel Creek | April 12 |
| B. | Tanglewood | May 10 |
| C. | Town & Country | June 14 |
| A. | Frog Hollow | July 12 |
| B. | Chantilly | Aug. 9 |
| C. | Moccassin Run | Sept. 13 |
| A. | Pilgrims Oak | Oct. 11 |
| B. | Inniscrone | Nov. 8 |

Price: \$35 per golfer per event

Money must be received the Sunday prior to the event.

Send to: Milt Draper, 1 Antioch Ct., New Castle, DE 19720

New Rules for Play: Three Formats

- A. Regular Scramble -- Low Scores
- B. Modified Scramble -- Low Scores
- C. Modified Stapleford -- High Score

Note: 70 years plus may hit from the forward tees on all events

Sorry: No payments accepted on day of event

ELECTION ALERT

Lion Delegates need to know that if they leave the voting room at anytime while the voting is in progress and until a candidate is elected, they will not be allowed back into the room. THIS MEANS: if there is a tie and voting needs to be redone, those who left will be unable to participate in re-votes as per constitution and by-laws.

Section 4. BALLOT. The election shall be by secret written ballot. When two or more candidates are placed in nomination, the candidate receiving the simple majority of the votes cast shall be elected. If, on the first ballot, and subsequent ballots, no candidate receives a majority, the candidate or tied candidates receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority. In case of a tie on any ballot, balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is elected.

HELP NEEDED FOR LIONS 22D HISTORY

District Historian, PDG Bill Scott, has almost completed a historical documentation of Lions 22D. Although rather lengthy, (as we get older it gets larger), he is in need of some missing information:

**HE NEEDS THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP
NUMBERS FOR ALL CLUBS DURING THE
PERIOD FROM 1972 THROUGH 1984.**

Clubs who are able to research this info can contact PDG Bill at 302-539-7414 or by e-mail at scottdoreen2@aol.com or snail mail at 37721 Scotts Lane, Millville, DE 19970

LCI ELECTRONIC

LIONS INTERNATIONAL HAS INFORMED THE DISTRICT THAT **ALL CLUB OFFICER INFORMATION AND PACKETS WILL BE SENT BY E-MAIL.** ANY HARD COPIES WILL BE MAILED ONLY UPON REQUEST.

ALERT FOR SECRETARIES

PU-101 forms are now due and need to be sent to Lions Clubs International (the form can be done on-line to LCI) Copies also need to be sent or e-mailed to DG Keith Thompson, CS Cheryl Jones, and Roster Book Chair Lee Bird. **The deadline for sending PU-101 forms to the above designees is April 30, 2007**

HELP WANTED EDITOR

Delaware Lions Foundation Newsletter
Published Quarterly
Qualifications:

Enthusiastic person with computer skills

Contact: Lion BJ Ryder (302-284-9377) or
PDG John Shwed (302-875-5051)

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2007
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
JULY 2 THRU JULY 6

Plan Ahead

All venues will be held in one location. Check Lions International website at www.Lionsclubs.org....go to events and click on convention. Housing will be *Fairmont Chicago*. Bus transportation is being looked into. Register on line.

LIONS CAMP MERRICK

Lions Camp Merrick is located in southern Maryland, owned and operated by the Lions Clubs of 22-C with monetary support from individuals and many clubs throughout MD22. The camp provides week long residential camping experiences for deaf, blind and children with diabetes, ages 6-16. Additionally the camp provides many shorter weekend retreats and day long sessions for related activities including Scouting and 4-H.

Open house is being held on June 9. For more specific info about the camp go to www.lionscampmerrick.org or call their executive director, Gregory Floberg at 301-645-5616.

ICE CREAM FROM MD22 PIN TRADERS

THE PIN TRADERS CLUB HAS JOINED THE EFFORTS TO EARN FUNDS FOR THE SIGHT FIRST II PROJECT.

THEY ARE SELLING MINIATURE ICE CREAM CONE PINS – pick a flavor or get all Five (chocolate, orange, pistachio, vanilla, strawberry). A set of five pins sell for \$10 – all profits to Sight First II. For a donation of more than \$10 you will receive an additional gold-toned pin.

Requests for pins to: Lion John Saxon, 20051 Beaver Dam Road, Milford, DE 19963. Shipping and Handling is \$1 per set. For more information contact PDG JIM MINNICH AT 302-654-7326 or at JLMlion@aol.com.

First order of 100 sets was sold out. PTC is hoping replacement order will be here in time for convention.

Annual Golf Outing & Barbecue
Delaware Association for Blind
Monday May 21
(Registration Deadline: May 1)
Further info Contact Linda Lauria
302-655-2111 or llauria@dabel.org

ROSTER BOOK CHANGES

Previous changes for August, September, October, November, December, January & February are available on district web site
www.lions22d.org

Additional changes as of 3-19-07

Pg. 25,57,58 Joy Spicer E-MAIL: SpocrDr3954@aol.com

Pg. 52 Charles Michel 302-629-5754

Additional changes as of 4-19-07

Pg. 39 Sandi Shaw, 52 Clinton St., P.O. Box 4200
Delaware City, DE 19706-4200

DEADLINE

FOR NEXT
KEITH'S BRIEFS

5 PM

MAY 20

LION ED SHORT
140 CANN ROAD
NEWARK, DE 19702
302-834-0310

E-MAIL: LIONEDD@AOL.COM

POSSIBLE SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE !!

The Nemours Foundation has long offered assisted for those who meet eligibility requirements. They offer eye, dental and hearing clinics.

Among the requirements: Age 65 or older, Delaware resident, low income, and US citizenship.

To find out more:
Wilmington: 651-4405 (1-800-292-9538)
Milford: 1-800-763-9326

CONVENTION COMMITTEE INFORMATION

It will save a lot of time when you check in if you are pre-registered. You need to register whether you are planning to eat or not. Registration forms were sent to all King Lions and Secretaries. BUT, you can also obtain the registration form on the District web site at: www.lions22d.org.

As of April 20 there are 724 Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests registered to come to the convention.

May 14 through 17 at Dover. Come meet and greet the International President, Jimmy Ross, International Director, Joe Gaffigan and other dignitaries.

A FEW MD CONVENTION BULLET POINTS

- MAY 14 MD GOLF TOURNAMENT AT DOVER AIR BASE EAGLE CREEK COURSE
PRE-CONVENTION ENTERTAINMENT: BILLY FINCH (Musical Legends Show)
- May 15 OPENING BUSINESS SESSION
MELVIN JONES LUNCHEON
SEMINARS: LVRF, CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II
- MAY 16 SEMINARS: CANVASSING FOR NEW CLUB MEMBERS,
ORIENTATION, HEARING/SPEECH

NECROLOGY SERVICE
SUB DISTRICT LUNCHEONS/MEETINGS
CANDIDATE HOSPITALITY NIGHT
- MAY 17 SECOND BUSINESS SESSION
ELECTIONS

WAYS TO PROMOTE YOUR SPECIAL EVENTS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

From Publicity Chair Lion Jay Wheeler

There are a variety of ways to promote your special stories to the public using Television, Radio and/or Newspapers. When writing your stories you should include all the basic information. In your article, think of special items like "what, where, when, why and who" – incorporate the title of the event, city, or town where it is being held, location, dates and times of day; information such as parking information, and a contact phone number for the public to call for information. Keep your story interesting and short, but concise. When writing use your organizations' letterhead, if possible, with mailing address. Send a typewritten copy of your information by mail, email or fax.

Select the media you want to receive your story. Target the geographic area and the type of audience that is likely to be interested in your story or event. If the event appeals to the surrounding community, then target the local area and focus on this group. If an event attracts many people from many areas, then it may draw national interest. Include a contact name and phone number before you do your mailing.

When you have written your story, be sure to remember the lead times required by each individual media outlet. If for some reason, the announcement is sent out late, the deadline will be missed, but if the announcement is sent out long before the event actually takes place, then the information could be misplaced or forgotten. You should plan to do two mailings, one for a magazine, since they have a longer lead time, and the other to your local newspaper, or to the television's public affairs director, and then to the radio stations.

Many media like to receive the information via e-mail. Television stations like to perform coverage before the event takes place, so you should send them the program information a few days before the event.

If your Lions Club is planning a Delaware event that will be open to the general public and is interesting, you should notify the Delaware Tourism Office. Call Jo-Ann Walston at 302-672-6841 to receive a complete listing of their publications guidelines and entry form.