



President's Message

Congratulations to Jim Stone, our big 50/50 winner... pictured here incognito and who, with his wife Martha, has left town and we understand is currently in hiding from the IRS.

February—a very interesting month... Ground Hog Day, Valentines Day. Snowbirds departed or departing, and the time when we recruit new officers and committee chairs for the New Year, which begins July 1st.

Ground hog Day is when that varmint is dragged from his warm home – held up in front of a multitude of people and has to look at his shadow to predict the future weather.

Valentines Day is the day you give flowers, candy, gems and other tokens of your love to a very significant other to reaffirm your feelings for that person.

February is also the month we start searching for people to take office and help lead our club forward.

It is very easy to pass the buck and say, “No, ask so and so.”

We have always had good Presidents and a strong Board to back up, assist, and carry out the club's needs.

It would be wonderful and show real faith in Lionism if each one of us would select an office that we could fill and volunteer for that job. The task of finding dedicated people would be minimized and the club would have people at the helm who are truly dedicated to Lionism and the Fenwick Island Lions Club and we would continue to be the best club in Delaware.

We have enough truly qualified people to fill all the offices and we should not have to re-run or recycle past officers. (Cont'd next page.)

And, the winner is!



Tail Twister, Jim Stone who won the 50-50 'Joker' jack pot of \$604 at the first meeting of the New Year.

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, February 2nd Lions Zone Meeting 6:30 PM Country Kitchen, Millsboro

Sunday, February 5th Polar Bear Plunge Rehoboth Beach 1 PM to benefit Delaware Special Olympics. For more information go to: <http://www.plungede.org/>

Monday, February 6th Regular Meeting Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon

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Friday-Sunday, February 17-19th MD-22 Leadership Training Emmitsburg, Md. (Registration by Feb. 6th.)

Monday, February 27th Board Meeting 4 PM Fenwick Island Town Hall (All members are invited and encouraged to attend!)

I am looking forward to hearing from each and every one of our members telling me what office or committee chair they plan to fill for the 2012-2013 year.

You do not need a resume, just the desire to do a good job for the betterment of Lions and our club.

I will be waiting for your input.

Yours in Lionism,
King Lion Jean

P.S. Look at page 5 in your 2011 – 2012 Directory for the list of officers and select one!!!!

Melvin Jones Breakfast

On January 7th the District's Melvin Jones Breakfast—for Melvin Jones Fellows was at at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover. Attending from our club were Noble Simpson, Bill & Anna Neimiller, Bob and Fran Pretty, Ash Ashinhurst and Sam and Muriel Mooney.

This year's featured speaker was Lion Clubs International Past International Director Gene Polger who gave a very inspirational presentation on the incredible work carried out by the Lions Club International Foundation. All Melvin Jones Fellows and Melvin Jones Progressive Fellows were recognized.



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Melvin Jones Fellowship Program

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) depends on the generosity of its members and others to provide funding in order to carry out its humanitarian service projects worldwide.

In 1973, LCIF began the Melvin Jones Fellowship program—named for the founder of Lions Clubs International. Clubs and individuals who contribute \$1,000 to LCIF are awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship pin and become a Melvin Jones Fellow. Today, 75% of all revenue raised by LCIF is the result of this program. The following is a promotional piece outlining how funds raised are used.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

PROGRAMS



Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) supports the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local and global communities. LCIF's programs preserve sight, combat disabilities, promote health, serve youth and provide disaster relief. LCIF is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International.

Since its founding in 1968, LCIF has awarded more than 10,000 grants totaling more than US\$708 million to assist Lions clubs and districts carry out ambitious humanitarian projects. The 1.35 million Lions around the world share a great spirit of giving and a dedication to improving lives, making LCIF a global leader in humanitarian service. In fact, LCIF was named the #1 non-governmental organization worldwide with which to partner, according to a Financial Times independent survey.

We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.

Some of LCIF's program impacts:

Sight

- Awarded 1005 SightFirst grants in 102 countries for a total of more than US\$255 million
- Restored sight to 7.68 million people through cataract surgeries
- Prevented serious vision loss for 30 million
- Provided 137 million treatments for river blindness
- Provided vision screening for more than 211,000 Special Olympics athletes from 85 countries through Opening Eyes
- Built or expanded 315 eye hospitals/clinics/wards
- Trained 659,000 eye care specialists
- Conducted 14 million vision screenings for children through Sight for Kids

Humanitarian

- Awarded more than 3,000 emergency grants totaling more than US\$25 million
- Raised more than US\$200 million for Campaign SightFirst II, making it the greatest fundraising effort in LCIF's history
- Engaged more than 12 million students in the youth development program Lions Quest



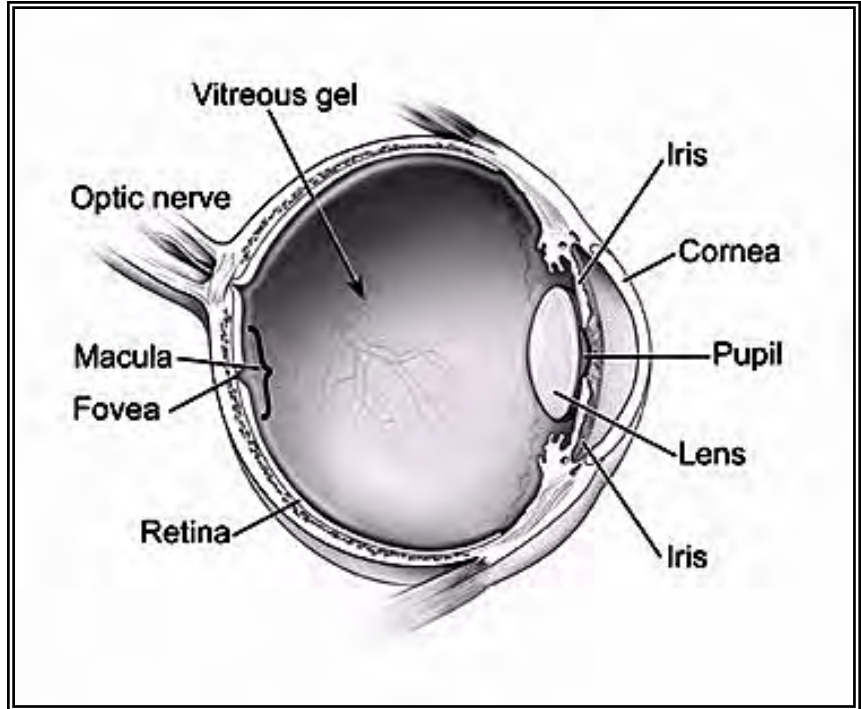
Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley

Aside from numerous humanitarian service projects carried out within our own community, the Fenwick Island Lions Club is proud to provide financial support to a select group of organizations beyond our borders whose goal is to improve the lives of others, in various ways. Last month we highlighted the work of the Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center and Foundation associated with the Wilmer Eye Institute at John Hopkins in Baltimore. This month we feature the Lions Eye Bank of the Delaware Valley, which serves southeastern Pennsylvania, the entire state of Delaware and Southern New Jersey. Each year, for the past 25 years, we have provided financial support for this organization.

The Eye Bank's mission is to provide medically sound, quality eye tissue for use in corneal transplantation, for use in medical education and research to help improve surgical techniques, advance medical technology and find cures for eye diseases.

The cornea is the front clear part of the eye that covers the iris, pupil and anterior chamber. Together with the lens, the cornea refracts light, accounting for approximately two-thirds of the eye's total optical power. It imparts the greatest focusing power of all the ocular media.

A corneal transplant, also known as corneal grafting, is a surgical procedure that replaces a damaged cornea with a donor cornea either in its



entirety (penetrating keratoplasty) or in part (lamellar keratoplasty). If the cornea is injured, it may become swollen or scarred, and its smoothness and clarity may be lost. Scars, swelling or an irregular shape can cause the cornea to scatter or distort light, resulting in glare or blurred vision.

The cornea is the most frequently transplanted part of the human body, and more than 95 percent of cornea transplants performed in the United States are successful

The non-profit eye bank has coordinated more than 35,000 transplant surgeries for 54 years. In 2010, more than 900 recipients in the tri-state area benefitted directly from the eye bank's cornea procurement operations.

At the November, 2011 Annual meeting of the Eye Bank which was held in Laurel, DE the "Diamond Award" was given to our Club for its support of the program.



Welcome New Members!

Past District Governor Bob Jones inducted three more members at the January 16th regular meeting. We extend a warm welcome to each of these individuals and we look forward to their participation in our Club activities for many years to come! It is great to have so many new members this year.

Lauren Nuttle

Lauren is an Easter Shore native, through and through—having been born and raised in Salisbury, MD and having graduated from Salisbury University and University of Maryland—Eastern Shore. Lauren is employed as a Doctor of Physical Therapy by Aquacare Rehabilitation, Inc. of Millsboro and has a local following of clients—including a number of members of our club.

Lauren's husband is Jon, they have been married for five years and have a son, Calvin who is 8-months old. Both she and her husband are involved with the Mariners Bethel United Methodist Church youth groups, teach middle school bible study and are heavily involved in numerous other church activities. In her spare time, Lauren is studying Spanish.



Lauren Nuttle



Joe Kaub

Joseph (Joe) Kaub

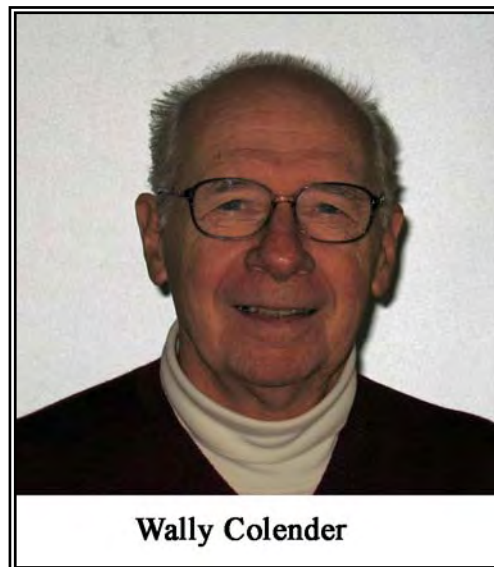
We now have the first daughter-father members of our Club! Joe is the father of member Debbie Moreland and father-in-law to Fred. He was born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was a landscaper/tree surgeon in the Scranton area and served as a landscaping supervisor on the White House grounds in Washington, DC, as well as grounds supervisor at Fort George Mead in Odenton, MD.

Joe was married for 28 years, has 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He has lived here in Sussex County for the past two-years and enjoys power boating, bike riding and walking the boardwalk for exercise.

Walter (Wally) Colender

Wally was born and raised in Trenton, New Jersey and graduated from Penn State in 1960. He was a teacher and basketball coach, and public school administrator for the New Jersey Department of Education.

Wally has been married for 51-years to his wife, Elizabeth, they have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Their son lives in the area and they moved here one year ago. He loves the outdoors and is looking forward to canoeing the Delaware rivers, spending time with the family, being involved with his church and doing volunteer work.



Wally Colender

(Excerpted from January, 2012 Lion Magazine... and worth repeating)

Join the Family

Five Ways to Help New Members Feel Connected

by Jennifer Gilbert Gebhardt

When Paula Mosqueda went to her first meeting with the Auburn 49er Lions Club in California two years ago, she didn't know much about Lions and wasn't sure what to expect. Little did she know, she would become part of a special group that she would hold as dear as family.

Her first hint came when, after warmly greeting her, the club serenaded her with "Welcome, Guest."

But what happens after the warm welcome that Lions are so good at providing to newcomers? With 50 percent of new members dropping out within the first three years, helping them feel like part of the family might be the difference between losing them or gaining lifelong Lions. According to International President Wing-Kun Tam's program, My Club, My Family, there are five crucial steps to building a club with lasting and strong bonds.

Effective Orientation

New members need to understand club history and operations so they can feel comfortable participating in meetings and projects. Providing a thorough orientation that inspires involvement and excitement is key to building this understanding. Making it fun helps: occasionally Mosqueda's club holds a New Member Social to give newbies a chance to learn from and get to know long-term members.

Involvement from Day One

One of the top reasons clubs lose members is lack of meaningful involvement, so don't miss out on the energy that new Lions have. Make them part of the team right away. It might mean more to them than anyone might imagine.

As a new resident in the Detroit area, Elizabeth Washington joined a Lions club at the suggestion of a friend. When the club put her right to work, her transition to living in a new place was eased. "Right away I was introduced to several serving opportunities. Selfridge North Macomb Lions Club was a big part of overcoming my homesickness," says Washington.

Leaders Who Listen

Do your club's leaders create an atmosphere of open communication where everyone's input is welcomed? Club leadership sets the tone and has a strong influence on whether members feel accepted and comfortable. When leaders conduct team building exercises, hold brainstorming sessions and listen responsively, they can help bring the club together—while also developing future leaders.



Auburn 49er Lions (from left) Marty Bauman, Ray Arnold and Al Albertazzi share a fun moment at a club meeting.

Photo by Valerie Buonincontri

Bond through Service

Countless Lions have "that" memory of the first time they realized what it means to be a Lion, and it often happened while engaging in service alongside other Lions. When members work together, they develop trust and rapport, and build bonds that can last a lifetime.

Sponsors can play an important role in helping new members have positive first service outings. "My sponsor advised me to just jump in and get involved. He drove me to the event and worked alongside me the entire time, watching over me," Mosqueda explains.

Be Like Family

The "little things" matter the most in caring families. Showing compassion, appreciation and respect for one another can transform a club into a solid family unit. Saying thank you, remembering a birthday, pitching in to help each other and enjoying social occasions can help members feel like they belong.

The Auburn 49ers are much like a big, happy family. They even may have disagreements like any family does, but they accept and value one another—imperfections and all. "With this group, the quirks are accepted and the talents are appreciated and often praised," says Mosqueda. "There is no nicer family."

VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party for the visually impaired was well attended and enjoyed by over 200 people. Our Club had 12 members including Lion Jack Coxe and Bill McCafferty and 16 Indian River High School LEOS who joined the party that was held at the CHEER Center in Georgetown. Our members transported four of the visually impaired guests who live in our community. The LEOs assisted the guests in getting their dinner and distributed the beautiful fruit baskets, which were provided by the Lions Clubs. This Annual Christmas Party is another example of Lions serving others. It is also a moving, inspirational and gratifying event that has sighted participants counting their blessings.



Birthday Wishes!

**There are exactly as many special occasions in life
as we choose to celebrate.**

~Robert Brault~

**A positive attitude may not solve all your problems,
but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.**

~Herm Albright~

Dick Waughtal Feb. 2nd

John Carl Feb. 8th

Ray Kress Feb. 12th

Bruce Schoonover Feb. 3rd

Donald Lynch Feb. 8th

Sam Mooney Feb. 23rd

