



President's Message

Christmas has come and gone. Hopefully all went well and you and yours had a wonderful time with family, friends and relatives.

We as a club enjoyed a fun filled evening at the Clarion on December 5th. The food was plentiful and good. The friendship was heartwarming and the entertainment was fantastic. What a wonderful way to begin the Holiday season. To keep us motivated, about 10 Lions, 14 Leos and several spouses attended the Visually Impaired Christmas Party dinner the next night. If you are ever unsure of why you became a Lion, attend something like this and you will remember why and wonder what else you can do! This party was an eye opener for me. I was in awe of how these people with varying degrees of blindness could recognize their friends, and function in such a normal manner. I was also impressed with the way the Leos became instant friends with the person they escorted to the buffet. In all, it was a very inspiring evening and I will be attending next year.

2011 was a good year for our club. We raised the funds we need to continue our planned work and we should have extra to take on any new needs that arise. Our Bingo, Spaghetti Dinner and Halloween Parade 50/50 were all excellent fund raisers. We have inducted nine new members and they are looking forward to helping as much as possible. Many thanks to membership chair Muriel.

The Pancake Breakfast will fatten the coffers for next year. Again I say THANK YOU to all the members and their spouses or significant others for all the work they have done on our projects thus far this Presidential year. 2012 will be a stellar year as we have an orientation for members planned for our regular meeting on January 16th. *(Cont'd next page.)*



Lion Don Stewart-- Chairman of our tree planting committee and KL Jean plant a dwarf alberta spruce at the Fenwick Town Hall. The tree was presented to the club by DG Ken Chew, as part of the Lions International challenge to plant a million trees. To date, more than 6.6 million trees have been planted worldwide.

Mark your Calendar

Monday, January 2nd Regular Meeting Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon Althea Fogle is the featured speaker who will tell us with the latest developments at the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley.

Saturday, January 7th Melvin Jones Breakfast Dover Sheraton 9 AM *(Reservations required)*

Monday, January 16th Regular Meeting Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon Bob & Cheryl Jones will conduct a Lions Orientation—designed to familiarize members and guests with the importance of service and the Lions Movement, worldwide. *(See separate announcement page 2.)*

Monday, January 23rd Board Meeting Fenwick Island Town Hall 4 PM All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

This orientation will be presented by Cheryl and Bob Jones of the Laurel Lions Club. This will be very informative and entertaining. It is a chance to find out what Lions are all about. You will find something new even if you have been a Lion as long as Noble. To add more excitement to the New Year we have a large Joker fund to distribute to some lucky winner. What are the odds of three people not drawing the joker with only 5 cards to choose from? This happened at our last meeting amongst much uproar. So, at the first meeting of the New Year, Monday, January 2nd whoever gets the first chance has a true 50/50 chance of getting a really fantastic prize and a perfect opportunity to donate to the club. Will it be you????

My best wishes for the New Year,
KL Jean

**Special Orientation Meeting January 16th
By Muriel Mooney, Membership Chair**

I would like to encourage all members and especially new members of the last few years to attend an "Orientation for New Member's" program at our January 16th meeting. Don't forget to mark your calendar and attend this informative presentation. Past District Governor Bob Jones and his wife Past Cabinet Secretary Cheryl Jones will preside.

I am pleased to announce we will also induct two new members at this time. This will give us a total of nine new members this year. Keep up the good work everyone. Share your experiences and the good works we all do in our Club.

I look forward to seeing everyone at this meeting.

If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day.

~Alex Noble~



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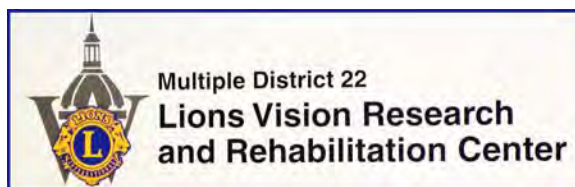
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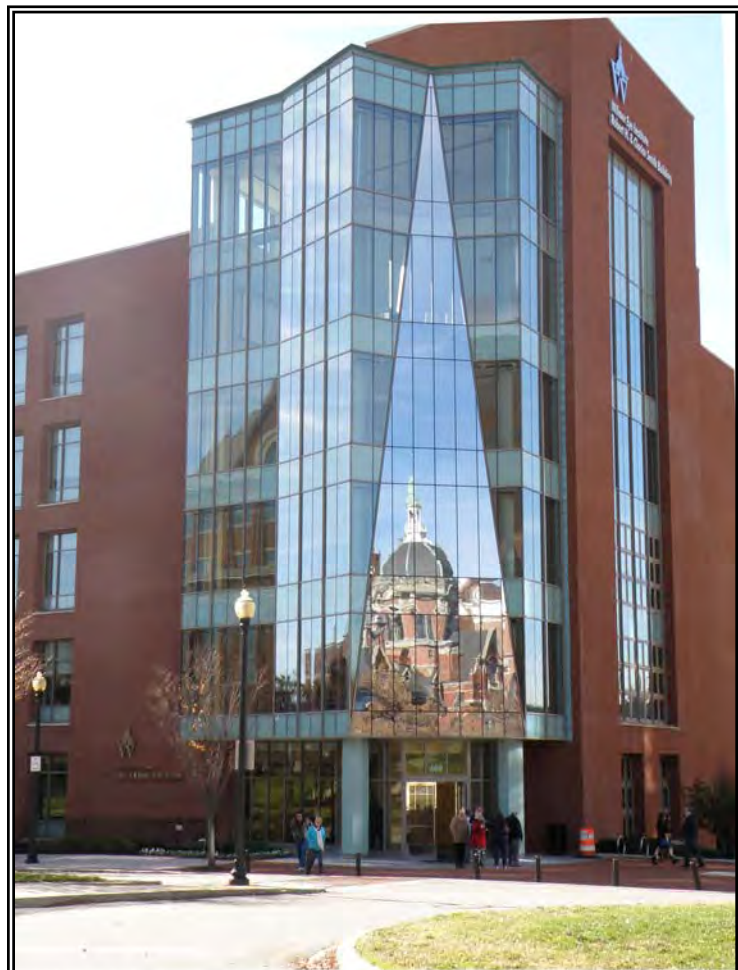
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Lions Vision Research Foundation

Recently, a celebration was held at the Wilmer Eye Institute at John Hopkins in Baltimore, MD. Lions from Multiple District 22 came together to celebrate 20 years of achievement at the Lions Vision Center (LVC) of the MD 22 Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF.)



Through the LVC, the Lions Vision Research Foundation and Wilmer are committed to supporting low vision research and rehabilitation to minimize the disability caused by low vision and blindness. Low vision refers to vision impairment that cannot be corrected with conventional eyeglasses, contact lenses, medication or surgery. It is most often caused by age-related eye conditions such as macular degeneration, glaucoma and diabetic eye disease.



The Wilmer Eye Institute's Robert H. & Clarice Smith Building with the John Hopkins Dome reflected in the mirrored glass front.

Vision rehabilitation services aim to optimize the patients' remaining sight. Low Vision specialists are not able to cure the causes of the vision loss, but instead, they help the patient use his or her remaining vision to its fullest potential. After careful and thorough examination, the physician, therapist, and patient work together to identify daily living concerns and develop an individual rehabilitation plan to improve the patient's ability to function and perform the activities their reduced vision has made difficult.

The Wilmer Eye Institute has long been recognized for bringing together ophthalmologists consistently ranked by their peers as among the finest internationally, with a specially trained and highly experienced team of nurses, technicians and staff cited by patients for their knowledge, responsiveness and sensitivity. Working together, they have established and refined a flexible approach for delivering state-of-the-art ophthalmic care.

Our Club has provided financial support throughout the history of LVRF and this past spring donated \$2,500 in support of the Arnall Patz Professorship by awarding an Arnall Patz Fellowship to our Club founder, Noble Simpson. Dr. Patz was a pioneer in this field having done extensive research into retrolental fibroplasia—a blinding disease of premature infants. He also

developed one of the first laser instruments for the treatment of retinal blood vessel diseases. As Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute, Dr. Patz had a longstanding relationship with Lions Clubs. When he passed away in March, 2010, his family decided that the most meaningful tribute would be to link his name to the Lions through an endowed professorship fund to be held at the Wilmer Eye Institute.

At the 20th anniversary celebration, the Fenwick Island Lions Club presented a check for \$1,000 to LVRF as its annual contribution. We can all be very proud of the investments we have made over the years—that in some small way—have improved the quality of life of those served by the Wilmer Eye Institute and Lions Vision Center.

Indian River High School LEO Club Induction Ceremony

Tuesday, November 29th was a big night for the Indian River High School LEO Club, as well as our Lions Club. The 2011-2012 Induction ceremony for 64 new LEOs took place in the school auditorium, with Club Liaison Jim Miles officiating. *(The week was also big for the school, since the Indian River High School Football team defeated Carvel in the State Championship game Saturday evening, December 3rd. Quite an accomplishment for the school and its first year coach Ray Steel!)*



Carol & Jim Miles, front and center, pose with a number of LEO Club members who were inducted into the Indian River High School LEO Club on November 29th. Past District Governor Karl Gude, far right, officiated over the induction of both the new members and this year's officers. Club officers are shown seated in front.

There was a great turnout of both new and returning members as well as parents, Fenwick Island Lions and the Principal of the School, Mark Steele in attendance. Karl Gude of the Baltimore Lions Club and Immediate Past Governor of Lions District 22-D—who coincidentally also has a daughter in the LEO Club—did a wonderful job of inducting the officers, as well as the new members.

Lion Bruce Schoonover showed a video on the activities of “LEO Activities—through the years.” (This video can be viewed on the LEO website at: <http://www.irhsleoclub.org/>) However, the highlight of the evening was an inspiring presentation by Leo Club President, Gopika Lakshmanan who is a Junior this year. She had this to say about what the LEO Club has meant to her.



Clubs like the LEO Club are a beacon of light to many communities; they provide hope and aid communities in many ways. At first I never appreciated nor understood the extent of good deeds that were being done through this club.

When I joined LEO club last year, my sole reason for doing so was to beautify my resume and to distinguish myself from others who were going against me for that prestigious college seat. This notion fueled my attendance for the first couple of activities. After all I wanted to hold my title as a LEO Club member for it was just another

extracurricular activity to make me look extraordinary.

As my sophomore year progressed, and as I continued participating in the activities, my initial reasoning for joining LEO club became less prominent. It was as if the blinders were being lifted; I had a new perspective. I had become more compassionate and most importantly I was enjoying myself. I was learning to be less selfish and put others before me.

At the end of activities you realize you help brighten someone's day and put a smile on their face. Knowing you did something that helped another person genuinely gave me a sense of gratification that I had never experienced before. The LEO Club teaches you patience, understanding and the benefits of being considerate. Helping others helps you better yourself, and that's a lesson that can be learned from being a LEO.

The LEO club brings together people of all ages and gives them the push and



direction to help them aid the community. At the end of every activity one truly gets a feeling of accomplishing something great which is ultimately a step closer to bettering the community. Winston Churchill once said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give". This quote truly encompasses what the LEO club is all about. One can understand the full meaning of this through community service.

All in all, I am proud to call myself a LEO and so should everyone for they're a part of this beacon of light which sheds hope on many families and communities.

Following the ceremony, a social was held in the school cafeteria featuring a delightful punch made by Jacquie Ashinhurst and cookies and brownies made by Jacquie, Jean Bertram, Carol Miles, Muriel Mooney, Lou Lamb, Sharon Schoonover and Donna Waughtal.



Welcome New Members!

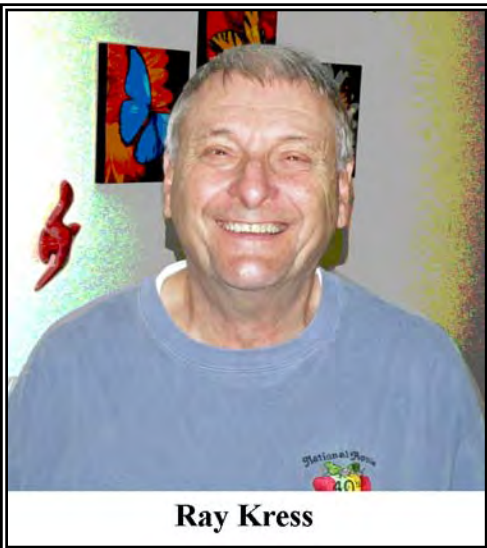
At the last meeting of the year, on December 19th, we inducted and welcomed three new members into our Club. Thanks to the efforts of our membership chair, Muriel Mooney and a number of current members we are experiencing our best year in a long time for recruiting new members. Welcome, one and all!

Carol Freeman

Carol was born in Brooklyn, New York and grew up in the New York/New Jersey area. She worked on Wall Street for a short period, was married to her lawyer-husband Jim for 47 years, has three children and eight—soon to be nine grandchildren. Her father spent his career with the FBI.

She and Jim bought their home in Bay Colony 14 years ago and divided their time between here and back in the Washington Suburbs. Jim was an avid gardener and together they spent their summers harvesting, putting up vegetables and fruits and then giving the majority of it away. She loves to play bridge and spend time with her children and grandchildren.

Carol is a neighbor of Dick and Donna Waughtal and is sponsored by Donna.



Ray Kress

Born and raised in Baltimore, Ray had a career in the carpet business. He and his wife of 48 years, Carolyn, “retired” to their home off Rte. 54— at Swan Key. He continues to work and is currently Assistant Superintendent—in charge of maintenance at the 48 unit senior assisted living complex located in Frankford, which is operated by the State of Delaware.

For the past eight-years Ray has enjoyed singing with the local Nautical Sounds—barbershop quartet. He continues to love to be outdoors and is active in the Knights of Columbus and the Moose Lodge. Both he and Carolyn volunteer their time in a myriad of ways helping those in need.

Carolyn Kress

Carolyn was also born and raised in Baltimore and had a career in the accounting and finance department of the Franklin Square Hospital of Baltimore. Both she and Ray are active in their Church and she is a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and is a Moose.

She also is involved in the Swan Key Ladies Club—which helps those in need in the community and spends a great deal of her time helping others, particular those individuals within her community who need help with financial matters and dealing with the complexities of the health services segment. In her spare time she pursues her interests in crafts, painting and learning Spanish. She and Ray are being sponsored by Jim Stone, and were approved for membership at the November board meeting.

**Many small people, in many small places, do many small things,
that can alter the face of the world.”**

~Anonymous~



Club Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party was held once again at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City. As usual, the hotel staff did a wonderful job in accommodating our every need and the filet and crab cake entrée was quite the hit! Bob Hughes supplied some really wonderful music throughout the evening and the entertainment supplied by the variety show troop under the leadership of Jenny Soule added a special touch to the evening. Santa's visit also brought-on much laughter and fun and the gifts and handmade center pieces, made by our elves, resulted in a particularly special evening for all.



Birthday Wishes!

And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

~Abraham Lincoln~

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent that is to triumph over old age.

~Thomas B. Aldrich~

Roland Hudson Jan. 8th

Carolyn Miles Jan. 8th

Bob Jones Jan. 9th

Tom Foley Jan. 11th

James (Luke) Lucas Jan. 25th

Nick Bartolomeo Jan. 30th

