



# DOVER'S PRIDE



VOLUME LXI NUMBER II

October 06, 2007

<u>King Lion</u>	<u>Membership Chairman</u>	<u>Editor</u>
Pat Webb	Lyle Dabson	Gary M. Stumpf
302-734-7253	302-736-3426	302-730-3097
Pat4Sale@aol.com	LDabson121@aol.com	garystumpf@aol.com

## President's Message:

Dear Fellow Dover Lions-

This is my letter to our Lions for this month; it is from the International President, Mahendra Amarasyriya

Dear Club Officer,

Are you ready for October? September has traditionally been a key month for Lions Clubs. In many parts of the world it is when activity resumes, in the northern hemisphere it is with renewed intensity after a summer hiatus and in the southern hemisphere it is the revival of spring. And almost everywhere, it is when new club officers begin to have a real impact on the club's direction.

That makes it an excellent time to invite new members to share in your service to the community. The October Membership Growth Award recognizes the importance of this time by presenting a banner patch award to the three clubs in each district that are most successful in adding new members. For full details click on the [October Membership Growth Award link](#).

Please remember that your club's ability to attract new members depends largely on the public face it presents to the community – and as such, it is a vital part of my program to “re-brand” Lions Clubs International. Please take the time to view the [Best Practices for Inviting New Members click here](#). It contains new and innovative ideas as well as tried-and-true methods for bringing quality individuals in your community into your club.

To help prepare for new members, you might also ask yourself and your fellow Lions:

Are your service activities fun for members as well as being important for the community?

Do your meetings move quickly and efficiently enough to take care of all business without wasting your members' time?

Is there anything you can do to make them more interesting to your members?

Can you offer members opportunities for meaningful hands-on service?

If your club is planning on recruiting families, is your club ready?

Are you ready to bring new members into the mainstream of club activities?

Are your members vital and engaged in many aspects of community life? (Please remember that an important goal this year is to increase the number of women and members under-40 years of age in our clubs.)

I believe that there are two international activities, unique to Lions Clubs International that will be especially effective in capturing the imagination of vital young people who want to make a difference in our world.

One is our worldwide leadership in the effort to reduce and eliminate preventable blindness as exemplified by Campaign SightFirst II. CSFII is the fulfillment of our commitment to be Knights of the Blind. More than US\$112 million has already been raised but in this final Year of Campaign Sight First II, an intense effort by all Lions is needed so that we may celebrate reaching our US\$150 million goal at the international convention in Bangkok. Your club's successful participation in this extraordinary effort will do nothing less than change the world – an inspiring fact to share with prospective members. For full details on the campaign, please see <http://www.lions-csfii.org>.

The other is Lions' International Peace Poster Contest which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. This beloved program demonstrates Lions' longstanding commitment to international cooperation and to the well-being of children throughout the world – both important issues for people concerned about the world we will leave to our children. [Please see the LCI web site to learn more about what your club can do.](#)

These unique programs are extraordinary opportunities to engage the interest and participation of your community. I believe that you owe it to the future of your club – and the future of our world – to do your best in

promoting both. These efforts, combined with a thorough and sincere reevaluation of your club's projects and procedures will go a long way to ensuring the vitality of your club for years to come.

I look forward to hearing of your success in October membership growth. As always, you have my thanks for all you do for your fellow Lions and the people of our world.

Sincerely,  
Mahendra Amarasuriya  
President  
International Association of Lions Clubs

Respectfully,  
King Lion Pat

**Important Dates:**

**OCTOBER**

01 Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Lion Rennie's  
07 District 22-W Social  
12- 13 LVRV Vision Days  
14 DLF Walk  
15 Regular Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Dover Sheraton  
24 Lions Eye Bank North Claymont  
25 Lions Eye Bank South Laurel  
29 Second Cabinet Meeting

**November**

**03** Chicken Fry  
**04** Chicken Fry  
**04** DLF Auction  
**05** Board Meeting, TBD, 6:30 P.M.  
**19** Regular Meeting, Dover Sheraton, 6:30 P.M.,  
**District Governors Official Visit**  
**28** Zone Meeting, Wayside Inn, Smyrna

**Upcoming Dates:**

Governors Ball 22-D, 12/1, Zone Meeting, 1/9, Melvin Jones Breakfast, 1/12, Zone Meeting, 3/12

**Clayton Lions Club:**

Clayton is having a Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 20, 2007, Time 7 A. M. to 11 A.M. Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 \$3.00, under 6 free. Omelets to be made by VDG Bob Daniels.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Due to an increase from the Sheraton Inn, the Board voted to increase the meeting meal price to \$12 pending contact with the management. Secretary Ralph will initiate the contact and report back to the Board.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

<b><u>October</u></b>	<b><u>November</u></b>
<b>08</b> Andria Hicks	<b>06</b> Dave Milne
<b>20</b> William Daisey	<b>12</b> James Hartman
<b>20</b> Ralph Schieferstien	<b>12</b> Johnny Johnson
<b>31</b> Gary Stumpf	<b>16</b> Jennifer Marango
<b>17</b> Richard Holland	



**Latimer Lion:**

Latimer Lion shares this: Two young snakes were talking. One asked the other, "Are we poisonous?" "Yes," the other replied, "Why?" The first snake said, "I just bit my tongue!"

Finally, Latimer Lion says: Many thanks to all our new advertisers.

**Diabetes Corner:**



Why should I work so hard to improve my blood glucose level?

Because you'll feel more energy and a greater sense of well being when your blood glucose enters the normal range. In addition, you'll delay or prevent problems with your eyes, kidneys, and nerves as your blood glucose improves. Many doctors also believe that problems with heart disease, strokes, and hardening of the arteries may be delayed by good blood glucose management. If you do not develop any diabetes complications, you'll live a longer, healthier life.

## Club News and Notes:

### SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING

KL Pat Webb called the meeting to order at 6:35PM at the Dover Sheraton.

The Invocation was given by PCT Bruce Marvel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPP Rich Bonnell.

Singing of the 1<sup>st</sup> Verse of America was led by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Rosemarie Milne

The Lions Toast was led by Lion Elsie Heller

Singing of The Lions Roar was led by Lion Rennie Quible

KL Pat welcomed all members and guests. Guests included visitations from the Claymont Lions Club (PCS Lee Bird – candidate for VDG, Marie and Ken Chew, and Virgil Frey), and Clayton Lions Club (Joyce Burris & Velenda Courtney) as well as Lion Pappy Kosty and Rhonda West's mother.

Dinner of salad, chicken, rice, and peas and carrots with chocolate mousse for dessert was served.

KL Pat presented Immediate King Lion Rich Bonnell with his Past President's Pin.

KL Pat discussed her attendance at the Camp Merrick Leadership. She felt that it was very beneficial and would recommend it to all Lions. She mentioned that the MD 22 Leadership Institute at Emmetsburg will be held in February again this year with an advanced class planned as well. More information will be announced later.

Lion Rennie held a Trivia contest on the US Constitution. Prizes were awarded to the Lion with the most correct.

Lion Bruce announced that a Car Raffle event will be held on the Saturday before the NASCAR Race at Dover Downs. Anyone wishing to assist was asked to contact him. **Treasurer Norm announced that all ticket stubs and money have to be to him by the October 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting so that he can get them turned in before he leaves for his vacation.**

Zone Chair Lyle Dabson announced that Preschool Vision Screening training will take place in the near future and a schedule will be made available as soon as it is developed.

Wilmington College requested a new box for eyeglass collection. It will be delivered by KL Pat.

Lion Rennie reported that only one Dover school will be participating in the Peace Poster Contest this year out of the 3 of 4 that were contacted.

Lions Don Kirk and Don Witmer gave reports on the Chicken Fry. It will be held on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Rodney Village Shopping Center. Tickets have been distributed so all members are asked to get busy and sell them. **1<sup>st</sup> VP Rosemarie reminded us that this is our major fundraiser so all members need to assist with ticket sales and with putting on the Fry.**

Date of next Board Meeting will be October 1st. The next club meeting will be held on Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Dover Sheraton Inn.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM by KL Pat

**There were 20 of 43 members of the Dover Lions Club in attendance for a 45.5% attendance level.**

Respectfully submitted,

RCS – Club Secretary

### Focusing on a Dover Lion:

PDG Ralph has worked for Chesapeake Utilities Corporation for 38 years. His numerous duties and assignments include: service technician, supervisor of construction crews, Regional Technical Services Manager, covering The Dover and Salisbury operations, and Director of Safety for the Corporation.

Presently he is Distribution System Integrity Manager. He has the responsibility for the safety and reliability of the Delaware and Maryland pipe system that delivers natural gas to the customers.

Ralph has served on the Board of Directors of the "Utilities Service Protection Center of Delmarva," also known as "Miss Utility" and held the offices of Vice President, President, and Treasurer. He was Chairman of the Membership Committee before his resignation from the Board. He continues to be active in Damage Prevention and supports the organization on its legislative committee.

PDG Ralph has been married for over 37 years to Sheila. They met in Seaford at the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where they both worked, Sheila as a nurse's aide and PDG Ralph as a maintenance man. The Schiefersteins' have four children, Debbie, Kevin, Tracey and Lori. Their five grandchildren are: Tony, Bryan, Katie, Ryan and Brendan. PDG Ralph was pleased that his children and his oldest grandchild, Tony, attended his Governor's Ball.

PDG Ralph's hobby is building and fixing things. Major projects include extensive home remodeling, consequently, his e-mail handle is handyman. Computers and the internet have now become his favorite pastime taking a backseat only to Lionism.

PDG Ralph Schieferstein joined the Dover Lions Club in 1991 at the invitation of Lion Dick Holland. He was inducted by the District Governor, a great Lion who later became International Director, Jim McCarty. PDG Ralph is a 100% Lion. He has served his club by holding all of the offices as well as working on all Dover Lions Club projects. This year, PDG Ralph accepted the assignment of Club Secretary.

On the District level, PDG Ralph has been busy as well. Before becoming District Governor, this busy Lion held many responsible positions, including Zone Chair, Region Chair, Bulletin Editor, USA/Canada Forum Chair, to name just a few.

He speaks highly of his year as District Governor and of the Lions in his Cabinet. He often tells how pleased he was to have his best friend, Lion Keith Thompson as his VDG.

PDG Ralph has attended the last 10 Multiple District Conventions, International Conventions and USA/Canada Forums. He serves on the board of Directors of the Delaware Association for the Blind and was President of the organization in 2000 - 2002.

PDG Ralph says he is very thankful that he joined the Dover Lions Club. He says he has met many great people in Dover, the District, the Multiple District and many from around the world. He tells that his travels to many places probably would not have occurred if he hadn't been a Lion. He smiles as he says he has made many good friends that he would never have met if not for Lionism.

PDG Ralph concluded with this statement: "Belonging to the Dover Lions Club and Lions Clubs International has brought me more that I could ever give in return." (Ed Note: PDG Ralph, truly you practice the Lions motto. You serve!)

#### **100% Club Awards:**

This year the Dover Lions Club would like to be a 100% club. What we need to do is reproduced from the District Roster Book.

#### **Achievement Award:**

An Achievement Award will be made to the Lions Club in the District that, in the opinion of the District judges produces and completes the most outstanding activity in Delaware during the period from September 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. Each Lions Club President must submit a written description of the activity to the District Governor no later than March 31, 2008.

In the next newsletter we will review additional requirements for a 100% club.

#### **Visitations**

Return your visitation slips to the chairman. The visitation chairman is PDG and club secretary Ralph Schieferstein.

#### **OCTOBER BOARD MEETING**

King Lion Pat called the meeting to order at 6:30PM at the home of Treasurer PDG Norm and Lion Rennie Quible. 11 of the 15 directors were in attendance in addition to 3 guests.

Treasurer Norm reviewed the report and noted that 15 exams and pairs of glasses have been purchased this year to date by the club. He also reported that 645 car raffle tickets were sold on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Secretary Ralph reviewed the correspondence that he had received and requested hours spent on projects and fundraisers for the month by club members. One piece of mail was the calendar raffle tickets from the Lions Eye Bank. Historically the club purchases these tickets and any winnings are added to the Administrative Fund. Past President (PP) Lyle made a motion that the club purchase the tickets. It was seconded by PP Bruce. There was no discussion and the motion was passed unanimously.

King Lion Pat reviewed the mail she had received. This included a letter from the DLF Auction Committee requesting donations of items to be auctioned off. The Board agreed to donate 4 Chicken Fry Tickets, KL Pat will donate a pair of ear rings and we will look for other items to donate. Anyone having a good item to donate is requested to contact Secretary Ralph.

Discussion was held regarding the french fryer, the LP supply, the trailer doors and other items regarding the Chicken Fry.

Other Board action items:

- Due to an increase from the Sheraton Inn, the Board voted to increase the meeting meal price to \$12 pending contact with the management. Secretary Ralph will initiate the contact and report back to the Board.
- The Photoscreening event can not be conducted at the Diabetes Expo.
- Directed Secretary Ralph to order two large reflective Lions signs to be placed along side the road to replace two previous ones. Discussion was held about placing the signs in DelDOT rights of way in light of the increased enforcement of the law prohibiting signs in this area.
- Discussion was held on the Constitution and By-laws for the Club. Treasurer Norm had distributed a proposal at the last general meeting for the Board to review. Secretary Ralph distributed the latest version from LCI to the members and suggested that the Constitution and By-laws committee prepare a consolidated proposal to the Board. The Board agreed that that would be the best was to proceed.
- KL Pat circulated a sign up sheet for visitations. We have a goal of visiting all clubs in our Region and enough to qualify for 100% club.

Date of next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>, which is the day after the Chicken Fry. Historically we do not have a meeting that night but use the date to clean up the trailer in preparation for storage. An announcement will be made at the next meeting on October 15, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM by King Lion Pat.

RCS – Secretary



### LYMAN LION

What change took place in Lionism twenty years ago?  
See the answer further on in this issue.

### District Governor's Message:

Fellow Lions of District 22D:

September has been a very busy month for First Lady Cheryl and I. Labor Day weekend we were able to travel to our hometown in upstate New York to spend a little time with our families and that was very relaxing. When we returned home we were given the opportunity to visit the Glasgow Lions and present an orientation program. It felt good to get back to our Lions family again.

The next day we were off to Grand Rapids, Michigan to attend the USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum. What great experience! This was our third forum and it was as good as the other two. The forum provided three great motivational keynote speakers. The presentations were based on International President Mahendra Amarasuriya's theme "Challenge to Change"; focusing on the necessity to change the image of Lions to be more attractive to the up coming generations. We attended several seminars, with one in particular that really got our attention. It was "The Club", you will hear more about this throughout the year, so stay tuned.

Upon returning from the USA/Canada Forum we immediately started getting ready for the weekend at Lions Camp Merrick's Leadership Retreat. What a great weekend. The MD22 Leadership Team provided three seminars designed to improve the participants knowledge of Lionism and leadership. There were four teams of Lions from all over the Multiple District working together as teams competing for first place. The retreat was a lot of fun, fellowship and information. If you're thinking you should have been there well, there's next year, or even better you can sign up for the leadership retreat in Emmitsburg in February. Keep an eye out for the information.

Next on the list we start our official visitations. With Murderkill Lions Club being first on the list. October is membership month. I encourage each and every one of you to look around you for quality member prospects. All of our clubs can use a few new dedicated members. Don't forget about LVRF Vision Days October 12 & 13 and the DLF Monster Mile Walk. Get those pledge sheets filled out and hit the track October 14th. See you there. Keep CSFII on your mind and let's do our part to make this campaign a huge success. Have a good month.

DG Bob

Lyman Lion's Answer At the 1988 International Convention International President Judge Brian Stevenson told Lions: "The amendment to our International Constitution eliminating the word male as a condition for membership in a Lions club has encouraged women the world over to become Lions." In one year 10,000 women had become Lions worldwide. The constitutional amendment was passed at the 70th International Lions Convention in Taipei in 1987.

Something to think about — You'll never get to second base if you keep your foot on first.

**That's the Ticket!**

The following Dover Lions proved that car raffle tickets can be sold! It's not a question of begging and it is helping to better lives for many. These Lions have turned money and tickets to Treasurer Norm. (Other Lions may have sold tickets but not turned in money as yet. Consequently, they are not listed.) So, thanks to Lions:

Tee Bell	Dick Holland	Bill Tolbert
Rich Bonnell	Frank Jones	Pat Webb
Lyle Dabson	Don Kirk	Rick Watson
Bill Daisey	Jennifer Marango	Don Witmer
Shirley Daisey	Bruce Marvel	
Harry Fillman	Rosemarie Milne	Father Robert Kosty *
Rodrick Harris	Norman Quible	Brittany Yarnall **
Bob Hicks	Rennie Quible	Alicia Scott ***
Aundria Hicks	Gary Stumpf	

\* "Pappy" Kosty is a Lion in District 22-C

\*\* Brittany Yarnall is King Lion Pat's granddaughter

\*\*\* Alicia Scott is Brittany's friend

**Below are some additional items of interest:**

**International Challenge to Change Awards:** These awards underscore the importance of club extension, membership growth, public relations, SightFirst, and Leo Clubs to our entire association. To learn more: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/pr39.pdf>

**Club Supplies:** The Lions Store has a new section called "New and Notable". This web page is updated on a regular basis. Click on the "Lions Store" button found on the left hand side of all [www.LionsClubs.org](http://www.LionsClubs.org) web pages for easy access.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml>

**CSFII:**

**The Year of CSFII—Vol. 3, No. 2:**

**[http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/club\\_news\\_v3\\_i2\\_en.pdf](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/club_news_v3_i2_en.pdf)**

**Raise funds and save sight during the Year of CSFII**

Lions are experienced fundraisers, and contributing to this worldwide effort should be no different that supporting your club's other favorite causes. Clubs are encouraged to follow the fundraising methods that work best in their local areas to make a greater impact in the lives of thousands of individuals.

**Some of the most successful CSFII fundraisers have included:**

- Asking for personal gifts, especially through MJFs
- Designating a few MJFs per year from the club's treasury
- Hosting events such as walks, bike rides, barbeques and raffles

**CSFII by the Numbers**

- Less than 280 days remain to surpass our US\$150 million minimum goal
- More than US\$110 million officially recorded
- 2,248 Model Clubs ensuring our success

**\*CSFII CLUB REMINDER:** Two new DVDs, the "Faces of SightFirst" and "The Year of CSFII," are now available by request to assist your club with its CSFII campaign and fund raising. Order copies by e-mailing [csfii@lionsclubs.org](mailto:csfii@lionsclubs.org).



**We Serve**

