



Middletown Roars



Middletown Lions Club Newsletter
President Lion Dennis Krause

November 2009
Editor Lion Charlie Wortham

Calendar

Nov 9 - Regular Meeting 6:30 PM; DG Lee Bird Visits

Nov 23 - Regular & Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Dec 5 - Governors Ball 22-D

Dec 12 - Vision Impaired Party Region 1

Dec 14 - Christmas Party at Becky's 6:30 PM

Jan 9 - Melvin Jones Breakfast

Jan 11 - Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Jan 25 - Regular & Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Jan 27 - Friendly's Night Out for Middletown Lions

Feb 6 - Mid-Winter Social 22-D

Feb 7 - Polar Bear Plunge

Feb 8 - Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Feb 22 - Regular & Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Mar 6 - DLF Breakfast

Mar 8 - Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Mar 29 - Leader Dog North

WISHING EVERYONE A MOST BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS....

I would like to thank the members of our club, plus Carol Geiger, who hopefully will make the decision to be a Lion, along with the two banks and three stores that were gracious enough to allow us to collect in front of their businesses, for a successful "Sight Days" project. A total of 38-1/2 hours, plus a collection of \$411.17 for vision research was donated. We all had to fight the wind, but all in all, the weather was fairly favorable. GREAT JOB!

Just a reminder, at our Nov. 9th meeting we will have the pleasure of having DG Lee and his cabinet join us for a visitation and fellowship. It would be great to have ALL our membership present for his visit.

AND TALES....

The lion, King of the Beasts, had just settled down for a nice 20 hour nap, after consuming a large meal. Shortly after he fell into his peaceful slumber, a mouse, thinking he was climbing a big termite mound, had awakened the irritated lion. Just as the King was about to use him as a snack, the little mouse pleaded for his life, claiming he had a wife and 18 children. "Besides" said the mouse, "I might be able to save your life one day." The Lion was so amused by the thought of a mouse saving his life, the King let him go.

When the lion awoke from his nap, he was surrounded by this big heavy net, and could not escape. After hours of struggling, he had given up all hope of escaping a life in a zoo, or some experimental lab. While the lion's conquerors were celebrating their victory, the mouse and all his family came to the rescue, gnawing away at the net, until the lion could make his escape.

No matter how large life seems to be, you can still make it a little better.

KL Dennis

PRE-SCHOOL EYE SCREENING

Our first eye screening appointment will be at Tender Loving Care Daycare Rt. 301, Doc Levinson Rd. (new traffic light) in the Middletown Crossing community, at 9 AM. We will have a half hour to reacquaint ourselves with the new equipment before the children arrive at 9:30 am. This will be our first experience using the new SureSight Digital device. Lions Dennis, Becky, Carolyn and our prospective member Carol will be screening the children. More appointments will be forthcoming with other preschools, we welcome anyone who would like to assist. It is always advisable to have four people at each location, each with a particular duty, to help the process go smoothly. Let me know of your interest at our next meeting.
Lion Carolyn

MILFORD CAR RAFFLE

Our thanks to Lion Richard for chairing our Car Raffle and to the many volunteers who gave up summer weekend hours to raise funds for the club. Even though we endured the weak economy, several rainy evenings and double bookings at our selected locations, we managed to sell 360 tickets plus \$50 in donations. Thanks to all for their help!

Car Raffle Winners

1st prize- 2009 Ford Focus SE, Ticket # 12580

Thomas C. Pippin, Centreville, MD

Ticket sold by the Queenstown Lions Club, 22-B

2nd prize- \$3,000, Ticket # 38814

Kathy Lovett, Villas, NJ

Ticket sold by the Midway Lions Club, 22-D

3rd prize-\$2,000, Ticket # 26793

Dawn Gallagher, Townsend, DE

Ticket sold by the Delaware City Lions Club, 22-D

4th prize- \$1000, Ticket # 41543

Heather Willig, Glen Burnie, MD

Ticket sold by the East Anne Arundel Lions Club, 22-A

FOOD LION SHOP & SHARE PROGRAM

I am happy to report that our list of Food Lion MVP card holders is growing. The more Food Lion shoppers we register the greater the amount we will receive on a quarterly basis. With the holidays closely approaching, shopping trips will be more frequent and grocery carts overflowing.

If you haven't approached your family members, friends and neighbors, now is the time to let them know what a great club we have and that they too can contribute to our club just by shopping at Food Lion. If they shop at a Food Lion, other than Middletown, they can still be enrolled with our club.

Lion Carolyn

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

I am thrilled to announce that we have not one, not two, by THREE schools participating in our Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme is "The Power of Peace." Although the

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theme is always related to PEACE, the theme seemed to spark an interest with the art teachers this year. The schools participating this year are Louis Redding and Everett Meredith Middle Schools, and St. Anne's Episcopal School. St. Anne's had 200 students participating in the contest and Everett Meredith had 60. The club will vote on our winning poster at the Nov. 9th meeting and will, at that time, be given to DG Lee for the next step - choosing a winner from District 22 entries.

MONSTER MILE WALK

October 11th turned out sunny and mild and the Delaware Lions Foundation Lions Walk was off to a great start. What a day it was, great fellowship and fun and all the time helping the people of Delaware. Over \$10,600.00 was made. Lion Becky and her husband Larry of the Delaware City LC participated in the walk.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE BLIND

A band has been booked for entertainment and again this year Santa will be making a guest appearance at the Wilmington Manor Christmas Party for the Blind on Dec. 12th.

The menu will be: Roast Beef Sandwiches, Salad, Pasta Salad, Cooks choice vegetable, Bread, Ice Cream and Cookie.

Wilmington Manor Lions Club is in need of volunteers for table set up on the 12th at 1:00 pm, and at 5:00 pm workers are needed for the Beverage Station, Coat Checkers (2) and Servers. Please contact Lion Helen, 345-9484, if you are available to help with the party.

MIDDLETOWN LION'S DEN

Our condolences to Lion Charlie and his family on the recent passing of his father.

Keep in your prayers Lion Jack's nephew who has had a setback with a recent heart transplant operation.

Do you need a new hat? Please contact the club secretary if you would like to place an order from the new 2009-10 Lion's catalogue. By placing one order we can save on S/H costs.

If you want happiness for an hour — take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day — go fishing.

If you want happiness for a month — get married.

If you want happiness for a year — inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime — help others.

— Chinese Proverb

DISTRICT BITS

Frederica Spring Creek Lions

Our club has successfully completed 3 fund raisers this month; car raffle sale of \$2608; Concession Stands at Dover Downs of \$600; Applebee's Pancake Breakfast \$340. We had 2 more fund raisers in October and they were the "Chinese Auction" and "Vision Day" at the Roadhouse in Lewes. Our fund raisers for November are: "Vera Bradley/ Longaberger Bingo" and our "Beef & Dumping Dinner.

Four new members were inducted to our club by DG Lee Bird during his visit on September 21st. Our club is preparing 15 Thanksgiving Baskets for November. Our club has completed Pre-Screening at LF North and East Schools for 130 children during the month of October.

Camden-Wyoming Lions

Our club sold 850 car raffle tickets this year. Our club is looking for more places for their boxes to collect used Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids. Our club inducted 5 new members.

Newark Lions

On October 24th our Club celebrated 80 years of Service to our Newark Community by continuing to provide hospital equipment, eye exams and glasses on a regular basis. We also support the police department, the fire company, the senior center and the City of Newark with ongoing projects. Community Day - The weather was perfect for selling apples, apple cider and apple cider donuts. Lion Jen worked to the bitter end selling our products. We were successful in selling all of our car raffle tickets. We netted a profit for the day of a little over \$200. Thanks to all who participated. Our club is proud to announce that our new web page is published and ready for viewing. There are still aspects of it that are under development, but they are relatively minor. The site address is; <http://newarkde.lionwap.org> Webmaster, Lion Jennifer Dalby is to be complimented on her efforts.



District Governor Lion Lee (Edited from District D-Tails)
Fellow Lions,

The Monster Mile Walk and Auction are history. What a history! These two events raised about \$21,000 for our Delaware Lions Foundation. I am sure more details can be found in other articles in this issue, but Great Job to the chairs Lions Jim Littleton and FVDG Karl Gude, and to the entire team that planned these two great events.

Our annual Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley meeting in Laurel was a success as usual. We had a great message from a local cornea recipient, Robert Patrick, raising the awareness for old Lions and showing our new Lions the extent to which Delaware supports this activity. I am sure the North meeting in Claymont will have similar response on the 28th.

Our Leadership Chair PDG Mike Mock had 4 training sessions scheduled this month. I hope they were well attended. Attendance is required for 100% club.

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We have our second District Cabinet meeting scheduled for November 3rd at Dover Downs. I hope all cabinet members attend and Lions who are interested in learning more about the operation of the District. The Governors Ball is only a little over 1 month away. Please plan on attending. You will not want to miss our international guest speaker ID Debra Wasserman. Please support Ball Book and sell those ads. Plans for the Regional holiday parties for the visually impaired are well under way. These are always fun for not only our guests but for the Lions who help put them together. Great experience for new Lions! Get them involved.

Emmitsburg. This is our own multiple District 22 Lions Regional Leadership Institute. It will be February 19-21, 2010. This is the best leadership training available any where in the country, and not just for Lions. Major companies pay thousands of dollars for this type of training for their top employees. What A bargain! The District 22-D picks up ½ of the registration for students and we hope your Club picks up the other ½. You can't afford to pass up the chance for growth as a Lion but for personal growth in other areas as well. The flyer with details and registration is included in this issue and are available on the web site. There are only 20 slots available for 22-D so jump in early!

We will be having a membership workshop in conjunction with the other Districts, January 15-18, 2010. More information will follow but please keep these dates open. We must continue to invite new members so we can be +2 in all clubs by December 31st.
"Grow The Service"

DG Lee

PDG Alan "TED" Reiver Candidate for International Director 2010-2012

Hello Lions,

I hope everyone who participated in the Delaware Lions Foundation walk and auction had as good a time as I did. Now I need the assistance of all Delaware Lions. I am writing to ask for your support in two ways. After much consideration, I, with the support of my wife Lion Ann, have decided to seek the high office of International Director for Lions Clubs International. It is my desire to represent the Lions of 22-D in the fine tradition of those who have served before me – PID Ralph N. Helm and PID James A. McCarty. I know these are big shoes to fill and I am willing to do the very best that I can to fulfill this task.

First of all, there will be competition for the office of International Director within our Multiple District 22. Therefore, I am looking for backing from the district and votes from the delegates at our Multiple District Convention in May, 2010.

Secondly, if our membership continues to fall as it has in recent years, we may not be eligible to present an International Director candidate at this time. With that said, please note that we have a Past Council Chair Grant Curtis, serving as our district's membership chair this year that has an excellent presentation on membership and is willing to assist your club in any way possible. Or, if there is anything I can do to work with you or your club, please don't hesitate to

call on me. My phone number is: (W) 800-764-2312, (H) 302-762-6970, (Cell) 302-750-3009.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Your humble servant,

PDG Alan "Ted" Reiver

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<http://www.orgsites.com/de/middletownlionsclub/>

Lions District 22-D

<http://www.lions22d.org/>

Lions Clubs International

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/>

Thanks again to Lion Carolyn for adding content for our bulletin. She does most of the writing, me, I'm just the editor. I welcome all to send me items to add to our 'ROARS'.

Lion Charlie

