



Middletown Roars



Middletown Lions Club Newsletter
President Lion Dennis Krause

October 2009
Editor Lion Charlie Wortham

Calendar

- Oct 9-10 – Sight Days
- Oct 11 – DLF Walk; Dover Speedway
- Oct 12 - Regular Meeting 6:30 PM**
- Oct 16,17 & 18 – Camp Merrick
- Oct 26 - Regular & Board Meeting 6:30 PM**
- Nov 9 - Regular Meeting 6:30 PM**
- Nov 23 - Regular & Board Meeting 6:30 PM**

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS....

This little club never ceases to amaze me as well as many outsiders. Our members serve with passionate commitment, heart and honor. All through the events of September I noted most of our members working past various aches and pains, as well as juggling Lions activities with other personal commitments. I never miss a chance to brag about the Middletown Lions Club.

AND TALES....

One day, the king lion was drinking at river's edge. A very poisonous scorpion came up to him and asked if he could catch a ride on the lion's back to the other side of the river. The king lion agreed but warned the scorpion not to sting him. Half way across the lion felt the sting of the scorpion. "Why did you do that? Now we're both going to die." The scorpion replied, "It seemed to be the right thing to do at the time."

I have total trust that our club will always make the right decisions, and not simply because it seemed to be the right thing to do at the time.

King Lion Dennis

NEW MEETING PLACE - NORTH STAR GRILL

The North Star Grill and Lounge, staff, have been very cooperative and wish to please our club. At our two September meetings they have given us eight diner selections of great variety. If there is anything that displeases you about our new accommodations, please let me know so that I may address the concerns with the management.

King Lion Dennis

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING 2008-09

From July 2008 to June 2009 our club has collected 1,382 pairs of re-useable eyeglasses. Among that number were 226 sunglasses and one hearing aid. I want to thank all my volunteers for actively collecting the eyeglasses at the many eyeglass collection sites around Middletown and Townsend. If you can think of additional sites to place our collection boxes, please let me know.

Lion Jack Minshull, Chair



KL Dennis w/beasts bird calling & Art on the Green

SIGHT DAYS

The weekend of October 9th and 10th has been selected for our Sight Days Campaign. On Friday we will be at the Wilmington Trust Banks, Main Street's East and West Branch, Saturday at Kreston's Liquor Store, and Willey's Farms. This is our opportunity to "shine" informing the public of the many ways we support the community. It is also a perfect time to recruit new members.

BECOME A RECRUITER

Think of the reasons you became a Lion. Try to remember all the things you thought of and the dreams you had about Lionism. Some of those ideas may not have materialized, but some did. Your contribution of time and effort made them happen. Make a list of reasons you became a Lion, write down the positive experiences you've had, identify your accomplishments and how you contributed to making life better for people in the community. This list will help you develop a strong awareness of all the good things about being a Lion and makes your world in Lionism enjoyable, stimulating, challenging, and satisfying. This list becomes your personal talking points for when you speak to others about Lionism.

WATERFOWL FESTIVAL

For a first time event we covered our expenses and then some. Thanks to the members for taking time out to serve food to the public at this two-day function especially when we had another busy commitment the following weekend. Patty Foley of Capt. Bones told us she plans to make this an annual event and has invited us back next year. By the end of that weekend we certainly heard our share of duck calls, thank goodness no geese came to investigate.

CLUB NEWS

This is a reminder that the **Newark Lions** are celebrating **80 years** of community service at their charter party on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Newark Country Club. As you know, the Newark Club is the oldest club in the District at this time. A visitation credit will be given to all clubs who have the sufficient number of members in attendance. Deadline for reservations is October 15th. Please send your

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check to PDG Jim Moore, 39 Flinthill Drive, Newark, DE 19702. Cost is \$50 per person.

PLEASE NOTE - Without the support of our neighboring clubs the MLC 60th Charter Party would not have been so memorable, the Newark Lions Club and many other Lions clubs, supported our charter party event, it would be nice to accept their invitation as well.

Cocktails 5:30PM; Buffet Dinner 6:30 PM

LIONS EYE BANK OF DELAWARE VALLEY

The 11th Annual Eye Bank Awareness Meeting of the LEBDV will be hosted by the Claymont Lions Club on October 28, 2009, at the Waterfall Banquet Hall, Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. Social hour; 5:30 pm, Dinner hour 6:30 pm. Informative programs have been arranged to bring you the most current information from the Eye Bank, cornea transplant recipients are scheduled to tell you of what receiving the "Gift of Sight" has meant to them. Advanced reservations must be made as no payment will be accepted at the door. Please contact Lion Jim Beattie by October 8th if you would like to attend. This night is a great opportunity for Clubs to make their annual donation to further the programs of the Eye Bank.

ART-ON-THE-GREEN

The weather was perfect for New Castle Hundred's LC September event. The crowd was hungry and our cooks endured long hours over a hot grill cooking crabcakes. Even with last year's event being held on a raindate, it was surprising to note at the end of the day that the total crabcakes sold was equal to last year. Again thanks to our members for each putting in an eight-plus hour day. Lion Becky's famous Pickle-on-a-Stick sales reached an all time high of 170 pickles sold. Great job everyone!

MIDDLETOWN LIONS DEN

Our condolences go out to Lion Frances upon the loss of her son-in-law.

New address and telephone number for Lion Frances - 1448 Choptank Rd., telephone 378-4895.

Lion Jack's email is up and running again, please note the change - jfrog39@verizon.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUCTION

Those Lions whose birthdays fell during the summer or September are reminded to bring a wrapped gift (regifted is acceptable) for auction to our October meeting. Monies raised from this auction are deposited in the club's Administrative Account. Don't disappoint Lion Jack he loves being our club's auctioneer. Since we do not have any birthday babies during the months October thru December, please feel free to bring something in to keep the momentum rolling. We would like to celebrate all happy occasions with you.

DISTRICT BITS

New Castle Hundred Lions

We are having a Raffle for SVDG Mike Hlavac to raise funds to run for FVDG. The prize is a Mini Vacation, 3 days

and 2 nights in Rehoboth Beach. The drawing will be May 21, 2010 at the District Convention. Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. Our club is also having a Halloween Parade on Friday, October 30.

Milford Lions

Lions Rob Craig and Sonny Meck packed and shipped seventeen boxes, over 300 pounds of items, for the DE ANG 261st Signal Battalion currently stationed in Iraq. We thank all those who provided assistance to our effort to support our local soldiers.

Dover Lions

Our club inducted 4 new members. We will have a Membership Open House on October 21st.

Again, this year, Dover Lions will be screening pre-school children in several locations.

Milton Lions

The early morning rain made for a slow start to Milton's Annual "Bargains on the Broadkill" but after the tracks dried we had 318 train riders and sold funnel cakes and lemonade from the trailer. A group of Lions from our club built and installed a ramp for a Milton family.



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

We have completed thirteen Official Visits through September with 11 more scheduled for October. They have all been different but interesting and informative. Going out to see what the 35 Clubs are doing, where the "Rubber Meets the Road" is exciting. The diversity in the way different clubs operate to take our common motto "We Serve" and apply it in their individual communities to meet the local needs is educating & and inspiring. Keep up the great work! There is still time to sign up for Camp Merrick. The training, team building, sharing of ideas, and networking are valuable to Lions that want to "Grow the Service".

The **Monster Mile Walk** is the same weekend but, for Lions that will benefit from the activities at the camp, go to the camp. The remaining 1250 Lions will cover the walk at Dover Downs on Oct 11th; you can help at the Auction on the 18th as we raise funds for our own Delaware Lions Foundation.

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Our annual **Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley** meetings are scheduled for October. All the Clubs have all received invitations. Your prompt response is needed. This is not a MD-22 project but one we support with the Lions of New Jersey and five districts from Pennsylvania. Every year the new advances at our Eye Bank are astounding. The **Governors Ball** is only a little over 2 months away. The sale of ads for the Ball Book has started. This is the single largest fundraiser for the District and can be for the club as well. Please support it and *sell those ads*.

USA/Canada Forum “Super” and - YOU MISSED IT! Lots of fun fellowship and education all wrapped in a historic city with lots to see, do, and EAT! The VDGS & I had several different sessions with the International President and 1st Vice President. Your leadership team is on target with the International model and we believe the leadership team approach will strengthen 22D. At the Forum, membership growth was expanded to include Quality Members. In a long-term approach to solving our membership problems we must recruit Quality Members and develop Quality Members from the ones we have. We need the added hands to do the added work required in these stressful economic times. We must continue to invite spouses, friends, relatives, and Lionesses that are already helping, as a part of a “We Need You Now” campaign. The Ginkgo Award challenge of 2 members per club from September 1st to December 31st is both a reasonable and achievable goal. Do it now! Let’s get this behind us so we can...“**Grow The Service**”

DG Lee

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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

