



Governor's Gazette



District 16C Newsletter

July 2008

Governor's Message

Welcome, Lions, to a new year!

I PROMISED IT. HERE IT IS! The Governor's Gazette is back! We will get back to the basics and traditions that have made District 16-C so successful. Communication is the key to an excellent district. A grateful thank you to Lion Larry Ragone III for all the dedicated work on the Gazette. Please, send your articles and pictures to the Governor to see your club in the Gazette.

The District 16-C Web Site is up and running. Log on and see what a great job Webmaster Lion Hal Wasserman has done with the site. lionsdistrict16c.org

What a way to begin a governorship by attending Governor's Seminar in Pattaya, Thailand, and then on to Bangkok, Thailand for the 91st Lions International Convention. The experience of meeting and conversing with Governors from around the world will stay with me a lifetime. Hopefully, I have brought back with me all of the combined experiences to share them with you. I truly realized we as Lions do share the common motto "WE SERVE" around the world. It is evident when you speak to each Lion of their projects and interests.

SightFirst II concluded at this past convention raising well past it's \$150,000 million goal in donations and pledges. Please remember to honor those pledges.

This years' focus from International President Al Brandel is "Miracles Through Service." Let me say this is obtainable and easier than one might think. Look around at what your club does for your own community. The food drives, the sight screenings, food baskets -- Service. Not presenting a check all the time, but, seeking out those in need and putting your hands in there and getting the work done. That's what I'm speaking of - the everyday Miracles of the everyday Lion. Who are the "Everyday Hero." Each Lion in this District 16-C is a "Everyday Hero."

I want to thank you for being who you are and being Heroes. This District would not be what it is without you, the "Everyday Hero."

Also, a thank you to all for your support this coming year, I look forward to serving District 16-C and will strive to do my best to be an "Everyday Hero who makes Miracles Through Service!"

Yours In Lionism,
Fred Niji, District Governor 16-C



On the books...

A roaring welcome to our new Lions of District 16-C.



JUNE

New Member	Sponsor	Club
Lacy Samuelson	Kimberly Campellone	Galloway Township Lions
Tony Samuelson	Kimberly Campellone	Galloway Township Lions
Kendyl Jean Ressler	Karen Ressler	Haddonfield Lions Club
George Hobbs	Ralph Bullock	Pitman Lions Club
Dustin Flannery	Martina Hanes	West Deptford Lions

JULY

William H. Hurley, Jr.	Joseph DeCerbo	Atco Lions Club
John Girard Ricci	Carmela Caruso	Greater Wildwoods Lions Club
Michele Adams	Edward Clement	Stone Harbor Lions Club
Peter Svanda	Carolyn Kilsdonk	Stone Harbor Lions Club

Sponsors - Thank your for spreading Lionism in your community. Keep them coming!

Quote of the month

Keep your face to the sunshine and you will never see the shadows.

.....Helen Keller

Fred Niji, District Governor
Glassboro Lions Club

Editor: Larry Ragone, III
Camden Lions Club

Cherry Hill-Pennsauken Korean Lions and Haddon Heights-Mt. Ephraim Lions Present Scholarship Awards

At the club's June regular meeting held on June 19, 2008, the Cherry Hill-Pennsauken Korean Lions presented scholarships to 2 high school students from the Korean community. The recipients, Joanna Park and Christina Lee, each received an award of \$300.00.

Joanna Park attends Cherry Hill High School East, is in the 11th grade, and an outstanding student with a GPA of 3.66. She plays violin in the All South Jersey MS/HS orchestra as well as the NJ All State HS orchestra. She also participates in many volunteer activities such as performing Korean Folk Dances and playing the violin at nursing homes, charity events, and the American Heart Association Walk-a-Thon.

Christina Lee is a senior at the Washington Township High School in Sewell with a GPA of 3.67. She will graduate this summer and has been accepted by Drexel University where she will major in psychology. She has been a youth group leader, participates in Asian Awareness, and assists handicapped people at her church.

The Haddon Heights-Mt. Ephraim Lions also proudly announce the granting of two \$400 scholarships to graduating high school seniors residing in Haddon Heights. The 2008 Benjamin and Esther Zobel Memorial scholarships were awarded to Catlin M. Fetters who has graduated from Haddon Heights High School and Caroline R. Clements who has graduated from Camden Catholic High School. These scholarships are funded through the will of the late Benjamin Zobel who served as President of the Haddon Heights Lions club and was a local druggist.



Joanna Park & Christina Lee (scholarship recipients) w/ their parents and Cherry Hill-Pennsauken Korean Lions Club President Kara Yu. Schnure

Miss Brigantine Lions Scholarship Pageant Winners



Miss Shore Resort Venessa Baez Miss Brigantine Kayla Ghanavati

The Brigantine Lions Scholarship Pageant was held on Sunday, July 27th at Trump Marina Hotel to a great crowd. The violent storms of that evening did not stop the excellent show presented by thirteen talented young ladies.

Kayla Ghanavati, sponsored by Ghanavati Consultant company was the winner of the Miss Brigantine Crown, and Venessa Baez, sponsored by Suds Buddy, was crowned Miss Brigantine, Shore Resort.

Brian Kelly Durand, sponsored by the NJ State elkwas First Runner Up, and Ashley Schaeffer, sponsored by Kline-McAnney American Legion Post was the second runner up.

Peace Poster Contest - Remember the deadline for ordering your Peace Poster Kits from Lions Clubs International is October 1st. Don't wait until September! Start your project now. Give your young artists MORE TIME to work on their entry. Two or three art classes aren't enough. Make sure each child receives a copy of the rules that come with the kit. November 15th is the deadline to the District Governor. Any questions, contact Chairperson Donna Hanes at 856-423-0272 or by E-Mail: cdHanes@verizon.net

In Memory...

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to dates on the tombstone
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of the birth
And spoke of the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
That was spent alive on earth
And now only those who loved him
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,
The cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard;
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That still can be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never love before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last awhile.

So when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

In memory of the recently deceased Lions of
District 16 C. Your dedication to Lionism will
live on in our hearts.

JUNE

John Reich	Glassboro Lions Club
Charles Nash	Gloucester City Lions Club
David Boston	Mainland Lions Club

JULY

Thomas Williams	Ocean City Lions Club
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District Governor Fred Niji looks on as PDG MaryAnn Ragone inducts Dr. Kelly Molock into the Camden Lions Club at the first of his many club visitations.

AN INTERNATIONAL NOTE

Our Members Make It Possible To Create Miracles Through Service. Membership is the lifeblood of any organization and Lions Clubs International is no exception. A strong growing membership provides the manpower to provide continued community and world service for which the Lions are known. It sparks new energy into the local club and provides for the outstanding financial support, which allows Lions Clubs International to be the top NGO in the world. Unfortunately, membership gains have been inconsistent.

With the successful completion of Campaign SightFirst II and the increased public awareness that came with it, 2008-09 has the potential to be another period of increased membership - a first step in our effort to restore our membership levels in order to meet the increasing needs of our communities.

It is time for LCI to make changes in its approach to an international membership growth. The structure needs to be one that provides;

1. Continuity with flexibility
2. An international goal with area plans
3. A new structure while including proven infrastructure
4. Communication flow to districts and clubs and districts reporting back

The International Board of Directors has approved the Lions Global Membership Team. The purpose of this team is to establish a viable, long-term approach to growing membership through a formalized structure, which provides continuity and consistency from one year to the next. The membership team will consist of experienced Lions with strong membership growth experience working with Council Chairpersons to utilize the MD MERL teams. Detailed information is available on the association's web site, <http://www.lionsclubs.org>.

Experience with Campaign SightFirst II demonstrates that acceptance by the District Governor and the local leadership teams is essential to success. LCI must help local clubs change to meet the needs of the new generations of Lions, provide new marketing and PR tools to promote Lions and provide options for new club formation. Above all, we must all emphasize service. There is no question that our service activities bring new members, and keeps our membership strong.

More than ever, the world needs heroes. When you put others above yourself, you become a hero. When you elevate others - improving their quality of life - you become a miracle worker. Our members make it happen. Our members are the reason Lions Clubs International leads the way in community service - making miracles happen each and every day.

"MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE"

Audubon Lions Club and Float marched in their town's 4th of July Parade.

Bridgeton Lions Club awarded \$1,000 Scholarship to a Bridgeton High School student.

Deptford Lions Club made donations to Deptford High School for graduation, Underwood Memorial Hospital and the Eye Bank.

Glassboro Lions Club awarded three \$500 Scholarships to Glassboro High School Seniors. The club also co sponsors with the American Legion 2 students to attend Boys State and 2 to attend Girls State.

Gloucester City Lions Club sponsored Alex Flynn as representative to the American Legion Boys State. Also, approved sponsorship of a Team in the Gloucester City Soccer League.

Gloucester City Lions Club gave five Scholarships to local students at \$250.00 each.

Greater Clementon Lions Club and their Leo Club combined funds to send a little girl to therapy camp.

Haddonfield Lions Club and their Leo Club took part July 4 Parade by marching down Kings Highway. The marchers were followed by a large Lion mounted on a pickup truck.

Hammonton Lions Club continues to provide eye exams and glasses as needed to local residents. Several members of the club are on the committee which is working with the Italian community preparing for a dedication of a mosaic from a sister city in Italy.

Merchantville Lions Club celebrated 82 years of service to Merchantville/Pennsauken communities. Congratulations!!!! The club continues to collect hearing aids and used eyeglasses at the local post office.

Stone Harbor Lions and the Greater Wildwood Lions made a joint donation to VIM (Volunteers In Medicine) - a total of \$10,000. WOW!

West Deptford Lions Club members assisted blind artists in the county art program. The club continues to bring can goods to the food bank.

Williamstown Lions Club makes donations to Coalition to Salute American Heroes, American Legion and Salvation Army.

Members Working in Service

- Aug. - Laurel Springs Lions Club with the Whitman Stafford Committee continue the Wednesday Night Concerts on The Green at the Whitman Stafford Farm.
- Aug. 2 - Bridgeton Lions Club will be selling Peach Ice Cream at The Peach Festival Dutch Neck Village.
- Aug. 11 - Lions Eye Bank of the Delaware Valley 14th Annual Gift of Sight Golf Classic, Harleysville, PA.
- Aug. 13 - Laurel Springs Lions Club Peach Festival.
- Aug. 23 24 - Stone Harbor Lions Club 20th Annual 5K - 10K Run and Fitness Walk.
- Aug. 25 - District Re-Organization Meeting, John D. Young Memorial Blind Center.
- Sept. 13 - Haddonfield Lions Club Annual Flee Market and Antique Sale.
- Sept. 13 - Lions Eye Bank of the Delaware Valley Special Family Day at Marshall Estate, Yorklyn, DE. (Largest Stanley Steamer Collection)
- Sept. 17 - Camden Eye Sight First For Kids Golf Classic
- Sept. 18 20 - USA/Canada Forum, Saskatoon, Canada
- Sept. 23 - State Council Meeting, East Brunswick Chateau
- Sept. 29 - District Sight Meeting, Lucien's Manor, Berlin
- Oct. 26 - Camp Marcella Annual Harvest Luncheon
- Oct. 27 - District Cabinet Meeting, Lucien's, Berlin
- Nov. 20 - State Cabinet Meeting, East Brunswick Chateau
- Nov. 21 - District 16C Charity Ball



Lions International Environmental Photography Contest

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2008-09 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

The special annual theme category is: Lions Environmental Miracle Workers - photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environment project. The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

Contest Rules:

LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the district.

LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district. January 15, 2009 is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.

LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. March 1, 2009 is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site. Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable. E-mail contest questions to: programs@lionsclubs.org

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