



# LIONNEWS

*A monthly newsletter of the Rockville Lions Club*

*February 2010*

## DATES AND MEETINGS TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday Feb 3 REGULAR DINNER MEETING – 7 p.m.**  
Wesley Hall, Rockville United Methodist Church  
112 Montgomery Ave  
Speaker: Susan Spain, Project Executive  
Topic: Future of the National Mall
- Wednesday Feb 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 6:30 p.m.**  
EU Services  
Building C, Conference Room  
North Horners Lane
- Friday Feb 12 Distribution of Books at Twinbrook Elementary**  
To participate see **Lion Kathy Fiske**
- Wednesday Feb 17 REGULAR DINNER MEETING – 7 p.m.**  
Wesley Hall, Rockville United Methodist Church  
112 Montgomery Ave

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Smallwood 1st

Carole Shreve 10th

Bucky Stull 18th

Erik Fiske 19th

Stu Crump 20th

**Happy Birthday Fellow Lions!**

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## CHIPS FROM JAN. BOARD MEETING...

### Club Board Meeting

The Board took no major actions at its monthly meeting. Among the items discussed was a shortfall in receipts for the December Holiday Dinner due in large part to four no-shows and the fact that members were charged less than the actual cost of the dinner. The Board reaffirmed its earlier decision that members be charged \$35 for the Holiday and Installation Night Dinners.

In other business: **King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone** read a letter of thanks from **Lion Monica Barberis-Young** regarding the Club's contribution of books for children attending the Interfaith Works Holiday Party; **Lion Bob Bosley** announced that the transfer of members from the defunct King Farm Lions Club was to be completed in January; and **Lion Craig Cano** presented a draft copy of the Club's new Membership Guide. Board members are reviewing the draft and will make recommended changes at the February Board meeting.

*If you must miss a dinner meeting, please contact Lion Coleman Hyatt (301) 424-6957 by the prior Monday to avoid paying \$12 meal charge.*

## AND NOW THE CLUB NEWS. . .

The distribution of books to students at Twinbrook Elementary School, which was originally snowed out the week before Christmas, will take place on February 12. Please arrive by 1:30 p.m.; distribution of books will take place at 2 p.m. Contact **Lion Kathy Fiske** if you can participate in handing out the books or just wish to attend the event.

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Please remember to turn in your money for the December Citrus Fruit and Pecan sales to **Lion Frank Ippolito** as soon as possible.

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**Lion Bill DeLone** reminds members to remember to bring your loose change to support Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation and two cans of food for our "2 Can Do It" food collection program.

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**Lions Coleman** and **Bobbie Hyatt** delivered a total of 330 pairs of eyeglasses to the District

22-C Lions Community Outreach Foundation in December.

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**Lion Bill DeLone** was guest speaker at the Club's January 6 Dinner Meeting and delivered informative remarks concerning the District's Lions Saving Kid's Sight Foundation.



**Lion Bill DeLone**

*All photos by*

**Lion Ken Gutschick**

The purpose of the foundation is to raise money to support the pre-school vision screening program, and the goal is to create a \$1.8 million endowment, with the interest to be used to cover the annual costs of the program, Lion Bill explained.

Since the inception of the program, which was initially funded with by a grant, some 28,300 pre-schoolers have been screened, with just over 2,300 subsequently referred to professional eye care specialists, he reported. "We really are talking about saving kids' sight through this program."

There are four primary ways in which funds currently are being raised for the endowment: the "Loose Change for Kid's Sight" collections, an art auction, personal donations and Club fundraisers. Rockville budgets \$1,000 annually for the endowment and so far has raised \$700 through the Loose Change collection, Lion Bill said.

Lion Christine King, who has played an active role in the pre-school vision screening at both the Club and District level called it a "really, really important" program. "We can do so much more together than we can do as individual Clubs," she noted.

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Did you know that one of this year's Super Bowl coaches was a guest speaker at a Rockville Lion's Club meeting?

**Lion Stu Crump** recalls that when he was Program Chairman under then-**King Lion Jerry Lea**, he contacted Penn State Coach Joe Paterno about attending a Club meeting. While the legendary coach at first indicated

that he might be able to attend, Paterno later sent along one of his assistant coaches -- Jim Caldwell, now the first-year head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, who face the New Orleans Saints in this year's NFL Championship.

Lion Stu recalls that Caldwell, who was also the first African-American coach in the Atlantic Coast Conference at Wake Forest, "put on an impressive program."

The Club has hosted other famous NFL personalities, including Joe Walton, who played for the Redskins and New York Giants before going on to coach the New York Jets, and Baltimore Colt linebacker Mike Curtis, who was born in Rockville and attended Richard Montgomery High School.

"Mike was always glad to accept an invitation as long as no speeches were involved," Lion Stu said. During Curtis' senior year at RM, the Club had the coach from George Washington University as speaker. He later admitted to Lion Stu that the only reason he accepted the assignment was to attempt to recruit Curtis, who eventually attended Duke University.

When Lion Stu joined the Club in the late 1950s it was the practice to host a football awards banquet for the Richard Montgomery football team, he said. At that time each Club member was assessed the cost of an additional dinner to cover the players.

"Also players from the lowly Redskin attended for a free feed," he remembers. After Rockville High opened in the early '60s, their team was included; but the program was dropped as too costly once Wootton High entered the picture.

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**PDG Charlie Kearse** was the guest speaker at the January 20 Dinner Meeting and he discussed all the good works of the District 22-C Lions Community Outreach Foundation, including the vision and hearing screening that Lions do throughout the area.

He also took the time to recognize several members of the Club

for their outstanding contributions to the Club, the District and Lionism in general.



**Lions Coleman and Bobbie Hyatt** (at left) were recognized for all the eye glasses that they collect and deliver to LCOF each month.

**Leo the Lion (Lion George Mabry** at right) was recognized for his appearances at District events.



**Lion Jay Clogg** (at left) was recognized for all his efforts in overseeing some of the Club's biggest fundraising events.



**King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone** (at right) was the recipient of a certificate for her great leadership skills.



**Lion Carole Shreve** (at left) was recognized for all her hard work on vision screening and other activities.

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The Nominations Committee is seeking names for Club Officer and Board positions for the 2010-2011 Lion Year. If you are interested in a position or would like to nominate another Club member please talk with **Lions Maylene Smith, Craig Cano or Carole Shreve.**

Be a part of the administration of incoming **King Lion Bill DeLone.**

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Always well represented, the Rockville Lions filled two tables at the annual Melvin Jones Luncheon on January 23 at the Argyle Country Club.

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### DISTRICT DOINGS...

The Third Cabinet Meeting is set for Saturday February 13 at Camp Springs Elk's Lodge #2332, 7350 Temple Hills Rd., Temple Hills. Social hour begins at 11 a.m., with a buffet lunch and meeting to follow. Cost is \$20. Reservations are due by February 6 to **Lion Dollye Cooper** at [adminassist22c@gmail.com](mailto:adminassist22c@gmail.com) or call 410-813-2325.

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The College Park Lions Club-sponsored entry in the 22nd Annual Lions International



Peace Poster Contest, created by Eduardo Escamilla, was chosen as one of 23 merit award winners out of approximately 350,000 participants. Eduardo receives \$500 and a certificate of merit.

The poster was judged to have shown both creativity and originality in portraying

the contest's theme: "The Power of Peace."

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### INSIDE INTERNATIONAL...

Lions Clubs International has entered into an agreement with Walmart to collect used

eyeglasses from the public at specified Walmart and Sam's Club stores throughout the United States. This new program will enhance the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program, enabling our association to collect increased quantities of usable glasses for humanitarian missions to developing nations.

Beginning this month, co-branded collection boxes, bearing the LCI, Walmart and Sam's Club logos, will be available in the 2,500 US Walmart stores and approximately 500 Sam's Clubs, with vision centers. Walmart will ship the collected eyeglasses to their distribution centers, where they will then be delivered to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

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The following is an excerpt from a letter from **Past International President Al Brandel**, who now serves as LCIF Chairman:

*Dear Lion,*

*Maureen and I have just returned from Haiti where we led a team of Lions and Leos to distribute relief supplies. It brought tears to our eyes to witness the despair of the people, but Lions are committed to meeting these needs in the days and years ahead.*

*I'd like to first thank all of you for your tremendous generosity. Lions Hope for Haiti mobilized more than \$1.5 million....*

*While in Haiti, we met with local Lions to discuss immediate needs and long-term reconstruction. They appointed a committee and are discussing long-term relief efforts.*

*The Foundation is partnering with the Lions of Sweden to provide 200 large tents to house those who are now homeless as well as relief workers. Haitian Lions established three tent cities in the Port au Prince area, where they are focusing their immediate relief efforts....*

*If you haven't already done so, I ask you to consider making a donation to LCIF to support this disaster. Lions in Haiti appreciate your support and are anxious to serve....*

### To Make a Tax Deductible Contribution to the LCIF Haiti Earthquake Fund:

- Send a check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523. Attn.: Donor Services.
- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express

by calling LCIF at (630) 571-5466, ext. 517 or 581, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST.

- Donate online at [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate). Select Disaster and include "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the comments section.

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## HEALTHY HELPER...

February is not just about hearts on Valentine's Day, since 1963 it has been American Heart Month.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the US and is a major cause of disability. The most common form is coronary heart disease, which often appears as a heart attack. About every 25 seconds, an American will have a coronary event, and about one every minute will die from one.

According to the American Heart Association, too many women die each year because they are unaware that heart disease is their No. 1 killer. Right now, one in three women die of cardiovascular disease and 90% have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease in the future.

On February 5, the association's "Go Red for Women" movement is launching a nationwide call for stories and inviting women to Speak Up about heart disease.

"After learning of my own heart condition and losing my father to heart disease, I know how important it is to speak up about this silent killer," said Jennie Garth, actress and Go Red for Women spokesperson.

"Too many women remain unaware. We must spread the word to our friends, family and community about how to make the right choices every day," according to Garth. "You can truly save lives with the power of your very own voice."

For more information about the signs of heart problems, and ways to avoid them, visit the AHA at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

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## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

Q: What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day?  
A: Forget-me-nuts.

Q: What did the valentine card say to the stamp?

A: Stick with me and we'll go places!

Q: Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

A: No, but they had an apple.

Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune?

A: Because it couldn't get a date.

Q: What is a vampire's sweetheart called?

A: His ghou-friend.

Q: What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?

A: Hogs and kisses!

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A young woman was taking an afternoon nap. After she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?"

"You shall know tonight", he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife.

Delighted, she opened it. She found a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

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Four-year-old Sam loved candy almost as much as his mom Sally did. He and his father had given her a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates for Valentine's Day.

A few days later Sam was eyeing it, wishing to have a piece of it. As he reached out to touch one of the big pieces, his mom said, "If you touch it, then you have to eat it. Do you understand?"

"Oh, yes," Sam said, nodding his head. Suddenly his little hand patted the tops of all the pieces of candy. "Now I can eat them all."

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My college English professor was well-known for being a fair but hard grader. One day I received a B-minus on a theme paper. In hopes of bettering my grade and in the spirit of the valentine season, I sent her an extravagant heart-shaped box of chocolates with the pre-printed inscription: "BE MINE."

The following day, I received in return a valentine from the teacher. It read: "Thank you, but it's still BE MINE-US."