



LIONNEWS

A monthly newsletter of the Rockville Lions Club

June 2010

DATES AND MEETINGS TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday June 2 RECOGNITION NIGHT DINNER – 7 p.m.**
Wesley Hall, Rockville United Methodist Church
112 Montgomery Ave.
- Monday June 7 BLOOD DRIVE – 2:30 to 8 p.m.**
Wesley Hall, Rockville United Methodist Church
112 Montgomery Ave.
- Wednesday June 9 Rockville Annual Safety Awards Luncheon**
Lakewood Country Club
13901 Glen Mill Rd
Rockville
- Friday June 11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 6:30 p.m.**
KING LION'S ANNUAL DINNER
(Note Day Change)
Home of King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone
10320 Nolan Drive
Rockville
- Saturday June 12 Camp Merrick Annual Open House – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
3650 Rick Hamilton Place
Nanjemoy, MD
- Wednesday June 16 INSTALLATION NIGHT – 6 p.m.**
Golden Bull Restaurant
7 Dalamar St.
Gaithersburg

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ford James 11th

Foster Watkins 16th

Tim Kaendera 18th

Jack Bowers 24th

Robert Dorsey 28th

Happy Birthday Fellow Lions!

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CHIPS FROM MAY BOARD MEETING...

Foundation Board Meeting

Treasurer **George Mabry** provided a financial report and Board authorized the release of funds for the annual contribution to Lions Vision Research.

Club Board Meeting

Following a presentation by **Lion Bill DeLone** regarding the remaining Activities Account funds available for distribution in the current Lions year, the Board exercised fiscal restraint by opting not to increase the previously approved \$3,750 drawdown of the reserve fund.

Due to various activities not needing their full budgeted amounts, the Board was able to largely cover the shortfall in receipts from this year's fundraising events; however, some planned donations were cut back.

Full funding of \$1,000 for the pre-school vision screening program and the remaining \$3,000 for Camp Merrick were affirmed by the Board. **Treasurer George Mabry** was directed to inform **PDG Bill Lynch**, who is overseeing operation of the camp, that the money is available for release upon his request.

In other actions, the Board accepted the resignation of **Lion Phil McVey** and approved the membership of **Sonia Wiggins**.

*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 Club recently received an update on the Life Beyond Cancer program from **Debra Pollak**, the executive director of Cancer Care Services for Adventist Health Care.

"Your dollars have changed the lives of people with cancer. Your dollars have changed the lives of people who care about people with cancer," she told the Club in remarks delivered at the May 5 Dinner Meeting. Following **Pollak's** speech, **King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone** presented her with a check for \$6,440, which included the second payment of \$5,000 from the Club's commitment to donate \$25,000, as well as nearly \$1,500 in donations received by the Club in memory of the late **Lion Sonny Clogg**.

Stressing the "Beyond" part of the program's name, **Pollak** said: "Cancer is like a car wreck," it happens and "you get past it. You go on."

The program now has two cancer care "navigators" and an oncology-certified registered dietitian, one of only four in the state of Maryland, **Pollak** reported. Stressing that adequate nutrition is very important for a cancer patient, she said the dietitian is a "huge resource."

Life Beyond Cancer has "been an unbelievable program," she concluded.



King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone (left) presents certificate of appreciation to **Debra Pollak** for her May 5 report on the status of the Life Beyond Cancer Program.

(Photo by Lion Ken Gutschick)



King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone hands a check for \$6,440, representing the Club's annual contribution to the Life Beyond Cancer program, to **Isabel de la Puenta**, director of major gifts and planned giving for Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Foundation. **Debra Pollak**, the executive director of Cancer Care Services for Adventist Health Care, who spoke to the Club at the May meeting, looks on.

Limited site availability and low participation by members – only 16 Lions took part – were major factors in the Club's White Cane efforts netting only \$547 in April. Saying she is

hopeful the Club will "do much better" in the fall, White Cane Committee **Chairman Lion Maylene Smith** thanked "all those who signed up and showed up."

"The key goes back to people signing up," added **King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone** following the report at the May 5 Dinner Meeting.

Lion Gracelyn Henry was the 50-50 winner at the May 5 Dinner Meeting. And with **King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone** and Future **King Lion William DeLone** unable to attend the Club's May 19 Dinner Meeting, 2nd Vice President Gracelyn admirably and most ably filled the role of meeting host.



(Photo by **Lion Ken Gutschick**)

Please note the date and location change for the June Board of Directors Meeting. **King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone** will host the annual end-of-year President's Dinner at her home on Friday June 11 starting at 6:30.



King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone (left) receives International President's Ginkgo scarf from International **President Eberhard Wirfs** for Rockville Lions membership growth during the past year.

(Photo by **Lion Bill DeLone**)

The Club's Young Leaders in Service award program this year recognized 42 students at

Robert Frost, Julius West and Earle B. Wood Middle Schools for performing a minimum of 50 hours of community service over the last year. Of that number, 13 each registered more than 100 hours of community service, reports **Lion Craig Cano**.

In all, the students performed a total of 3,706 hours of service. Each student received a certificate and Citizenship Medal recognizing their accomplishment, and the student with the most hours at each school also received a letter of congratulation and a \$50 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

Although the program was officially open only to students at the Middle Schools, certificates also were awarded to four High School students who submitted applications. All had previously participated in the program while attending one of the Middle Schools.

This is the third year that the Club has run the program.



Rockville Lions gather prior to stepping off in city's annual Memorial Day Parade on May 31.



Lions **Erik Fiske, George Mabry** and **Bill DeLone** bring the Club banner through Town Center.

DISTRICT DOINGS...



Past International President Al Brandel (left) gives the thumbs up as he and wife Maureen (right) ride the float in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington.



King Lion Debra Brown-DeLone and Lion Bill DeLone prepare to march with Lions from the District, Multiple District and beyond in the National Parade.



Lions Steve (left) and Tom Bennetts were among several Rockville Lions to march in the National Parade.
(All Parade Photos provided by Lion Bill DeLone)

INSIDE INTERNATIONAL...

In a recent Podcast, **International President Eberhard Wirfs** invited Lions who are unable to attend the June 28-July 2 International Convention in Sydney, Australia, to follow the proceedings on the Internet.

Visit both LCI's website (www.lionsclubs.org) and the convention Host Committee website (www.Lions2010.com).

Discussing the continuing earthquake-relief efforts in Haiti during a Podcast last month, **Lions Club International Foundation Chairman Al Brandel** reported that \$4.5 million in donations from Lions and non-Lions has been funneled through LCIF "to help our members down in Haiti bring disaster relief to the people. I've been there twice and your money will be very well spent," he said.

"You can be proud of our Lions Club members in Haiti," Brandel continued. "The three Clubs that are there have each taken on one tent city and they have 1,000 refugees in each tent city," he said.

"We have probably the best tent city situation in Haiti right now," asserted Brandel, who was International President in 2008-09. "You can be very proud of the blue tents with our Lions logo there."

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica? Where do they go?

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life.

The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing: "Freeze a jolly good fellow, freeze a jolly good fellow."