



The Pride of Olney

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that this holiday season was the very best that you have ever had. I especially wanted to thank Lions Dee Hawkins and Kim Gardner for coordinating the purchases for the Holiday Family. Lion Jeff Mendenhall for providing the Christmas tree and VP Joe DeCicco for delivering it. Most of all I wanted to thank all of the club members that gave so generously to help out our Olney Holiday Family. I look forward to hearing the report from the Coordinator Lion Dee Hawkins.

I hope that everyone at the Holiday Party had a good time. I didn't know that we had such good dancers in the club. Those that were unable to attend we missed you. Thanks to Lions Mike Fekete and Mike Goldstein who helped to coordinate the event and to Liz and Andrew Bolton for doing the center pieces.

It is a time of new beginning. You as a member and as a Lion's Club have done many good things to help the community and to serve others in 2007. We start the New Year walking tall and with an ear for your ideas on how we can do better. If you have some good ideas for service projects or ways we can serve the community, please express them.

Some items coming up in the next couple months.

- Wednesday, January 16, New Members Orientation, Rockville Lions Club meeting.
- Induction of a new member Ms. Cynthia White. (Not yet officially approved by the board) Remember we have to **ASK** our friends to join us.
- Leadership Training both Basic and Advanced from the Lions Leadership Institute held



February 15-17 in Emmitsburg, MD. Info should have been e-mailed. How much of the cost the club will reimburse will be determined at the January board meeting.

- New/Updated By Laws for our club and for the Foundation.
- Emergency disaster plans for our club.
- Saturday, February 23, at Saint John's Church the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Please get your ad orders and remember my challenge see if you can get one new ad. Any questions contact Lions Steve Bready.
- Get your Entertainment Book receipts to Lion Larry Pendleton.
- Our Olney Lions Club RUSH date TBD
- Spring Mulch Sale or Mulch Madness.
- District 22 Multiple Convention-Dover Downs May 7-10th

Let's make some good New Years resolutions and have a great healthy and productive New Year for 2008!
Best Wishes!

SICK CALL

Lion Clark Kendrick's wife Kathleen slipped on some ice on her front stoop and has a fractured leg. She is currently wearing a leg brace and is missing some work as a nurse. This has only slowed her down minimally. Get well soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a new procedure for paying for the meals at our regular dinner meetings effective January 2008. The purpose of this change is to eliminate some

additional accounting, reduce accounts receivable and improve the cash flow. As in the past, if you are not going to be able to attend a dinner meeting please call or e-mail Lion Clyde Unglebee at 301-774-4684, e-mail au64@juno.com or you will be charged \$18 for dinner. Prior to the start of the meeting please pay the Treasurer or his designee by cash or check (made out to the Olney Lions Club) \$18 for the meal. There will be a six month trial period after which time the new payment procedure will be re-evaluated. Please bring a check or correct change to the January meeting.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING (CERT) 2008

The below CERT training is highly recommended by the King Lion Paul Bolton. If anyone has any questions about it give him a call at 301-774-5084.

Montgomery County is looking for a few good **CERTs!!** We are looking for proactive citizens who are interested in becoming Community Safety Advocates and front-line assistants during large emergencies. The program we are developing is modeled after the FEMA CERT program that was originally developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1985.

Class Dates and Times: January 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, and February 2, 2008 on Wednesday Evenings & Saturday Day. Class Location: To Be Announced.

Questions - Call or Email Captain DeMent
Tyrone.Dement@montgomerycountymd.gov -
Homeland Security Department (240) 777-2202 - Cell
(240) 876-2847. SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE.

To get more information on the program and on-line registration use the following:
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/firtmpl.asp?url=/Content/FireRescue/sion/cert/index.asp>

The District 22 Multiple Convention is scheduled for May 7-10 in Dover Downs, DE. Vice District Governor Paul Hawkins will be running for District Governor of 22-C. Our delegates will be there to vote for him and support his campaign committee. If you have not been to a Lions Convention before, **make this your first**. As you should know VDG Paul Hawkins is the first Olney Lion Club member to be elected to the District Governor position in the history of our charter

which was March 21, 1972. Please make your hotel reservation now and the other activities when the information is sent to us. Let's plan to play some golf together and have fun and promote the Olney open golf tournament. Hotel information was sent to us my Lion Mike Fekete on November 27th or e-mail Paul Bolton for the information.

The Melvin Jones Luncheon is scheduled to be held Saturday, January 12, 2008 at the Brandywine Club House, 3016 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Cheltenham, MD. Social starts at 1:00 PM and a buffet lunch will be served at 1:30. Please notify all Melvin Jones Fellows in your clubs of the luncheon, spouses and guests are all welcomed. The keynote speaker for the luncheon is International Director Joe Gaffigan. Lion Betty Moore can be contacted for reservations by phone home: 410 394-3589, cell: 301 742-6096 or e-mail: mrstopkat@comcast.net please RSVP by January 5, 2008. Luncheon cost is \$ 20.00 per person and you can pay at the door. Club or group reservations are preferred. All confirmed reservations must be paid if you attend or not. Please come help us celebrate Melvin Jones Birthday!

District 22-C

Lions

Schedule

January

FEMA Cert Classes January 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26

Send Announcements and News Items

Please send any announcements, notices, club events, email additions or changes to: Jim Daniels, 22-C Email Coordinator, at [<jdaniels@ftdata.net>](mailto:jdaniels@ftdata.net).

Please send articles and news items for [*The Pride of Olney*](#) to Jeff Mendenhall 21736 Brink Meadow Lane, Germantown MD 20876 or preferably by email at jfmenden@aol.com please put Lions in the subject line.

Olney Lions Info:

A Note from Lion Dee Hawkins-

I want to thank each and every one of you who participated in this year's Club project to adopt a local family for the Holidays. As the stars came out on Christmas Eve, a tree had been delivered, the elves had finished their shopping and wrapping, and all gifts had been delivered. Your generosity provided this family of six with coats, hats, gloves, shoes, pillows, and food for Christmas, as well as a few "non-essential" gifts to light up their eyes on Christmas morning, such as games, cd's, tickets to the movies. Things that a lot of us take for granted in our lives. The following e-mail is meant for each of you.

"Dear Dee,

I want to apologize for not writing you sooner, but I have had a string of things happen starting from the 23rd when my son Jesse had to have stitches to the day after Christmas when 2 of my other children got sick (fever, stuffy noses the whole nine yards), plus I believe my computer has a brain and knows when I am frustrated (it will log me off in the middle of an email). But if this is all I have to deal with then I am lucky. Anyway, I just want to tell you how thankful, appreciative and blessed my family is to have you and your group come into our lives. We have never had such a wonderful Christmas. There is not one thing we want to return (and that is unusual for my kids). I was amazed at the amount of gifts when I took them out of the bags. It just shows me that there are wonderful, compassionate people in the world, like your group who is willing time take their time and go out of their way to help a family in need during Christmas. This is something I will never forget my entire life. So thank you again from the bottom of my heart for giving my family such a wonderful Christmas.

Missy"

January Birthdays:

Jay Heaton

Mike Patterson

Clyde Unglesbee (Any guesses how old?)

Don Winter

Henry Zecher (former Olney Lion)

Olney Lions Calendar:

Jan 8th 2008 Monthly Meeting

Jan 16th New Member Orientation

Olney Lions December Pictures:

Lion Lon receives his gift exchange present



Lion Clyde and his lovely wife visiting with former Olney Lion Henry



Lion Steve and His lovely wife



Three Lovely Ladies at the Holiday Dinner



Oney Lions Helping out at Camp Merrick



Lion Joe and Jeff with the Holiday Family Tree



Oney Lions Paul, Steve with Sandi Halterman (President of Lions Camp Merrick) and Husband Bill



ALERT Program Disaster Plans from King Lion Paul Bolton

I have been working as the ALERT Coordinator for Lions District 22-C since October of 2006. As part of this program individual disaster plans for clubs needed to be developed to take care of each other and then to efficiently serve the community. There were no “go bys” available from LCI. There are plenty of sample disaster plans for individual families available if you look on line. A disaster plan has been drafted for our club and the VP’s will be working to finish it in January. A copy of the draft will be attached to the clubs web site under ALERT and there is useful family disaster planning information contained in the attachments. The basic plan is to encourage members to be prepared with family plans and disaster kits. If a disaster happens we will need to check on our members first to make sure that they are not injured or in need. After our members are safe we will look to our neighbors and community to provide assistance. The service provided maybe through the Red Cross, FEMA, or other county and state organizations. There maybe a LCI grant to help us provide food, water and other necessities to our neighbors in a major disaster. We may be asked to help another Lions Club in the state if the disaster is localized. In a major disaster we many wish to make contributions as a club or individually to LCI for the local Lion’s Club disaster relief efforts. Attached is a form for our club members that will provide us with information that maybe needed in a disaster. Providing this information is purely voluntary. If you do wish to provide this information please send/give it to me. If you have any questions or suggestions on the disaster plan please give me a call.

We have not had a hurricane, or floods this last year in our area, but we have had fires. The three deaths of the family in Derwood (see house below) in mid December brought the fire fatalities in the county to 13 this year, “the most we’ve had in 30 years,” Montgomery County Fire Chief Thomas W. Carr Jr. said during a recent press release.

“Thirteen-year-old Oscar Sanchez was the only family member in the Derwood Road house to survive. All were asleep in the house when the teen was awakened by the noise of a smoke alarm going off just before 4 a.m. Sanchez escaped out the back door, ran to a neighbor’s home and banged on the door, shouting that his house was on fire and his family was still trapped inside, fire officials reported.”





The Derwood house on Muncaster Road

My point is that although we have escaped major weather disasters, FIRE is always a danger, so take precautions and be prepared. At this month's meeting I would like to have the Board consider doing something for the lone survivor. If anyone would like to make an individual contribution please let me know.

As a Red Cross volunteer I've been to an apartment and a single house fire and was surprised to see no furniture and only bedding on the floor. The occupants had no renters insurance. They had only the possessions that they could carry or had on their backs. Some illegal immigrants don't wait for Red Cross assistance before they leave. Helping families and individuals in these types of situations is something that organizations like the Lions Club could do some serious good. Be Safe!

Attachment A

Lions Club Questionnaire for Disaster Preparedness

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone numbers: Home _____ Work _____

Cell phones: #1 _____ #2 _____

Vehicle tag numbers: _____

List two neighbors' name and telephone numbers:

Contact person name and number out of town: _____

Number of people in the house: _____ Number of Pets: _____

Do you or any of your family members have any special needs and if so what type of assistance would you need? Please list below.

Do you have a disaster kit with food, water, & other items for 3-5 days?
Yes No

Do you have a truck, trailer that can be used for hauling? Yes No

Do you have a 4-wheel drive and can you be a driver in bad weather? Yes No

Would you be willing to house some displaced family members? Yes No

Do you have any other equipment/items that you would be willing to share/use in an emergency such as electrical generator, gas powered chain saws, usable clothing, cots, radios, or medical supplies?

Please list below.

Do you have any special job set skills like construction, electrician, engineer, or had disaster training, past fire/law enforcement or EMS experience and are you associated with any other organizations such as the Red Cross, Fire Department, local church leadership, Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS), Neighborhood Watch, or Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)? Would you be interested in receiving some training?

Yes No

Please answer below and use the reverse if needed.

How can you help your club, neighbors and the community in the event of a major disaster? Please explain.



2008 Health and Fitness Expo

It's that time again!!!!

The 15th Annual NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo will be held, January 12 & 13, 2008.

The District 22-C Lions did a fantastic job at last years' event. This year, we are honored to have the Lions from 24A in Virginia join us and share our exhibit space. The expo is from 9am-5pm Saturday and Sunday. **The DC Convention Center very easily accessible by Metro. It is on the Green/Yellow Line at the Mt. Vernon station. Parking in DC is difficult, so we encourage the use of Metro. The Lions booth is #1544 and is behind the NBC4 booth on the back wall.**

Lion, Lioness and Leo volunteers are needed sign up for at least one three-hour shift. The volunteers will conduct vision and hearing screenings, greet visitors, and assist with registration and crowd control. Some are needed to assist with set-up and with clean-up.

This year, we really need people to commit to talking with people visiting our booth about the great work Lions do. Last year we had several people asking what do the Lions do and this is a great opportunity, to impact thousands of people in one weekend.

Also, as in years past, we to have the Lion mascot outfit loaned by the Rockville Lions. We need several very special Lions/Leos to assist with this duty as well.

This year, the Pre-school vision screening program will share our booth space and the Northern Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center as well. Both of these programs along with LVRF, Lions Camp Merrick, and Leader Dogs are great programs that we as Lions should be proud to promote.

Please bring club brochures to hand out. Let's show our Lions pride by wearing club shirts, hats vests, etc.

Please discuss with your club and encourage strong participating and representation again at this year's event. To sign up for a shift or to get more information, please contact Cynthia Considine at (301) 704-6989 or cynthia_considine@yahoo.com





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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