



The Pride of Olney

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Pay at the door?



Lion Mike Goldsteen has been the treasurer about four years now and I think that he has done an excellent job. He was even asked to be on VDG Paul Hawkins' election team as his treasurer. I consider him the subject matter expert on the Olney Lions club finances. In a conversation I had with him in November about our finances and bills and he suggested that it would save him a great deal of hours if we had the club members pay at the door. I thought that it was a great idea and wanted to implement it in January for six months and then re-evaluate it. There were no board meetings during this time and I let them know my intentions just as the newsletter went out. A few board members thought this change needed to be brought to the board for discussion and voted on, I didn't think that it did.

Lions Clyde and Mike remember when it was pay at the door for our club. Somewhere along the way we started billing members for the meals in addition to the dues. I looked around to scan the environment of other Lion organizations and the 22-C executive board and just about all of the clubs bill at the door. The other

side of that is the Takoma Park Lions bill to the entire year in advance. I didn't realize that Mike billed us in advance for the meals. I was originally under the impression that our club was putting up the money for the meals and then being reimbursed by the members. Currently Mike is a little slow getting the bill out because of the recent discussion and the club has paid for the January 08 meals at Brookeville which was around \$360.

I just got my big bill from Lion Mike. Take a look at it. He does several individual entries in his personal accounting program he uses to create an invoice, then he attached it to an email and types the entries in the body of the e-mail and then he sends out the bill. As the checks come in he makes several deposits and has to go back and update the accounts. Some people write a check for more than they owe so now he has to deal with a credit. This is done four times a year. You may have noticed that the club has added a bunch of new members which has increased his work load. If we paid at the door he would make one deposit and write the check for the meals. No entries and any individual account, no balances to deal with, no bill to send, no added for the price of a meal because a member forgot to call Lion Clyde that he was not coming to the meeting. Also for some people he has to send a second or third bill before it is paid, if then.

On my club visits many clubs have the treasurer and a helper taking checks and cash and selling 50/50 tickets. The treasurers even collect dues that the members owe at the door. A \$20 bill would pay for your dinner and get you three 50/50 tickets. If you write a check it takes about 20 seconds. Whenever I go out to dinner I usually check to see if I have the cash for dinner and if not get some, or use a credit card. If you come to our meeting if we go to pay at the door you will not be turned away if you are short of cash. The way we do our billing is broke and needs to be fixed. Changing the way we do business to get in line with 22-C and the other clubs will reduce Lion Mike's hours each month. This is a very minor change in procedure. It affects everyone yes, but only slightly. We have to pay for the meals anyway so what difference to the payee does it make when? It is only a slight inconvenience. I'm going to bring this up

at the February meeting and let Lion Mike explain the benefits. If you see the merit in his idea let us know that you support him and we will implement the procedure.

Paul Bolton KL

Social Night - Olney Theatre 42nd Street

By: Paul Bolton

When Lion David Hahn sent out the flier on the production of 42nd street that his daughter Rachel was in it looked like a win/win evening. Other Lions clubs have social activities in their schedule to get out and have fun and do something different. Sandy Spring Loins are going to the Olney Theatre for a fund raising activity. I had been looking for something to do that several members might want to do in Jan. or Feb. when things are slow. We support the Olney Theater with a small contribution because they have programs that help young actors and thespians. Lion David's Act Two theater group also helps young people who are interested in the theater. We have members with children in the same age group that the Act Two group works with and it was an opportunity to be exposed to the theatre. If we had over ten people we would have even gotten a discount.



The turn out for the club was low; however the entertainment value was high. Lion Doug King and Cathy King attended the evening performance. We got a chance to talk with Lion David (the proud father) who was busy doing a dozen different jobs. The show was pretty good complete with a live orchestra. Lion David's daughter didn't miss a step. The sets and costumes were first class and the actors a crew whose ages were from 11-17 did an outstanding job. In

conclusion we had a nice evening out at a reasonable price, and the company was good. If you are interested in a theatre opportunity for your children or to take in a show go to www.acttwo.org or call 301-990-3499. If anyone has any suggestions for an activity for a social night give me a call.

District 22-C

Lions

Schedule

February:

- 2-1 Cabinet Meeting**
- 2-15 District 22 Leadership Institute**
- 2-22 LCOF Meeting**

The Multiple District 22 Leadership Institute is scheduled in Emmitsburg for the weekend of 15 February. At this point, there are vacancies that 22-C is urged to fill. There are two slots available in the advanced course and 16 available in the basic course.

The combined Cabinet and Advisory meetings originally scheduled in the Roster Book as April 5th, has been changed to March 14th. It will be held at the Mechanicsville Fire Hall in the evening. Additional details will be sent out later and the Lions calendar will be changed to reflect the change.

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>.

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:

Olney Lions Schedule for February

Feb 10th, Ad Deadline for Pancake Breakfast
Feb 12 Monthly Meeting
Feb 15-17 Leadership Training Emmitsburg
Feb 23 Pancake Breakfast

February Meeting Guest Speaker

Ms. Debbie Harner
Executive Director
MGH Health Foundation

Debbie will be speaking about Montgomery General Hospital's expansion and renovation project. And they will have packets of information to hand out.

From Lion David Hahn on the Homestead Credit:

I'm sorry I missed Larry's presentation at the last meeting. If there was any confusion regarding the need to apply for the Homestead Credit, or how much it might cost you if you don't, here is the way I've been explaining it when people ask me.

Annual increases in the assessed value of real property in Maryland (the value upon which the property tax is calculated) is capped at 10% if the property is your principal residence (at least for the State; your county may have a different, i.e. smaller, cap for the county portion of the tax). Over the years, investors have purchased property claiming them to be their principal residence, or people currently living in one home, purchase another to live in, rent the first one but don't realize they are supposed to change the status with the State to non-principal residence. The result is that there are people who own more than one property in the State of Maryland and receive the Homestead Credit on more than one property; you can only have one principal residence. If you look at your most recent property tax bill (for Montgomery County: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/tax/index.asp>) you will see various credits.

The change in the law is intended to update the State Assessment records. Every property owner in the State will receive, along with the next regular

assessment notice (remember our properties are reassessed every three years so that one third of the property owner's in the State receive notices each year) an application to fill out. This application is supposed to be returned to the State within, I believe, 180 days. By filling out the application for each property that you own in the State of Maryland, you confirm whether the property is your primary residence and therefore whether you are entitled to the Homestead Credit. If you don't send in the completed application, then you will lose the Credit. Average assessments, not appraised value or fair market value, but assessed values have increased something like an average of 50% across the region or the country, according to a recent news report I heard. Translated, if you don't fill out this application, you could owe significantly more money in property taxes.

Here are a couple of links that are more specific to the Homestead Credit:

http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/Homestead_app.htm This one includes a link to a pdf form of the application.

<http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/homestead.html>

MGH Health Foundation 3rd Annual Art Show



MGH Health Foundation is holding its 3rd Annual Art Show to benefit our Comprehensive Cancer Center. The show will be held on February 22, 2008 from 9:00AM-6:00PM with a Wine & Cheese Reception from 6:00PM- 9:00PM (for \$10/guest). For more information contact Kathy Parry at 301-774-8777 or kparry@montgomerygeneral.com. Hope to see you there!

February Olney Lions Birthdays:

Paul Hawkins
Steve McCaskill



*Thinking about What
to Get your Valentine?*

*Why not a box of delicious Belletini/Caco
Chocolates (Olney Merchant) and a
Valentine's balloon?*

Order yours today!

*Call or e-mail Paul Bolton @ 774-5084 and place
your order. It will be available to you for pick up
at the Feb 12th meeting. Just \$20.00*

*What a **SWEET DEAL!***

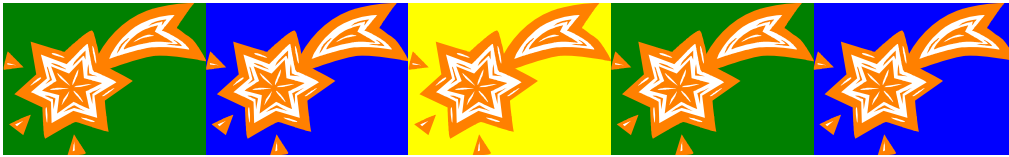
(Orders need to be placed by (Feb. 10th))

Proceeds will go to the Club's Administrative Account

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Olney Lions Club

February 10th	Ad DEADLINE Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Program Booklet
February 12th. Tuesday	Club meeting-Induction of Cindy Whitehead
February 15-17	Multiple 22-C Leadership Training Emmitsburg, MD
February 23, Sat. 8-2 PM	Olney Lions & Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast for our charity activities
February 26 th Tuesday 7 PM	Board Meeting
March TBD	Adopt a Highway
March 4th. Tuesday 7 PM	MANNA
March TBD	New Members Round Up Lion Kendrick Coordinator
March TBD	Social Event - to be determined
March 11 th . Tuesday	Club Meeting – By Laws Vote? Nominating Committee Report
March 14 th Friday 7 PM	22-C Cabinet and Advisory Meeting
March 25 th Tuesday 7 PM	Board Meeting
April 5-6 th . Sat. & Sun	Olney Lions Mulch Sale Coordinator is Myron Shear
April 5-6 th Sat. & Sun.	Clean Up of Camp Merrick
April 8 th Tuesday	Club Meeting –Club Elections
April 14 th . Friday	22-C Board and Advisory Meeting
April 19 th Saturday	22-C Night in Waldorf, MD
April 22 nd Tuesday 7 PM	Board Meeting
April 26 th Saturday	A one day Rebuilding Together
April TBD	Mini New Members Round Up
May TBD	Olney Days Parade (BICYCLES)
May 6 th Tuesday	MANNA
May 7-10	Multiple 22 C Convention Dover Downs, Dover, DE
May 13 th Tuesday	Club Meeting
May 16 th Friday.	Camp Merrick Gala Waldorf
May 16 th Friday	Sandy Spring Golf Tournament
May 27 th Tuesday 7 PM	Board Meeting
May 31 st Saturday 8 AM	Relay for Life-Olney-Cancer-Lion Paul Hawkins
June TBD	Adopt a Highway
June 10 th Tuesday 6:30 PM	Olney Lions Club Charter and Installation Night
June 14 th Saturday	Incoming Officer Training
June 14 th Saturday	Camp Merrick Open House
June 24 th Tuesday 7 PM	Board Meeting
June 28 th Saturday	22-C Awards Luncheon
July 1st Tuesday	MANNA



The 3rd Annual Art Show
Presented by the MGH Health Foundation, Inc.

A benefit for Montgomery General Hospital's
Comprehensive Cancer Center
Mistress of Ceremonies: Isabella Martire, M.D.

The show will be held on February 22, 2008
In the Montgomery General Hospital
Boyer Community Learning Center
Open to all from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Wine and Cheese Reception from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
\$10/ guest

(Kindly RSVP to 301-774-8777 or kparry@montgomerygeneral.com
no later than February 15th to attend the reception.
Valet Parking will be available for reception attendees.)



RAFFLE OF A PEN & INK

Donated by Dr. Isabella Martire

Tickets will be sold for \$10 each
Or 3 tickets for \$25!

Winner will be drawn on
February 22 at the Art Show!

You do not need to be present to win!

RAFFLE OF AN "ESCAPE FOR TWO WEEKEND"

At the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center
(Includes Deluxe Guest Room for either Fri or Sat night, Complimentary Breakfast for Two, Exp 12/31/08)

Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 6 for \$25!
Winner will be drawn on February 22 at the Art Show!

You do not need to be present to win!