



The Pride of Olney

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Presidents Message

April is almost gone and we have a lot to show for it. Thanks to Lions Myron, Kevin, Phil and Dee, and of course everyone that filled mulch orders and those that helped deliver it we exceeded our expectations on the mulch fund raiser. Nice job everyone! We certainly thank the Our House volunteers who made the job of delivery so much easier. We had a problem getting trucks this year because the rental place where we were getting a great deal on rentals went out of business. In typical Lions fashion members and the spouses solved the problem. Sue DeCicco heard that ReMax offers a truck to non-profit organizations and passed it on to Lion Kevin and he made the arrangements with Ms. Janice Vaslois. Lion Mike Fekette contacted his friend Mr. Rafie Ansari who provided a truck from his company Carpet N Things. Al Dummann through his son Andrew "Drew" and Ruppert Nurseries provided two trucks and drivers, Drew Dummann and Mike Atwood. Lion Jay Garrett arranged for a truck and trailer through his brother-in-law Robert West who owns R & D Landscape who also helped by driving the truck. Last but not least, Scott Graeves of Graeves Automotive and Appliance came though with the loan of a truck again this year as in past years.

We just finished the Rebuilding Together house painting project coordinated by Lion Dick Cole. The weather cooperated and it did not rain until 9:30 PM. We had a fair showing of Olney and Sandy Spring Lions and we were able to finish at 2 PM just as Lion Dick had predicted. The ladies that lived in the house were very appreciative of our efforts. Thanks everyone and nice job as usually Lion Dick. I did not mention this last month, but Lion Dick had a knee replaced. I think he was back to work in about 2-3 weeks. He isn't dancing as much as he did in the past, but he seems to be please with the results of the surgery.

We had a blood drive on a Saturday coordinated by Lion Craig Roberts and friends. Thank you very much for your service. We had our club election and will install the new officers in June. Lion Myron Shear was honored at the District 22-C Night, which was

well attended. I thought that it was a good program and the 22-C Honor Band that played for us was outstanding.

As a result of the efforts of the Membership Committee chaired by Lion Clark Kendrick and the annual "Friendship Night" aka "Father and Son Night" we have two new members that were approved by the board. Andrew Bolton who was a construction management major at East Carolina and now works for Harvey-Cleary in Gaithersburg. Bill Klein who is retired from IBM and is an engineer. That makes about 4-5 club members who are engineers. Bill works three days a week at a Hampshire Green golf course. Do not loan money to either one and certainly don't play golf and make bets with Bill. We are glad to have Andrew, our youngest member (25) to join us and I hope that he brings in to the club some of his friends. Bill, at Rebuilding Together proved to be very good company and a good painter and I hope he can get with the Olney Open Committee and contribute to the planning process for our fall fund raiser. At the May meeting it will be my first stuttering, fumbling Induction and I could not feel more proud having my son Andrew as a new member.

Some of you have told me that you have people that you feel would be good Lions and some others have come to one of our meetings. I'm asking all members to go with your instincts about possible new members and to follow up with the people that you have already contacted. I would like to help District Governor Ted Ladd meet his goal for District 22-C membership by adding a couple more new members in June. If anyone needs any assistance give Lion Clark or I a call. Remember what Lion Clyde says about getting new members, "all you have to do is ask."

It has been suggested that we create a yearbook for our club. Lion Rao has even offered to pay half of the cost. If we do an electronic yearbook the cost would be minimal, and it could be easily updated. I'm looking for a picture and a short bio about you. Things that we don't know about you unless your tell us. By sharing a little about ourselves, what we like to do, what business we are in, and in so doing we may become better acquainted and find we have a lot in common. You might be looking for a fishing buddy or an engineer and we have a surplus of the engineers. All this is strictly voluntary. I

will have more at the May meeting. If you have a picture that I can scan bring it or I can take your picture at the meeting. If anyone has a good software program for this type of application please give me a call.

We have the convention May 7-10 in Dover, Delaware and we will be electing VDG Paul Hawkins as 22-C District Governor for 2008-2009. Lion Paul will be the first District Governor from the Olney Lions Club. VDG Paul and Dee will be going to the Lion Club International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, where he will be officially made our District Governor. We have several members going to the convention, sorry not the one in Bangkok, but we should have a good time in Delaware just the same. VDG Paul Hawkins (who is a cancer survivor) is the Club's Chairman for the American Cancer Societies Relay for Life this year which is on Saturday, May 31, at Sherwood High School. He has asked for volunteers to form a team and assistance with parking control is also needed. The Sandy Spring Lions will be there also participating and helping, so get on the band wagon and call Lion Paul H.

As a reminder the May meeting will be pay at the door and everyone needs \$18 cash or a check. Our account receivables are down below \$500, which is an all time low. If you haven't paid your dues please contact the treasurer Mike Goldsteen and get it cleared up.

Thanks to each and everyone one of you for your service to the community and for your membership and participation in the Olney Lions Club.

Sincerely,

Paul Bolton KL

District 22-C

Lions Schedule

May:

May 7-10 22 C Convention Dover Downs
May 16th Sandy Springs Golf Tournament

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:

Upcoming Events

May 18, 2PM	Olney Days Parade (Bikes)
May 6 th Tuesday	MANNA
May 7-10	22 C Convention Dover
May 13 th	Club Meeting
May 13	Board Mtg
May 16 th	Camp Merrick Gala Waldorf
May 16 th	Sandy Spring Lions Golf
May 31 st 8 AM	Relay for Life-Olney-Cancer-Lion Paul Hawkins
June TBD	Adopt a Highway
June 10 th Tuesday	Olney Lions Club Charter and Installation Night
June 14 th Saturday	Incoming Officer Training
June 14 th Saturday	Camp Merrick Open House
June 18 th Thursday 12-5	Blood Drive MGH
June 24 th Tuesday 7 PM	Board Meeting
June 28 th Saturday	22-C Awards Luncheon

May Olney Lions Birthdays:

William Kline

Doug King

Kimberly Gardner

Brian Bailey

Francois Simon

International President Award received by Lion Dee Hawkins



At the District 22-C social there were four International President's Certificates awarded, Lion Kevin Kennedy 22-C Secretary, PDG Lioness Nancy Watson, Lion Carol Shreve 22-C Treasurer, and last but not least Lion Dee Hawkins.

Lion Dee was recognized by International President Mahendra Amarasuriya for her service provided to the Olney Lions Club and community, for her leadership role with the Montgomery General Hospital Women's Board, and in appreciation for her duties as the Administrative Assistant for District 22-C. Dee is also the Treasurer of the District 22-C and the Lions Community Outreach Foundation.

Congratulations Lion DEE

District 22-C Night Report

At the 63rd Annual District 22-C Night social Lion Myron was chauffeured to the Jaycees Community Center in Waldorf, Maryland in a German luxury car

(Jetta) on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Upon his arrival the red carpet interviewers and the paparazzi were unrelenting. Once inside he was escorted to a private area where he had a few moments with the POPE. Lion Myron then received a boutonniere from a Washington Redskinet, and a special solid 14K gold ALL STAR pin, which the 22-C District Governor attached with the slight of hand of a magician. Lion Myron may have blushed, but it was difficult to determine with the room lighting. He was introduced to and congratulated by the International Director Kenneth Schwols and District Governor Ted Ladd, he then received an ALL STAR certificate and a photo was taken to mark the occasion. At the end of the evening Lion Myron also had a personalized hand made center piece to take home.



The Vice District Governor Lion Paul and Mrs. Dee Hawkins also congratulated Lion Myron. We retired to our head table in the back of the room. We sat with some Lions from Gaithersburg, and the Honor Band Chairperson Lion Joe McCelland and his wife Virginia, and a couple family members of the band. This was the first time that I had very heard our 22-C Honor Band in concert and they were outstanding. Several college scholarships were presented to members of the band who were previously evaluated for their musical accomplishments. It was (Lion nice) to see their faces when they received their scholarships. (Our club supported the Honor Band with a donation). So, once again in many cases your money is going off to college.

Dinner was a little slow to be served and being at the last table didn't help. When served it was warm and most satisfactory. We were strategically placed close to the bar, the band, restroom, and the exit just in case the program went south. It didn't however and there were short and well thought out remarks made by the District Governor Ted Ladd, International Director Kenneth Schwols, and the Humanitarian Award recipient U of M Coach Gary Williams.

District Governor Ted Ladd received a gift from the all of the clubs and a standing ovation for his leadership and dedication to District 22-C. The club's ALL STARS were recognized with high praise and asked to stand to be applauded by their fellow Lions.

As a reminder next year Lion Paul Hawkins will be the District Governor and we should show our support by a large club turnout. In conclusion it was a good meal, with great entertainment, motivating thought provoking remarks by the speakers, and a short and sweet program, which ended around 9:30 PM. THANKS Lion Myron for your service and dedication to the community and to the Olney Lions.

New DG Banner Arrives

Fellow Olney Lions,

The District Governor banner for next year was delivered to me this month. I find it hard to express the feelings that I had as I unfurled it and held it up. It reads:

Olney Lions Club
Home Club of
District Governor
Paul R. Hawkins
District 22-C

There is certainly some pride - not just for myself but also for you, the Olney Lions. For without you, this would not have been possible. Who would have thought on that day that Jay Heaton and I were inducted into the Club at the Silo Inn back in 1989 that we would end up at Dover Downs and Bangkok in 2008. We've shared a lot since 1989. From the first mulch sales at the hospital grounds as we huddled during the weekend in the trucks trying to stay warm - to this year when we actually completed all of our deliveries in one day! And there were thousands of other times when just being among friends and working for others served to develop my understanding of what Lions are about. I hope that you have similar feelings and that you can share the pride of Olney Lions.

Dee and I would like to thank you for all of those years and for the support that you provided during my campaign for District Governor. Mike Goldstein

keeps saying that it's really something special that Olney is getting a District Governor. Well there were many who went before me that would have been excellent Governors. And there will be more to follow. I invite all of you to share my pride in you and the community that we try to make a little better in our own way.

And for those of you who will join us at Dover Downs, consider attending the Victory Luncheon on Saturday where an Olney Lion will (hopefully) be introduced as the next District Governor. And set aside April 25, 2009 to attend District 22-C Night where the Olney Lions will have a table, or tables, in the front row. God give me the strength and wisdom not to let you down.

Regards, Hawk

32nd Annual FORE! Your Health Golf & Tennis Classic

For the luxury of our golfers, two shotguns are offered, at 8:00am and 1:00pm. Tennis matches will commence at 1:30pm. Continental breakfast, lunch and a reception/ awards dinner will be served.

The Classic is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2008 at Manor Country Club.

Please contact Kathy Parry at

kparry@montgomerygeneral.com or 301-774-8777 with any questions or to register.

Rebuilding Together Report

What a great day. We painted a house today with Rebuilding Together and it is almost 9PM and no rain. Lion Dick Cole did a great job coordinating this years project and it was a joint effort with the Sandy Spring Lions Club. We had just enough help to get things done on Lion Dick's schedule of finishing by 2 PM. Those that participated had a good time and were provided with pizza and soft drinks and were allowed to take home all the paint that they splashed on themselves.

