



# The Pride of Olney

October 2008

## Presidents Message

Hello Everyone. I would like to thank everyone for helping with the golf tournament. The Chairperson Lon Anderson and his crew consisting of Lions Mike Fekete, Jeff Mendenhall, Cindy Whitehead, Doug King, Bill Klein, Myron Shear, Craig Roberts and Master of Ceremonies Frank Herzog are a few names that come to mind all did a great job. Lion Brian, Lon and Mike F's wives helped to re-organize and run the registration operation, which was almost perfect on game day. I was pleasantly surprised that the tournament did so well. Net profit is at approximately \$14,000 and we still have some accounts receivable to collect. Many of you met my challenge and put forth the extra effort to get one new sponsor or golfer. Thanks! That is how we grow the tournament. I know that this has been said several times, but it is very important, please thank the hole sponsors, and merchants that gave the door prizes and auction items. Next year when we go back to them they will remember us and continue to support the club. I have heard from several merchants that tell me that almost every day someone approaches them for a donation or hand out. We should consider ourselves very lucky that so many local businesses helped us.

We had the picnic this month and I out-smarted myself. (That is not unusual) I moved this event to September so that it would be cooler. The day of the picnic the forecast called for the temperature to reach 97 degrees. The Inn of Brookeville Farms was accommodating, as usual and moved the event inside and it worked out great. We had about 22 members and spouses attend and we visited and had a nice time. I would like to say thank you to Lion Mike Fekete for coordinating the picnic for the club.

The Ice Cream Party at the Montgomery County Fair was also a nice surprise. We just received the check for our portion of the profits and it was for \$1,899. That is several hundred dollars over what we had anticipated. By Friday night that week the manager Lion Gary Rogers told me that they had reached all previous sales records and that Saturday was above and beyond the old record. I was advised that when the temperature is in the 80's people eat ice cream.

When it is in the 90's they drink water and other items to keep hydrated. So now you know. Thanks again to all of you that helped with this event and also the 22-C Mobile Health Unit screening. I think everyone had a good time and they seemed to enjoy it. Again this year some of the wives came and really helped us out.

A couple other things that you did was an Adopt a Highway, CHADD Golf lessons for AD/HD kids, provide transportation to physical therapy for an Olney resident, and the vision screening at Our House. And those are only the things that I am aware of because many of you do other community volunteer services. I would like to thank Lion Al Dummann and company for doing the Adopt a Highway, and Doug King and Bill Klein for helping with the golf, just retired Myron Shear for providing a ride for Laura Engler, and the Bailey, Kepner, and White vision screening team. Thanks also to the behind the scenes Lions at Olney Opticians, Butch Mann and Kim Gardner who will be fitting the young men that need glasses. These are all good projects that give us some community visibility and makes you feel good when serving others.

Next month we have the Leadership Retreat at Camp Merrick and I hope that we can send some people to it. FYI You can give as much as to take in these training sessions. There is a lot of give a take between facilitators, new Lions, senior Lions, and problems and complaints all can go on the table for discussion. Good suggestions and ideas to correct some of these problems come out of the discussions and are passed on. DG Paul Hawkins will be teaching one of the sessions on Friday night (open forum style) and if you give him a good idea you know he is going to jump on it. That is one reason to send good people to training. Speaking of good people at last years session at Emmitsburg VDG Bill Thomas attended the basic leadership session. Even with his years of experience as a Lion he went to the training and said he enjoyed it.

We also have DG Paul Hawkins as the guest speaker at our joint meeting with the Sandy Spring Lions on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Both of our clubs have a Melvin Jones Fellowship to award at this meeting. It should be a fun evening so don't forget to come. Remembers it is pay at the door.

We can get back to our regular meetings and the holiday party which is always fun. Lion Lon Anderson

has a couple of guest speakers lined up which should be well received. I asked Lion Drew Dumann to assist with arranging guest speakers and I'm interested in who he is going to get.

As far as I know everyone is healthy. I thank you for your company and hard work and look forward to doing bigger and better things together as Lions. If you continuously look for a big good deed to do you may overlook many opportunities to do small ones.

LIONS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE – BELIEVE IT

Sincerely,  
Paul Bolton, KL

## **C-Mail**

The club received the following mail.

Lion Brian Bailey (Our House Liaison) presented them with a \$1,000 donation at the vision screening. (Article in the 9/24/08 Olney Gazette) Richard "Benny" Bienvenue the Executive Director and founder of the OUR HOUSE sent a Thank You note. In it he said that the timing was great for the donation because they had just determined that they needed to replace their mattresses and the money would be used for that.

Cub Scout PACK 1414 - Our club is their pack's sponsor and this is the Cub Scout Pack that Lion Mark Lane's son belongs to. We received a note and letter of appreciation from the Cub Scout Master Sean Torpey for our support and past donation. We will be sending a \$200 donation this month

If anyone has any questions regarding the mail received please contact the club Secretary, Lion Mike Fekete.

## ***"Our House" information***

The Olney Lions Club has a long been association with Richard "Benny" Bienvenue the Executive Director and founder of the OUR HOUSE, which is a residential program for young men between the ages of 16-21. The young men are referred to this program from social services, juvenile justice, and foster care.

Benny's program teaches the students the skills they need for careers in the building trade; they also receive academic classes and GED tutoring, and they participate in community service activities to learn the importance of giving back. The Our House grew has helped the Olney and Sandy Spring Lions, Montgomery General Hospital Women's Board, Olney Chamber of Commerce, and many other area organizations as part of their community service program. Their facility is located in the Olney area on Zion Road. His program is truly the offer for a *new beginning* for the students.

The Lions are known for their concern for vision and much of their activities involve collecting eye glasses, and support of eye care and research. In the Olney community the Olney Lions Club provides free eye examinations and glasses for those that can't afford it. The club's liaison to Our House, Brian Bailey organized our first vision screening on September 9<sup>th</sup> with Lion Kim Kepner (Olney Opticians), Lion Jerry White and Our House. The Lions screened a total of fifteen residents resulting in the referral of seven who will be scheduled for an eye examination. Benny was at two meetings in Olney and was unable to be at the vision screening so Lion Brian Bailey presented Our House staff member Ms. Shari Matthews with a donation from the Olney Lions Club.

If you would like to learn more about Our House you can go to their web page at <http://www.our-house.org> and see what the program is all about and also see if you can help with their WISH LISTS.

We would like to feature one of the charitable organizations in our community that you help to support through the donations from our club. They provide a lot of services and also offer volunteer opportunities. Taking the economy into consideration and the high costs of living in our area the club has increased it's donation to Olney Help this year.

## ***Olney Help:***

Olney Help is a community organization run entirely by volunteers who work out of their homes. The mission of Olney Help is to provide short-term emergency help with food, financial needs or access to resources from other agencies. Olney Help is a Lead Agency of the Emergency Assistance Coalition of Community Ministries of Montgomery County. Olney Help, originally known as Olney Fish, was founded in 1969. Oakdale Emory provides many of the volunteers and

also collects canned goods and dried foods for the Olney Help pantry.

Olney Help needs people to volunteer as Officer of the Day (OD), to deliver food to clients, or help sort food in the pantry. Each OD is assigned 1 or 2 days a month. The OD picks up the messages from the answering machine at Montgomery General Hospital and then, depending on the needs, calls either a food deliverer or the person on duty for financial help. Olney Help is also always in need of food donations and monetary donations so that it might continue to help those in need in our community. This is a way of expressing your faith in God by becoming aware of the needs in our community and doing something about those needs.

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# District 22-C Lions Schedule

October

10-12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Leadership Retreat

25<sup>th</sup> Oxen Hill "A Taste of Italy" Dinner

27<sup>th</sup> Lions World Service Day

## Send Announcements and News Items

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](mailto:jfmenden@aol.com) please put Lions in the subject line.

## October Olney Lions Birthdays:

Steve Brady

Myron Shear

Dave Frens

## Olney Lions Info:

### Olney Lions Schedule:

#### Upcoming Events

October 10-12

October 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7 PM

Leadership Retreat Camp Merrick

Joint meeting with the Sandy Spring Lions

## September Pictures

### Record Breaking 2008 Olney Open

Our Master of Ceremonies  
Mr. Frank Herzog





Should be 2008! Sorry.

