



The Pride of Olney

November 2008



Presidents Message

Hello Everyone. I would like to thank everyone for helping with the CHADD Golf Youth Initiative this summer. Getting help from the Sandy Spring and Laytonsville Lions, the Olney Kiwanis, and the Knights of Columbus was a great Olney partnership. This community service project with CHADD turned out to be a win/win for everyone and I hope that we can do it again next year.

The holidays are fast approaching and the board is working on what our club can do to help those less fortunate in the Olney Community. Over the last three years we have had Olney Help provide us with a needy family and we have helped them with food, a tree and presents for the family. This year is a little different because of the economy many people have lost their jobs, my son Andrew is one of them. Olney Help advised that there are about 200 families in the area that need help. Their Christmas/December Holiday Food Basket Program this year will only feed 30 families. I support the idea of feeding as many

families in our community as our generous members are willing and able to shop for and help. The other options that was discussed with the Only Help volunteer was to adopt a family like we did in the past, or provide gift cards for Olney Help to give them out to many of the families, or make a direct donation to Olney Help. Vice President Joe DeCicco is working on the proposals and we will discuss this at the November meeting and have sign up sheets. It's all up to you!

Lion Brian Bailey (Our House Liaison), Kim Kepner and Jerry White did a vision screening at Our House a month ago and I was told that eight of the young men had a full eye examination and have received glasses. Olney Opticians with Lions Kim Kepner, Butch Mann and Kim Gardner did the examinations and provided the labor, the club provided the money, and we all made the difference. The plan is to screen the new Our House students during the year soon after they arrive. The miracle of normal vision - BELIEVE IT! Nice job!

We had two Olney Lions represent us at the Leadership Retreat. Lions Brian Bailey and Jerry White attended and also District Governor Paul Hawkins was there and lead one of the session. Lion Jerry gave a report at the board meeting and indicated that it was a good program and that he had a good time. If you have questions ask them about the program and think about attending next year.

At the Board meeting we discussed the LCI/Club survey forms that I received in September from a few members. They were very favorable. Some of the questions were geared for clubs that conduct business at the dinner meetings such as approving the minutes and treasure's report. Our club conducts business at the board and foundation meetings and everyone is welcome to attend. We discussed ways of getting the financial information and board minutes out to the members and one suggestion was to e-mail them to you. Thanks to those that filled out the survey. If you have a problem or complaint please let one of the board members know. You can come to a board meeting and speak to the board directly if you like. This is your club and you have a responsibility to keep us honest and on the right track.

The 5-Star and visitations. I reviewed the 5-Star and what is different is that you can do one person visitations and you don't have to go to club meetings in your region. We need about 22 visitations or 50% of the

membership for the 5-Star and 44 or 100% for the Special Recognition Award. I will have a listing of the Lions clubs in our area and when they meet at the next meeting and I would like you to sign up for one visitation. If you have never been on one it can be a lot of fun. Sponsors take the Lion you sponsored out to dinner at another club. Show them what a big spender you are and that you know how to have a good time. Be sure to document the visitation and send the form to Lion Steve McCaskill who will track them for us and forward them to the 22-C coordinator. If anyone wants one of the 22-C Directories send me an e-mail and I will bring you one at the next meeting.

We have the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast coming up on February 21, 2009. Because of the economy I think that we are going to have a significant lose of ads from the merchants and friends that have been supporting us over the last few years. The board has been discussing the problem and will be talking further with the Knights of Columbus and may have some ideas on how to thank our advertisers and maintain their support for the future.

We have been busy in the community and people should know who we are and they are just to shy to ask to join our club. Well let's give them a hand and we can ask them to join us. I hope that the membership committee will be able to do a short presentation at the November meeting. We have a lot of things going for us and there are a lot of tools in the membership's toolbox that I expect they will remind us of them. I think that the biggest hurdle is to ask someone to come to a meeting or event. Once their eyes light up you can talk about what we do for the community, such as the community service projects, fund raisers and the donations we make and the fun and fellowship we share. We are planning a Friendship Night in the spring so start thinking about someone you would like to bring. As Lion Mike Kendrick pointed out at one of our meetings don't overlook family members.

Sad News Lion Mike Goldsteen reported on October 22nd that his wife Carolyn's mother Dorothy Bennett passed away at the age of 96. She had been ill for a few weeks and her passing was anticipated. She was buried in the Delaney Valley Cemetery in Timonium. Lion Mike, when asked if there were any charities his mother-in-law favored so the club could send a donation in her name he suggested selecting a Lions Club charity. I think that the Lions Club International Foundation could use the donation to help people in need through and with the help of Lions Club members.

I hope that everyone is save, secure and healthy and that good fortune smiles upon you and your family. BELIEVE IT!

Sincerely,
Paul Bolton KL



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- The **USO** sent a gift acknowledgement for our \$200 donation.
- **Carol Jean Cancer Foundation, Inc.** sent a thank you for the \$250 donation we sent. In part they wrote "As the sun warms the rose, may your gift of caring brighten the life of a child with cancer, and warm your hear with love."
- The **Olney Chamber of Commerce** sent a letter thanking us for our support at National Night Out event in August. As a result of this event \$1,500 was notated to the Olney Satellite Station, Md. National Capital Park police, and the Sandy Spring Volunteer fire Department. Also a thank you letter for participating in the Olney Community Night.

- The **Women's Board of Montgomery General Hospital** sent a thank you for the \$500 donation we just made. The money will be used for scholarship gifts. They also thanked us for our assistance with their Picnic and Bazaar. They wrote in part "We are also very proud of Dee Hawkins, such a dedicated member of the Women's Board. We appreciate all the work she has done for both of our organizations."
- The **Sandy Spring Museum** sent a thank you note for the \$100 donation we sent.
- **Mahendra Amarasuriya** the Immediate Past International President sent a letter of congratulations for meeting the Club President Membership Growth Challenge 2007-2008.
- We received a letter from the **Regional Institute for Children & Adolescents** for the \$100 check that we sent. FYI they help emotionally disturbed boys and girls grade 5th – 12th. This is a charity that Frank Herzog recommended to us.
- We inquired about setting up a Leo club and **Good Counsel HS** sent a letter declining the offer saying that they had a Key Club sponsored by the Kiwanis and felt that the Lions Leo club is a similar service organization.
- We receive a thank you letter from **CHADD (Children and Adults with AD/HD)** for the \$500 donation that we made.
- The **Red Cross – National Capital Area Chapter** sent a thank you for our donation to help with the hurricane relief efforts.
- Gail M. West the Principal from **Brooke Grove Elementary School** sent a thank you note for the \$50 dollar donation for a citizenship award.

Note: When you are an active Lions Club and you donate to worth wild charities you get a lot of thank you notes. C-Mail takes up a lot a space and it takes

a few minutes to compose it. You donate and help raise the money for the charities and organizations approved by the board that we support and you should know when we send them the donations and what they say when they send a note. You should also know when we get at-a-boys. Part of being a Lion is service and the reward is feeling good about helping others, so **please feel good, because you deserve to.**

Spot Lighting the Sandy Spring Museum

The Olney Lions have been supporting the Sandy Spring Museum for several years with donations and help with their Straw Berry Festival. Did you know that Vice District Governor Bill Thomas was a charter member? It is possible to live in Olney for years and not have visited the museum. Perhaps it's about time that we took time to go visit it and see what we are getting for our donations.

The Sandy Spring Museum was established in 1980 as the community was experiencing a rapid change in population and personality. A rural setting of farms, pastureland and, winding roads was becoming a bedroom community of four intersections and upscale commuters. As the museum has grown, it has become a focus for both long-time residents and newcomers—a link, like the spring itself, to a fascinating past. Ours is a history rich in social reform, progressive farming techniques, inventions, education, and cultural achievement. You are invited to share in the past by visiting the exhibits of the Sandy Spring Museum.

The Sandy Spring Museum is a not for profit private organization governed by a Board of Trustees, who are elected by the membership each September. The Officers—president, vice president, treasurer and secretary—are elected yearly by the board. Trustees meet on the second Wednesday and are responsible for establishing policies, new programs and the annual budget. The staff consists of an executive director and 6-10 part time employees in addition to a strong volunteer corps.

Other Information this month:

FYI If you are a federal employee and have not made your Combined Federal Campaign pledge yet you might wish to consider the selections below. You can look for other organizations that we contribute to in the CFC catalog.

43422 Lions Camp Merrick, Inc. (Lions Camp for the Deaf, Inc.) (301)645-5616
www.lionscampmerrick.org EIN#52-1289731
Provides opportunities for deaf and diabetic youth to experience camping, interact with peers and learn from role models. Campers become self sufficient and overcome challenges. 18.2%

11971 Lions Clubs International Foundation
(630)571-5466 www.lcif.org EIN#237030455
Supports large-scale humanitarian projects of Lions worldwide through grants to preserve sight, combat disability, promote health and serve youth. 22.4%

11773 CHADD (Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)
(800)233-4050 www.chadd.org EIN#592817697
Works to ensure that children and adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder reach their full potential through family support, education and encouragement of research. 15.1%

Spot Lighting CHAD

CHADD Youth Golf Initiative 2008
By: Paul Bolton

The CHADD Youth Golf Initiative is over for this summer. CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) is the nation's leading non-profit organization serving individuals with AD/HD and their families. If you would like more information about CHADD their Web site is <http://www.CHADD.org>

The program generally ran every other Saturday morning from 8am-10am during the summer. During that time there were 1-2 professional golfers (Jim Estes and Dayne Bulloch) at the Olney Golf Park working with 30 children with AD/HD, Autism, Learning Disabilities, and a wide variety of other mental health conditions. The participants were anywhere in age from 6-17 and at all skill levels. The program is free to these kids and their parents drive from all over the area to bring them.

While the kids are learning the basics of golf, CHADD worked with the parents to better educate

them on their children's disabilities, and how to best support their children in school, with social activities, etc. Frequently, children with these types of disabilities are unable to succeed in mainstream sports. Their behavior issues and lack of self esteem makes it a very negative experience for them. Conversely, specialized programs like this lead to an increase in self-esteem and self confidence, and help them to feel less "different".

What happened this year is that after CHADD reached out to the Olney Lions through Lion Myron Shear. The Sandy Spring, and Laytonsville Lions, the Olney Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, and the Olney Rotary club were asked to meet and see if their clubs could help the golf pros work with the children. All of the organizations except for the Olney Rotary Club sent members to help at some of the sessions this summer. What everyone found was that working with the children was an incredibly rewarding experience! There were no problems with the participants and you can also learn some golf tips from the pros.

The last session on October 25th there were trophies, certificates, pictures, a free golf glove and club, and a lot of applause for the young participants and the Olney, Sandy Spring and Laytonsville Lions, Kiwanis, and our friends the Knights of Columbus also received certificates of appreciation.

Lisa Stancik from the Olney Loop came and video taped the activities and interviewed several people. Maryland Senator and Olney Lion Rona Kramer was assisting us on Saturday and she did an outstanding interview which promoted the program and the high level of support from the Olney area community organizations working together who provided the volunteers. Lisa advised that this piece will be in the November program on the Montgomery Cable Access Channel 21; accessible on Comcast and the Verizon cable network. The show airs **9:30 Sunday evenings and 6:00pm Wednesdays** - (one episode repeats all month.)

In conclusion I would like to thank the following Olney Lion members that helped with this program: Lion Myron Shear (initial contact) and the helpers Lions Doug King, Bill Klein and Rona Kramer. I hope that we will have the opportunity to do this again next summer in partnership with the other local organizations and that other of our club members will want to join us.

*A note from Olney Lion and Maryland State Senator
Rona Kramer regarding her CHADD Experience*

It was great to spend time with you on Saturday. The parents were very appreciative of the volunteers' efforts and it seems that everyone feels that the kids gained a lot from the program. Great opportunity to work with other service groups, as well. Look forward to seeing you, again, soon.

Rona E. Kramer
Maryland Senate

A note from Don Hemke, Knights of Columbus

It was a great pleasure and very heartwarming experience working with everyone supporting the CHADD Golf Outing Program. And a special thank-you to you Paul, for all of your efforts to organize the greater Olney community. This was yet another example of the mutual support we can provide with the Lions Club. I believe we will be happy to support this activity again next year, and almost assuredly, with more KofC participation! The pictures were great, especially the one with my lovely bride, Barbara! Thanks again.

Don Hemke
Financial Secretary KofC Council 6793

District 22-C Lions Schedule

November

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| 7 | 22-C Cabinet Meeting |
| 17 | LCOF Board Meeting |
| 20 | Monthly Activities and Membership Reports due |

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 please put Lions in the subject line.

November Olney Lions Birthdays:

Donovan Clark
Herbert Drees
Jay Garrett

[*Olney Lions Info:*](#)

Don't forget about our website at

<http://olneylionsclub.com>

Olney Lions Schedule:

Upcoming Events

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| Nov 4 th | ELECTION DAY |
| Nov 4 th | MANNA |
| Nov 6 th | Pre School Screening |
| Nov 11 th | Club & Board after regular meeting - Brookeville Inn |
| Nov 15 th | Camp Merrick Clean Up |
| Dec 9 th | Olney Lions Holiday Party Brookeville Inn |
| Dec | No Board Meeting |
| Feb 21 st | Pancake & Sausage Breakfast (St. Johns) |

Don't miss our November Guest Speaker Mr. Steven Selzer.

Steven is a local attorney who has written a book on civility in society as expressed by George Washington.

See his website at

<http://www.civility-by-george.com/>

Thanks to Lion Doug King inquiries of one of the owners of the Olney Ale House Mr. John Roach has given us permission to place a Lions road sign on his property on the Dr. BIRD Road. side of this lot. Lion Doug is marking the spot in the picture where we hope we can get permit from the Montg. County Permit office. As you may remember a couple years ago we went to the County Council and Councilman George Leventhal and others supported our attempts to get the \$250 sign permit fee waived for non-profits organizations like ourselves. The regulations were changed and this will be our first attempt at getting a permit from Montgomery County. It could be very easy or it could be as excruciating as having a broken whiskey bottle in your colon. We will submit the application and wait a see what happens.

Jim Estes (Golf Pro), State Senator and Olney Lion Rona Kramer and Lion Doug King



October Pictures

CHADD

Lion Dog King helping one of the participants



Lion Dee Hawkins receiving Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by her Husband and District Governor Paul Hawkins and fellow Melvin Jones recipients.

