

HERE'S THE SEPTEMBER 2018

CLAYMONT LIONS CLUB



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PROVIDING 80 YEARS OF SERVICE-TO-OTHERS IN THE CLAYMONT AREA
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CLAYMONT LIONS:

Welcome back to the kick-off of a new year in Lionism. I hope you all had a relaxing, enjoyable summer. A lot is happening this year, starting with a visit from the International First Vice President, Jung-yul Choi on August 16, 2018.

A big 'Thank You' to all Lions who helped with set up and clean up for our club picnic. We lucked out with the weather, despite the warm conditions. We helped Lion Harry celebrate his 96th Birthday!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

September 27th – 30th, our first White Cane Days Fundraiser

October 27th, 2018 – our first Pancake Breakfast – Claymont Fire Hall

Our first dinner meeting of the 2018-2019 Lion year will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at the Waterfall. The cost of dinner is \$25.

Treasurer Dick is now collecting dues: \$70 per member; \$48.50 for each additional family member. Checks are to be made out to the Claymont Lions Club.

Plan to attend dinner meetings regularly. Participation in fund-raising activities at dinner meetings provides financial support for our administrative account.

Hope to see you all at our first dinner meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

King Lion Fran

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER LIONS

Lions whose birthdays fall in **SEPTEMBER** are reminded to bring a wrapped gift for auction at the first dinner meeting in **SEPTEMBER**. Monies from this activity are deposited in the club Administrative Account and used in support of club activities and financial needs.

SEPTEMBER Birthdays are:

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| 4th Matt Yoder | 6th Jim Simmons | 22nd Ian Duling |
| 14th Bob List | 23rd Gail Mummert | 23rd PDG Ken Chew |
| 24th Carl Colantuono | 29th Kirt Krebs | 29th Ron Pierson |

DINNER MEETINGS

Dinner meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from September through June unless changed by Board action. Held at the Waterfall Banquet & Conference Center on Philadelphia Pike, they begin at 5:30 PM with a social hour. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM. Dinner meetings in November and December are held the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays due to holidays in those months. **Dinner cost is \$25 per person.** Program Ron Pierson will schedule programs for each dinner meeting.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 – Lion Daniel Elkins, President, Bellefonte Lions

Lion Amanda Scarborough, Chairperson for Quest

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 – Joan Lyons, Exec. Dir. Seamen's Center, Wilmington

Members are to contact **Lion Mandy Scarborough** (claymontlionsdinner@gmail.com) by noon Friday preceding each Wednesday dinner with the number planning to attend. Items for the **Claymont Food Closet** can be brought to any dinner meeting. Funds from **50/50 Raffle, Joker Jackpot & Birthday Gifts support the Administrative Account** and are used for club expenses. Dinner now costs **\$25 per person.**

SEPTEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The September Board of Directors meeting will be held at the home of Lion Ron Pierson on Wednesday, September 19. It will begin at 7:00 PM. All club members are invited to attend Board meetings where the official business of the club is conducted. Those present may participate in meeting dialogue. Only Board members vote on items requiring Board action.

EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES BENEFIT CLUB ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

Lions Gail & Kirt Krebs continue to collect empty **computer printer ink cartridges**. Bring empty cartridges to dinner or Board meetings. Cash from these empty cartridges is deposited in the club administrative account. **Can Tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.**

DONATIONS FOR CLAYMONT COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD CLOSET

Claymont Lions are encouraged to bring food items for the Claymont Community Center Food Closet. **Donations for the Food Closet will now be collected at the first and second dinner meetings each month.** Among the items to be donated are:

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| Peanut Butter/Jelly | Macaroni & Cheese/Rice | Canned Tuna/Chicken |
| Pancake Mix/Syrup | Pasta & Sauce | Canned Vegetables/Fruit |
| Cereal/Oatmeal | Canned Soup/Juices | Canned Beans |

BIKE TO THE BAY

Lion Randy Keim will participate, for the **17th time**, in the **Bike to The Bay** fundraiser scheduled for **Saturday, October 13** and **Sunday, October 14, 2018** in support of the fight against **Multiple Sclerosis**. He will ride **150 miles** on his **bicycle** in a round trip event, beginning in **Dover** on **Saturday**, traveling to **Dewey Beach** that day, then returning to **Dover** on **Sunday**. **Lion Randy** asks that tax deductible donations be made with cash or checks. Pledges will not be accepted. Checks to be made payable to the **National MS Society**. **Lion Randy** notes that financial support is needed with on-going efforts to end the devastating effects of **Multiple Sclerosis**. Donations can be given to **Lion Randy** at the dinner meetings on **September 12th & October 10th**, or the **Board meeting** on **September 19th**. **Additional information** regarding **Multiple Sclerosis** can be found at **nationalmssociety.org**. **Lion Randy Keim** is to be commended for his continuing efforts in support of the **Multiple Sclerosis** cause.

LIONS ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

Lion Harry Grandel is moving and needs to downsize. He has many Lions items available to purchase. If you are interested, please contact Lion Harry to see what he has available.

THE CLUB NEWSLETTER IS SENT BY E-MAIL TO MOST MEMBERS

The club newsletter I now sent by email to most members. Those without an email address will receive a mailed copy. Lion Carol will handle email transactions. Please contact Lion Tom (tlramsay@comcast.net) if you do not receive a newsletter by email or regular mail.

LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (LVRF) AIM FOR SIGHT

The Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) will hold their annual Aim for Sight Sporting Clay Shoot on Saturday, October 13, 2018 in Henderson, Maryland. Registration fee is \$75 per person or \$280 for a team of four. Lion Lee sent an email with the information for Aim for Sight. He will be accepting registrations for this event in September. Please contact Lion Lee to register or for more information.

LEADER DOG TOUR

Cabinet Secretary Delores Springer has scheduled a Lions trip to Leader Dog in Rochester Hills, Michigan. The bus will depart from the Holiday Inn in Dover on October 24, 2018 and return October 26, 2018. The cost is \$470 for a couple and \$320 for a single. ***There are still 8 seats available.*** Contact Cabinet Secretary Delores if you are interested in attending the Leader Dog tour. The registration form is in the District Bulletin.

LIONS EYE BANK OF DELAWARE VALLEY SIGHT NIGHT

The Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley Sight Night will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the Dover Downs Hotel and Casino and will be a Halloween theme. If you're interested in attending, please let Lion Lee know before October 1st. Cost is \$20.

WHITE CANE DAYS

Our first fundraiser of the year, White Cane Days, is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, through Sunday, September 30, 2018. Lion Frazier has made the arrangements with our partners, Acme and Dunkin Donuts. There are many 2-hour shifts that need to be filled. White Canes is a great way to meet members of our community. Please contact Lion Frazier to schedule a shift.

VISITATIONS

The Claymont Lions will once again participate in the Visitation Contest to help the club achieve the 100% Administration Award from the District. The visiting delegation consists of two Lions from the Club. In order to achieve the award, the Claymont Club must visit all the clubs in Zone 1 (Bellefonte, Green Hills, Pike Creek – Hockessin, Talleyville-Naamans, Wilmington Gateway, and Wilmington Manor) plus other clubs within MD 22 to equal a total of 18 visitations. The Club is off to a good start with 3 visitations completed due to District Activities. We will be circulating a list of visitations that need to be completed at our upcoming dinner meetings. Please let co-chairs, Lion Anita and Lion Carol, know if there are any clubs you would like to visit, and we'll make the arrangements. Let's try to complete as many visitations as we can while the weather is nice. Thanks.

PANCAKE DAYS – SAVE THE DATES

Our first Pancake Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, October 27, 2018**, at the Claymont Fire Hall.

The dates for the second and third Pancake Day fundraisers are:

- February 9, 2019 – Claymont Fire Hall
- March 30, 2019 – Claymont Fire Hall

Please mark the dates on your calendar. More information to follow.

PROJECT CLOTHING - PORT OF WILMINGTON SEAMEN'S CENTER

The men who come in on the ships to the Port can use winter coats, jackets, shirts, etc. Most of them have no winter clothes, since they are coming from a warmer climate. Also, women have very little summer things, so they would appreciate any clothing items we could send them. This a project I think the Claymont Lions can do. We could do it three times during the Lion year – October, January and April at the second dinner meeting. Lion Randy goes to the Port every Wednesday, and would take any items of clothing you are able to donate.

Thanks, King Lion Fran

CHRISTMAS AT SEA – REMEMBERING MARINER'S AT THE HOLIDAY

Each year the Seamen's Center presents the Mariners with a Ditty Box – a shoebox filled with toiletries, a few sweets, and a hat and scarf. The seafarers would be home to celebrate, but the ships are thousands of miles from loved ones. These boxes are the gifts they will open. Items may seem unexciting to most of us, but they are a reminder that they are not forgotten.

Thanks, King Lion Fran.

Please see the information below from the Seamen's Center:

Christmas At Sea

Bridging the gap between Ship and Shore

Seamen's Center of Wilmington, Inc.
Part of Wilmington
P. O. Box 403
Wilmington, DE 19899
seamenscenterwilmda@yahoo.com www.scwde.org
302-575-1300

The goal of the Christmas At Sea Program is to give a *Ditty Box* filled with gifts to every seafarer arriving in the First State during the month of December. Last year the Seamen's Center provided gifts to over 1,200 mariners. The shoe boxes are filled with essentials like toothpaste, razors, soap, a few goodies like playing cards and gum or candy, and a hat and scarf. Each box is lovingly gift wrapped and delivered to every ship docking in Delaware.

You can help this year by knitting or purchasing hats and scarves, contributing some of the items listed below, or by filling a *Ditty Box*. Seamen's Center volunteers begin delivering gifts on December 1st; please try to make your contributions prior to that date. For additional information please contact Joan Lyons at 302-575-1300.

Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Comb
Candy/gum
Sewing Kit
Pens/Stationery
Soap
Warm Socks

Playing Cards
Chap Stick
Knitted hat/scarf
Hand Lotion
Shampoo
Razors
Cough Drops
Winter gloves