

The SCOOP

Newsletter of the Claymont, Delaware Lions Club

August 2026



PROVIDING **88 YEARS OF SERVICE**-TO-OTHERS IN THE CLAYMONT AREA

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Claymont Lions,

As summer begins to wind down, our Lions year is just getting started, and I am excited about all that we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

We had an eye screening on July 7th at the Knollwood Community Center, with Lion Bill Gerety leading the charge. It was a great event, with several Lions volunteering to help serve our community. The District Banner Transfer was held on July 29th at the Modern Maturity Center, where the Claymont Lions proudly filled two tables. What a wonderful tribute to our incoming District Governor, Esosa!

The committee list was sent out for final review. Please take a moment to review it and let me know if there are any changes or if there are additional committees you would like to serve on. Our Committee Chairs are already working behind the scenes to plan our upcoming events, including the Pancake Breakfast, White Cane Days, and Christmas Tree Fundraiser, just to name a few. Please lend a hand whenever possible with our service projects and fundraisers as we work together to achieve our goals.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated Lions who serve our community every day. You truly exemplify our motto, "We Serve."

I am always open to innovative ideas and suggestions, so please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do to make this Lions year even better. I look forward to serving alongside each of you as we continue changing lives through service.

Nolan S. Lewis
King Lion



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST LIONS

Happy Birthday to the following Lions born in August:

8/1	John Vitsorek	8/3	Lorraine Wirt
8/8	Jim Dooley	8/9	Lisa Lawson
8/13	Dick Gackebach	8/14	Harry Grandel
8/21	Babak Golgolab	8/26	Glenn Williams
8/29	Nolan Lewis		

Since the Club will not be having in-person dinner meetings in August, *in lieu of providing a gift to be auctioned off for your birthday, please consider making a cash donation. Please mail birthday donations to Club Treasurer Dick Gackebach, 3704 Pimlico Place, Garnet Valley, PA 19060.* Monies collected from this activity are deposited in the club's Administrative Account and used in support of member activities and club financial needs.

DINNER MEETINGS

There are no dinner meetings during the months of July or August. **The next dinner meeting will be held on September 9, 2026. Dinner Meetings will be held at Duffers Mills** (1600 Naaman's Creek Road, Garnet Valley, PA). Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$30 (including tax and tip). Reminders for reservations along with dinner details will be sent via email by Lion Frazier Van Velsor.



We look forward to seeing everyone back in September as we kick off a new Lions year together!

Program Chair, Lion Frazier Van Velsor, has been lining up speakers for our upcoming dinner meetings. The following speakers are tentatively scheduled for September and October. You will be notified of speaker changes and updates.

September 9 th	AltruVision - formerly Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley
September 23 rd	District Governor Esosa Iriowen and his cabinet
October 14 th	Seamen's Center of Wilmington
October 28 th	Dan Crossland, Estate Planning Attorney

AUGUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next **Claymont Lions Club Board of Directors** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of IPDG Gail and Lion Kirt Krebs – 17 Ridgeland Rd., Wilmington.

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. However, only Board members vote on items requiring Board action.

CLAYMONT LIONS PROMOTE HEALTHY VISION



Photographed L-R: Lion Nick (Bellefonte Club), Lion Lisa, King Lion Nolan, and Lion Bill

On July 7th, the Claymont Lions Club participated in the First Annual Darryl's Corner Health and Wellness Expo at the Knollwood Community Center, joining community organizations from across the Greater Wilmington area, and much was to be learned about how to deal with epilepsy. Lions Beverly Chiffons, Lisa MB Johnson, Nolan Lewis, Bill Gerety, and Nick Imburgia of the Bellefonte Lions Club provided free vision screenings for eight individuals, with two referrals for follow-up eye care.

Our next community eye screening event will be the Backpack Giveaway & BBQ on Saturday, August 8, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Claymont Community Center. Last year,

Lions screened 106 participants at this event. Members interested in volunteering on August 8th are encouraged to contact Lion Bill Gerety or IPDG Gail Krebs for more information.

CLAYMONT LIONS SHINE AT DISTRICT 22-D BANNER TRANSFER



Smiles, fellowship, and celebration!

Claymont Lions gathered for a group photo following an outstanding evening at the District 22-D Banner Transfer, held on July 29th at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, Delaware.

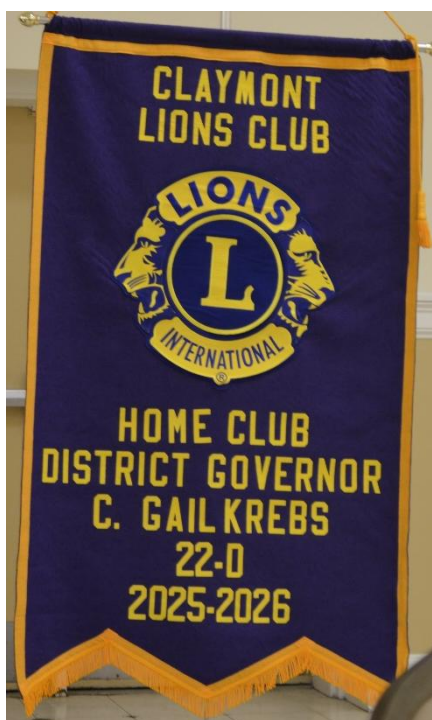
The Claymont Lions proudly demonstrated their commitment to the district with an impressive 16 members in attendance. Our strong showing was matched by outstanding achievements as the club earned numerous

District honors recognizing excellence in both administration and service.

In the Administrative Contest, the Claymont Lions received awards in the Communications, Leadership, Attendance, and Visitation categories. The club was also recognized in the Service Activities Contest for its exceptional work in Vision, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Hunger Relief, Health Services, Mental Health, and Community Services.

The evening became even more special as Lion Kirt Krebs was presented with a Presidential Award, recognizing his outstanding dedication and service.

These honors are a testament to the passion, commitment, and teamwork of every Claymont Lion. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference in our community while proudly living our motto, "We Serve." Congratulations to all our members on these well-deserved accomplishments!



King Lion Nolan S. Lewis receiving Administrative & Activities Awards from Immediate Past District Governor Gail Krebs

Immediate Past King Lion Carol receiving 100% President from IPDG Gail Krebs



L to R: King Lion Nolan with IPDG Gail Krebs transferring banner to Dover King Lion Tami Wilson and District Governor Esosa Iriowen



Lion Amanda Scarborough smiling brightly as she is installed as Zone Chair



Membership chair Keith Guzma receiving 100% Membership Chair from IPDG Gail Krebs





L to R: IPDG Gail, FVDG/PCS Helen Friend, PCT Gina Daniels, Lion Sheila Schieferstein & Lion Kirt Krebs receiving International President's Certificates of Appreciation

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

- USA/Canada Forum, Memphis, TN, 9/3-9/5/2026, www.lionsforum.org for information, Questions? Lion Sheila or Ralph Schieferstein 302-284-9730
- DLF Board Meeting, Grotto Pizza Dover, 9/22/26



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CHECK PAYMENTS



When writing checks for dues, meals, or other club events, please make them **payable to the Claymont Lions Club** unless instructed otherwise.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Lion Kirt requests that anyone in the club who needs to contact him regarding medical equipment to please contact him at 302-477-1271. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES ARE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET!!

That's correct.... **MONEY** in **YOUR** pocket! The Board has approved an incentive program geared at growing our club's membership while earning rewards for sponsors. Sponsors of new members will receive a \$25 gift card upon induction of their new members during this 2025-2026 Lion year. Then, at the end of the 2025-2026 Lion Year, a \$50 gift card will be offered to the one club member that sponsors the most members (which has to be more than one new member). If there is more than one member who has sponsored the same number of new members, then both/all of those sponsors will be offered a \$50 gift card. Let the competition begin and our new members roll in!

SCOOP NEWSLETTER

If you have information or a suggestion for the Scoop, please send the information to me by the last day of each month. ***PLEASE REFERENCE "SCOOP" in the subject of any email to make sure that information is not overlooked.***

EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES BENEFIT CLUB ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

PCS Gail & Lion Kirt are collecting empty printer Ink Cartridges. Please save your cartridges and contact them to arrange dropping them off. The cash we receive from recycled cartridges is deposited into the Club's administrative account. This is also being done as a recycling project for the District Activities Contest.



CAN TABS



Lion Lisa, PCS Gail & Lion Kirt are collecting can tabs for Tender Hearts, Inc. Tender Hearts is a 501c3 organization whose mission is to support medically fragile children in order to help provide them with a better quality of life. Please save can tabs and contact Lions Lisa, Gail and/or Kirt for drop off. We will make sure that the tabs are delivered to Tender Hearts.



SCOOP DEADLINE:

Monday, August 31, 2026

Submit all information to Bulletin

Editor at TYLISAJ@aol.com.

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FIVE BENEFITS OF BEING A LION

- 1 We have fun**
Service is meaningful—and it's fun.
- 2 We're part of something big — yet unique**
- 3 We have opportunities for personal growth**
- 4 We're backed by a global association and foundation**
- 5 Doing good feels good**