

# LIONS VISION

A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 LIONS, LIONESS AND LEO CLUBS

Fall 2022 Edition

## TWO LEGGED LIONS; A UNIQUE SPECIES

These two legged Lions who take their name from the four legged species who rule the African Serengeti Plains have some interesting habits. They can be seen in the local area from the mountains of MD-22 on the west to the Atlantic coast beaches on the east. Sometimes they wear interesting hats, vests, and shirts all adorned with little lapel pins, mementos of where they have been and what they have accomplished. Sometimes they can be seen working at chicken barbecues, selling raffle tickets, or standing in front of a store collecting Vision Days donations. Scientists tell us that the roar of an African Lion can be heard five miles away. Here is where the two legged Lions differ. When the two legged Lions roar the impact can be felt worldwide. Let me give you a few examples.



Lions International just completed Campaign 100 sponsored by LCIF.

Lions worldwide contributed \$325 million to that campaign. LCIF will use that money to improve the quality of life for millions of people through grants for various service projects. Here in MD-22 the Lions in November 1991 partnered with the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins to establish the Lions Vision Center dedicated to helping people who suffer from low vision for which there is no present medical cure. Low vision impacts 5 million people in the USA and 25 million people world-wide. One of the key tasks for the Lions since 1991 has been to raise money to support the work of the Lions Vision Research Foundation. The MD-22 Lions have turned in amazing results – while supporting the annual LVRF operating budget, \$4 million was raised to endow the Lions Vision Center in perpetuity, and for the past several years LVRF has been donating \$100,000 to fund a training Fellowship at the Lions Vision Center. Are you feeling that roar of pride over these accomplishments?

The next step on the journey to realize Helen Keller's challenge to "rid the world of preventable blindness" is for the Lions to complete the \$2.3 million campaign to establish the LVC Fellow Endowment Fund. As of June 30<sup>th</sup> the balance in this account was \$756,692. This number will rise as the global economy improves. Meanwhile, we have the opportunity to maximize Lion donations to the LVC Endowment Fund since the Jones Foundation of Annapolis has agreed to help the Lions by covering the \$100,000 cost to fund the LVC Fellow for four years.

We also have an additional opportunity to maximize endowment giving. The Pike Creek-Green Hills Lions Club of District 22-D has challenged all clubs to match dollar for dollar contributions to a maximum of \$30,000 over the challenge period 9/1/22 to 12/1/22. In addition if 90% of Clubs in a District contribute at least \$50 to LVRF the Pike Creek-Green Hills Lions Club will donate \$1,000 to the District.

Planning is underway for our annual Rally in November. Due to access restrictions at Johns Hopkins the Rally will be held virtually and will be known as the LVRF EZ Rally III. More details will be forthcoming. I encourage all two legged Lions to tune in to the Zoom program. The four legged Lions may rule the African plains as King of the Jungle, but I hope you will agree the two legged species with their compassionate hearts are leaders in humanitarian service world-wide. Roar often – you earned it!!

John J. Shwed  
LVR Development Chair

# Lions Vision Research Foundation Chairman's Message

Welcome to the new Lions Year! There are some exciting things happening at LVRF, your Foundation, that I want to share with you.



Where will you be on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 9:30 am? I hope you will be joining me for our EZ Rally III, via Zoom. Although your Foundation Board eagerly looks forward to the day when we can resume in-person events at Wilmer, we are not quite there. The EZ Rally III is your opportunity to learn what is going on at Wilmer, at the Lions Low Vision Center and the miracles being performed through their ongoing research. Please put the date on your calendar. There is no need to register for this event. The flyer which will be circulated electronically will have the Zoom link which you can click on the morning of November 19th.

Does your Club have LVRF in its budget for the 2022-2023 Lions Year? If so, you can double your impact if you send in your donation no later than December 1, 2022. The Pike Creek-Green Hills Lions Club from District 22D has issued a challenge to the Clubs in the Multiple District. That Club has generously offered to match any donations made between September 1, 2022 and December 1, 2022 up to \$30,000.

Does your Club not have LVRF in its budget? If not, you can help meet another challenge by the Pike Creek-Green Hills Lions Club. For each District that has 90% of its Clubs donate at least \$50 to LVRF by March 1, 2023, they will donate \$1,000 to LVRF. Your Club's \$50 can have a significant impact.

Do you have new members in your Club? Do you have members in your Club that have never been to Wilmer or attended a Rally? Those members are missing the "Wow, I did not realize" moment. We can bring that to your Club, through your Trustees. Let us come share our passion with you.

In the words of our International President, Brian Sheehan, "Together We Can". Together we can continue to provide that "Wow" to those with low vision.

PCC Dee Hawkins, LVRF Chair



Hello again, Lions!

My name is Dominic Brown, OD, and I am the 2021- 2022 Inaugural Jones Fellow at the Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center. It was a pleasure seeing many of you in-person during the tour this past August.

My latest news is that I have accepted a full time faculty position at The Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins as an Assistant of Ophthalmology. I spend 80% of my time providing comprehensive eye care at the Wilmer White Marsh campus, and 20% of my time providing low vision services at the East Baltimore campus. I will also be extending my vision rehabilitation services to the Green Spring Station campus this month.

As a part of ongoing fellowship activities, I am still actively working on my research project and am currently drafting a manuscript under the guidance of our research team: Drs. Bradley, Massof, Dagnelie. I hope to submit for journal publication within the next few months.

The research project is constructed from the theme of exploring standardization in low vision rehabilitative care. However, in order to determine how things "ought " to be,we need to first explore how things "are". My research project follows that premise and develops a method of reviewing patient records, following strict criterion, to determine if patient goals are successfully addressed as part of the rehabilitation process. This work is important for establishing a definition for successfully addressing a goal, and what variables may contribute to that success rate.

Thank you all for your investment in my education and training and being a part of my journey in low vision rehabilitation.

Sincerely, Dominic Brown, OD



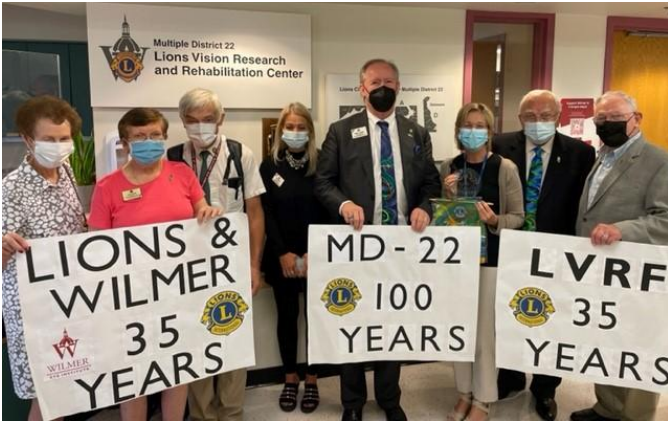
On the technology side, Dr. Dagnelie and I are developing the next generation of visual field tests. Currently, bulky machines such as the Humphrey Field Analyzer are used to measure visual fields one eye at a time. Such monocular visual fields are well suited for diagnosing disorders specific to one eye. However, they are often insufficient for diagnosing functional deficits when patients can use both eyes to perform tasks, as is the case in everyday life. Binocular visual fields — what the patient sees with both eyes — are more difficult to measure because they depend on how far away the object in focus is. The closer the object, the more the eyes rotate towards each other, changing what can or cannot be seen.

The binocular visual field test Dr. Dagnelie and I are developing will use a head-mounted display to present objects in virtual reality simulating different viewing distances. Both monocular and binocular visual field tests can be measured in the head-mounted display, and it will be a more comfortable experience for patients than taking the traditional monocular testing approach with the Humphrey. Patients can take the test while sitting relaxed, in principle, in the waiting room or at home with remote monitoring. It will be easier to perform testing on a poorer seeing eye as the better seeing eye will be able to maintain fixation on a target during testing.

Because the head-mounted display has an eye tracker, the device presents a unique opportunity to develop new standardized tests for tasks such as reading and face recognition. Such standardized tests currently do not exist. A patient could read text or scan faces in virtual reality while their eye movements are tracked. Afterwards, a measured binocular visual field can be overlaid on these eye movements, providing clinicians with a direct visual of what the patient can or cannot see at different times while performing a specific task. This kind of information is currently not available to low vision clinicians and would be invaluable both for diagnosis as well as for developing more effective forms of rehabilitation.

Chris Bradley, Ph.D.

## Continued Lion Support with Technological Advancements



Dear Lions,

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with the Lions Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center – it is because of you that Dr. Goldstein and her team continues to be able to lead cutting edge research and help our community function again. Vision rehabilitation is critical in our aging population as it offers people a quality of life back even if life is different. Technology is changing how patients with low vision experience the world for the better. By endowing the Lions Fellowship you are helping to train the next generation of vision rehabilitation providers – a much needed program and critically under-resourced across the USA. If you would like to support the Lions Low Vision fellowship endowment – please give me a call on 410-952-4724 or email me on [dfried2@jhmi.edu](mailto:dfried2@jhmi.edu) and I can offer the utmost confidentiality.



There are different ways to give including:

- Cash/check/online/credit or debit card
- Donor Advised Fund
- Individual Retirement Account (IRA) distribution
- Stocks and Shares
- Gift from a foundation
- Charitable Remainder Unitrust
- Planned gifts (dedicated to the 'Lions Low Vision Fellowship Endowment at the Wilmer Eye Institute' as the beneficiary of your will/property/estate/trust/foundation/life insurance etc.)

Thank you.

With best wishes,

Daniela Fried (Wilmer Eye Institute, Associate Director of Development)

# **History of the Lions Vision Research & Rehabilitation Center**

**“Article 1. Section 1. Name. The name of the project shall be MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 LIONS VISION RESEARCH CENTER. “** The first sentence in the By-Laws that started it all with the original group that included District 22A's Past District Governor Roland F. S. Young as Chairman and 22W's Past Cabinet Treasurer John Aulls as Secretary. The following are reflections from the first Secretary of LVRF, Frederick Francis Scott Key Lion John Aulls:



**What does it take to develop a first class joint venture with two premier entities? It takes physicians, researchers, and Lions to expend their expertise, energy and time. From this, the Lions Vision Research Foundation was born. This was a joint partnership between the Lions of Multiple District 22 and the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. Dr. Arnall Patz, Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions had a conversation with Lion Richard Killmeier the 22-W Chair of the Diabetes program about furthering the treatment of some of the diseases of the eye caused by diabetes. They discussed the need for an entity which could provide research into the devastating disease of diabetes. At this point, Past International Director, Murray Ryan became involved to help the process along.**

**Richard Killmeier went on to be the 22-W District Governor two years later in 1987-1988. The first organizational meeting was held in 1988 and I was honored to be asked to be on the founding board as a director and secretary. The first Chair for this group was Past District Governor Roland F. S. Young of 22-A. Within the next two years, a Memorandum of Understanding Between Multiple District 22 Lions Vision Research Foundation, Inc. and Johns Hopkins University was signed confirming the intent of the Multiple to provide a \$4 Million endowment to support the work of the Low Vision Research Rehabilitation Center of the Wilmer Eye Institute. Signers were Darley Travers, Chairman; Gene Hoffmaster, Vice-Chairman; John Aulls, Secretary; Richard Loehe, Treasurer; Roland Young, Immediate Past Chairman; Bill Yoho, General Counsel; William Richardson, President of Johns Hopkins University; Morton Goldberg, MD, Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute; Michael Johns, MD., Dean of the Medical Faculty; and Robert Massof, Ph.D, Director, Lions Low Vision Research Center.**

**Over the years, various fundraisers have been used to generate the necessary funds for our agreement. Most notable was Candy Days where a Lion's logo was placed on rolls of mints and hopefully exchanged for a donation. Lions Clubs throughout the Multiple raised thousands of dollars for the new Lions Vision Research Foundation and the establishment of the Lions Low Vision Center.**

**PCS/PCT John Aulls, 22-W**



# LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION EZ RALLY III



**Date & Time :** *November 19, 2022 @ 9:30 am*

**Place:** *Via ZOOM on your Device [Phone, Tablet, PC]*



## Highlights of EZ Rally III

- ⇒ Wilmer Eye Institute Research Highlights
- ⇒ - Dr. Peter McDonnell
- ⇒ Lions Vision Center
- ⇒ - Dr. Judith Goldstein and Team
- ⇒ Status of LVC Fellow Endowment Campaign - PDG John J. Shwed
- ⇒ Virtual Tour of the LVC
- ⇒ Services, Research
- ⇒ LVC Fellow program
- ⇒ Patient testimonial
- ⇒ Club Donation Video Recordings

## Make a Video

Make a 20 second video announcing your donation to LVRF - send to: [dfried2@jhmi.edu](mailto:dfried2@jhmi.edu) stating the identity of the District, Club & speaker by 11/11/2022.

## Donations Accepted

Each dollar you donate prior to 12/1/22 will be matched by the Pike Creek-Green Hills Lions Club up to \$30,000 and an additional \$1,000 per district if 90% of the clubs in the District donate at least \$50 by 3/1/23. Mail donation check payable to LVRF, with EZ Rally III on the memo line, to Lion Martin Bonura, LVRF Treasurer, PO Box 1714, Baltimore MD 21203.

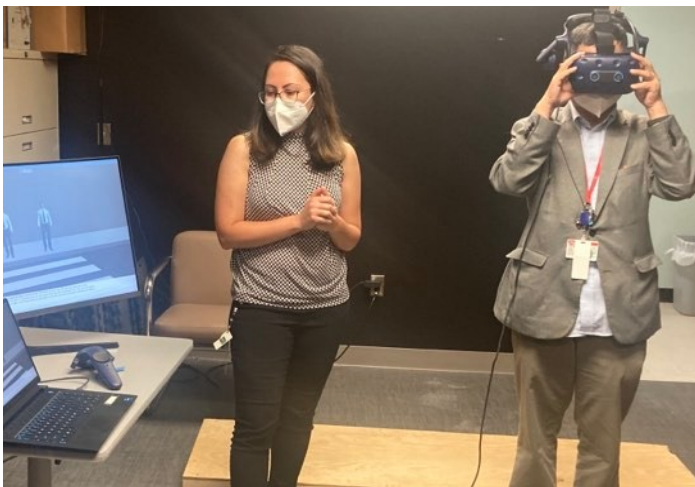
**ZOOM Information** Save this flyer. On November 19<sup>th</sup> click on the ZOOM link: <https://jhjhm.zoom.us/j/93413199302?pwd=TENPaFVqYVJmbysvWHdwS0I3eEtUUT09>

Passcode 20287

**Questions?** Contact DG Sue Parks, LVRF Donation Recognition Chair at: (410) 979-3901 or [LVRF.info@gmail.com](mailto:LVRF.info@gmail.com)

# Visitation to Wilmer during the 100th Celebration of Multiple District 22

Over 50 Lions visited and took a tour of the Wilmer facilities. It was very informative discussing the Low Vision facility and their community! The staff at LVRF could not "Thank the Lions" enough for their continued Support! They kept emphasizing they wouldn't be there without us! A Great Tour was had by All. It was an opportunity to reinforce all the efforts we put forth to support the cause and allowed Lions and aspiring leaders to network and discuss the program and ideas to support the program.





## 2022-2023 Officers

**Chair-**PCC Dee Hawkins

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<b>District 22A</b>	DG Sue Parks	PDG Owen Landis	Lion Dr. Bob Massof	IPCC Larry Burton
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<b>District 22D</b>	DG Daniel Elkins	Lion Paul Settelmeyer	PDG Mary Lee Philips	PDG John Shwed
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Gislin Dagnelie, Ph.D.	Kyoko Fujiwara	Daniela Fried





## Lions Vision Research Foundation Member Recognition at the Multiple District 22 Club Level



### Lions Recently Receiving Recognition with a Knights of the Blind Pyramid



Lion Larry Dietz, Lion Marcia Brengle, Lion Mike Mykulyyn, Lion Billy Anderson. Lion Jerry Apicella, Lion Walt Ramstedt, Lion Beckett Wheatley, Lion Don Newbury, International President Brian and Lori Sheehan, Lion Past International President Clement and Jeanne Kusiak, PDG Gary Burdette, PDG Barbara Brimigion, PDG Sandi Halterman, Lion Larry Hairfield. Lion Cathy Jarman, Lion Lawrence Cohen, Lion William Munck, in memory of Lion Gerald "Zeat" Seaton. (Unavailable for photo: Lion John Croft, Lion Linda Ford, Lion Wyatt Starkey, Lion Michael Wallinger, Lion William Brittingham, Lion Cecil Hill, Lion Ernest Maretti, Lion Robert Williams, Lion Colin Cline, Lion Matthew Dubnansky, Jarrettsville Lions Club)

### Lions Recently Receiving Recognition as an Arnall Patz Fellow



**Lion Mary Hartmann (Progressive Arnall Patz Fellow)**, Lion Tim Ganske, Lion Alberta Capria-Ryan, PDG Steve Finger, Lion Galen Queen, Lion Sue Bertino, Lion Shannon Bertino, Lion Gary Llewellyn, PDG Dave Studley, in memory of Anne Niemeic. (Unavailable for photo: Lion Danny Dixon.)

**Recognize your club members today!** To learn more about member recognition through club donations to Lions Vision Research Foundation, please click [here](#).



**Happy  
Fall y'all**

Recognition for donations is available to all clubs, individuals or groups. Total contributions over the past five Lions Years may be used for recognitions such as Arnall Patz

Fellowships, Knights of the Blind Pyramids, or even '120 Club' Pins. When I acknowledge receipt of a new donation, I advise Clubs about funds available to use for recognitions. I will also send this information to you on request. Detailed information and instructions about how to donate is available on the LVRF website [www.LionsVision.org](http://www.LionsVision.org) - including electronically-completable Donation and Award Request Forms and the Recognition Awards Brochure. Get there by clicking on "DONATE." If you prefer using your credit card or PayPal account, you may do this on the same website page.

And a final note, this is a great time of year to purchase LVRF Ornaments. Add to your holiday decorations or give as gifts. See pricing to the right. Call me (410) 979-3901 for postage cost if you'd like more than one.

Yours in Service,  
DG Sue Parks, LVRF Donation Recognition Chair and Administrative Manager

**Ready for some Holiday Shopping?**

**Consider an LVRF Ornament**

<b>Ornament Only</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Ornament with Stand</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>
<b>Gift Box</b>	<b>Free</b>

**Plus \$6 Postage**



**Mail request and check payable to LVRF to:**  
**Lion Sue Parks**  
**8087 Clark Station Rd**  
**Severn, MD 21144**  
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**Need to Know More?**

Visit the LVRF website: [www.lionsvision.org](http://www.lionsvision.org)  
for lots of great information.

## ***DONATION FORM***

**THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC**  
**at the Wilmer Eye Institute of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions**  
**P. O Box 1714, Baltimore, MD 21203-1714**

Enclosed is my/our contribution(s) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the Lions Vision Research Foundation.

I(We) desire our contribution to support:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Operating Budget. (Please indicate Classification) \_\_\_\_\_ Annual \_\_\_\_\_ Vision Days
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Vision Fellowship Endowment (supports a Lions Fellow into perpetuity)

I(We) request the following Recognition(s):

120 Pin \_\_\_\_\_ Knights of the Blind Pyramid \_\_\_\_\_ Arnall Patz \_\_\_\_\_ Progressive Patz \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete below if this is a tribute or a memorial gift. In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

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Send acknowledgement to: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please make checks payable to: MD 22 LVRF at address above*  
 Donations are deductible in accordance with applicable tax laws.



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