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

FALL 2007

“A Promise Made; A Promise Kept”

These words convey the essence of what Campaign Lions Vision 2000 was all about.

The first promise was made back in 1925 when the Lions International organization accepted the challenge of Helen Keller to become knights in the crusade to eliminate preventable blindness. The Lions of MD-22 made a second series of promises in support of that Lions heritage. In 1988 at the urging of Dr. Arnall Patz, world renowned eye surgeon and Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute, the Lions of MD-22 at their 66th Convention voted to establish the MD-22 Lions Vision Research Foundation.

In November of 1991, then Lions International President Don Banker participated in the formal dedication of the Lions Vision at Johns Hopkins. Based on the recommendations of Dr. Patz the LVRF Trustees agreed to focus the Center's research on the problem of low vision for which there is no present medical cure. Five million people in the United States suffer the effects of low vision. Low vision impacts an additional twenty-five million people worldwide. To fund this low vision eye research the Lions of MD-22 promised to create a \$4 million Endowment Fund. The team charged with raising the money named the

capital campaign Campaign Lions Vision 2000 and launched the campaign in 1997.

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of many Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs, and gifts from individuals, foundations and businesses, the promise was kept. During the course of the campaign annual themed Rallies were held to sustain the momentum of the campaign. As Campaign Chairman I had the privilege of taking on the role of various theatrical characters as a means of bringing some humor to this rather serious task.

In a special MD-22 Celebration held at Johns Hopkins on May 12, 2007, Dr. Peter McDonnell, Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute, announced that the Lions of MD-22 had successfully fulfilled their promise. Dr. McDonnell unveiled a plaque commemorating this milestone event that will be displayed at Johns Hopkins.

The Lions of MD-22 are proud of their accomplishment and partnership with the Lions Vision Center and its parent the Wilmer Eye Institute. Both organizations are internationally recognized as world leaders in their field.

John J. Shwed, PDG
General Chairman,



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Chairman's Message

Ted Reiver, Chairman

LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Greetings MD22 Lions, Lioness, Leos, and others, the summer has passed by and we are deep into yet another Lions year. Our annual golf tournament was well attended and all who participated had a fine time. I would like to thank all who had anything to do with planning and making it happen. It seems that there may be a number of courses competing for our next outing. Without naming names, most of the workers at this year's contest represented 22D (although all DGs and DGEs were asked equally for their support). Congratulations again to the team from Johns Hopkins who carted away their golden trophy as usual. It was fun to be with them. The preliminary amount raised appears more than \$15,000 with some bills and checks yet to be processed. Hopefully the majority of funds to be processed will be checks and not bills.

I have been asked about whether recognition will continue to be available for donations to LVRF. Emphatically, that answer is YES! While it is no longer necessary to earmark which fund gets the money, an application should accompany each check explaining who should get the pyramid or Arnall Patz Fellowship. Applications are available for downloading from the LVRF website.

Let's make this year even better than last!

Yours in Lionism,

Ted Reiver, PDG

Chairman

Dr. Turano Sends a Farewell Message

On September 4th, Professor Kathleen Turano resigned her position at Wilmer to pursue a new direction in her scientific career. She sends the following message:

"I leave the Lions Vision Center with mixed emotions. While I look forward to a new scientific adventure and the chance to contribute to society in a different capacity, I will miss the many people whom I have met during the 20 years that I have been with The Lions Vision Center. During my time at Wilmer, I have had the opportunity to be associated with the Lions Multiple District 22 and observe the tenacity of the group in raising \$4 million to meet their endowment goal (one brick at a time). I have also observed the dedication of its members serving the needs of those with vision impairment and the spirit of the group working together with a common vision. Your work has been and continues to be instrumental to the vision community and an inspiration to me and to all who know you and your work."



SWING FOR SIGHT GOLF OUTING

Lions and guests convened at Hunters Oak Golf Club in Queenstown, Maryland on Monday, September 17, 2007 to prepare themselves for 18 holes of competitive golf. It was the Lions Vision Research Foundation's 8th annual golf tournament. The weather was good and spirits were up.

Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute, Dr. Peter J. McDonnell, M.D. welcomed everyone before the shotgun start, and then joined a Wilmer Eye Institute foursome that also included Dr. Robert W. Massof, Ph.D., Director the Lions Low Vision Center, Dr. Lori Grover and Wilmer Eye Institute Director of Finance, Milton Greenbaum.

The golf course has been described as, "set on the grounds of the sprawling Amberly Estate, a royal gem shining brightly, yet quietly tucked away in the tranquil elegance of the Chesapeake Bay area of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Hunters Oak Golf Club is a look back in time, and at the same time, a modern, state-of-the-art facility disguised as an Scottish links-style course and 18,000-square foot manor home, with a professional staff looking after your every need."

After the tournament, golfers and guests were treated to a sumptuous banquet and had the opportunity to bid on an array of wonderful items in the annual silent auction.

All of the proceeds would support the Lions Low Vision Center at the Wilmer Eye Clinic, and by the end of the day, some \$15,000 was realized.

Special thanks are expressed to the golf tournament chairperson Lion Angela Lucas, her assistant chairperson Lion Frank Lucas, Secretary Phyllis Fettingner, assistant secretary Joan Bestpitch, and treasurer PDG Joe Wood, PDG John Shwed, and Lion John Saxon. PDG John Lawrence generously provided the photos of the tournament that appear in this newsletter.



Silent Auction



Dr. McDonnell Sets The Stage



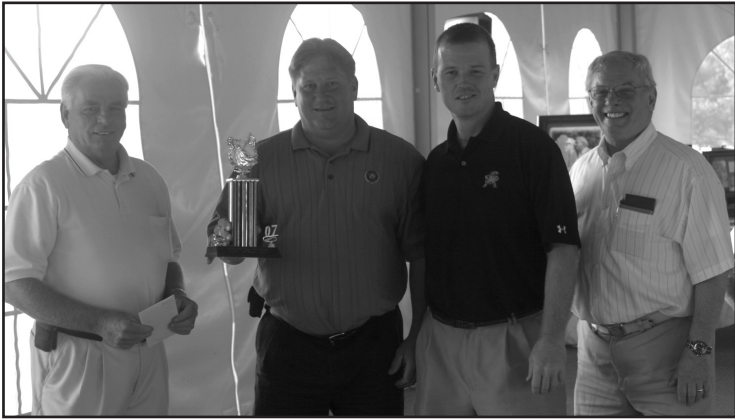
The Wilmer Team



Don't Count Us Out!



Winners



Winners



We Are A Team



It's Up There Somewhere



I Have The Ball Right Here



Sign Up Here



The Weather Is Great

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Ready For Anything



Body English



Lions Everywhere



Winners Circle



Practice Makes Perfect



Ready For Action

Dr. Lori Grover Joins Full-Time Faculty at Lions Vision Center



Lori L. Grover, OD, FAAO

Lori L. Grover, OD, FAAO joined the Lions Vision Center full-time faculty in June to conduct a five-year research project, entitled “A Model Transdisciplinary Health Care Team for Low Vision Rehabilitation” funded by the National Eye Institute. She will try to identify the barriers that prevent practitioners from achieving good patient outcomes after low vision intervention and actually provide training and support to help position the providers for greater success with their vision rehabilitation plans. Dr. Grover’s interest in rehabilitation team models for care is what made the Wilmer Institute a real draw for her. The real sign, however, that the Lions Vision Center would be a good fit for Dr. Grover is that she was a Charter member of the Sylvania Lions Club and a member of the Toledo Host Lions Club in Ohio!

Dr. Grover has specialized in vision impairment and rehabilitation for over 17 years. She is a 1990 graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago and began her clinical career in Michigan. In 1994, she established her private practice in Ohio and specialized in vision impairment and rehabilitation for adults and children. Later, she served as Chief of the Low Vision Rehabilitation Service and Assistant Professor at Southern California College of Optometry in California prior to relocating to Arizona. Dr. Grover has held leadership positions in four American Optometric Association affiliate state associations and currently serves as a member of the Arizona Optometric Association Board of Trustees. She recently left her private practice in Scottsdale and the greater Phoenix area where she also served as Director of the Vision Rehabilitation Service at the Foundation for Blind Children in Phoenix. Dr. Grover is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and maintains her position as the Vice-Chair of the American Optometric Association Low Vision Rehabilitation Section Executive Council.

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She shares her time between Baltimore and Scottsdale, Arizona where she lives with her husband, Michael L. Grover, DO, Vice Chair of Family Medicine at the Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, and their daughter, Kate. Dr. Grover enjoys snorkeling and traveling with her family; and we’ve recently learned she’s great golfer.

Dr. Kiser’s NIH Grant Studies Stress and Fatigue in RP Patients



Ava Kiser, O.D. was a post-doctoral fellow with the Lions Vision Center, since October 2002, until her recent appointment to the Wilmer faculty as Assistant Professor. She is also the recipient of a training grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Kiser is pursuing a Ph.D. degree from the Graduate Training Program in Clinical Investigation at Johns Hopkins, and is the first optometrist to be enrolled in this program geared toward training physicians in the conduct of clinical research.

Researchers at the Lions Vision Center have previously established that many vision tests are more variable in legally blind patients. Retinitis Pigmentosa patients report that their vision fluctuates when they have increased stress or fatigue; however this association has not been formally tested. Dr. Kiser is initiating research at the Lions Vision Center to examine the day-to-day variations in vision, and any relationships to stress and sleepiness. She will also determine whether a specially designed (cognitive-behavioral mindfulness-based) stress reduction intervention program will impact the reliability of vision test measures and improve quality of life for these patients.

Low Vision Researcher Moves to IU

One of Lions Vision Center’s key research faculty members, Dr. Shirin Hassan, is moving to work at Indiana University. The Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology has accepted a faculty position at the School of Optometry at Indiana University. Dr Hassan first joined the Lions Vision Center at Johns Hopkins seven years ago as a post-doctoral research fellow, having moved from her native country of Australia.

Dr. Hassan is looking forward to her new role at Indiana University that commences at the beginning of December this year. “I am eager to start the new challenges of teaching and doing clinical optometric work at Indiana University, while still continuing with my low vision research into street crossing and mobility,” said Dr Hassan. She also said that it has been exciting living in a different country and praised the faculty, staff and fellow researchers at Johns Hopkins University for giving her the opportunity to begin her optometric career at such a prestigious place of learning. “I’d like to express my appreciation to Professor Bob Massof and other key faculty and administrative staff for their friendship, encouragement and support during my time at the Wilmer Eye Institute,” said Dr. Hassan.

“I applaud the work of the Lions MD 22 in establishing such a fine vision rehabilitation center and wish The Johns Hopkins University and the Lions Vision Center all the best for the future.”

LVRF Fundraisers in November

Four major LVRF fundraisers are planned for November in the Multiple District, and three of them fall on Saturday, November 3.

On November 3, District 22-C will hold their annual Lions Vision Walk at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex starting at 9:00 a.m. The complex is adjacent to FedEx Field in Landover, MD. For info contact tedladd02@aol.com.

District 22-B's annual LVRF Banquet is also scheduled for Saturday, November 3 at the Greensboro, MD VFW located on route 313. Social at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Speaker will be Dr. Judith Goldstein of the Lions Low Vision Center. Cost is \$15 per person. For info or reservations contact PDG John Lawrence at lions@johnlawrence.name.

Also on Saturday, November 3, District 22-W will sponsor the first of two scheduled banquets. It will be held at New Midway Fire Hall, 12019 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD. Social at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$18.50 per person.

The second 22-W banquet is scheduled for November 10 at the Hotel Gunter, 11 W. Main Street, Frostburg, MD. Social at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. For info or reservations on either of the 22-W banquets, contact Lion Bob Bullock at rbullock@colsecall.com.



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