

LIONS VISION



NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 LIONS, LIONSESS AND LEO CLUBS Fall 2013

STAND'N ON THE CORNER

John J. Shwed – Development Chair

I was in LA at the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine in the 30's and 40's as radio, records, and films were increasing in popularity and stars were being born overnight. I was in New York's Times Square at the corner of Seventh Avenue and Broadway in August of 1945 when victory over Japan was announced and the exuberance of that moment was captured in that iconic Life Magazine photo of the sailor planting a kiss on the unsuspecting nurse. In 1956, a lighter time in our Nation's history, I was standing on corners all over America as the Four Lads sang their ten top hit "Standing on the Corner Watching All the Girls Go By." Fairly harmless fun then; now it might not be so politically correct! I'll bet many of my readers can hear those lyrics playing in their memory banks right now.

Now I'm standing at the corner of Thanks and Giving. It's located in Baltimore, Maryland but the GPS would identify it as the corner of Jefferson and Broadway. Good guess but no, it is not crazy John in one of his crazy outfits who stands here: it is Opportunity. At this corner and all the other great corners in our nation Opportunity is what waits. As I stand here I see interesting people.

Who is that studious man going by? That is Dr. Gislin Dagnelie, a researcher at the Lions Vision Center. He is doing important research in chip implant technology which could lead to artificial vision for some sightless people.



Oh, a woman in a white lab coat is going by now. Who is that? That is Dr. Judy Goldstein. She is a low vision expert at the Lions Vision Center clinic who has a great rapport with her patients.

Here is a young person going by. I see from his name tag he is an intern at the Lions Vision Center. When he finishes his internship he will help spread low vision

services around the world. Sounds like a good plan..... and you say the Lions support this internship? WOW!

Now who is this distinguished gentleman with the beard? That is Dr. Robert Massof. As the Center's Director he is the big dog around here. He even got invited to the White House and was named a Champion of Change for his work in growing the Lions Vision Center and its low vision technology and services.



And who is this distinguished guy in his surgical greens? That is Dr. Peter McDonnell. He is the top dog at the Wilmer Eye Institute and one of the world's leading eye surgeons. He plays a key role in keeping the organization focused on providing the world's best eye care.

At this corner I also see people from all walks of life, rich and poor, all ethnic backgrounds, children and seniors anxiously entering these facilities for treatment. And I see many leaving with relieved and thankful expressions on their faces. In some cases I see miracles go by as the darkness of despair is replaced by the light of hope. Miracles created by Hopkins research and applied medicine. I see Lions wearing lapel pins emblematic of their commitment to sight preservation bringing people here for services that have no transportation. I see Lions arriving for meetings to plan for the future and ensure this good work continues. I proudly conclude these Lions and their Wilmer research partners are answering Opportunity's call to service.

The patients are thankful and I see the Lions and their partners giving of their time, talent, and treasure to help those afflicted with low vision. If we all stick together, one day we will stand on a corner and announce that blindness has been eliminated from the world population. Yes, I am Opportunity standing here. I hope I see you go by this corner on November 2, 2013 as you make your way to the annual Lions Vision Research Foundation Day.



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Chairman's Message

By PDG Ted Ladd, Chairman

LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

LIONS DAY AT THE WILMER EYE INSTITUTE

There will be an opportunity on November 2nd to gain a better appreciation of the LVRF when we have our annual Lions Day at the Wilmer Eye Institute. It will be great to be with that wonderful group of Lions from our Multiple District who will be there to express their confidence in all the LVRF is doing in cooperation with the Wilmer Eye Institute, especially the Lions Low Vision Center.

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. Immediately after the formal program, Lions will be treated to a complimentary lunch, and then offered a guided tour of the Lions Low Vision Center

As a Lion in MD-22, you are invited to the rally. Come, and you will hear from key Wilmer professionals regarding research and patient care provided by the Wilmer Eye Institute. You will hear testimony from individuals who have been helped by the Lions Low Vision Clinic, whose lives have improved as a result.

So, as LVRF Development Chairman John Shwed inspires us to do, "Come to the corner of Thanks & Giving on November 2nd."

LOVRNET

The Lions Low Vision and Rehabilitation Network (LOVRNET) will have the mission of making low vision care available throughout MD-22. It is estimated that only 12 per cent of people with low vision in the MD-22 region are receiving proper care currently.

Sizable grants were recently approved for the project; one from LCIF for \$567,000 and another from The Reader's Digest Foundation for \$300,000. There is a lot of work being done to get the project rolling. The project is brand new; a kick off will be held in the near future and you will be invited.

A Steering Committee for LOVRNET was established at the LVRF Board meeting of September 28, with the following members:

Co-Chairs PDG Charlene Travers (22-B) and PDG Ken Chew (22-D)
 22-A PDG Dick Bloomquist & PCC Rowe Haywood
 22-B PCC John Lawrence & TBD
 22-C PID Joe Gaffigan & PDG Gary Burdette
 22-D PID Ted Reiver & TBD
 22-W PDG Clare Newcomer & Lion Bob Bullock
 LVRF Chair, PDG Ted Ladd

NEED FOR BETTER PUBLICITY

A recent talk on the LVRF at a club in District 22-C elicited a comment from an experienced Lion that this was all new to him, and we need to get the word out more effectively on what we are doing. You may have heard similar comments, and you may agree.

PCC Bob Muchow takes publicity for the LVRF very seriously. With the aid of others, he produced a Power-Point presentation and an LVRF Fact Sheet to facilitate presentations at Lions Clubs.

Trustees providing presentations on the LVRF to Clubs should find the Fact Sheet very useful, and the Power-Point an excellent tool.



Aim for Sight & Drawing for Trunk of Treasures Coming on Saturday, October 19

The LVRF Aim for Sight sporting clay shoot is scheduled for Saturday, October 19 at two locations concurrently. One of them is 511 Pintail Point Farm Lane, Queenstown, Md. on the Eastern Shore. The other is 2555 Mayberry Road, Westminster, Md. Bring your own shotgun, or one can be provided at the Pintail Point location. Loaners will not be available at Mayberry Road.

If you receive this issue electronically, it's not too late to register. The cost per shooter is \$65. Organize a team of four, and the cost drops to \$60 per shooter, \$240 for the team. Register as a team and wear your Lions team colors.

Lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m.

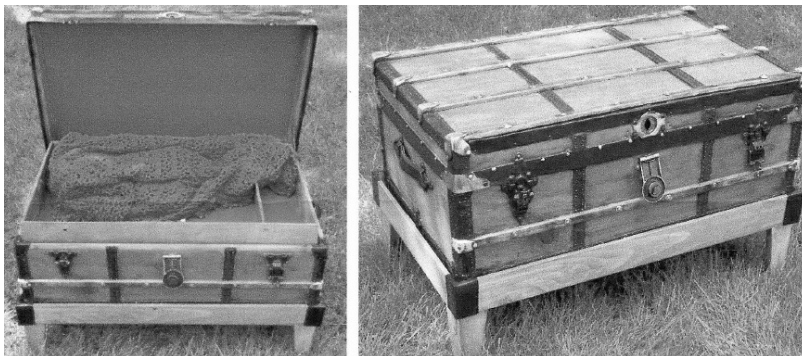
Make checks payable to "LVRF Aim for Sight." Mail your check and information about yourself or your team, including shooter's name, phone number, team name (if applicable), amount enclosed and location where you will participate. If you select the Queenstown site, mail this information to PDG Dal Mann, 22944 Lyn Oaks Drive, Preston, MD 21655. Mayberry Road reservations should be sent to PDG Richard Liebno, 115 Rockland Road, Westminster, MD 21158.

For further information, call or e-mail members of the committee:

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The Trunk of Treasures

The drawing for the Trunk of Treasures will occur at the Queenstown location on October 19. Cut out the ticket replica below and mail it to PDG Dal Mann with your check. Order as many tickets as you want, and just fill out this one replica. PDG Dal will place your name on as many genuine tickets you have purchased, and you will be entered into the drawing. Don't miss out. You could be the winner of this beautiful trunk, restored by Lion Ralph Young, plus the bounty of treasures it contains.



The trunk has a deep removable tray with dividers and a velvet lined top.

Dozens of treasures and inside, including a beautiful afghan, hand-made by PDG Susan Timmons.

The lucky winner will receive the trunk, contents and base.

<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone No. _____</p> <p>E-mail _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nº 03505</p>	<p>Lions Vision Research Foundation</p> <p>TRUNK OF TREASURES</p> <p><i>Grand Drawing at</i></p> <p>Aim For Sight Sporting Clays</p> <p>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Donation: \$2.00 Each or 3 For \$5.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nº 03505</p>
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First Annual Dr. Arnall Patz Fellowship Luncheon Held on September 28

By John Dean, Wilmer Development Office

On Saturday the 28th of September, the Wilmer Eye Institute hosted the first event for all of the Arnall Patz, M.D. Fellows. Over 75 Fellows, Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) board members, and Wilmer staff attended the luncheon at the Robert H. and Clarice Smith Building for ophthalmological research at the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus. The purpose of the luncheon was to thank the Patz Fellows and Lions for their support of low vision (LV) rehabilitative services, celebrate the legacy of Dr. Patz, and to complete the funding for the Arnall Patz, M.D. Professorship for LV services.

The event was opened with remarks from Dr. Mort Goldberg, the former director of Wilmer. Presentations on Wilmer's LV care and research were given by Drs. Bob Massof, Gislin Dagnelie, and Judy Goldstein. Remarks were also made by Mr. Jim Hindman, the founder of JiffyLube, patient of Dr. Goldstein and the first patient at Wilmer to receive the Implantable Miniature Telescope. Events closed with a rousing call to action for continued support of Wilmer programs from PID, Joe Gaffigan. Seven new Patz Fellows were honored and PDG Ted Ladd presented Dr. Goldberg a ten thousand dollar check from the LVRF to go towards the Arnall Patz, M.D. Professorship.

Dr. Arnall Patz is truly a legend in the field of ophthalmology. He was the director of the Wilmer Eye Institute for ten years. Most notable is his work in retrolental fibroplasia where his findings resulted in a sixty percent reduction of childhood blindness in the United States. For his efforts he has been presented with the Lasker Award by Helen Keller, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lions. Dr. Patz was also integral in the creation of a long and prosperous relationship with the Lions, which now includes the effort to fund the Arnall Patz, M.D. Professorship.

The presenters at the luncheon showed that the Professorship will allow the Wilmer faculty who holds the title to have a continuous stream of funding dedicated to low vision research, clinical care, and teaching. To date there is just about \$250 thousand needed to be raised to complete funding for the \$3 million professorship, thanks to the help of the Lions.

Clubs or individual Lions may honor each other as a Patz Fellow with a donation to the Patz Professorship for \$2,500 each. Wilmer and LVRF challenges the Lions clubs of MD-22 to achieve a one hundred percent Patz Fellow participation rate by naming at least one member of their respective club as a Patz Fellow. Together with the LVRF, Wilmer hopes to complete the funding for the Professorship within the year.

Lions Vision Speaker's Bureau

Learn More About LVRF

By PCC Bob Muchow

Each Lions club has a current opportunity to learn more about the Lions Vision Research Foundation, including its history, current activities and plans for the future. When an LVRF trustee contacts your club about visiting with a presentation about LVRF, please take advantage of this opportunity and schedule a meeting date for this informative program. If you are looking for a program for a meeting in the near future but have not been contacted by an LVRF trustee, please contact a trustee to schedule an LVRF program for your club.

We all can be proud of the partnership between our world class volunteer service organization and the world class Wilmer Eye Institute.

The Lions Low Vision Clinic is headed by Dr. Judy Goldstein ...



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