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From: William Strauss, Public Relations Chair
Subject: Public Relations Report

They say “charity begins at home”. Likewise it could be said that “public relations begins at home”. As a member of Lions Clubs International for over 36 years, I must confess I know very little about what is going on in MD 22 sub-districts other than my own. We meet each other at convention, but that is a relatively small percentage of Lions. Some of us participated in a great PR event last year, the National Memorial Day Parade. While we waited to march, we had ample time to meet with each other and get to know each other and learn what other clubs throughout the district were doing. Here, again, this was a small percentage of Lions in the multiple district.

One way we can share with all Lions in all districts news, events and service activities in our respective districts would be to share our district newsletters. To that end, it is recommended that each district newsletter editor forward their newsletter to the MD Public Relations Chair who would forward them to a designated person in each district. This designated person could be the public relations chair or the newsletter editor as agreed upon by all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lion Bill Strauss

From: PCC Clare Newcomer
Subject: Leader Dog Report - No report.

From: Bob Muchow, Chairman
Subject: LVRF Report

The LVRF Executive Committee and the professionals at the Lions Low Vision Center are continuing to plan for providing low vision services around Multiple District 22. To support the funding for this, we plan to apply for a Sight First grant from LCIF.

We cannot apply for a Sight First grant for a low vision project until we complete our Core 4 grant for the Lions Blindness and Low Vision Project. We have \$50,000 remaining at LCIF for this grant. We have identified four tasks to be accomplished with these remaining funds: (1) developing and maintaining a web site for our low vision projects, (2) implementing an education program for Lions who interact with low vision patients, (3) updating the current DVD for the Lions Blindness and Low Vision Project, and (4) producing Lions Low Vision folders and inserts for promotion and information.

We intend to complete these tasks as soon as possible so that we can close out our existing Core 4 grant.

The recent “Swing for Sight” LVRF golf tournament was successful. There were 67 golfers and several additional people for dinner. The event raised approximately \$4,000 for the foundation.

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Your support of the Lions Vision Research Foundation is greatly appreciated.

Bob Muchow, Chairman

From: PDG Bob Kidner
Subject: Multiple District 22 Hearing and Speech Chair Work with the Deaf Report

I am pleased to present the Multiple District Hearing and Speech Work with the Deaf Committee Report(s):

District 22-A, Lion Dale Strait - No report.

District 22-B, PDG Bob Kidner - A comprehensive package of information outlining the paperwork and steps to follow for the AHAP program was sent to all of our Clubs in District 22-B in August. Contact has been made with Merideth Wehrle, MAT Program Manager. Maryland Relay and Maryland Accessible Telecommunications (MAT) Programs have expressed interest in working with Lions Clubs in Maryland to reach Maryland residents who might be able to benefit from their telecommunication services. These services are free to qualified residents and include free assistive telephones. Plans are underway to put articles about Maryland Relay and the MAT Program in the District newsletter.

District 22-C, Lion Walter Schleutermann - No hearing aids have been provided in the past three months. Many clubs have felt the economic decline and this is having an impact on funds.

District 22-D North, Lion Fred Williamson - The Brookside Lions Club provided funds for a deaf/blind student so that he could attend a year book & writing camp this past summer. The funds went to provide interpreter services for the student. In October, we will be providing hot dogs and drinks, free of charge for the Delaware School for the Deaf when they have their community day observance.

District 22-D South, Lion Ken Pyle - Three hearing aids have been provided so far this year thru the District 22-D Foundation.

District 22-W, Lion Brooks Widder - District 22-W continues to collect used hearing aids. Several clubs have requested information on the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program, but no aids have been ordered. The 22-W Cabinet is making plans to provide funds for several camper ships to the Lions Camp Merrick Hearing Camp next summer.

PDG Bob Kidner - News Update: We have a new AHAP coordinator. Deborah Stamm retired last July and Erin Couch has been appointed the new AHAP Coordinator. Erin may be reached at 630-706-6778 or by Email at Erin.Crouch@lionsclubs.org. Other News: Later, this fall, we will be phasing in newer models from our current supplier Rexton and discontinuing current models of hearing aids. Service & warranty coverage will be seamless.

Thank you,

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PDG Bob Kidner

From: W. Roger Sauter
Subject: Vehicle Tag Report for MD22

I have gathered all the data for the next edition of the "WHOSIT" directory. We currently have two styles of Lions tags in use: 1. the old style. 2. the current or new style.

The new directory has been placed on my web site, the address is www.wrsauter.com; you can access this site from your computer. I ask each of you to view the data, if you find errors please click on the proper link, this will generate an e-mail to me, briefly describe what is incorrect, include your plate number, and your name and your phone number, then click the send button. I am also listed in all four sub-district roster books for A, B, C and W.

Some Lions have changed Clubs and Districts; please look at all the information pertaining to you. Some of the old style plates do not have club names because the information was not previously collected, please provide this information.

I will make the necessary corrections upon receipt of your e-mails. I will call you to verify the corrections; therefore, it is important that you include your phone number in the correction e-mail.

If you wish you may print a copy of either or both files. As of today, the MVA says there are 81 active older style plates and 446 active new style plates. The web site files will be updated as new tag applications are received.

The new "Whosit" directory will be published this fall.

If you need a Maryland Lions Tag application, I will have them with me at the convention. Remember LIONS Logo tags are still only \$25.00; this is a one-time charge.

The next available number is LC-1041.

Thanks,
Roger Sauter
MD22 Vehicle Tag Chair

From: PCC John Lawrence, MD 22 Leadership Chairperson
Subject: MD 22 Leadership Report

1. The Multiple District 22 MERL Team has met several times, has established goals in our various disciplines, and is looking forward to having a very productive year.
2. On 12 September, the MD MERL Team conducted a series of workshops from 10 AM to 5 PM with the District MERL Teams in Beltsville, MD. Approximately 30 Lions were in

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attendance. Topics covered included a kickoff session with PIP Clem Kusiak on the subject of why membership is important, a discussion of how we interact with the Global Membership Team (GMT), a session on Adult Learning Characteristics, and a review of Goal Setting and Action Planning. Breakout sessions were held by discipline (M, E, R, and L) and most importantly, by District.

3. Your MD MERL Team attended the MERL Chairpersons Seminar from 27 – 30 September in Memphis, TN. This gave us a great opportunity to interact with MERL leaders from throughout the US and Canada. We were also given a short time to do further work on our goals and action plans.
4. The MD 22 Lions Retreat at Camp Merrick will held this next weekend from 16 – 18 October. Six workshops will be presented, PID Joe Gaffigan will give a warm-up talk on Friday night, team events and participation are scheduled, along with a campfire, fellowship, service, and fun. Final registrations will be accepted today, as we must notify the cooks and staff tomorrow how many to expect. Registration to date (Friday, 9 October) stands at 40, a rather disappointing number. I am expecting more today.
5. The MD 22 Regional Leadership Institute at Emmitsburg, MD is set for 19 – 21 February, 2010. Registration forms and fliers have been given to the Council today. This is a premier event, similar to the LCI Senior Leadership Institute, and has been copied and emulated by Lions from across the US. PCC Rowe Haywood has agreed to be the Institute Coordinator, and we look forward to another great event. We are fortunate to have many very talented presenters within our Multiple District who put a lot of effort into this weekend. Make plans to attend. (Please see attachments.)

From: PCC Grant E. Curtis, MD 22 MERL Membership Chair
Subject: MD 22 MERL Membership Report

I have visited 6 clubs and attended two zone meetings as of the end of September, 2009. At each meeting I have talked about ways to increase our membership by getting new members. The Cumulative membership report as of 9/30/09 shows no gain or loss in membership for MD-22. This is an improvement of 84 members over the same period last year. The biggest reason for the improvement is that we have retained 74 more members than we did last year at the same time.

Yours in Lionism,
GRANT E. CURTIS



Lions Clubs International Convention Committee

Report for the October 11, 2009 MD22 Council of Governors Meeting

PDG Gary Burdette, Chair

PDG Ken Draper, Vice Chair

This year, the Lions International Convention will be held in the "Land Down Under" - Sydney, Australia. The dates are Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2, 2010. A copy of the Convention Schedule of Events is attached to this report.

MD 22 Lions will be housed at the Holiday Inn Darling Harbour. The hotel is well-equipped with a host of modern amenities including a gym, sauna, internet service, and 2 onsite restaurants. The hotel is convenient to shopping, theaters, restaurants, and attractions; and, most importantly, is located a short walk from the Sydney Convention Center. The cost is \$195 per night. MD 22 Lions will share the hotel with Lions districts from the other southeast states.

The District Governors Elect are assigned to the Star City Hotel. The hotel is located one mile from the Convention Center, where the DGE training will take place. The District Governors-Elect Training will be held from June 25-28, 2010. All details relating to the DGE registration, hotel booking, airline ticketing, and travel planning are now posted and available on the LCI website: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/international-convention/about-the-convention/dge-seminar.php>

It's not too early to register for the Convention. Attendees can register online or complete the registration form by hand and return by mail. This form is also used to make hotel reservations and purchase tickets to the various events. There is a cost savings for registering early.

Registration costs are the same as last year.

\$100 - Register before Dec. 31, 2009

\$130 - Register between Jan. 1, 2010 and May 1, 2010

\$150 - Register after May 2, 2010

There is an additional \$200 charge for the hotel deposit.

We may have a problem reserving a hospitality room due to the lack of meeting space in the hotel. According to LCI, this is a problem with many of the hotels. The hotel website lists only three meeting rooms available, the largest having a seating capacity of 70. The request form for a hospitality room for June 28 thru July 1 has been submitted to the LCI Convention Division. Since we will have a candidate for International Director, the hospitality room will also serve as a campaign headquarters. There will be no charge for the room as long as we purchase our beverages and snacks from the hotel, which is what we have done in the past.

No response has been received from LCI on our request.

The Committee also requested from LCI a room for the breakfast with seating for approximately 30 people. Again, the limited space may also pose a problem for the breakfast. We have not received a response from LCI on this request. No information on the meal cost is available at this time.

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This year, we plan to order the MD 22 pins earlier than in past years. This will give each District more time to distribute the pins. We have some pin designs for the Council to review. Once you have made your selection, the committee will place the order. If all goes well, we should have the pins to distribute at the next Council meeting in December. In order to make this happen, in addition to selecting the pin design, we need the Council to approve the transfer of the first half of the Convention dues to the Convention Committee to pay for the pins.

For those Lions planning to extend their stay to do some sightseeing, LCI has contracted with GOWAY TRAVEL LTD and PACIFIC HOLIDAYS, INC. to provide a variety of pre- and post-convention tours that include Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. Tour descriptions and prices are available on their websites:

GOWAY TRAVEL LTD. - <http://www.goway.com/specialevents/lions-club/extensions.html>

PACIFIC HOLIDAYS - <http://www.pacificolidaysinc.com/Lion/09/Lions.html>

The International Convention Committee is putting together a Convention information packet for each sub-district International Convention Chair to share with the Lions in their District. The information will be emailed and/or mailed out in the next few weeks.

Attached is a copy of the International Convention Committee budget for Lions Year 2009-2010.

The International Convention Committee would like to meet with the Council and their advisors at the conclusion of this meeting to review and select the pin design.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Gary Burdette, *Chair*

PDG Ken Draper, *Vice Chair*

Lions International Convention Committee



93rd Lions Clubs International Convention
Sydney, Australia
Official Schedule of Events (subject to change)
Monday, June 28 - Friday, July 2, 2010

MONDAY, JUNE 28

09:00 - 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center
19:00 - 21:30 District Governors-elect Seminar Celebration Banquet

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

10:00 Step-off International Parade
09:00 - 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center
14:00 - 16:00 Membership Key Awards Ice Cream Social
15:30 - 17:00 Seminars
18:30 - 20:00 International Show

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

09:00 - 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center
10:00 - 13:00 Opening Plenary Session - *Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony, International Parade Results*
13:00 - 15:00 Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon
13:30 - 16:15 Seminars

THURSDAY, JULY 1

09:00 - 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center
10:00 - 12:30 Second Plenary Session - *Memorial Service, Keynote Address, Nominations for Second Vice President and International Directors*
13:00 - 17:00 Seminars
18:30 - 22:30 "The Ginkgo Awards" Banquet

FRIDAY, JULY 2

07:00 - 10:00 Voting
09:30 - 13:00 Final Plenary Session - *Humanitarian Award Presentation, Installation of 2010-2011 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2010-2011 District Governors*
19:00 - 21:00 International Officers Reception

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre includes: Onsite Registration, LCI/LCIF Headquarters Area, Parade Office, Pin Traders, Host Committee Desk, Local Tours and Attractions, Club Supplies. Certification and Voting in Parkside Ballroom.

Sydney Entertainment Centre includes: Plenary sessions and International Show.

*As of
9/1/09*



LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Budget for Lions Year 2009-2010

		Budgeted Amount
REVENUE		
Dues		\$5,720.00
22A	1094 members @ .75	\$820.50
22B	1469 members @ .75	\$1,101.75
22C	1765 members @ .75	\$1,323.75
22D	1310 members @ .75	\$982.50
22W	1989 members @ .75	\$1,491.75
Pin Sales		\$3,571.00
22A	219 @ \$2	\$437.60
22B	294 @ \$2	\$587.60
22C	353 @ \$2	\$706.00
22D	262 @ \$2	\$524.00
22W	398 @ \$2	\$795.60
	Convention Pin Sales - 100 @ \$2	\$200.00
	Individual Pin Sales - 160 @ \$2	\$320.00
Convention Breakfast - 30 People @ \$22		\$660.00
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Total Revenue		\$9,951.00

EXPENSES		
Pins - 2261 Pins @ \$1.15		\$2,600.00
5 DGs & CC - 5 x 6 = 30 @ \$1.15	\$34.50	
VDGs - 5 x 25 = 125 @ 1.15	\$143.75	
PIP & 2 PID - 3 x 5 = 15 @ \$1.15	\$17.25	
Convention Committee - 5 x 2 = 10 @ \$1.15	\$11.50	
Convention Participants - 8 x 40 = 320 @ \$1.15	\$368.00	
MD 22 Convention Sales - 75 @ \$1.15	\$86.25	
22-A Pins - 219 @ \$1.15	\$251.85	
22-B Pins - 294 @ \$1.15	\$338.10	
22-C Pins - 353 @ \$1.15	\$405.95	
22-D Pins - 262 @ \$1.15	\$301.30	
22-W Pins - 398 @ \$1.15	\$457.70	
Individual Pin Sales - 160 @ \$1.15	\$184.00	

Convention Breakfast - 30 Attendees @ \$18		\$540.00
Chairman Expenses		\$2,918.00
Hotel - 5 Nights @ \$195	\$975.00	
Travel to Sidney	\$1,600.00	
Meals in Sidney - \$30 x 5 days	\$153.00	
Convention Registration	\$100.00	
Travel expenses to the Council meetings	\$90.00	
Vice Chair Expenses		\$2,918.00
Hotel - 5 Nights @ \$195	\$975.00	
Travel to Sidney	\$1,600.00	
Meals in Sidney - \$30 x 5 days	\$153.00	
Convention Registration	\$100.00	
Travel expenses to the Council meetings	\$90.00	
Printing/Postage		\$150.00
Phone Calls to Sidney		\$75.00
Hospitality room refreshments		\$400.00
Exhibit Booth at the MD22 Convention		\$50.00
Shipping Expenses for Banner and Flags		\$300.00
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Total Expenses		\$9,951.00

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From: PDG Rodney Welch
Subject: MD 22 Convention Committee

The convention committee would like to thank PID Darley, CC John and DG John for contributing to our meeting on the 30th.

Items that were discussed are:

1. Logo- Theme the committee feels that we need some input from the Council.
2. The list of room reservations for next year's convention was passed and talked about very briefly. The committee will make the reservations for IP, PIP, PID's, CC, DG's and the committee.
3. Convention meals were hashed over. A list of possible meals is included and will be given to Carol at our next meeting.
4. The schedule of events was gone over and some minor changes were made and will be presented to Carol also.
5. Internet service for all hotel rooms (upon request) will be asked to be included in the room charge.
6. The entertainment for the convention was talked about. NO Jugglers. Possible for a high school or college band to play for us and also the steel drum band for the banquet.
7. I asked about the possibility of sending out the housing letter by sub district email lists, web sites and newsletter.
8. The pictures for the program will again be taken at the social at D. I have been in contact with their social chairman and the logistics are being worked on.

Items that need Council action today are:

1. Proposed budget
2. The Ocean City dates for our convention for 2013 and 2014 were talked about at the turnover meeting. I contacted the convention center in Ocean City and inquired about changing to a Sunday -Wednesday for both years. Their answer was both Sunday's would be Mothers Day. I took no action from there.
3. Can the convention committee send the housing letter out by Sub-District email lists, web-sites and newsletters?

From: Multiple District 22 LCIF Coordinator
Subject: LCIF Report to the Council of Governors

I am pleased to report that total donations from Multiple District 22, to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for Lions Year 2008 – 2009 were \$254,871.11. The detailed report, broken down into categories and by District was forwarded to each District Governor and each LCIF District Coordinator for use in the planning and implementation of their continued support of this program.

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The Lions Club International Foundation hosted a Constitutional Area I LCIF Coordinator Seminar during the recent USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis, TN. This Seminar was attended by PCC Michael Bleything (LCIF District Coordinator, 22C), IPDG Robert Daniels (LCIF District Coordinator, 22D), and PCC Rowe Haywood (LCIF MD Coordinator).

- a. The purpose of the Seminar was to share the progress we have made so far in implementing the LCIF four-year Development Plan and to discuss in detail, our objectives for the 2009 – 2010 Lions Year.
- b. The 2009 – 2010 Lions Year activities will revolve around the “Promotion of the LCIF Program and the Education of Lions about the LCIF Program.”

MD 22 is well underway in the implementation of this year’s objectives.

Respectfully Submitted,

PCC Rowe A. Haywood
MD22 LCIF Coordinator

From: PDG Harold Boccia
Subject: MERL Team Extension

The full MERL team has met four times to map strategies and plans for the MD22 programs for the year 2009-2010. The meetings included sessions with the Northeast Area Coordinator for Global Membership Team to conduct a review and training on the health of MD 22.

On August 8, 2009, the MERL Team attended the turnover meeting at Mt. Airy. If requested by the District Governors, the MERL team will provide assistance in their respective districts. So far, only one districted has requested extension help.

I have met with District 22A three times and the following actions have occurred:

1. Potential areas for new clubs have been identified. The 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors have been an integral and valuable part of this process.
2. Potential Hispanic clubs in the following locations:
 - Annapolis – Sponsor: Annapolis
 - Canton – Sponsor: District
3. Conventional new club in the Kingsville/Perry hall area – Sponsor: Bel Air

Plans are proceeding with the groundwork for the formation of these clubs including: data collection picking meeting sites for the first organizational meeting. Club sponsors have been selected and guiding Lions will be trained and selected by November 1st.

Leo Clubs

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The groundwork is proceeding for a new Leo Club at Bel Air Middle School. We currently have an inactive Leo Club at Bel Air High School which be turned around to active status before year end.

The MERL team attended a four day training in Memphis, TN September 27th through September 30th. From this meeting, plans were developed to invite a training team from LCI to do a blitz in MD 22 for the District MERL, clubs and all lions who wish to attend from throughout the multiple. A request to accomplish this will be presented to the council for its approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Yours in Lionism
PDG Harold Boccia