



Delaware Lions Foundation

The Foundation's Flame

The blue flame represents the intensity, efficiency, stability, adaptability, and cooperation with which we dedicate ourselves to the Mission of The Delaware Lions Foundation.

A Message From Our President

Dear Lions, Lionesses, and Leos:

Well, it looks like those cold snowy winter days are behind us. I hope. Time is running short for the James A. McCarty Scholarship applications to be received by the committee. Applications must be post marked no later than April 1, 2010, so if you know of a public high school senior that would like to apply, please encourage them to get their application sent in on time. Application information can be obtained by going to the Delaware Lions Foundation website and downloading the proper forms.

It is good to see that clubs continue to request grants to help with their service projects. Your Foundation is ready to assist your club with matching grants, so if your club has a project in mind, please apply for a matching grant from the Delaware Lions Foundation. Just fill out the grant form, which is available on the DLF website, and send it to PDG Ted Reiver.

The Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast was very successful. Over 130 Lions, Lionesses and guests attended this annual event. The testimonials from the folks at the Charlton School who participate in the Hippotherapy program and Maggie Williamson, who has been helped by Lions, was moving to say the least. Their heartwarming message to all in attendance really made the breakfast a special event. It was a real privilege to hear firsthand how their lives have been enhanced by the help the Lions and DLF have been able to give to them. You couldn't help but feel proud to be a Lion after listening to their stories.

Special thanks to the Camden Wyoming Lions Club and the Rehoboth Beach Lions Club for identifying the needs of these individuals and doing what was necessary to help them. Thanks also to PDG Jack Brinckmeyer and PCS BJ Ryder for arranging to have these guests attend our breakfast and share their experiences.

Some Ralph Helm and Jim McCarty Fellowships were presented at the breakfast this year. We were very fortunate to have Lion Jan McCarty help present these fellowships. We extend congratulations to all the recipients and to the clubs for contributing to the fellowship programs and at the same time honoring these worthy Lions.

The Foundation also made a special presentation to PDG John Shwed in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Delaware Lions Foundation.

Please remember, PDG Ralph and Lion Sheila Schieferstein, who prepare the certificates for all fellowships, will be away at the International Convention during the month of June. If you or your club wishes to present a Ralph Helm or Jim McCarty Fellowship, please get your information to Lion BJ by May 15, 2010 to ensure your fellowships will get prepared.

Last but not least I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the board members for their contributions in preparing for and organizing our 12th annual breakfast.

Yours in Service to Others,

Don LeCates, President DLF



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Lion Sheila Schieferstein – Frederica Spring Creek Lions Club
PDG Keith Thompson – Glasgow Lions Club
Lion Wayne Powers - Capitol City Lions Club

DLF Breakfast

**12th Annual Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast was held
Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the Dover Sheraton Hotel at 9:30am.**

Susan Jacobs was the speaker from the Charlton School where the Camden Wyoming Lions and the Delaware Lions Foundation sponsor a Hippotherapy (horse riding) program for about 50 children. This horse riding program is another way occupational, physical and speech therapists can treat children with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The therapist and teachers are amazed at the progress the children make while riding the horses. Carol Bryson talked about her son, Matthew, and his experiences while attending the program at the school and they were so pleased with his progress that they are now taking their son for additional session on their own. Melissa Gebhard and her son, Drew, were in attendance and Drew was quite shy and would not speak but Susan told us that Drew really likes his horse and his motor skills and speech have greatly improved. This program costs about \$10,000 and the Camden Wyoming Lions are very appreciative to DLF for their matching grant and to several Lions Clubs in Delaware that were very generous with donations to help them with this program.



Susan Jacobs
Therapist
Charlton School



Maggie Williamson
Guest Speaker
Rehoboth

Maggie Williamson and her mother, Pamela Salisbury, and her sister, Hannah, attended our breakfast and Maggie talked to us this morning. Maggie is deaf and with her determination, the help of a speech pathologist and an interpreter she leads a normal life as a middle school student. When she was 6 years old she wrote to Yale University letting them know she would be coming someday and they would need to find an interpreter for her when she started law school. This year she was in the Mariner Middle School Rock 'n Roll Revival and sang "These Boots are Made for Walking". Maggie is determined to go beyond the limits of her disabilities. Back in 2003 the clubs in Region 3, Zone 1 (Dewey Beach, Lewes, Midway, Milton and Rehoboth Beach) and with a matching grant from the Delaware Lions Foundation purchased an FM Enhancement System for Maggie to use and she has excelled.





**March 6,
2010**

DLF Breakfast Pictures



PDG Jack Brinckmeyer
Rehoboth Beach



PCC Don LeCates
DLF President



PCC Keith Hinkle
Camden Wyoming

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Lion Jan McCarty

Lion Maxine Powers
Capitol City



DG Lee Bird

Lion Jan McCarty



Lion Rick Jones
Millsboro



Lion Jan McCarty

Lion John Burris
Clayton



Lion Jeff Newsom
Capitol City



Lion Jan McCarty

Lion Art Stauffer
Clayton



Lion Jan McCarty

PDG John Shwed
Laurel



Lion Warren Fairress
Capitol City

Lion Jan McCarty

GRANTS AND LOANS REPORT

Since January 2010, the Delaware Lions Foundation approved \$13,970 in grants to assist our fellow Delawareans!

- **Murderkill Lions - Funds for their community food baskets project at Christmas.**
- **Wilmington Manor - Funds for a PlusOptix 808 Vision Screener used for preschool vision screening to be used by multiple clubs.**
- **Clayton Lions - Funds for a Zone Project for large print and audio books for the Kent County Library/Bookmobile.**
- **Milton Lions - Funds for hearing aids for an area resident.**
- **Milton Lions - Funds for a Region Project of "Assisting Dependents of the Deployed 262nd Battalion Unit" living in Sussex County.**
- **Glasgow Lions - Funds for a 6X Ocutech spectacle mounted telescopic device for a young area resident planning to go to college.**

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Apply for Grants

**Find all the forms your club needs at the
Delaware Lions Foundation website!**

Catch us on the Web

www.delawarelionsfoundation.org

Delaware Lions Foundation Fellowships

The Ralph Helm Fellowship was established in 1992 to honor Past International Director Ralph N. Helm for his many years of dedicated service to his district and the international community. Donations for Ralph Helm Fellowships are used to provide grants to the Lions Clubs in Delaware for service projects.

The Ralph Helm Fellowship

The James McCarty Fellowship was established in 2005 to honor Past International Director James A. McCarty for his many years of dedicated service to his district and the international community. Donations for James McCarty Fellowships are used to provide scholarships to high school seniors in public schools in Delaware.

The James McCarty Fellowship

2010
The Winter
that wouldn't
Quit!





History of the Lions Foundation

Lion Delegates to the 2001 Convention approved the current mission statement and name change to the Delaware Lions Foundation, Inc. These organizational changes were made to provide more opportunities for local clubs to serve their communities in addition to their support of the traditional sight and hearing projects.

The Delaware Lions Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1973 as the Delaware Lions Sight and Hearing Conservation Foundation, Inc. The original purpose was to provide sight and hearing testing services and equipment to be used by the Lions of Delaware. Towards that end, a Sightmobile was built and traveled up and down the State for several years. When the trailer was abandoned, the equipment was loaned to Lions Clubs to be used to conduct sight and hearing screening programs for students and other Delawareans.

DATES OF DLF MEETINGS

March 31, 2010
May 26, 2010

6:30 PM
DOVER SHERITON

Our Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Delaware Lions Foundation is to support the Lions Clubs of Delaware in their humanitarian service to Delawareans through matching grants and to provide educational scholarships for Public High School seniors residing in Delaware.