Dear Lions, Lionesses, and Leos:

I hope everyone is enjoying this festive holiday season. This time of year is a very busy one, especially for the Lions, Lionesses, and Leo Clubs throughout our district. It is a time of the year when each of you step up your already amazing service to an even higher level.

Please remember, your Foundation is ready to help your club with its service projects through the service grant program. Just fill out the grant form, which is available on the DLF website, and send it to PDG Ted Reiver. The Board of Directors review all grant requests and awards grants to those that meet the requirements. These grants are usually up to 50% of the service project.

Our annual fundraisers, the Walk for Sight and the Auction for Sight, were huge successes again this year. Each of these activities raised about $10,000 each, which will enable your Foundation to give more help to local clubs so they can do more important work in their respective communities.

Thanks to everyone who helped make these great fundraisers so successful, and a special thanks to all who spent many hours organizing and preparing for these two events. Also, the Walk Chair, VDG Karl Gude, and the Auction Chair, Lion Jim Littleton, deserve special recognition for their outstanding leadership and dedication in making the walk and auction so successful.

Your Foundation’s success depends on the donations it receives from the Lions, Lionesses, and Leo clubs in our district. I encourage each club to consider helping in this area, and at the same time recognize someone in your club or community with a Ralph Helm or James A. McCarty Fellowship. This is a great way to honor someone who is deserving of special recognition. Forms for fellowships are available on the DLF website.

Our annual Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast will be held on March 6, 2010, at the Dover Sheraton Hotel, so don’t forget to mark your calendars. You will get more information on the breakfast after the New Year.

If you know of a high school senior who would like to apply for one of the eight James A. McCarty Scholarships, please direct them to the DLF website, where they can obtain the instructions and application.

On behalf of the officers and directors of your Foundation, I would like to extend best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Yours in Service to Others,
Don LeCates, President DLF
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Walk for Sight
The Delaware Lions Foundation's 7th Annual Walk for Sight was held on October 11, 2009 at Dover International Speedway. Registration started at Noon and the Walk began at 1PM. Committee Chair FVDG Karl Gude reported that the Walk raised approximately $10,000!

Apply for Grants
Apply for Scholarships
Find all the forms your club needs at the Delaware Lions Foundation website!

Catch us on the Web
www.delawarelionsfoundation.org
GRANTS AND LOANS REPORT

By December of 2009, the Delaware Lions Foundation approved $9,069.56 in grants to assist our fellow Delawareans!

- **Lewes Lions for a ramp project**
- **Brookside Lions for Interpreting Service**
- **Brookside Lions ramp for a child**
- **Camden Wyoming Lions for an eye prosthesis**
- **Capitol City Lions - Funds for the Central Delaware Holiday Party for the Blind and Visually Impaired**
- **Rehoboth Beach Lions - Funds for the Sussex County Holiday Party for the Visually Impaired**
- **Wilmington Manor Lions - Funds for the New Castle Holiday Party for the Visually Impaired**
- **Laurel Lioness Puppet Theatre which teaches elementary school children about making good choices usually dealing with drug awareness and healthy lifestyles.**
- **Rehoboth Beach Lions for hearing aids for individuals**
- **Lewes Lions Zone Project for a Scanner and Optelec ClearView magnifier to assist someone with independent daily living**

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Auction

A Public Auction sponsored by the Delaware Lions Foundation was held on October 18, 2009 at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino. A Silent Auction was held from Noon to 2:00 PM. Review of auction items began at Noon and the live auction started at 1:00 PM. Among the list of auction items was a scooter! The auction was a fun afternoon for all who attended.

Committee Chair, Lion Jim Littleton, reported DLF raised over $9,500! He thanked everyone for their support and noted that we had great publicity this year with the help of Michele and Ben Twilley. It was good to see more public support for this project this year as well as so many of our Lion friends!

The date for next year is October 24, 2010.
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 go to provide assistance to the Lions Clubs of Delaware.

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.

Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast
March 6, 2010 at the Dover Sheraton. More information in the Winter Edition of The Flame
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.

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.