District 22-W Vision Breakfast

Save the Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018 –

District 22-W will hold a joint *Lions Vision Research Foundation* (LVRF) and *Sight Conservation* (White Cane) breakfast on Saturday, March 24. The event will be held at the Myersville Fire Hall, Myersville, MD 21773 starting at 10:00 AM. During this event you will hear updates from speakers representing both the Lions Low Vision Center at the Wilmer and KeraLink International-Mid-Atlantic (formerly the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland) addressing their efforts to address vision loss.

Following the breakfast and speaker presentations clubs will have the opportunity to present their annual donations to both LVRF and Sight Conservation. These two projects represent a significant portion of the district’s efforts in the area of sight conservation and we encourage all clubs to attend and make contributions to both funds this year. Even if your club has already made donations to these funds this year consider attending to learn more about what is being accomplished as a result of your generosity and possibly making an additional donation.

 If your club cannot send a representative to the breakfast please consider mailing your checks in advance to the following addresses:

LVRF:

 Lion Bob Johnson

 2193 Bellemonte Court

 Jefferson, MD 21755

 Make checks payable to Lion Vision Research Foundation – please note on the memo how you want your donation credited – Operating Fund – or – Fellowship Endowment. If you want to donate to both funds please send two separate checks.

Sight Conservation:

 Lion Andrew DeMario Jr.

 2809 DeMario Drive

 Manchester, MD 21102

 Make checks payable to KeraLink Mid-Atlantic.

All of the clubs that send donations but cannot attend the breakfast will be recognized during the event.

The breakfast for this event will be provided by the Myersville Lions Club and the cost will be $17.00 per person. The menu includes - Scrambled eggs, plain and blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes O’Brien, French toast, biscuits and gravy, fruit cocktail, pastry, juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate

Reservation forms for this event are being distributed thru the district Weekly Announcements mailings with a registration deadline of March 16th.

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Speaking for LVRF, I encourage all of the clubs in District 22-W to continue their support of the Lions Vision Research Foundation. We set an all-time record for our financial support last year and I would like to see our support continue at at least that level going forward. It is difficult to judge where we are in terms of donations this year since the LVRF banquet is typically held in October or November but we normally receive somewhere in the range of $15,000 in donations at the banquet. We have only received around $17.000 to date this year so assuming we collect a customary amount at the breakfast, that would put our total donation for the 2017 – 2018 Lions year at around $32,000. This figure is less than half of what was donated last year. I am asking all of the clubs in District 22-W to step up and show your support for our vision conservation efforts before the end of the year.

I remind you that we have an LVRF presentation available for a club meeting program. If you are interested let me know and I will arrange for myself, or one of the District 22-W LVRF Trustees, to present it to your club.

Lion Bob Johnson

District 220W LVRF Chair

**If you or any anyone you know needs vision services from the Wilmer I remind you that you can get same-day or next day appointments (based on your needs and / or schedule) by calling 410-955-5080 or 888-945-6374**.