



# Fenwick Island Lions Club

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### President's Message

#### FELLOW LIONS:

Here we are in September – the end of summer – and hopefully, the end of the hot, humid days and nights. I've always thought that the next few months are the best of the year, weather-wise. Baseball is also winding down towards the playoffs and the World Series, and football is cranking up all over our great country.

Checkout "Nail Points" on the net at [www.lions22d.org](http://www.lions22d.org) by DG Karl Gude – lots of good 22d info there. Also, be sure to visit our own website at [www.filc22d.org](http://www.filc22d.org), where you'll get a full measure of Fenwick Island Lions Club data, pictures and scheduled events. We can thank our Secretary, Lion Dick Waughtal, for composing this website as a true and illuminating window on our Club.

Our first meeting of the year will be at noon on Tuesday, September 7. Remember, it's Tuesday since the Labor Day holiday is celebrated on Monday, September 6.

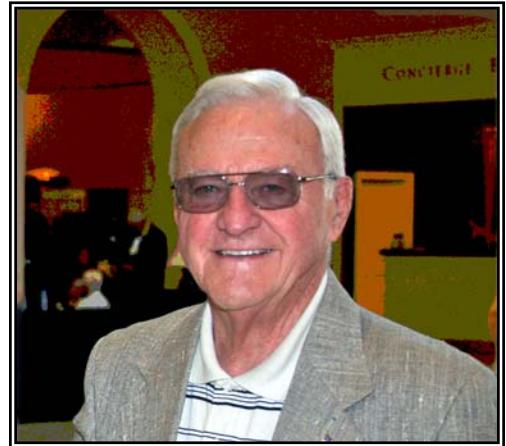
I hope that during the meeting we can lay out a program of service for the year, while making the meetings knowledgeable and interesting. There may be some surprises – come out and see for yourself.

We at FILC have the largest Lions membership in the State of Delaware, but we should always be looking for new members. Show your pride in being a Lion, and talk to nearby friends and neighbors about the fulfillment that results from helping our community, and the fellowship we enjoy when we meet for lunch at Harpoon Hanna's. Wear your Lions cap, shirt or pin when appropriate, and be prepared to talk to people you meet about belonging to the largest community service organization in the world!

You'll read about our recent activities in the following pages of the "LIONS ROAR", and we'll tell you what to expect for the coming year at the September 7 meeting. WE SERVE with pride!

YIL,

KL Tom Foley



### Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** Fenwick Lions 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting of the season, Harpoon Hanna's 12 noon

**Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** Fenwick Lions regular meeting, Harpoon Hanna's 12 noon

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** 34<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Milwaukee, WI

**Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware Coastal Cleanup, Dagsboro Street on the beach. Fenwick Island from 9 a.m. to noon. See page 6 for further details.

**Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** Fenwick Lions board meeting, Fenwick Island Town Hall 4 PM

**Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** Fenwick Lions regular meeting, Harpoon Hanna's 12 noon

**Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** Fenwick Lions Picnic, Holts Landing, 12 Noon, a catered affair by and for members and families!

## Indian River High School Senior Paralyzed in Freak Accident

On June 23, 2010, Justin Lowe of Dagsboro, Delaware, a soon to be senior at the Indian River High School was involved in a freak accident in the rough surf at Ocean City, MD. A large wave caught and tumbled him, sending him crashing to the bottom—where the force of the wave kept him down for a prolonged period, almost drowning him. In the process, his neck was broken, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down.

Initially, Justin was airlifted to the University of Maryland Medical Center—The R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center—in Baltimore, Maryland where he spent 2 1/2 weeks in the ICU and underwent two major operations and one lesser one. He was then airlifted to the Georgia-based Shepard Center, one of the top rehabilitation hospitals in the nation, specializing in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord and brain injury. There, he spent another week in the ICU. He is now stabilized, has been taken off his ventilator and feeding tube and is listed in stable condition and has begun rehabilitation. Clearly, there is a long road to recovery for Justin.

Justin was looking forward to again being a starter on the football team at the Indian River High School this fall. Now, as you might imagine, aside from Justin's family being faced with such a tragic and devastating injury to their son, they are also facing an uncertain future with unimaginable mounting expenses. Long-term treatment of a quadriplegic can run anywhere from \$100,000-400,000 on an annual basis, with needs for specially equipped van and wheelchairs costing in the range of additional \$100,000. While, fortunately, the family has health insurance, which undoubtedly will cover some of these costs, the financial implications to the family is truly staggering.

To help defray the costs of his treatment a foundation has been established: The Justin Lowe Foundation, c/o Delaware National Bank 28581 DuPont Blvd., Millsboro, DE 19966. A number of business and community members have already undertaken a number of fundraising efforts, and have made donations to assist the family in paying the mounting bills. Several of these initiatives were undertaken by State Representative Gerald Hocker and his employees.

On Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Fenwick Island Lions Club board of directors voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Justin Lowe Foundation. Also at that meeting, the board unanimously recommended that the Club apply to both the Delaware Lions Foundation and the Kusiak Lions Youth Foundation for matching funds.

This is truly a tragic accident that has stricken this family and it is hoped that Lions Clubs throughout the State will consider providing support to the family, in one way or another.



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## Indian River High School Leo Officers Meet

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, thanks to Lions Jim and Carolyn Miles—our Club liaisons with the Indian River High School Leo Club—a group of Fenwick Island Lions met with long-time Leo Club Advisor Lonnie Riley, Assistant Advisor Laura Quillen, and with this year's incoming officers—President Lucie Rinker, Vice President Rose Rinker, Treasurer Kailee Schnabele and Secretary Lori Ann West.

This Leo Club was established by the Fenwick Island Lions Club, its sponsor, in 2003 and has grown each year and now has in excess of 100 members. Its goals are as stated in its name—which is an acronym standing for: **Leadership** -

Leos develop skills as organizers, time managers and motivators of their peers;

**Experience** - Leos learn the importance of cooperation through community service; and **Opportunity** -

Membership provides young people with a chance to excel, to develop positive character traits, and to receive recognition for their contributions to the community.

Last year a total of 55 Leos took part in one or more of eleven different activities and spent in excess of 400 hours serving their community. These activities included helping park cars at the Little League Senior Girls World Series, assisting at several Fenwick Island Lions Club

functions, serving at the Lions Visually Impaired Christmas Party and making angels for the guests, making Spring cards for the elderly, providing eye screening at Delaware's Special Olympics and working on a project for service members serving in Afghanistan.

The purpose of the meeting was to be sure that the officers understood their respective responsibilities within the Club, to review current club activities and ‘brain storm’ about other ways to involve their members in serving the community. Also on the agenda was a discussion on ways of making the club more vibrant by encouraging more involvement of its members, making good use of meeting time and establishing better ways to communicate with its members, such as through Facebook and cell phone texting.

Among other things, it was decided to get an early start this year by holding an initial meeting assembly, separate from the induction ceremony—that all current members and all incoming freshmen would attend—and that would promote the Leo Club by highlighting Leo activities around the world and feature examples of past Indian River Leo activities. Also discussed was a leadership retreat, to be held the weekend of October 22-24<sup>th</sup> at the Lions Camp Merrick in Maryland... However, this one may be a tough sell, because it is the same weekend as the Indian River High School Homecoming

Both Jim & Carolyn Miles felt that the meeting met their expectations and feel that this years' Leo Club is poised for some great things!



Lions Carolyn & Jim Miles (center) hosted a planning meeting of Leo Club officers, advisors and interested Lions at their home. Lions Dick & Donna Waughtal, Lions Fran and Bob Pretty, and Lion Bruce Schoonover attended.

## Selbyville Halloween Parade Raffle Sales

Once again this year, Lion and First Vice President, Jean Bertram has stepped up to organize and oversee the sales of our raffle tickets in connection with the upcoming Selbyville Halloween Parade... Recall that last year Jean's, and the Club's efforts, resulted in sales that exceeded \$5,000.

This year Jean has made arrangements to sell tickets at Warren Station, Fenwick Crab House, Happy Harry's, Ace Hardware, Food Lion, PNC Bank and Rite Aid, with sales well underway.

It should be noted that top sales honors at Warren Station (so far) goes to the formidable team of **Lion Noble Simpson and Lion Neva O'Hara**, who together sold 16 books and 18 singles on their shift... bettering the results (by one dollar) of the then reigning champions **King Lion Tom Foley and Lion Bill Neimiller**, who had sold 19 books and 3 singles.

At the Fenwick Crab House, Lion **Bob and Fran Pretty** were suppose to sell together but Fran had to help park cars at the Roxana Little League World Series, so **Bob** was by himself and sold 18 books and 19 singles. King Lion **Tom Foley and Luke Martin** are in second place at the Crab House with 16 books and 4 singles sold.

Of note also is the fact that Lion Jean has unexpectedly, and single-handedly, filled in several time-slots for Lions who could not make their shifts, and on two such occasions she was assisted by Fenwick Island Lions Club member wives, **Mary Jean Diehl and Martha Stone** (neither of whom are members themselves)... Now that is loyalty! Our hats are definitely off to these ladies. Thank you for what you do for our club!

Along with the already scheduled ticket sales for September and October, Lion Jean is looking for volunteers to sell tickets at the Fenwick Crab House on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and at Happy Harry's on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please give Lion Jean a call (302 436-5326), if you can help.

## The Ocean City Humane Society

Long-time and extremely hardworking Club member Bill Morison is also an active member of the Ocean City / Worcester County Humane Society, located in Berlin, MD. This is a non-profit group whose purpose is to find homes and loving families for stray and abandoned animals. They are what is known as a "no-kill" facility, meaning their goal is to place rather than euthanize the animals.

As an example of their work, law enforcement and shelter personnel were dispatched to a residence where it had been reported that a dog was neglected and confined to a very small area. The dog (Tucker) had not been to a vet in 9 years. He was removed from the residence and transported to the shelter. Tucker was blind and could not hear. After being treated by the vet and shelter staff Tucker can once again see and hear. He is now waiting for adoption.

Bill tells us that they rely solely on donations to care for the animals. Monetary donations can be mailed to: P.O. Box 48 Berlin, MD 21811

As a fundraiser, they are asking everyone to save "Purina Weight Circles" from any Purina product. These can be given to Bill.

They are also looking for volunteers to help in their efforts, which include:

- 1.) **Animal care** - Brushing cats/dogs, walking, basic training, socializing dogs, bathing dogs, transporting animals to and from the vet;
- 2.) **Labor** - Maintenance of buildings and pens-- Grounds keeping;
- 3.) **Cleaning** – laundry, dishes, litter pans, crates, pens; and
- 4.) **Fundraising** - finding sponsors, help at adoption/showcase events, handmade items (ie blankets, leashes, collars, cat/dog clothes, biscuits) to sell at Spring/Sunfest and collecting cans to recycle.



# The International Association of Lions Clubs

(Lions Clubs International)

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### FILC IS "TWINNING" WITH THE BELIZE CITY LIONS CLUB

Webster's Dictionary defines the word "twinning" as a verb, meaning 1: *to be coupled with another*, 2: *to bring forth twins*. Lions Clubs International has adopted this term to describe the pairing of clubs in different countries, providing an opportunity to learn about another club and its culture, and to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

Lion Jim Miles travels to Belize several times a year and when he is there, he visits the Belize City Lions Club. As a result of him extending the hand of fellowship, our two clubs explored entering into a partnership of twinning and both Clubs filed an application to Lions Club International. In June, it became official and we are now "Twinners." King Lion Dr. Chris Bennett of Belize and King Lion Fran received a letter of congratulations and a banner patch from Lions Clubs International.

We have already benefited from this arrangement. In a letter to our Club, Dr. Bennett provided us with several copies of a Belize City Lions Club book mark, which promotes the service work of their club. He explained that he had given the book marks to members of the Club "as appreciation of their service to the Belize City Lions Club and our Belizean communities during (his) Lions year." This immediately sparked interest and an idea from our board to create our own book mark. Our desire is to create one that is economical enough to be used as a promotional give-away at our fundraising events and/or on other occasions—such as when we participate in our youth vision screening activities or sell raffle tickets for our Selbyville Halloween Parade. The creation of such a book mark is currently underway and we are hoping to have board consensus soon so that an order can be placed.

We look forward to this wonderful opportunity to learn about our "twin" and its culture, and to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world, just as envisioned by LCI. We hope to exchange newsletters and receive periodic reports from our sister Club in Belize. Our thanks to Lion Jim and IPP Fran for their efforts in making this happen. Another way of keeping our Club young and vibrant!



**Dr. Chris Bennett, President of the Belize City Lions Club, welcomes Lion Jim Miles to their meeting**

## Senior Girls World Series in Roxana

The Little League fields in Roxana were once again the site of the Senior Girls (ages 13 to 16) World Series the week of August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. This year there were teams from around the country and the world, including teams from Tucson, Arizona; San Antonio, Texas; Portsmouth, Virginia; Haverstraw, New York; South Bend, Indiana; Maunabo, Puerto Rico; Laurel, DE; Ramstein, Germany; Ontario, Canada; and Guam.

With the help of the LEOS, our Lions Club completed our assignment to oversee the parking of cars on Thursday, Friday and the Saturday. Friday evening was very busy as the team from Laurel was playing and their fans showed up to support them. Don Stewart, three LEOS and Fran Pretty helped direct traffic, which ended up filling the main parking lot, as well as the adjoining field. On Saturday, our group started at 7:30 AM, as there was a game at 8 AM, and the championship, which was broadcast on ESPN, was played at 11:00,. The teams in the championship game were from Texas and New York, with the Texans being this year's champions.

The following are the Lions and LEOS who did a great job in the heat:

LIONS: Pres. Tom Foley, Sam Mooney, Joe Diehl, Dave Jaeger, Jim Miles, Carolyn Miles, Don Stewart, Jean Bertram, Dave Crum, Ash Ashinhurst, Bob and Fran Pretty.

LEOS: Adviser Lonnie Riley, Lori Ann West, Grace Cummings, Coreen Robinson, Rebecca Carroll, Kaylee Schnable, Lucie Rinker Some of these individuals worked multiple shifts, and the total hours worked was nearly 100 man-hours. Our thanks to all who responded to our request to help.



**Our Parking Team on Thursday on the 4-8 PM shift**  
Pictured (l to r) President Tom Foley, Leo Grace Cumming, Lion Joe Dieh, Mrs. Riley our Leo Advisor and Leo Coreen Robinson. Not pictured Leo Lori Ann West and Lion Sam Mooney.

## Delaware Coastal Cleanup Scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Delaware Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. And, once again our Lions Club and the Indian River Leo Club will assist in this effort. We will be meeting at Dagsboro Street, on the ocean, in Fenwick Island at 9 AM that morning. We have pre-registered a total of 20 people (10 Lions & 10 Leos) to ensure that we will be provided with complimentary volunteer T-shirts.

Delaware's Cleanup is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest annual clearing of trash from coastlines and lakes by volunteers. Hundreds of thousands of people all over the world help each year to rid the environment of marine debris and collect detailed information on the types and quantities of refuse they find. The types and quantities of trash collected are recorded on data cards and forwarded to the Center for Marine Conservation, which compiles the information for all of the cleanups held in the country and around the world. This information helps identify the source of the debris and focus efforts on eliminating or reducing it.

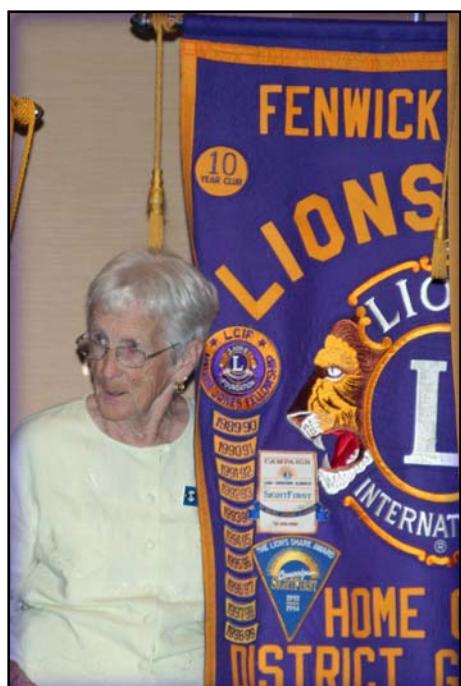
We hope you can join us for a nice stroll along the beach, some exercise and a little help for the environment!

## District Banner Transfer Ceremony Held

This year, the traditional District 22-D (the State of Delaware) Banner Transfer program—an occasion to celebrate Lionism and to pass the baton on to the new District Governor—was held at the Sheraton Dover hotel on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dinner Co-Chair PP Jack Bauer, representing the Lord Baltimore Lions Club—the District Governor's home Club—opened this year's dinner. The Fenwick Island Lions Club was well represented by six Lions and two guests: Lion Bill Neimiller & wife Anna, PDG Noble Simpson & wife Jackie, FVP Lion Jean Bertram, PP & Secretary Lion Dick Waughtal, and Lion Muriel Mooney & PP Lion Sam Mooney.

Our prestigious Club Banner was proudly carried and displayed by First VP Lion Jean Bertram. The President of the Claymont Lions Club passed on the Immediate Past District Governor Lee Bird Banner to District Governor Karl Gude preceding the "March of the Banners."



## Birthday Wishes!

Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional!

Not only can you teach an old dog new tricks -- there are some tricks so challenging that only old dogs can handle them. Birthday wishes to all these young pups:

Jean Bertram Sept. 9th

Ash Ashinhurst Sept. 23rd

Paul Rooney Sept. 28th

Ray Hamm Sept. 30th

Lenny Price Sept. 20th

Carolee Rooney Sept. 24th

Cal Hook Sept. 29th

Joseph Diehl October 1st

