



# Fenwick Island Lions Club Lions Roar Newsletter



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## LEADER DOG – MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>

By Fran Pretty

*(Happy Easter and Happy Passover everyone! Please note that King Lion Jean's inspirational "President's Message" will return to its normal page one position next month, after her computer is resuscitated.)*

Leader Dogs for the Blind is one of a select group of non-profits that our club has supported each year since the club's founding twenty-five years ago.

Headquartered in Rochester Hills, Michigan, Leader Dogs for the Blind provides guide dogs to people who are blind or visually impaired in order to enhance their mobility, independence and quality of life.

The Leader dogs program began in 1938 as a Club project of the Detroit, Michigan Uptown Lions Club and quickly spread to other clubs in Michigan, Ohio and Ontario. Recognizing the overwhelming need for such a service, in 1939 it went nationwide to better serve those who were visually impaired.

Each year, over 270 students attend a 26-day residential training program to be paired with a guide dog. This is a life-changing event that opens the door to independence, safety and self-worth for many of its students.

The annual Leader Dog Dinner was held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cheer Community Center in Georgetown. Lion Linda McLane told her personal story and shared many funny stories and introduced her Leader Dog "Disney."

Linda was born with glaucoma, so she has been visually impaired all of her life. She graduated from the Michigan School for the Blind and then applied for a Leader Dog. With the new found freedom and independence she found with her dog guide, she enrolled in a two year community college. *(Cont'd next page.)*



Leaderdog representative Linda McLane and her faithful guide dog "Disney."

### Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting** 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's

**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Pay Your Taxes, then join us for our Regular Meeting** 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's

**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting** 4 PM Fenwick Island Town Hall

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Lions District Mid-Winter Social** *(Has the calendar been reset? Tell me we are not in mid winter in late April.)* , 5:30 PM Felton Fire Hall, Felton Delaware. Reservations by April 5<sup>th</sup> please.

She married, was blessed with three beautiful boys and now has nine grandchildren.

In 1996, she was asked, by Leader Dogs, to become a graduate field representative. She indicated that “My life has changed so much by having a Leader Dog, I can't imagine what it would have been like without my constant companion. On June 8, 2005 Leader Dog Disney came into my life. It was love at first sight. Together Disney and I have had many years of travel and loyal companionship and are looking forward to many more. With Disney by my side I feel confident and safe to walk the streets of my home town or anywhere my life may lead me.”

There were 145 attendees representing 20 Clubs. FILC was well represented by Lion Luke & his wife LaVonne, Lions John & Theresa Pitman, Lion Jack Coxe & guest Sheila, Lion Lynn Whitworth & guests Shane & Candi Whitworth, Lion Bob Hensler, LionsBob & Fran Pretty, and King Lion Jean Bertram.

A regular feature of the program is the roll call of the clubs to present their donations to the Leader Dog Program. Lions Jack Coxe & Bob Pretty along with “Riker” made the donation for our Club which included St. Ann’s Catholic Church Sodality’s donation.

**Fenwick Island Lions Club**  
Proposed Officers & Directors  
2013-14

President	<b>Bruce Schoonover</b>	Asst. Tail Twister	<b>Roland Hudson</b>
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**Together, WE SERVE... and we do make a difference!**



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## Big League Softball World Series coming to Roxana in 2013



As if hosting one World Series wasn't enough, Sussex County will get a double dose of championship softball this year. Little League International will be relocating the annual Big League Softball World Series tournament to Lower Sussex Little League complex at the Pyle Center in Roxana. This year, it will simultaneously host the Senior League World Series Softball Tournament, 13-16 year-old girls, and the Big League Softball World Series Tournament for girls ages 14 through 18.

The tournaments will take place August 4<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. During this period, 20 teams from around the world will be competing and ESPN is expected to broadcast six games, including the semifinals and the two championship games.



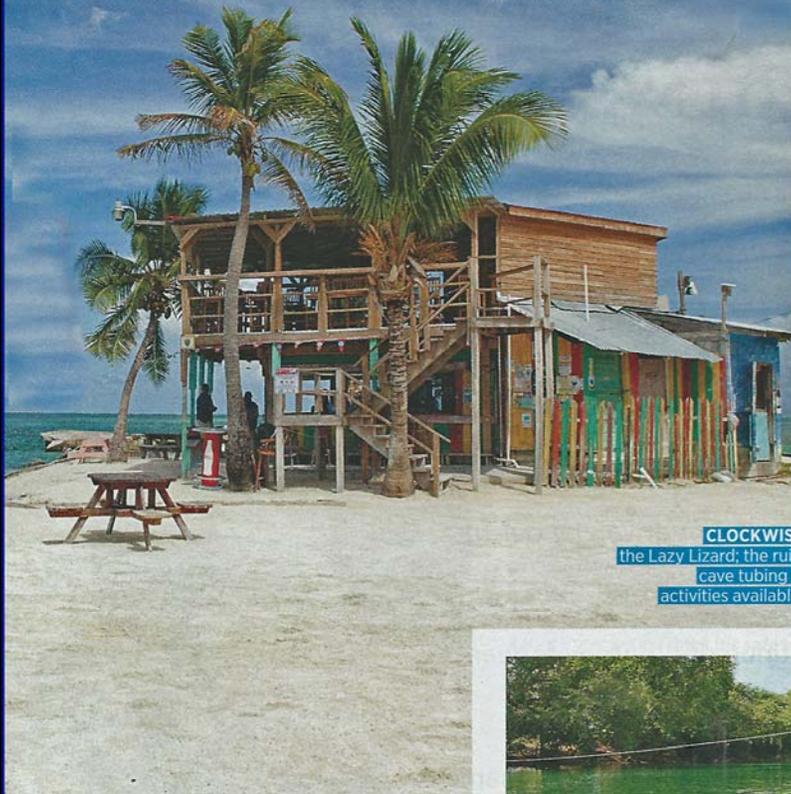
Clearly this is a big deal for our area! It not only brings international exposure, but the potential for our area to become known for girls softball, just as Williamsport, PA is known for Little League Baseball.

In the past, our club, Lord Baltimore and the IRHS LEOs have volunteered to help park cars for the Senior Tournament and having watched some of the games, I have always come away inspired and impressed by the caliber of the play and equally so by the families of the players who come to enthusiastically support these young ladies.

Fran Pretty tells me that at the last Zone Meeting our clubs (Fenwick, Lord Baltimore and Millsboro) were asked to supply volunteers... Our club has been asked to 'man' the concession stand for one day of this event. So, I thought it was appropriate to provide some background on the event, so our members could consider if, as a club, we should become involved.

John Pitman suggests that we will need a total of twelve volunteers to serve in two shifts that extends from 2:30 PM until about 9:30. (The Indian River High School LEO Club has already declined the invitation to help, citing difficulty of recruiting volunteers in the summer months.) We will need to decide soon whether or not, as a club we want to be part of this event. From a personal perspective, I hope that we will be able to do it... because it seems to me that serving the needs of our own community is what we should be know for...I hope you agree! PS Sharon and I are willing to chair and coordinate this effort.

The March edition of the American Way Airlines magazine featured a short article on Belize City... Since our Lions "Twin," the Belize City Lions Club, calls this their home, I thought you might like to see and hear more about the country, which used to be called British Honduras.



**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:** the Lazy Lizard; the ruins of Lamanai; cave tubing is one of many activities available in Belize City



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## A WEEKEND IN (AND AROUND): Belize City

It'll be the **ADVENTURE** of a lifetime.

**W**HILE IT MAY BE one of the smallest countries in Central America, Belize is among the biggest in adventure, with natural assets ranging from highland tropical forest and cave-filled karst country to lowland mangroves and barrier reefs. Its small size is a sizable bonus for travelers, who will find that almost any Belizean adventure lies within a day-trip of the country's transportation hub, Belize City. Stay in or near town for access to highlands, islands and all the thrills in between.

**STAY:** In the tranquil Buttonwood Bay area of Belize City, the eight-room bed-and-breakfast

**Villa Boscardi** offers a sunny base for explorers. Owner and Belgium expat Francoise Lays acts as crack concierge, recommending everything from day-trips and restaurants to the most trusted taxi drivers in town. An hour north of the city in cashew-growing country, the **Crooked Tree Lodge** in the Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary puts guests of six waterfront cabanas in prime position to catch all the avian activity. Owners Mick and Angie Webb, along with their two children, provide meals and a warm welcome from day one.

**EAT:** The same family that owns the popular Belikin beer also runs **Riverside Tavern**, serving frosty mugs of beer accompanied by burgers made from locally raised cattle. The most popular

restaurant in town, Riverside Tavern overlooks Haulover Creek from its front deck. On Caye Caulker, satisfy your appetite for local food at **Syd's**, which serves crispy fried chicken with generous sides of rice and beans. For grilled seafood and lobster, grab a picnic table at the convivial **Rose's Grill & Bar**.

**DRINK:** In Belize City, the cruise-ship crowds pile into the **Wet Lizard** on the waterfront to watch the ferries come and go while sipping Belikins and munching conch fritters. On Caye Caulker, head to the hole-in-the-wall **Lazy Lizard** bar on the north channel, aka "the split," for a post-dive sipper.

**DO:** Thirty miles northwest of Belize City lies the **Community Baboon Sanctuary**, a 20-square-mile haven of safety created when seven villages voluntarily came together to protect the area's black howler monkeys (known to locals as baboons). The sanctuary offers guided treks by day to see troops of the monkeys, as well as night safaris to see crocs, kinkajous and maybe even a jaguar.

Nearby, the 5-foot-tall Jabiru stork, the tallest flying bird in South America, frequents the **Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary**, a Belize Audubon Society preserve just an hour from the city, where boat trips explore expansive waterways filled with fowl.

The ruined city of **Lamanai** sits 26 miles down the New River. Tours of the Mayan site, which originate in the town of Orange Walk, combine a river safari — look out for snail kites and squirrel monkeys — with climbs up the towering, jungle-shrouded temples.

The world's second-longest barrier reef fringes Belize in walls, blue holes and seemingly endless dive sites. From Caye Caulker, just a 45-minute ferry ride from Belize City, **Frenchie's Diving** offers day-trips for scuba divers. Or do it under sail with **Raggamuffin Tours**.

An extensive system of underground, rain-fed rivers has developed beneath the country's porous limestone surface. Travelers can explore them by cave tubing at **Caves Branch** in the western jungle.

At the unique **Belize Zoo**, visitors can spot elusive jaguars, tapirs and harpy eagles. Zoo director Sharon Matola runs the nearly 30-acre compound renowned for its work in rehabilitating jaguars.



Thanks to two unstoppable Lions, the Belize City Lions Club embarked on yet another one-of-a-kind fundraiser. Yes fundraiser but intended to be a Family Fun Day under the Sun and surrounded by the Caribbean Sea.... Beautiful waters inviting anyone and everyone in!

Goff's Caye may be small but it is abundantly precious to us Belizeans, although I must confess it was my first time on the Caye. Goff's Caye is protected and a natural reserve. It is managed by the local authorities, namely the Coastal Zone, who by the way, were so gracious to give us a huge discount on the charges for the use of the Caye. Kudos to the Belize Coastal Zone; and a huge "Thank You" from all of us at the Belize City Lions Club.

The day started out with a nice breezy morning that made me rethink if I were to go on this trip. The sea was more than choppy but hey, nothing can stop us LIONS, right? Although, of course, I must admit I cannot swim... but plenty of swimmers were on the boat and it was safe enough as our captain is a certified and experienced seaman...



We had a little delay, but if you are ever in Belize you will need to understand there is no such thing as a delay... only Belizean time... It only took us close to half hour and we were in paradise....wow... Look at that sight and tell me you are so envious and sorry you couldn't make it.... It almost looked like a Hollywood set or a series to Blue Lagoon movies....Needless to say it was the setting for a perfect day... real fun under the sun.

The fun started from the minute we embarked on the Catamaran... We were equipped to satisfy everyone and the DJ was equipped to entertain as well. BLUE STEEL was in the HOUSE people, and great sounds were as well—setting the panorama for absolute FUN...

Oh yes, we had our drinks ready from the day before on ice and the Bar-B-Q ready to set on the grill after all we had to feed these people as well. I am telling you we were equipped to satisfy and make sure our folks had fun *LIONS STYLE*...

Folks the day was incredible, not even a millionaire could have afforded the views, the ambiance and the *LIONS STYLE* hospitality...Children were having fun in the sand building their sand castles, parents were unwinding and relaxing while watching their children play and swim in the shallow waters that surrounded the island. A picture is worth a million words so why don't I stop here and let the pictures do the narration for me...



## Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest Winner

Jenny Park, a 13-year-old from California, has been named the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Lions Clubs International is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Peace Poster contest, which was created to showcase the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. More than 400,000 students worldwide, ages 11-13, submitted posters to be considered for the grand prize or one of the contest's 23 merit awards. Entries were judged for originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's contest theme, "Imagine Peace."

Park represented her image of peace through portraits of influential individuals who have made an impact on world peace. "These are people from different places and different times, of different faiths, of different races, genders, ages and many more characteristics. Yet, they all share one thing in common: they all found peace within themselves," said Park.

The poster features portraits of the Dalai Lama, Barack Obama, Aung San Suu Kyi, Ban Ki Moon, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, Woodrow Wilson and -- a self-portrait of Park.

"The reason why I decided to draw a self-portrait in the middle of this poster is because I wanted to convey that peace begins with any regular individual, just like me and you," said Park. "We don't have to be the Dalai Lama or Mother Teresa to be creators of peace."



### Cal Ripken Jr., Hall of Famer: Think about the next thing.



"You don't live each day remembering who you were. Baseball almost seems like another lifetime ago. You need to do something that makes you feel good day today. Just as you have a sense of accomplishment as a baseball player each and every day — you have a goal to win a game or success as a hitter or make good plays in the field — I need to feel I am accomplishing something."

## Birthday Wishes

**Choose your openings. "I don't miss the rush of being a young revolutionary. People who have those feelings at old age need to get a grip. You need to play your role, which is to carefully observe and listen and see if you have anything to offer."**

*~Tom Hayden, 1960s radical~*

**Find young people. "I think the big key is keeping young people in your life. I have some very good friends who are considerably younger than I am — 10 years, 15 years younger. My son is one of them. He is a good friend to me, as well as my child. He's way across the country, which is part of why I go out there in the winter. That keeps me thinking."**

*~Susan Stamberg, NPR host~*

**Luke Martin** April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Bob Hensler** April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Donna Waughtal** April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Elaine Robinowitz** April 28<sup>th</sup>

