

# Lions Roar Newsletter

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Serving Fenwick Island, Roxana, So. Bethany & Selbyville.



*Mark Your Calendar for September Fun!*

Prez Sez...  
join us, if  
you're Able!



**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** First Meeting of new year... 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's featuring a video presentation on Belize.

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** Spaghetti Dinner Planning Meeting.

**Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** Regular Meeting... 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's with guest speaker TBA

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** Delaware Coastal Cleanup 9 AM Fenwick Island State Park, Fenwick Island

**Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** Board Meeting 4 PM Fenwick Island Town Hall

**10/6/13 Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual LEO BASH (Dewey Beach Lions Community Center). See page 6 for details.

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## Presidents Message

Welcome Back All!

As we begin to gear up for our busy fall season, I welcome you back and hope you had a great summer.

For Sharon and me, it seems like the summer has just sped by... and while our fundraisers and regular meetings were placed on hold, our club continued to function smoothly with our monthly board meetings helping us to focus on the year ahead. Of course, the Meals on Wheels volunteers continued their delivery of meals and cheer to the homebound and our, faithful—if somewhat diminished—can collecting group made good progress in filling another 48 foot container and in the process replenishing our treasury. We also had a good turnout for our stint in the concession stand at the Little League's Women's World Series tournament in Roxana.

As you may be aware, this past spring our board decided that, to a greater extent, our efforts and financial support should be directed inward toward our own communities. So, this year we intend to do just that. We encourage all of our members to consider helping to fulfill this objective.

Our Meals on Wheels program, headed by Lion Larry Kovacs (302 436-4336) is a great program devoted to seniors. On the other end of the spectrum is our youth vision screening program devoted to identifying childhood vision disorders in preschool and kindergarten age children. Our club has invested heavily in the latest technology enabling early detection, with pin point accuracy, of vision problems in the young. Lions Jim and Carol Miles (302 539-0942) oversee this program and they are also the liaisons to our club sponsored Indian River High School LEO Club. Through their work and the leadership of fellow Lions Laura Quillen and Amy Hughes—who are also the LEO Club advisors, this high school based program boasts some 160+ members with a mission to serve and make a difference in their community in a myriad of ways. Also in connection with our LEOs, a statewide leadership retreat is in the planning stages and has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 6<sup>th</sup>. See separate article.

Each of these programs offer opportunities for our members to get involved, serve their communities and realize the satisfaction and fulfillment that comes from helping others. Please call Larry, Jim and/or Carol and ask if you can be part of one these programs. I know they will be delighted to have your help!

At the July board meeting, it was agreed that we would change our Visitation program for this year in order to better achieve the original goal of the program – to promote the exchange of ideas and to foster fellowship. While it was agreed that the visitation program was worthwhile, we concluded that the District's Visitation Rules, in many cases, resulted in visits to clubs where meetings were not well attended, were less than inspirational; where the clubs were struggling to survive and in several instances where they were less than welcoming. There was also some concerns expressed about the driving time to some clubs.

In light of these concerns, at the August board meeting the board selected nine nearby clubs in Delaware and five Clubs in Maryland that would give our members a more positive experience. I hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunity to participate in this program. Lion Donna Waughtal (302 539-5880) has agreed to coordinate the visitation program again this year. It is a nice opportunity to learn how other clubs are serving their communities and to meet like minded folks who are interested in making a difference.

Also on the agenda for the fall is Delaware's Coastal Cleanup, which is scheduled for Saturday morning, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Given the fact that the Fenwick Island town beach is currently undergoing beach restoration, we have opted to help clean up the beach just north of town, at the Fenwick Island State Park. This is always a nice way to have a leisurely stroll on the beach, get some fresh air, have some great fellowship and, at the same time, help the environment.

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Thanks to Past Presidents Jean Bertram and Fran Pretty, preparations for our traditional Selbyville Lions Halloween Parade, scheduled for Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, are well underway with early planning and the sale of our 50/50 raffle tickets. This raffle, the Halloween Parade, as well as our Spaghetti Dinner, which, this year follows three days later on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> are our two big fall fundraisers that enable our club to carry out our service projects... These are yet another opportunity to help serve our community, enjoy good fellowship and the satisfaction of being a Lion.

Please also join us for our first meeting of the new season, on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>—the day after Labor Day, where we will be showing a movie on Belize... the home of our twin club, the Belize City Lions Club.

Welcome back!

Yours in Lionism, Bruce Schoonover King Lion

PS Once again this year we will be collecting non-perishables for our local food banks, so please don't forget to bring a few items to our regular meetings.



Just in case you haven't visited this facility you might want to go and see what it looks like as shown in these pictures. Everyone is welcome, visits may be made almost any time in the summer/fall. Many activities are held here for youth who come and stay and play & participate in camping activities in the comfort & safety of the grounds and buildings. It is a beautiful location.

Many FILC Leaders have visited and your Club has donated significant funds to help the Delaware State Police who manage the facility as a non-profit service project.

FILC and possibly Indian River High School LEO's will utilize the grounds and buildings for our picnic (fall) and other meetings in the future. Please attend when you can.



Great Place to Meet...  
Plans for the Future.



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## PSTM Dinner Meeting



A small group of dedicated FILC members attended the first gathering of our District 22 D Administration of DG Mary Lee Phillips' 2013-2014 Lions Year. The President, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Chair Dinner aka the PSTM Dinner meeting serves as an introduction of District 22D leadership: to each other and any new District leaders including, Club representatives to this important PSTM District team.

All District leadership team members including Committee



Chairs were invited. Many attended; the crowd size was considerable compared to previous Lions Years. Dinner was served and the food was excellent, chicken, of course; many considered it the best ever. The Dinner agenda was short and sweet which is good. The Modern Maturity Center in Dover did an excellent job hosting this dinner meeting coming to our Districts rescue after the last minute closing of the public Sheraton Dover.

A short DVD was shown documenting the new International Presidents theme "Follow you Dream". Normal meeting protocols were observed, introductions of important leadership was made to the attendees, speeches were short and remarks were made on behalf of the Global Leadership Team (GLT), the Global Membership Team (GMT), the Governors Ball, the Delaware Eye Bank and the Governors Ball Ad Book.



## IRHS Leo's Meet with FILC Advisers



Fenwick Lions met recently with the new 2013-2014 Indian River HS LEO Club Officers to help with their organization and activities planning this LEO Year.

**FILC Administrator's present:** President Bruce Schoonover, Lion Sharon Schoonover, IPP Jean Bertram, PRC Fran & PP Bob Pretty, Webmaster PP Dick Waughtal

**FILC Advisor's present:** Jim & Carilyn Miles, Leo Advisor Laura Quillen, President-Sarah King, VPresident - Caroline Lingenfelter, Treasurer - Eliza Bomhardt, Secretary - Chelsea Shanahan, Historian - Krystal Gonzalez.

### **Leo and Lion Activities Discussed:**

Back to School Night, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Beach Clean-up, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, Leo Officer "Bash at the Beach" participation on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Parade October 30, Wednesday, Spaghetti Dinner, Nov, 2nd, Vision Impaired Christmas Party (First week in December), Leos Christmas family, Leos making gifts for Meals on Wheels, Walk for Sight, Eyeglasses, Polar Plunge, Pancake Breakfast June, Special Olympics, among others, including website management.

Further plans are being developed by Fenwick Lions and IRHS Leo's to assist in their membership development.



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## 2013 Senior League Softball World Series... Service Project



The 2013 Series was played over several days from August 5, 2013 through Saturday August 10th. All the games were played at the Lower Sussex Little League

Complex in Sussex County, Delaware. The Senior League Softball World Series is for girls, ages 14-16. The Lower Sussex Little League Complex is located at the Pyle Center in Sussex County Delaware, and is the site for the Senior League Softball World Series.

FILC helped served food and refreshments and souvenirs on Tuesday from 10AM to 1 PM. Our member Lion volunteers included: John Pitman (busy working but not shown), Don Stewart, Carolyn & Jim Miles, Debbie & Fred Moreland, & Jim Stone. Our service shift went very smooth! Debbie & Fred Moreland and Jim Stone stayed and an extra 45 minutes and helped Lord Baltimore Lions because they got busy when the shift changed. Dick Waughtal took pictures.

A wide variety of food and refreshments, as well as Senior League Softball World Series Souvenirs were available.



## Other District 22 D Activities...

Pictured: FILC at the District 22 D 2013 **Banner Transfer Dinner and Meeting** held Wednesday August 14, supporting DG Mary Lee Phillips and her new Administration. Shown seated: Lions John Pitman, President Bruce Schoonover, Sharon Schoonover, Anna Neimiller, Treasurer Bill Neimiller, PP Bob Pretty, PP & PRC Fran Pretty, Secretary Theresa Pitman and Donna Waughtal.



To the left: President Bruce and Secretary Theresa display the FILC Banner during the parade of Banners ceremony.



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## Statewide LEO Club Leadership Retreat Set for Sunday, October 6th

We are pleased to announce that the Second Annual “LEO Leadership Bash at the Beach” has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 6th.

### Target Audience

We hope to attract Club Officers—both present and potential future—from the LEO Clubs around the state.

### Retreat Objectives

The purpose of our “Bash” is to get our LEOs involved with those from other local clubs while participating in mini workshops and team building activities. It is also intended to cultivate and reinforce important qualities in our leaders.



### Retreat Site and Schedule

The retreat is, once again, being held at the Dewey Beach Lions Club House (115 McKinley Ave Dewey Beach, DE). Participants are asked to there by 1 PM ready for an exciting afternoon of fun activities. The program for the day is currently in the planning stages, but the overall goal remains to get the kids involved, intermingling clubs, and fostering leadership skills. Included will also be a BBQ hosted by the Lions and the day's activities will be concluded by around 6 PM

### Cost of Event

We are offering this opportunity to LEO Clubs throughout the state at no cost to either to the LEO Club or its members. The District 22-D organization has pledged to finance the vast majority of the cost. However, we are asking Lions Clubs who sponsor LEO Clubs for a contribution of \$100 per Club—as a way to help defray a part of the cost. A custom designed long sleeve T-shirt will be given to each participant. We are also asking other clubs for a donation, at whatever level they are comfortable with, to help meet our financial needs. Please make your check out to Dover Lions Club and note in the memo section “2013 LEO Leadership Bash” and send it to: Lion Gary Stumpf 120 Kurt Drive Dover, DE 19901. I hope you agree that this is a good investment in our youth, our communities and ultimately for all Lions, as our LEOs are our future Lions.

### Deadlines for Reservations

So that we can begin to finalize plans for this event, we ask that LEO Clubs indicate their intentions to participate by no later than Friday, September 13th. To be able to gauge our food, drink and T-shirt requirements, we request that the LEO Club provide a firm list of participants by no later than Friday, September 27th.

### Promotion of Event

We need your help in promoting this important event! **Please** inform your Club's LEO Club Liaison and the LEO Club Advisor.

### Further Information?

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 302 730-3097 or by e-mail at [garystumpf@aol.com](mailto:garystumpf@aol.com) should you have any questions whatsoever.



First Annual “LEO Bash” Class 2012-2013



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## Selbyville Pet and Garden Center...Back to the Basics

*(Excerpted from an article appearing in the August edition of High Tide News. Don is a member of our Club and his son Kevin handles the amplification system each year at the Selbyville Halloween Parade.)*

### "Dad had his Niche"

Donald Lynch, Jean Lynch, and their son Kevin Lynch share a colorful history with one of the area's well known business establishments.

Approximately fifty-five years ago they started out as Lynch and Murray Vaccinating Service. They actually made vaccines for poultry. The business was sold out to Abbott Laboratories (now Merial Laboratories) in the early nineteen sixties. At that point Donald Lynch bought out his partners (mainly Mr. Murray of Lynch and Murray) and the business became Animal Health Sales. Animal Health Sales was a wholesale distributor of animal health products. At their peak, they had two locations in North Carolina and two other locations in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Now the business has evolved back to the basics and to their present retail and wholesale location in Selbyville.

### Finding a New Niche

Kevin Lynch came to work in 1981 and in 1987 the Lynch family built the present building on DuPont Blvd. At that point they started their retail business along with the wholesale business and became known as **Selbyville Pet and Garden Center**.

In 2009 they got out of the wholesale business completely and began focusing solely on retail. Around the same time they bought a grinder and started their mulch business. They make their own mulch, from grinding to coloring. And they also recycle your waste trees and limbs into mulch.

They can deliver 3 to 50 yards of mulch to your driveway when you want it, unlike the big chain stores.

### FirePlace Specialties

In addition to the Pet and Garden Center, for about 12 years they have had Fire Place Specialties. This business has been custom building mantels for fireplaces and installing wood stoves, pellet stoves, and gas fireplaces. FirePlace Specialties' services include the sale of wood stoves, pellet stoves, gas stoves, and wood pellets, firewood and gas.

Visit **Selbyville Pet and Garden Center** for all of your needs from gardening, landscaping, fireplaces, mulch, feed for all kinds of animals, largest selection of Dansk shoes in Delmarva, and unique, healthy plants for your home. Kevin Lynch is a "real local" and is very well known and respected in the community, his business sense as well as his common sense is exemplary.

From former Mayor to Rotary Club member, Kevin Lynch is aware of community needs and has put forth his best effort in serving the community. As a local business man he has the foresight and ability to properly run volunteer services and government organizations. The town of Selbyville is fortunate to have a local business man like Kevin Lynch involved in the community.

### Future Plans

**Selbyville Pet and Garden Center** will be moving to a building immediately north of their present premises on Route 113 in Selbyville. Watch for their new look in the near future.



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# August Birthday Lions...

Muriel Mooney	1-Aug
Bob Schlauch, Sr.	6-Aug
Dan Mihalisin	9-Aug
Larry Kovacs	10-Aug
John Furlow	18-Aug
Wally Colender	24-Aug
Carolyn Kress	27-Aug

Life it seems is nothing if not a series of moments, spend them wisely and make them grow into a beautiful string of "Good times"- RFW

