President's Message

WOW!!! What an exciting three months!!!

We have done outstanding work on our projects since September. Our Bingo raised an amazing amount of money to help fund our outreach projects in the community. The Halloween Parade and 50/50 raffle was a project that had the input of almost all our members and many Leos and was an outstanding success. Then

came the Spaghetti Dinner and again we had not only a very successful dinner we also had participation of many members and Leos.

Our 25th Charter Day luncheon was something to smile about. We had 19 Clubs do us the honor of attending. The International Director Ted Reiver and Ann, Past International President Clem Kusiak and Jeanne, District Governor Ken Chew and Marie, plus members of the Governors staff all joined our celebration. We gave awards to five of our long term helping hands as a token of our appreciation, namely Frank Hanna, Bruce and Sandy Bennett, Scott Fornwalt, Charles Rogers and Ce Higgins. We gave Noble a "Founders" jacket and flowers to Jackie and generally had a very enjoyable and fun filled lunch.



While all these projects were being formulated, undertaken and completed we were also doing several of our community outreach projects like buying and presenting a beach wheelchair to help non-walkers enjoy the beach and the ocean at the Delaware State Park at Fenwick Island. We had a LEO who needed financial assistance completing his Eagle Scout project so we stepped in and helped and we are working on providing hearing aides to a hearing impaired member of our community. We have also completed vision screening for the pre-school children. (Cont'd next page.)

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, December 3rd Governor's Ball Sheraton Hotel Dover 6 PM

Monday, December 5th Club Christmas Party, Clarion Hotel Ocean City 6 PM

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 6th</u> <u>Lions Vision Impaired Christmas Party</u>, Georgetown Civic Center 6:30 PM

Monday, December 12th Club Grotto Community Night, Grotto's Rte. 26 Bethany Beach 6 PM (See separate story page 5.)

Monday, December 19th Regular Luncheon Meeting Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon, with short board meeting following

Monday, January 2nd First Regular Luncheon Meeting of New Year Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon

On top of that, we have inducted 6 new members. I truly believe we have gotten these new members not just by telling them all the good things Lions do but we have recruited them by the feeling of doing good that we project through our attitude while participating in our various projects. The energy and enthusiasm you put into explaining Lionism and the feeling of compassion and companionship with your fellow Lions captures peoples' attention and makes them want to be a part of what we have going on. We need to include our new members in all that we are doing, discover their skills and make good use of them and their talents.

Although we have no fund raisers between now and June we will continue our community projects, ramp building, can collecting, eyeglass collecting food for the food pantry, and a lot of other worthwhile projects. Don't plan on a vacation!!

Our Christmas Party will be an excellent kick-off to the holiday season. Enjoy the Christmas and Hanukah holidays and join me in January ready to continue being a *Fenwick Island Lion*.

Best Wishes,

KL Jean

Peace Poster Contest

For the past twenty-four years Lions Clubs International has sponsored a peace poster contest which emphasizes the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. Carol Miles was asked by the District Governor to oversee the contest in the lower Sussex County area.

Kezia Belgrave of the Dagsboro Boys and Girls Club was one of eight youngsters submitting posters demonstrating peace. "Children are the future of peace in the world," the twelve year old said. The winning poster was selected by a panel of judges for its originality, artistic merit and the portrayal of the contest theme, "Children Know Peace."

KL Jean Bertram, said she was impressed by the expression and creativity of all the students. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so happy that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their vicions. Our alub was placed to award the winning entry.



Kezia Belgrave, a seventh grader, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Fenwick Island Lions Club.

visions. Our club was pleased to award the winning entry with a \$25.00 gift certificate.



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Club 25 Year Anniversary Celebration

Thanksgiving week was a perfect time of the year for our Club to have its 25 Year Anniversary Celebration. We, as a Club, have much to be thankful for... all those who have led our club over the past 25 years, our members—past and present—who unfailingly, week-in and week-out, have given of themselves, as well as those in the community who have supported us over the years.

Our Anniversary Luncheon meeting, attended by 135 Lions and friends from around the state, was a time for reflection and remembering, and a time for all of us to feel very proud—not only of what we have accomplished—but what Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International, created some 96 years ago. Here is to 25 more years!



District Governor's Visit

District Governor Ken Chew, his cabinet and his wife Marie paid a visit to our club at its first meeting of November. He brought with him a thoughtful message of service and encouraged our club to support organizations such as Leader Dogs for the Blind, Eye Bank of Delaware Valley, Lions Vision Research Foundation, Special Olympics of Delaware, Lions Youth Foundation and Delaware Lions Foundation.

DG Ken also advised us that Lions Clubs International had already exceeded its goal of planting 5 million new trees and he provided a tree to be planted locally, with the promise to come back and help plant it, if that was desirable. During his visit he also inducted four new members into our club. One can't help but be inspired by Ken's dedication to Lionism and his willingness to give so freely of his time and energy in order to make this world a better place.

During the meeting, the District Governor also recognized Lion Bob Pretty for his outstanding work for our Club and Jean Bertram presented Dawn Shields, a nurse from Millsboro, with a check for \$2,300, the proceeds from the Lions Club Selbyville Halloween Parade raffle.



Join us December 12th Grotto Community Pizza Night A meal and the Parade of Trees

Looking for a little break from the fast approaching holidays? Join us at Grotto Pizza, Rte 26 in Bethany Beach, Monday evening, December 12, around 6 PM, (earlier or later as your schedule permits) for a meal and a chance to see our entry into Grotto's Parade of Trees. All you have to do is show them a copy of the "Community Night Pizza voucher" (below) and Grotto's will provide the Club with an amount equal to 20% of your total bill.

This is a special time at Grotto's as they are hosting the 25th annual Parade of Trees, which is intended to benefit local charities. For the fourth year in a row our Club acted as host for decorating a Christmas tree with all proceeds from this effort being used to support our Lions youth vision screening program.

This year the decorating was coordinated by Betty Cummings, wife of Lion Bob Cummings, with the help of Lions Sharon Schoonover, Lou Lamb and Muriel Mooney. Also assisting was Kristen Alvarez—granddaughter of Bruce and Sharon.

The youth vision screening program is overseen and directed by Lions Jim & Carolyn Miles on behalf of our Club. Other Lions Club participants in this great and rewarding effort include Lord Baltimore Lions Club, the Millsboro Lions Club and the Laurel Lions Club.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening of good food and fellowship. And, don't forget a copy of the coupon below!



Trimming the Tree

This year, under the direction of Betty (on right), Sharon, Lou and Muriel decorated the Lions Zone Christmas tree at Grotto's annual <u>Parade of Trees</u>. All money raised is used to support the "Youth Vision Screening" program administered by the Fenwick, Lord Baltimore and the Millsboro Lions Clubs.

Please join Grotto Pizza and the Fenwick Island Lions Club for a fundraising event



December 12, 2011 4 to 9 p.m.

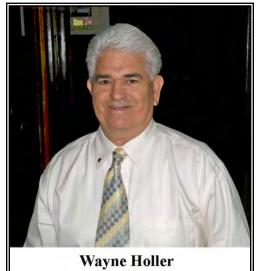
When this voucher is presented at time of order, an amount equal to 20% of your total bill will be donated to the Fenwick Island Lions Club.

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Welcome New Members!

Our District Governor Ken Chew inducted four new members into our club. Lou Lamb, wife of Lion Charlie Lamb, Debbie and Fred Moreland who were sponsored by KL Jean Bertram and Wayne Holler who



was sponsored by Lion Bob Schlauch. We provided a picture and profile of Lion Lou in the November Lions Roar issue and here are the other three. We extend a hearty welcome to all!

Wayne Holler. Wayne established his insurance firm, Health Care Planners, Inc. in Ellicott City, MD in 1981. He specializes in health, disability and life insurance and considers insurance to be his lifetime career, having worked for Blue Cross of Maryland prior to owning his own firm. He splits his time between his home in Ellicott City and Ocean City, being a neighbor of Bob and Patti Schlauch.

Wayne was born in Baltimore and graduated from the University of Maryland where he played baseball. Wayne has been married to Judy for 44 years, and has two children and three grandchildren. He

loves old movies and collects movie magazines

from the 1930s and 1940s.

Debbie Moreland. Debbie and her husband Fred migrated to the Eastern Shore two years ago from the Washington, DC area, having spent the prior 21 years as a detective on the DC police force. She had visited this area since a young age and while visiting Bob & Jean Bertram, she fell in love with a house across the street and promptly bought it. A native of Scranton, PA she has been married



for 32 years and enjoys both boating and camping. She is a licensed realtor working for Coldwell Banker in Ocean City on a regular basis.



Fred Moreland Fred was born and raised in the District of Columbia and retired as a Sergeant on the DC police force after serving 26 years. His love of pleasure boats caused him to pursue a hobby/business in marine repair and service and he currently works part-time with West Marine. He is still very active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, having just completed 30 years of service. And, this is how Fred and Debbie came to know the Bertrams. He has an interest in amateur radio and participates with the Auxiliary primarily in communications.

Believe, when you are most unhappy, that there is something for you to do in the world. So long as you can sweeten another's pain, life is not in vain.

~Helen Keller~

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

What does it take to serve 460 complete spaghetti dinners in something over 4 ½ hours? 50 gallons of sauce, 80 pounds of sausage, 900 meatballs, 123 pounds of pasta, 15 pounds of parmesan cheese, 78 loaves of bread, 4 boxes of salad, five gallons of salad dressing, 42 cakes, one restaurant, a willing, energetic and dedicated group of members, spouses and LEO Club members and a whole lot of organization. And, to make it financially successful, you need a huge group of local businesses that are willing to support it.

On November 5th it all came together and for our 25th year, charter member Scott Fornwalt turned over his Fenwick Crab House restaurant and we had another very successful fundraiser. Many thanks to the organizers of this great event ,Lions Sam Mooney and Bob Pretty, and to all those who helped in a myriad of ways.



Birthday Wishes!

Men do not quit playing because they grow old, they grow old because they quit playing.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes~

We are young only once, after that we need some other excuse.

~Author Unknown~

Paul Ravilious Dec. 3rd

Donald Stewart Dec. 13th

Bill Neimiller Dec. 17th

Jim Stone Dec. 17th

Wayne Holler Dec. 18th

Roland Hoffman Dec. 20th

Ash Ashinhurst Dec. 24th

Fran Pretty Dec. 29th