

President's Message

December comes with a number of traditions for Lions.

The Governor's Ball will be held on December 4th this year.

We have our annual Christmas Dinner Dance on Monday, December 6th at the Ocean City Clarion Hotel. We look forward to a large turnout of Lions, spouses and friends and I am sure there will be much Christmas spirit to be had.

On December 7th, the annual Christmas Party for the Visually Impaired will be held at the Millsboro Civic Center.

We have rescheduled our annual dinner get-together at Grotto's in Bethany Beach for the Spring rather than try to cram it in during the busy month of December. However, please note that several of our Lions have worked hard on trimming our tree in their Parade of Trees Festival. See article on page 3 for more information on this.

On December 20th, we have our final meeting of this year. Our guest speaker that day will be Peggy Raley, owner of Nassau Valley Winery in Lewes. She will give us a lesson wine making and give us a taste of several wines in their current production.

Please remember to select your numbers for our 20/20 game. This will help with our Club's administration account. See Lion Theresa Pitman for a list of open numbers still available.

One more reminder, please mark you calendar for our first meeting of the New Year, January 3rd, which Delaware Governor Jack Markell will attend. This is a real honor for the Club to have the Governor join us... See separate article on page 3 for further details.

Happy holidays to all; we serve with pride!

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, December 4th, Lions District Governor's Ball, Dover Sheraton

Monday, December 6th, FILC Christmas Dinner Dance, Clarion Hotel, OC beginning at 6 PM

Tuesday, December 7th, Lions Region 3 Visually Impaired Christmas Party, Millsboro Civic Center 6 PM

Monday, December 20th, Regular Meeting, Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon, with board meeting following.

Monday, January 3rd, First meeting of New Year with guest speaker Gov. Jack Markell, Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon

The Leo Corner

This year, thanks to Lions Jim and Carol Miles, Leo Advisor Ms. Lonnie Riley and Indian River High School Leo Club officers, the Leo Club is off to a great start ... having already participated in beach clean-up activities in Fenwick Island, the Halloween Parade in Selbyville and our recent Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser held, once again, at Lion Scott Fornwalt's Fenwick Crab House. They have also put in three afternoons working on Christmas tree ornaments for all of the visually impaired guests at the Lions Region 3 Visually Impaired Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 7th. A group of Leos and their advisor are scheduled to attend this event, help serve meals and pass out presents to our guests.



Thanks to webmaster Lion Dick Waughtal the Leo Club now has its own very impressive website ... <http://www.irhsleoclub.org/> It is designed to give the Club more visibility and promote the fun and fellowship of being a Leo and helping others. Lion Bruce Schoonover helped write the text which appears on this site ... and hopefully in the future, the Leos will play a major part in determining what and how things appear and are posted on this site.

Leo Club Purpose/Mission

The Leo Club, which was formed in 2003, has grown each year and last year had upward of 100 members. Its purpose/mission is captured in its name-which is an acronym that stands 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.



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Mark your calendar for Monday, January 3, 2011, to meet and hear Delaware's Governor Jack A. Markell

Delaware Governor Jack Markell will be a special guest speaker at the Fenwick Island Lions Club's first luncheon meeting of the New Year—12 noon, on Monday January 3rd at Harpoon Hanna's Restaurant, Rte 54 Fenwick Island, Delaware.

We are truly honored to have Governor Markell as our guest. Please mark your calendar—pass the word and invite your spouse, a friend and/or neighbor to join us for this special meeting. A native Delawarean, Governor Markell, is a graduate of Brown University, with an MBA degree from the University of Chicago. He had an extensive background in private sector business prior to becoming this state's three-term State Treasurer, then Governor in 2009. His presentation will be informative and educational, as well as entertaining.

Reservations may be made by contacting the Club's Secretary Dick Waughtal at 539-5880.



Grotto's Parade of Trees



This is a special time at Grotto's as they are hosting the 24th annual Parade of Trees, which is intended to benefit local charities. For the third year in a row our Club acted as host for decorating a Christmas tree at Grotto's Pizza, Rte 26 in Bethany Beach. All proceeds from this effort will be used to support our Lions Zone youth vision screening program.

The decorating was once again coordinated by Lion Sharon Schoonover, with the help and artistic abilities of Betty Cummings, Margaret Ann & Lion Joe Leonard and their granddaughter Haley.

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 Millville Lions Club and the Laurel Lions Club.

Many thanks to all involved and please come out and support the Club in its efforts to help in funding this worthwhile program.

Fenwick Island Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

By Lion Sam Mooney

I would like to start by thanking everyone who took part in this great fundraiser; we could not have done it without everyone's help. We served over 400 meals and we had over 200 volunteer hours including our Leo Club which was about 45 hours. Many of these hours are behind the scenes of the actual dinner. Many thanks to our Secretary Dick Waughtal for the tickets, placemats and flyers, Lion Bruce Schoonover for the publicity, published in the local papers. Thanks also go to Ms. Lonnie Riley and her Leos. They are a real asset to this Club and their youth, energy and spirit added greatly to the success of this event

Other big thanks, to Lion Bob Pretty who guided us through the nearly 30 businesses we visited for donations and the work of our president Tom Foley for his soliciting. Many thanks to Lion Scott Fornwalt and his staff for their guidance and hard work, the use of his restaurant, without it we would not have been able to have this fundraiser.

Thanks to all those who worked in the kitchen on Friday and Saturday. You will be pleased to know our preparation of pasta and spaghetti sauce went flawlessly. We had very little cooked food left over. What was left over was taken to Diakonia Inc. a homeless shelter in west OC. Lion Joe Diehl and I delivered left overs on Sunday. I valued this donation at approximately \$150.00 and all other supplies that were bought were either sent back for refunds or paper products put in our storage locker for next year.



Fenwick Island Lions Club Celebrates 24 Years of Service & Welcomes District Governor and His Cabinet

November 17th was the Fenwick Island Lions Club's 24th Anniversary of its Charter or founding. The occasion was marked by the annual reception for the Club's board and the District Governor, his cabinet and region and zone chairs at the home of our founder and PDG Noble Simpson and his wife Jackie. At the anniversary meeting PDG Noble shared tidbits of the Club's accomplishments over the years with us and District Governor Karl Gude thanked us for our service and encouraged us to do more. He also presented a special appreciation award to PP, Club and District Webmaster, and current Club Secretary Dick Waughtal.

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DG Karl also officially announced the appointment of IPP Fran Pretty to Zone Chair, as a result of the marriage/transfer and resignation of current Zone Chair Bill Savery. _Congratulation to Bill and our thanks to Fran for her willingness to assume this position.



Fenwick Island Lions & Delaware Lions Foundation Provide Assistance to Indian River Senior Justin Lowe

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 Shepherd Center, one of the top rehabilitation hospitals in the nation, specializing in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord and brain injuries. There, he spent another week in the ICU, was stabilized and taken off his ventilator and feeding tube and he began rehabilitation.

In September, Justin was released from the Shepherd Center and returned home to convalesce. He has resumed high school classes on a limited basis even though he is paralyzed from the neck down. He also recently attended the Indian River High School Homecoming and was recognized and honored during the halftime event at the football game.

As the summer began, Justin had been looking forward to again being a starter on the football team at the Indian River High School in the 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 an 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 Fund, 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 9th, the Fenwick Island Lions Club board of directors voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Justin Lowe Fund. Also at that meeting, the board unanimously recommended that the Club apply to the Delaware Lions Foundation for matching funds.

The Delaware Lions Foundation (DLF) which was established in 1974 and is governed by a board of directors of selected Lions Club members from the 35 Lions Club throughout the state of Delaware. Its mission is to support the Lions Clubs of Delaware in their humanitarian service to Delawareans through matching grants and to provide educational scholarships for Public High School seniors residing in Delaware. It derives its funds for both the matching grants and scholarships through contributions made by member Lions Clubs in Delaware and through fundraising efforts.



On November 13, 2010, the Fenwick Island Lions Club was notified by the DLF that its request for matching funds had been approved and a check for \$1,000 had been provided. The only stipulation for use of the money was that it was to be used for a specific purpose to assist in the care and well being of Justin.

Recently, the family invested in a specially equipped wheel chair, at a cost of over \$5,000, which affords Justin a measure of mobility and independence and allows him to attend classes at Indian River High School. Justin’s doctors have strongly advised that the family acquire a “standup frame system.” Because Justin is a paraplegic, he is constantly either in a sitting or in a prone position. The standup frame allows him to stand in a vertical position which is essential for proper blood circulation and maintaining bone density. The family has been quoted a price of approximately \$4,000 for this unit. We have pledged that funding from the DLF will be used to help off-set these costs.

The Fenwick Lions Club and DLF financial support of Justin is very much in keeping with the humanitarian service mission of the Lions Club International, the parent organization, and Lions Clubs throughout the world. The Fenwick Lions Club’s other

service projects include: screening service designed amblyopia and other participating in the delivering meals to glasses and other individuals within serve (Fenwick Selbyville and cannot afford such the Indian River Leo Club—a club composed of attending IRHS college scholarships have a financial need academics; support of our involvement with operating of an aluminum can and the financial support for service projects, within Delaware, in our financial support of the Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center (LVC), at the Wilmer Eye Institute of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, the Delaware Eye Bank and Lions Club International’s Sightfirst programs.



providing an annual vision to test young children for childhood vision disorders; meals-on-wheels program seniors; providing eye needs to those the communities we Island, Roxana, South Bethany) who services; sponsor of High School (IRHS) humanitarian service high school students School; offering to IRHS seniors who and have excelled in our environment through beach cleanups and the collection and recycling program; vision related and other humanitarian

In 2007, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the grant making arm of the Lions Club International organization, was ranked best among non-governmental organizations worldwide. From 34 global organizations, LCIF came in first “for its execution of programs, demonstrated accountability, communications internally and externally, program adaptability to the surrounding community and understanding the goals of its corporate supporters.” LCIF beat out Rotary International, Habitat for Humanity, UNESCO, and UNICEF, to name a few.

Another important distinguishing feature—and a basic tenet of LCI and Lions Clubs throughout the world—is that 100 per cent of money raised for humanitarian service projects is used for these projects... Not one cent is used to support Club administration costs—all such expenses being the sole responsibility of club members through their dues.

Birthday Wishes!

Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.

The years teach much which the days never knew.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson~

Paul Ravilious Dec. 3rd

Donald Stewart Dec. 13th

Bill Neimiller Dec. 17th

Jim Stone Dec. 17th

Roland Hoffman Dec. 20th

Ash Ashinhurst Dec. 24th

Fran Pretty Dec. 29th