



Fenwick Island Lions Club Newsletter

The
Lions
Roar



Special May 2008 Issue

Message from our President:

Since its founding in 1917, Lions Clubs International has been making a difference worldwide. Since Helen Keller first spoke to a Lions Club audience in 1925, the Lions movement has largely been known for helping the blind and visually impaired and for working to end preventable blindness. However, Lions also participate in a vast variety of projects important to their communities.

These projects range from cleaning up local parks and student scholarships to providing supplies to victims of natural disasters on a worldwide basis. All Lions Clubs use a direct hands-on effort by their members, supported by their many fundraisers, to assist the needy in their areas.

In the side column you'll find a listing of the various projects the Fenwick Island Lions Club undertakes for the benefit of our community.

Also, on the following pages you will find the details of a number of programs we support locally. We hope that you will enjoy this special edition of the Lions Roar—our local internal newsletter.

Please contact me (302-236-3790) if you have any questions. We always welcome new members into our Lions family.

The motto for Lions everywhere is "WE SERVE" and while volunteering clearly helps

others, many of us feel that we get so much in return, in terms of both self satisfaction and

pride in a job well done. At the Fenwick Island Lions Club, We are family and "We Serve"... it's what we do!

Yours in Lionism, *King Lion Dick Waughtal*

The following lists the programs in which we are involved:

SIGHT ACTIVITIES

- Leader dog for visually impaired
- Delaware Lions Foundation, Inc.
- Lions Vision Research Foundation
- Campaign SightFirst II
- Used eye glasses recycling program
- Preschool child vision screening

LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Meals on wheels
- Advanced education scholarships
- Youth LEO Club sponsorship
- Little League baseball
- Stockley Center
- Toys For Tots
- Delaware Hospice
- Individuals & families in need
- Special Olympics

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Adopt A Highway (Rte 1)
- Dune grass planting
- Beach clean-up
- Aluminum can recycling

DISEASES

- Adult & youth diabetes, heart and cancer.

Calendar Of Events

REGULAR CLUB MEETING- Ladies Day/Awards	Monday, June 02, 2008	12:00 PM	2:00 PM
FILC PANCAKE BREAKFAST	Saturday, June 07, 2008	7:00 AM	10:30 AM
REGULAR CLUB MEETING- Swear-In/Awards	Monday, June 16, 2008	12:00 PM	3:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	Monday, June 23, 2008	4:00 PM	6:00 PM

A reminder: the Fenwick Island Lions Club 2007-2008 Lions Year ends June 30, 2008. In July and August there are only Board of Directors meetings... no Regular Member meetings are held. Our 2008-2009 Lions Year begins July 1, 2008.

News from the Lions Den

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We're pretty sure several members are still having a rough time. We wish them well and a speedy recovery: Lions Bill Winstead, Harold Rabinowitz, PP Cal Denis, Lion Jean Price, Lion Bob Bertram, Alice Casey and Anna Neimiller, to name only a few.

Let's continue to keep all our "Lions family and extended family" who we know to be ailing in

our prayers as they no doubt will continue to face some very difficult times in the future.



Please continue to keep PDG Lion Noble Simpson (539-3734) informed of any Lions or family members that could use a little pick me up card to remind them we are indeed are thinking of them. Our sick members appreciate your thoughtfulness, as does your editor. Thank you

Ladies & Gentlemen ~ Let's talk Aluminum Drink Can Collection & Recycling: CAN YOU HELP US?

Each year, our Club depends upon our fall Spaghetti Dinner, spring Pancake Breakfast, and a year-round "aluminum drink can collection and recycling program" to fund scholarships given to deserving Indian River High School seniors. These fundraisers help finance numerous other programs within the communities we serve, in Delaware, our Nation and worldwide. Of all of our fundraisers, the aluminum drink can recycling program is one of the largest and is pivotal in meeting our financial objectives.

As you know, many local communities are adopting voluntary recycling programs for all recyclables. We certainly support these efforts



Lion Sam Mooney and the new bin at the Millville Town Center

because it is good for our environment

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We have spoken with the town managers in Fenwick Island, South Bethany and in Bethany and have reminded them that our 20 year-old collection and recycling program is crucial to insuring our ability to carry out our humanitarian service programs. Without exception, the towns recognize this and have pledged their support in helping to foster and promote our program.

Now we are asking for your help! Please save your aluminum drink cans and take them to one of the following convenient locations, where you will find our bins with the familiar Lions Club logo:



Fenwick Island-

Lighthouse Liquors- Rte 1
Fenwick Town Hall- Rte 1

Selbyville-

Uncle Willies- Rte 54
Marvin's Market- Rte 54

Millville-

Food Lion- Rte. 26
Giant- Rte. 26
Hockers-Rte. 26

Bethany Beach-

Grotto Pizza- Rte. 26

Ocean View-

G&E- Cedar Neck Road

It should be noted that all money raised from this and other Lions Club fundraisers is devoted 100% to humanitarian service programs. And, none of these funds is ever diverted for administrative or other uses. This is a basic tenet of Lions Clubs International, the parent organization of the Fenwick Island Lions Club.

One other thing that you should be aware of is that the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)—the parent organization of the Fenwick Island Lions Club—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.

We thank you for your consideration.

Fenwick Island Lions Club Scholarship Awards:

On May 21, 2008, Dick Waughtal, President of the Fenwick Island Lions Club announced the awarding of \$6,500 in scholarships to four incredibly talented and deserving Indian River High School seniors.

This year, the Fenwick Island Lions Club made available one \$4,000 scholarship, payable in one thousand dollar increments



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over a four year period. This scholarship is known as the John Furlow Scholarship in honor of the Club's longtime Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

The Club also able to make available a \$1,000 scholarship thanks to the continuing generosity of Cee Higgins who provided this scholarship—in memory of her late husband, "Skip" Higgins, a founding member of the Fenwick Island Lions Club.

Also this year, largely as a result of another successful year of fundraising, the Club also awarded a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 and one for \$500.

Each year the Club's Scholarship Committee selects the winners of scholarships based on each student's application and a personal interview. The combination is intended to determine the level of each candidate's achievement—both

academic and extracurricular—throughout their high school career. Financial need is also a consideration. The Club's Committee consists of John Furlow- Chairman, Mickey Cook, Scott Fornwalt and Bob Pretty. This year Fran Pretty, Larry Kovacs and Bruce Schoonover also assisted.

Commenting on the selection process, John Furlow indicated that "this year, it was exceedingly difficult to select the recipients of our scholarships because we had fifteen applicants, all of whom were truly gifted individuals who had accomplished so much in their high school careers. I only wish that we could reward each of these fine young people." The selection committee also marveled at combination of course loads, high academic achievement and the volume of extracurricular activities undertaken by each of these individuals.

This Years Winners Are:



Johnathan Lamar Charles
University of Delaware
\$4,000 John Furlow Scholarship



Abigail Buchler
Messiah College
\$1,000 Skip Higgins Memorial Scholarship

\$4,000 John Furlow Scholarship:

This year's scholarship goes to **Johnathan Lamar Charles**, son of Frances Z. Charles of Selbyville, DE. In the Fall, he plans to attend the University of Delaware and pursue his interest in Computer Science.

\$1,000 Skip Higgins Memorial Scholarship:

This scholarship is awarded to **Abigail Buchler**, daughter of Brett and Carol Buchler of Frankford, DE. In the Fall, Abigail will attend Messiah College in Grantham, PA where she will focus on her interest in education.

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This Years Winners Are: (Cont'd)



Taryn Buck
University of Delaware
\$1,000 Scholarship



Trevor Abbott
Salisbury University
\$500 Scholarship

Fenwick Island Lions Club \$1,000 Scholarship:

This scholarship is awarded to **Taryn Buck**, daughter of Stephen and Carolyn Buck of Ocean View, DE. Taryn will attend the University of Delaware, where she will begin her work toward a degree in Environmental Engineering.

Fenwick Island Lions Club \$500 Scholarship:

This scholarship is awarded to Trevor Abbott, son of Troy and Terrie Abbott of Georgetown, DE. In the Fall, Trevor plans to attend Salisbury University where he will pursue a degree in Biology.

According to Noble Simpson, a founding member of the Fenwick Island Lions Club and a permanent director, the Club has awarded scholarships annually since 1992, and over this period has made available over \$86,000 to local area youngsters to assist them in furthering their education. Of this amount, \$12,000 represents remembrance/memorial scholarships, which are either the result of the generous contributions made in memory of former Fenwick Island Lions Club members, or contributions made by present members that simply wish to financially support this worthwhile program.

John Furlow, Scholarship Committee Chair, reports that to date, all scholarship recipients have successfully completed their studies. Colleges and universities attended by the recipients include: University of Delaware, College of Mt. St. Vincent, Dickinson University, Immaculata University, Delaware State, Ferrum College, James Madison University, Susquehanna University, West Chester University, Bloomsburg University, East Stroudsburg University, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and Virginia Tech. End

Graduation is, of course a wonderful thing. In fact, many so swear. However, as heard in the halls...
Minds are like parachutes they only work when open--Sir Thomas Dewar.
This too is a wonderful thing.

Good News About: The Indian River High School Community Service LEO Club



Indian River High School LEO Club Officers

(Frt. row L-R) **Kim Tran**-Pres., **Nicole Herbert**-Treasurer

(Rr. row L-R) **Jonathon Charles**-Vice Pres., **Ian Martin**-Secretary

The Indian River High School LEO Club is a service club sponsored and chartered by the Fenwick Island Lions Club five years ago. "LEO" is actually an acronym standing for Leadership, Experience and Opportunity. The objective of the LEO Club program is... "to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community."

Since the LEO Club program began 50 years ago this year, it has grown to 5,500 individual clubs in 130 countries with 140,000 members. Today, the Leo Club program is stronger than ever. Community service remains the cornerstone of the program. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching positive results unfold.

Lions Jim and Carolyn Miles serve as coordinators for this program on behalf of the Fenwick Lions Club. The LEOS undertake community service projects and assist our Club with its fundraisers, such as the pancake breakfast.

Leo Program History: In 1957, Coach Jim Graver started the Leo ball rolling. Chances are, that the ball was a baseball. Graver was the coach of the baseball team for the Abington High School, Pennsylvania. Graver was also an active member of the Glenside Pennsylvania Lions Club.

With fellow Lion, William Ernst, Graver talked about starting a service club for high school boys. So they asked their fellow Lions for support. Without hesitation, the Glenside Lions agreed that a Lions youth group was a good idea. Graver and Ernst set to work.

On December 5, 1957, the Glenside Lions presented a charter to the Abington High School Leo Club whose members were mostly made up of the high school's baseball team.

As the world's first Leo club, the group created the Leo acronym - Leadership, Equality, Opportunity (Equality was later changed to Experience.) And, the group chose maroon and gold - their school colors - to serve as the Leo club colors.

In October 1967, the board of directors of Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club Program as an official program of the association, which is open to males and females.

The Leo club motto is: Leadership - Leos develop skills as organizers, time managers and motivators of their peers.

Experience: Leos learn the importance of cooperation through community service.

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.



Meals on Wheels: The Fenwick Island Lions Club has long been a supporter of the Meals on Wheels program in Sussex County. The goals of the MOW Program are to (1) help seniors remain independent; (2) help them maintain their nutritional health; (3) act as a referral agency; and (4) help seniors live their lives with dignity.

John Carl is the longtime Chairman of this committee. He and his wife, Barbara, are among 18 regular and 4 alternate volunteers in the club who deliver the hot meals to Roxana-area residents. Members of the Lions Club, along with dozens of other county volunteers, have been making these rounds for more than 25 years. They can be seen delivering meals year-round, five days a week through heat and cold, rain and snow.

At the CHEER Center in Georgetown, cooks prepare Meals for Sussex County residents who are shut-ins or temporarily unable to cook for themselves. The meals are delivered to eight different sites. Once delivered, the meals are individually packaged and organized for each route. Volunteers from all over the county pick up the meals and begin delivering them.

“You make friends with these people, talk to them, and try to brighten their day,” says John. “You may be the only face they see all day.”

After loading up his car at the Pyle Center, Carl begins his route—nine stops in all. The first delivery is to a lady, whom he fondly calls “Cat Woman.” The client has four cats that have kept her company since her husband died. She has especially appreciated the help from Meals on Wheels since she had to have a pacemaker about two years ago.

Another regular on John’s route is a lady who always greets him



with a “God Bless.” She has been receiving Meals on Wheels since her stroke a couple of years ago and enjoys the interaction with the drivers. “They are just as nice as they can be,” she says. “I love them all.”

Meals on Wheels had its beginnings in England during World War II. During the Blitz, many people lost their homes and were unable to cook. The Women’s Volunteer Service for Civil Defense provided meals for these people and for servicemen. This concept of delivering meals to those unable to prepare their own

evolved into today’s Meals on Wheels, which primarily serves the homebound elderly. The first home-delivered meal program in the United States began in Philadelphia in 1954, followed soon after by similar programs in Columbus and Rochester. Today Meals on Wheels operates on a local level, though the Meals on Wheels Association of America is a national clearinghouse.

The CHEER program has been in existence for more than 36 years. Meals on Wheels Delaware is a nonprofit 501c3 organization, a public-private partnership between the federal government, the state, five agencies, and thousands of volunteers. Together they provide and deliver meals to more than 4,300 seniors a year. CHEER in Georgetown is one of these five agencies.

If you have an interest in participating in this program, in whatever capacity, (regular driver, alternate or just willing to assist, please contact Chairman, Lion John Carl (436-0136.)

(Much of this write-up has been excerpted from the article written by Judy Myers, which ran in the Coastal Point newspaper on July 27, 2007. Many thanks to Judy for this fine article, and many thanks to John and all the participants in this incredible program... a splendid example of Lionism at its very best.)

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Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, Noon - Harpoon Hanna's - September through June
King Lion Dick Waughtal-Bulletin Editor
(Photos by Lions Bruce Schoonover, Sam Mooney, Dick Waughtal & Roland Hudson)

Children's Eye Screening Program:

Six years ago, Lions Clubs in Sussex County, Delaware began administering a free vision screening program to test for amblyopia or "Lazy Eye" in Pre-K and Kindergarten in the Indian River District's elementary schools. The program has been such a success that Delaware Lions are now taking this initiative statewide.

O.J. (Ash) Ashinhurst, currently the 1st Vice President of the Fenwick Island Lions Club is responsible for drastically expanding the program. Over the years, the Lions Clubs have acquired the required sophisticated equipment, secured the funding and built a program that, for the first time last year, was able to offer the screening process to all pre-kindergarten, Headstart, Project Village and kindergarten children, county wide.

The preschool eye program most commonly tests for *Amblyopia*, a Greek word simply translated as "dull eye", and commonly referred to as "lazy eye". It results from a set of childhood vision disorders that affect how the brain processes unequal or abnormal visual input from the eyes. The need for early detection of amblyopia is widely recognized. In many cases, it is a condition that cannot be easily detected by a parent or guardian. Sometimes amblyopia is even missed during screenings by health practitioners.

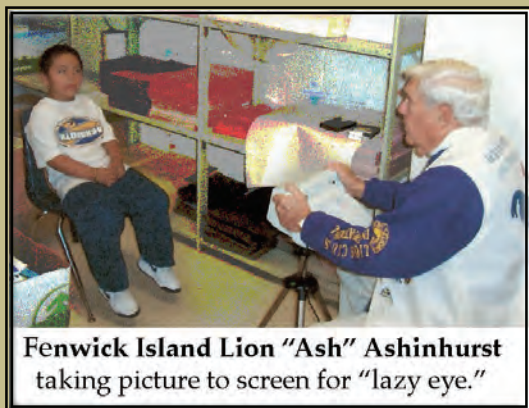
Fenwick Island Lion Club members Jim and Carolyn Miles coordinate and schedule all screening for Sussex County and numerous individuals from this club, as well as others, participate in the screening process. While acknowledging the contributions of all these Lions, "Ash" recently commented that "what also makes our program so successful—and has enabled it to grow as it has—is that an Optometrist from Selbyville, by the name of Dr. Jeffery Hilovsky, fondly known to all as "Dr. Jeff," has from the beginning, volunteered to do the readings..." Ash went on to say, "for the past six years he has been working hand-in-hand with our program and has consistently given our work priority. Without his assistance, dedication, hard work and enthusiasm, this program would never have gotten to this stage." Dr.

Hilovsky, who is a Lion himself, very modestly downplays his efforts... which seem to be a common trait in many Lions who give so generously and unselfishly of their time, expertise and energy.

It should be noted that vision screening is a good beginning to proper eye care. *A screening does not replace a professional examination, but it can help identify children at risk for eye disorders.* Finding eye disorders in their early stages saves *SIGHT!*



Students at Frankford Elementary proudly display their stickers, given after the vision screening



Fenwick Island Lion "Ash" Ashinhurst taking picture to screen for "lazy eye."

This is the end of our story. We hope it has been informative. If you wish more information or would consider a possible membership please contact; King Lion Dick Waughtal at [302-539-5880](tel:302-539-5880) or Club Membership Chair Bob Schlauch at [410-250-9881](tel:410-250-9881). Thank you for your interest.