

## Twenty-Five Cent Auction/Paddle Party Fundraiser Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

The Fenwick Island Lions Club is sponsoring a **Twenty-five cent Auction/Paddle Party** at the Roxana Fire Hall Monday evening, August 13<sup>th</sup> to help finance its many community service programs. Doors open at 6 PM and the auction will begin at 7 o'clock.

Aside from an evening of fun with friends, the club will also be offering lite fare (hot dogs, BBQ and homemade desserts) and soft drinks, water and snacks throughout the evening.

**Where else can you spend between one and four quarters and have a chance to win a prize worth anywhere from \$10 to \$100, or more?**

### **The Price of Admission**

The price of admission for this evening of fun is just \$10 and you may purchase additional numbered paddles—as explained below—for \$3 each.

### **How the Paddle Party Works**

The 25 cent Paddle Party is the latest idea in fundraising. Your \$10 admission buys you one numbered paddle and the chance to bid, with quarters, on specially selected items, ranging from gift certificates, gas cards, to dinner for two and many, many more.

The way it works is, upon arrival, participants are given a paddle (and can purchase additional paddles), each with a unique number. There is a chip with a corresponding number that is placed in a hopper. If you wish to bid on an item, you place your bid (one to four quarters, depending on the item) in a container on your table, and simply hold up your paddle. If your number is called, you are the winner.

### **A Sampling of the Prizes to be Auctioned**

The Club has selected upwards of 100 different items that will be auctioned off during the evening, including: A basket that contains a gift certificate for ice cream, ice cream dishes and many containers of toppings for ice cream; a small teddy bear holding a \$50 bill; various Vera Bradley bags and items; a Raven's tote and beach chair; gift cards for local stores and restaurants; gas cards; and a 2 night stay w/breakfast in Annapolis.

### **Community Services Supported by the Club**

Founded in 1986—and having just celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Fenwick Island Lions Club, is a non-profit organization serving Fenwick Island, Roxana, Selbyville and South Bethany and is the sponsor of the Indian River High School LEO Club. (That organization is composed of high school students with a mission similar to our Lions club—to serve the community.) The Lions Club also financially supports a number of humanitarian causes in Delaware, our Nation and around the world, through the Lions organization in Delaware and through Lions Clubs International, its parent organization.

While the Club serves a finite, defined, service area, it draws its members from communities throughout the area including Bethany Beach, Dagsboro, Fenwick Island, Frankfort, Millville, Millsboro, Ocean View, Roxana, Selbyville and South Bethany Beach.

Following are some examples of causes supported locally by the club, throughout the year:

- A scholarship program which recognizes the academic achievements of Indian River High School seniors;
- Sponsorship and support of the Indian River High School LEO Club in their humanitarian service efforts;
- A youth vision screening program which is designed to identify childhood vision disorders in pre-school and kindergarten age children throughout the lower Sussex County area;
- Financial support for obtaining eyeglasses and hearing aides for those with a financial need;
- Home ramp building to assist the elderly with mobility issues;

- Oversight of a Meals-on-Wheels” program which provides both nourishment and social contact to homebound seniors five-days per week, year round.
- Support for area food pantry programs through bi-monthly collection efforts;
- Environmental services, including participation in beach cleanups and dune planting activities;
- A collection and recycling program of used eyeglasses, which benefits those in third world countries unable to receive proper eye care;
- Co-Sponsor (along with the Town of Selbyville) and organizer of the children oriented annual Selbyville Halloween Parade;
- Supporter of the Selbyville Old Timers Day- a community sponsored antique auto and truck show;
- Support for a Christmas Party for the area’s blind and visually impaired youth and adults;
- Support for the Leader Dog Program, which supplies guide dogs and training for the blind and visually impaired; and we
- Financially support those in the community who have an unusual and/or unexpected need.

### **Funding for our Service Programs**

In order to fund all of these programs—and more, the club relies on the support of the communities it serves. Throughout the year we have fundraisers and programs designed to raise the needed financial resources. Aside from this Paddle Party, we sell food and offer 50/50 raffle tickets for our Selbyville Halloween Parade, we have a fall spaghetti dinner, a spring pancake breakfast, have a booth to sell food and drinks at the Selbyville Old Timers Day and—our very largest, most labor intensive endeavor is — a year round program of collecting and recycling aluminum drink cans.

As a non-profit organization—qualifying as a 501(c)3 entity, all contributions to the club are tax deductible, to the full extent of the law.

### **All Profits Go back to Our Community and the Programs We Support**

One of the unique and gratifying aspects of Lions Clubs, worldwide, is the fact that 100% of money raised through its fundraisers goes back into the service programs supported by the clubs. Not one nickel is diverted to administration of the club or its parent organization. This is a basic tenant of Lions Clubs International and one of the things that sets our organization apart from—and above—many other non-profits.

Further assuring the profitability of our efforts, of course, is the fact that we are a volunteer organization and all of our members’ time is donated. We also have the benefit of being able to call on the assistance of members of the Indian River High School LEO Club at our fundraisers, which acts as a multiplier of our club’s efforts.

An equally unique and gratifying aspect of our fundraising efforts is the support we receive from the business community. Often the supplies and resources needed for our fundraisers are donated or contributed by the business community and therefore our profitability is enhanced and our efforts maximized. For all of this, we are most grateful.

### **More Information?**

For more information on the Paddle Party and the Club please contact Club President, Jean Bertram 302 436-5326.

You may also visit us on the web at:

Fenwick Island Lions Club <http://www.file22d.org/>

Indian River High School LEO Club <http://www.irhsleoclub.org/>

District 22-D (Delaware) Lions organization <http://www.lions22d.org/>

Lions Clubs International <http://www.lionsclubs.org/>

