

## FENWICK ISLAND LUNCH MINUTES

August 3, 2015

HARPOON HANNA'S RESTAURANT

### OPENING

Call to order –1<sup>st</sup> VP Don Strwart

Pledge – Lion Joe Leonard

Leading singing of "God Bless America" – Lion Theresa Pitman

Invocation – Lion Dan Hill

Lions Toast – Lion Bob Pretty

ATTENDENCE –twenty-one members and 2 guests were present. Guests were Evelyn (Dan's friend/helper) and Hallie Kroll from the Indian River Life Saving Station.

### LUNCH WAS SERVED

### GUEST SPEAKER

>There have been lots of shipwrecks

>1785 – 1787 small shacks were built along the shoreline

>every sea town had one boat

>1848 New Jersey was given \$10,000 for Life Saving Efforts

>1865 Civil War....not too much was done during this time

>1871 Federal Government appointed Summer I. Kimball to oversee Life Saving issues

>a total of 13 locations were established, 15 miles apart, with 6-7 men at each station

>the men wore uniforms similar to those they'd worn in the Civil War

>they had Surf Boats, 26 ft. long, weighing 700 to 1,000 lbs., it took 6 men to pull this boat, it could hold up to 15 people

>there was a Beach Cart, 1500 lbs., which could shoot out a line to the ship in trouble there was a Life Car attached called a "Breeches Buoy" which could fit 2 people (it consisted of a large life preserver attached to the line and the preserver had britches inside for your legs to go through) hence the name "Breeches."

>the Beach Patrol men would walk every night North and South and one would stay in the shack

>our Indian River Life Saving Station has existed since 1876 – 1907 when the Coast Guard took over

>ours is one of the oldest Life Saving Stations in operation today, it has been renovated to what you see today

>there have been 62 shipwrecks off our shores, with 419 people saved

>one shipwrecks was of the Red Wing, 6 men died, not from drowning, but because the waves were so bad, their necks broke, killing them

Hallie said there will be a re-enactment of using the Breeches Buoy on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Indian Rive Life Saving Station.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – minutes from the July meeting were approved as written Theresa read a thank you from Bill Gay for the donation of \$1,000 to the Wounded Warriar Project. Theresa mentioned she, Muriel and Jean were on duty selling tickets at the Little League World Series opening day. It was good to try this, however, on \$30 in tickets were sold. Theresa made a few announcements: First Zone meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Dewey Beach Lions Club House. The Pres., Sec., Treas., Membership dinner will be at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, the cost is \$18. Our Christmas party will be Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at Bayside, with entertainment by Christel and Paul Grandel. They have contracted that date for same 250 we usually pay Bob Hughes.

TREASURER'S REPORT – no report, he has just received the bill from Harpoon's for the Pancake Breakfast. He will close out the past year and have a report at the next meeting. The club made \$2453 from the Pancake Breadfast. PLEASE NOTE: there were 16 Lions who did not sell any tickets.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach – Fran was ill, no report given.

Environmental – John said the trailer is full and Fitzgeralds have been notified

Fellowship – Jim has 38 signed up for the Shore Birds game

LEO Club – Jim/Carolyn - no report – however, Laura, the advisor had boy two weeks ago.

Meals on Wheels – no report

Membership – Muriel asked us to talk up Lions to our friends. We are supposed to be bringing in new members.

Muriel will hold a New Members Orientation, place, date and time to be announced later. She also reminded us of the Bull and Oyster Roast coming up on September 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a request for a “beach wheel chair.” It has been ordered and should arrive at my house any day.

Newsletter – Dick Waughtal said the letter has been sent out by email.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

August 12<sup>th</sup> – Official Board meeting at Fenwick Town Hall (4 pm) (THIS IS A WEDNESDAY)

August 18<sup>th</sup> – Zone meeting at the Dewey Beach Lions Club House 6 pm

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Shorebirds Game, meet Jim Stone at 6 pm in front of the ticket booth

August 26<sup>th</sup> – President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership dinner, Modern Maturity Center, 5:30 pm, \$18.00

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Luncheon meeting at Harpoon’s

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Bull and Oyster Roast 5:30 to 9 pm at Peaky’s Rooftop Restaurant

September 21<sup>st</sup> – Dinner meeting at Peaky’s at 6 pm

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Official Board meeting, Fenwick Town Hall, 4 pm

50/50 RAFFLE – Bob Pretty (\$18)

JOKER DRAWING - \$250 – (no winner)

BENEDICTION – Lion Dan Hill

Submitted by,  
Lion Theresa Pitman, Secretary

**\*\*Additions/Corrections may be emailed/phoned to me\*\***

## REMINDER

We are continuing collecting gently used shoes for the Water Step Project. Please bring your donation of shoes to the meetings. Theresa will take them to the proper location.

Also, we still collect non-perishable food items for the local food bank. Please bring your food donations to the meeting. Muriel will take them to the food bank.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Courage is being “scared to death” and  
Saddling up anyway - John Wayne

