

# Lions Roar Newsletter

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Indian River Marina October Sunset

## Presidents Message

Greetings,

We are right around the corner from Veteran's Day, so I thought that at our luncheon meeting on November 3rd it would be appropriate to recognize this with a program which pays tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in...

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## Reddening October Leaves, Winter Lurks...

FILC- Selbyville Halloween Parade	Wednesday, October 29th	Selbyville, Church St.	5:00 PM
American Legion Vision Screening	Wednesday, October 29th	Rt 24 Lodge	AM
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	Saturday, November 1st	Fenwick Crab House, Fenwick Island, Rt 1	2 PM- 7 PM
Regular Meeting- Veterans, Wreathes Across America	Monday, November 3rd	Regular Luncheon Meeting, Harpoon Hannæs	12 Noon
District 22 D Region 3, Zone 1 Meeting	Wednesday, November 5th	Dewey Beach Club Hall	6:30 PM
Regular Meeting- DG Visit & Club Charter Day	Monday, November 17th	Regular Luncheon Meeting, Harpoon Hannæs	12 Noon
IRHS LEO 2014 Induction	Tuesday, November 18	Indian River High School	Evening
Board Meeting - Reservation Deadline, Christmas Party	Monday, November 24th	Fenwick Town Hall	4:00 PM
Club Christmas Party & Regular Meeting	Monday, December 1st	Bayside Resort Golf Club	6 PM- 9 PM
Visually Impaired Christmas Party- Region 3	Tuesday, December 2nd	TBD	TBD
District 22 D Governors Ball	Saturday, December 6th	Cavalier County Club, Newark, DE	5:30 PM- 9 PM
Wreathes Across America Project	Thursday, December 13th	Sussex County Cemetary, Millsboro,	AM
Regular Meeting	Monday, December, 15th	Regular Luncheon Meeting, Harpoon Hannæs	12 Noon

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And, We can all be very Proud!



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preserving the freedoms we all cherish. We will present a video, Wreaths across America.

In 1992, a gentleman from Maine, Morrill Worcester, with the help of a few others, placed wreaths on a number of graves at Arlington National Cemetery as a way of paying tribute to our veterans. Twenty-two years later, this humble gesture has spread to all 50 states. Now, each year, just before Christmas, the organization Wreaths across America, organizes and coordinates wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington and other military cemeteries throughout the United States. Its Mission is:

To Remember the fallen;

To Honor those who have served; and

To Teach our children the value of freedom.

On December 13th this initiative will play out at Sussex County's Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, as well as New Castle County's Veterans Cemetery in Bear. In both places, they are looking for volunteers to help lay the wreaths on the graves.



This is an incredibly worthwhile service project that will be adopted by the Indian River High School LEO Club and I thought that some of our members might welcome the opportunity to participate.

While financial contributions to this cause are not mandatory, they are appreciated and all the money donated can go toward the wreaths acquired to honor those who are in our Millsboro Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

More information will follow, but I wanted to present this to you well in advance for your consideration.

*Sincerely,*

*Bruce Schoonover*



*Remember the fallen who gave up their tomorrow with family and love ones, so that we can enjoy ours...*

*"To be killed in war is not the worst that can happen.*

*To be lost is not the worst that can happen... to be forgotten is the worst."*

~Pierre Claeysens, a French immigrant who served veterans for years to express thanks to U.S. Soldiers for saving his life in WWII.~





Join us as we celebrate the season...  
Cocktails & Dinner, with music by Bob Hughes

## Bayside Resort Golf Club

Monday, December 1st, 6-9 PM

Cash bar and appetizers, followed by buffet dinner, which will include bread, salad, top round of beef with mushroom gravy, stuffed chicken breast, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, green beans and assorted desserts and beverage.

\$35 per person

Reservations due by Monday, November 24th

Please send check, made payable to FILC, to Bruce Schoonover  
16 Bayberry Rd Bethany Beach, DE 19930



### *Halloween Parade LEO's*

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### *Marching LEO's*

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*More Parade Photo's...*





# HALLOWEEN PARADE!

2014 OUTSTANDING!





## *Timely Reflections on Wednesday's Halloween Parade Project...*

*Just a few quick thoughts on the Halloween Parade from King Lion Bruce:*

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Our guest speaker at the October 6th Regular Meeting was Suzanne Thurman from the Merr Institute which is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of marine mammals and sea turtles and their habitat in the state of Delaware. They cover over 366 miles of waterway. Over 36 species of marine mammals and sea turtles occur during the year, all of which are endangered or protected species. These animals utilize the area as a feeding ground, foraging for a variety of organisms that are part of our marine ecosystem. Whales, dolphins and porpoises as well as seals and manatee share these waters.

If any of these animals are sick or in trouble, (caught in nets, etc.) the Merr team retrieved them, nursed them back to health and released them back into the water. In 2013, there were 93 animals that died due to a virus. In 2014 there were seal pups born here, this was very unusual. October is seal migration time. The Merr Institute has a 24 hour hotline (228-5029) according to Suzanne.

Our guest speaker at the October 20th Regular Meeting was Merritt Burke, from Fenwick Island town Hall who gave some insight into the workings of the Town Hall and the Town Council. The town has six officers, 25 to 30 lifeguards during the summer, has a budget of \$1.7 million which is used for the following: police, administration, public works, police vehicle, drainage system, emergency preparation, maintaining public safety, sidewalks, the town park and work truck.



New projects include: West Dagsboro Street is to be raised four to five inches because of flooding. There is a solid waste system. Beach concessions have signs made for an ad which is placed on the back of life guard stands. January 23rd of 2015 there will be a meeting with URS on how to reduce sea level rising. It is estimated there are 150 to 175 properties in Fenwick with 1 or 2 people.

Pat Shuckman also from Fenwick (code management) talked about flood areas and maps. She suggested taking photos of your home and its contents if you're in a flood area. Pat reminded us to never walk or drive thru a flooded area. Their remarks proved to be very enlightening.

## Preschool & Kindergarten Eye Screening Begins...

The Fenwick Island Lions Club got off to a very busy start in doing eye testing for the children in the local schools and day care centers. This Fall they have tested 584 children in pre-schools, kindergarten's and elementary schools, comprising 9 different locations, including 2 in Georgetown. The new eye testing machine has enabled Club Teams to be much more thorough and accurate.



Eye testing is a very rewarding activity in that it is a real service to the community and identifies children that need correction at a very early age, day care, head start, and kindergarten, for example. The team under the direction of Carolyn and Jim Miles work diligently with the children until each school is finished no matter how late in the day. The camaraderie between the Lions and the local school personnel helps to build good will and a sense of cooperation. We must thank our Lions Jim & Carol Miles for making all arrangements and working to make this such a worthwhile endeavor.

The children, parents, school and Lions in general all realize the importance of the tests. As the little ones are lined up for the individual eye tests, including color blindness, their little faces just gleam and eyes open wide. They are so cooperative. It is a pleasure to see each one. Prior and post testing the paperwork is extensive and must be accurate in execution. We are lucky that the Lions take this responsibility seriously and devote many hours of time to make sure all is exactly right.



Thanks to contributions, hard work & cooperation of the entire community, this Lion activity continues to be a 'roaring' success. *Report by Lion Lee Summerville*





*LEO BASH!... another great leadership event.* by Lion Lee Summerville:

Fun, fun, fun, that was the exclamation heard throughout Camp Barnes when the Delmarva Leo Clubs met on September 28 to have a Leadership training picnic. Activities and challenges from the Confidence Course to Paddle Boarding helped students develop communication and group cooperation skills. Camp Barnes, a summer camp facility was loaned to the Fenwick Island Lions Club to sponsor the Third Annual Leo Picnic. As the students proclaimed, "it was a hoot"

The activities included the Back Free Fall where the group catches a student falling backward from an elevated platform, tower building, confidence course, and cooperative problem solving challenges. The forty plus students divided into five teams, enthusiastically went from "station to station" to do their very best and hopefully win a prize.

One challenge was for the group, to raise a tennis ball resting on a small washer, from the ground using string, no hands. Students were given no guidance and were timed from when the problem was posed until the ball was successfully raised to table height.

This Third Annual "bash" was the cooperation between the Fenwick Island Lions Club, Leo Clubs from Milford, Cape Henlopen, Caesar Rodney, Indian River, Laurel, Stephen Decatur, Sussex Academy, Sussex Tech, and Brandywine Schools. Donations from local merchants, surfboards, and hosting by the Delaware State Police at Camp Barnes was an example of community working together.

In talking to the students about Leo Club activities, they responded that Leo "gives them an opportunity to serve others", we really like community service", "we learn about team building by working together". The students can earn (points) at their local schools toward their required community service by being involved in Leo activities. Such activities include volunteers at pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners, Special Olympics, Prom for Seniors, Mulch sales, adopt a School Book Donation, and many other helping hand donations of time. The sponsors from each school sang the praises of the students.



Camp Barnes which hosted the activity is run by the Delaware State Police as a series of Summer Camps for Special Olympics, Burncamp, 4H, Boy Scouts, and other Special groups. The Fenwick Island Lions Club has been working with the camp to help improve the facilities, new mattresses, repairing plumbing, pool

maintenance and other donations. This is a win/win where the Lions can use the camp as well as donate time and talent for the camp improvement.

The organizers for this years "bash" was Laura Quillen of IRHS, James and Carolyn Miles of FILC, many Lions, the community and sponsors who worked together to plan activities, procure and prepare food, plan the day and have a good time. When talking to Laura she reiterated "these activities are fun for me too".





# *Another Great FFLC "Family" Picnic!* by Lion Judd Bennett:

The Fenwick Island Lions Club held its annual picnic September 21, 2014 at Camp Barnes. One could not ask for a more beautiful venue, or glorious day. Lions, family and invited guests enjoyed good fellowship, delicious food, and games and banter.



The turn out was good and all were enjoying the day and being together. It is times like this when we do appreciate being a Lion and sharing memorable times. Camp Barnes is a truly special place and we are very fortunate to be able to enjoy its scenic wonders and views.



A special thank you goes out to all those chefs who prepared our diverse and delectable meal. Everything was fabulous.





## *2014 FILC Special Retreat...*

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014** seventeen members of the club participated in a Fenwick Island club special retreat. It was a very productive meeting with lots of positive dialog, and in the end, consensus was reached on a number of critical elements to assist us in moving forward with changes deemed appropriate to help insure the Club's continued robust community programs.

The **October 22nd Board Meeting** affirmed the findings of the Special Retreat and after study gave their unanimous approval to the following suggestions which are to be presented to the club membership.

It is anticipated further actions will be taken by our club to sustain our activities in a manner consistent with our abilities to engage the community at large.

### **Resolution Approved at the September 22nd, 2014 FILC Board Meeting (Pertaining to a Club Renewal Process)**

At our luncheon/dinner meetings, we should have a greeter...who also provides a copy of our four-fold and book mark to visitors and guests;

- It was suggested that we expand our vision screening offerings to the Elks and to perhaps area churches and healthy fairs. Bob Cummings and Sam will explore this and coordinate schedules with Carol & Jim, who are responsible for our Spot vision screener.
- Should continue our luncheon meetings at Harpoon Hanna's for the remainder of the fall, which includes October 6th and 20th, November 3rd, & 17th, December 15th and January 2nd.
- Additionally we will resume our 1st meeting of the month at Harpoon's in April, 2015...And have one in May and June, but not have one in July and August.
- Should go to a dinner meeting, beginning with the second meeting in April, 2015 and have a dinner meeting the 3rd Monday each month, with the exception of July and August. Cal Hook is to research our meeting place options and come back to the Board with recommendations.
- Continue to have monthly Board meetings at the Fenwick Island Town Hall at 4 pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Eliminate monthly separate Board meeting;
- We will continue Visitations on a limited basis, carefully choosing clubs where our members can benefit. While the District's rules were changed to require only two for visitations, I recommend we stay with three – because that has the benefit of interacting more with our own club member – which is one of the benefits of visitation. We need to be certain not to pressure any member who does not care to participate in the visitation process.
- Members who participate in visitation should be offered the opportunity to share with members, at the next meeting, any important information gleaned from the visit.
- It was suggested that we should encourage our Zone undertake a project jointly. It was suggested that something involving Camp Barnes might be appropriate.
- It is recognized that there is a need to do a more effective job of conveying to the public the services we provide and difference we routinely make in peoples' lives. It also was recognized that this requires multiple disciplines. It was agreed that we would

form a committee (now formed and functioning) to be called... Media/Communications, to direct its attention to updating our four-fold, include compelling stories and testimonials on our website and Facebook and to do presentations to community groups. Initial participants on this committee include, Bruce, Dick, Lee, Judd and Lauren; We need to make sure our members are all aware of the importance of a greater visibility within our community...and encouraged to contribute (relate stories, provide testimonials and/or comments) to the efforts of the Media/Communications committee.

- Recruiting tips and strategies were presented and will be made known soon.
- This should be shared with all members.
- Participants were invited to name civic groups which offer a potential for a presentation and to explore member growth.

END *More to follow.*



## *Delaware Coastal Clean Up Day Project...*

Well, Delaware Coastal Day activities were not very well organized this year by the state. However, Fenwick Island Lions Club showed up and did it's job!



We fielded two of our club's best representatives, even if they felt very lonely; Lion Judd Bennitt and his wife Debbie plowed through acres and aches of Delaware beach and came back with some actual trash!

Let's all give them a get big "thank you" the next time you see them!

## *The wonderful things about our Club...*

Thus, we end this newsletter with one of the most pleasant, knowledgeable presentations by a local artist, aka, Our Meeting Speaker...

Tara Grim made a wonderful presentation, focusing on her body of work illustrated with various paintings showing abstract & plain outside paintings.

She said her work emphasizes the concept of mixed media evolutionary painting technique with plenty of exploratory effort to get a painting finalized (sometimes over many months).

She delightfully outlined this approach. Rave reviews by me!



*Now here's the thing... not everyone agrees on which element of our activities are the most wonderful... So!*

*Please send your editor, aka me, just one idea about that "wonderful thing" you believe is our Club's most superlative quality(s) that is sure to attract new members!*

*You send'm and I'll catalog them!*

*Then let you know the outcome this winter... brrrrrr Jan-Feb*

*Just do it... It's the Right Thing to Do!*



## NOV/ DEC Birthday Lions...

JOHN	PITMAN JR.	3-Nov	BILL	NEIMILLER	17-Dec
BILL	MORISON	9-Nov	JIM	STONE	17-Dec
DAN	HILL	19-Nov	ROLAND	HOFFMAN	20-Dec
BILL	BUNTING	28-Nov	WAYNE	HOLLER	20-Dec
LYNNE	WHITWORTH	5-Dec	ASH	ASHINHURST	24-Dec
LEE	SUMMERVILLE	7-Dec	FRAN	PRETTY	29-Dec
DON	STEWART	13-Dec			

"If you want to be successful, it's just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. And believe in what you are doing." - Will Rogers  
Ed. note: I declare, Will Rogers would have been a great Lion!

