

Lions Roar Newsletter

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Presidents Message

The proverb suggests that it is not that unusual for “March to come in like a lion and out like a lamb”... so while it is comforting to know that what the mid-Atlantic region is currently experiencing is typical, that fact doesn’t help to lift the spirits or make us feel any warmer. It would seem that we can only hope that the remainder of the proverb holds true, and that in a very short period, the weather will turn milder and more pleasant.

For Lions, one of our priorities this time of the year is to begin to look forward and plan for the future, including considering the makeup of the club’s leadership for the coming year... for tradition dictates that a slate of office holders is to be presented in March to the membership and be voted upon in April. This always presents its challenges, but I am happy to report that it has been suggested that we ‘freeze in place’ our current directors and officers and this has been overwhelmingly embraced by our current office holders. Thank you one and all! So, we can look forward to both stability and continuity for yet another year. Hopefully this will also provide us with the opportunity to continue to bring new members on-board and for some of the new members to take a more active role in managing the smooth operation of the club.

My thanks to all who continue to serve our community and our club in a myriad of ways. And, here’s to Spring!

Yours in Lionism, Bruce Schoonover



Mark Your Calendar for Spring!

Regular Meeting (Officer Nominations)	March 3rd	Harpoon Hanna's !! <u>Cancelled</u> !!	12:00 PM
Mid Winter Social	March 15th	Felton, DE	
Regular Meeting (Final Nominations)	March 17th	Harpoon Hanna's	12:00 PM
Board Meeting	March 24th	Fenwick Island Town Hall	4:00 PM
Leader Dog Dinner	March 25th	TBA	
Regular Meeting	April 7th	Harpoon Hanna's	12:00 PM
Zone Meeting	April 17th	Country Kitchen-Millsboro.	6:00 PM
Regular Meeting (Elections)	April 21st	Harpoon Hanna's	12:00 PM
DLF Walk	April 27th	Rehoboth Beach	
Board Meeting	April 28th	Fenwick Island Town Hall	4:00 PM

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Think
Spring!



Special Club News of the Month:

Twining Partner Belize Lions Club Major Activity

A Brief History of the Lions Computer Room Project

*By Lion Beto Mahler MJF
Past District Governor*

Distinguished Guests
Lions Zone 59 Chair, Melanie Paz

My Lion Brothers and Sisters

Some of you are probably wondering what history could a project like our Lions Computer Room has. There are a few Computer Rooms or Labs already around the City. The truth of the matter is that this project has been discussed, off and on, for a few years but has always been put on the back burner. In fact, many years ago our deceased Lion, Celia Young, wife of Lion Lester Young, also deceased, in whose memory this very building was dedicated, had donated a computer and printer when the Project was first discussed.

As Lions, we tend to deal more quickly with the more urgent needs of the less fortunate of our society. For instance, when we do fund raisers we naturally think about the most urgent needs of the Poor, the Sick, the Hungry and the Senior Members of our Community. This is in keeping with one aspect of our Lions Code of Ethics which says among other things and I quote: *“To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak and my substance to the needy.”*

And so we find that when we raise money it's simply not enough to do all that we would like to do. Our Lions Club is indeed very fortunate to get a lot of help and support from our Community. Belizeans are by nature very generous. Added to this, of course, I must point out that we have some very dedicated and generous Lions as well in our club.

When we found out from one of our Lady Lion that the Central Bank of Belize was in the process of upgrading their computers we naturally inquired if the Bank would consider donating some of the old Computers to our Club for this Project. I must tell you that if these computers [15 in all] were not donated to our Club by the Central Bank, the project would not have gotten off the ground. In fact, this is what jump-started the project.

The problem at that point was where we would get the money to build and equip the room to house the computers. As I mentioned before we do have some very dedicated and generous Lions who stepped up, as they always do, to meet this new challenge. For instance Lion Peter Quan of Simon Quan & Company and Lion Ishwar Nandwani of Nando's Wholesale joined forces and provided the money to cover all the electrical installations while Lion Vinod Bhojwani MJF of Mona Lisa joined with Bennie's Home Center to provide a nice Air Conditioner and Past President, Lion Chris Hernandez of Chris Construction Company donated a 6 ft by 5 ft Fixed Plate Glass Structure for the Computer room while I donated the mahogany wooden door. The firm of Lion Carlos Barillas Construction Co. was contracted to build the Computer Room. But it doesn't stop there.

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Computer Room Project Continued from Pg 2

The Belize Telemedia Ltd., a Corporate Member of the community donated Free Internet Services and Mr. Gustavo Mahler of GEMCOMP did all that was required, free of charge, to install the basic programs that we feel would be useful to students.

And so on behalf of the Computer Room Committee and the Board of Directors of the Belize City Lions Club I take this opportunity to say very many thanks to the following four Corporate Members of our Community, namely: The Central Bank of Belize, The Belize Telemedia Ltd, GEMCOMP and Bennie's. I wish also to go on record to express the Club's sincere appreciation to the following dedicated and generous Lions; Past President Lion Chris Hernandez, Lion Vinod Bhojwani MJF, Lion Peter Quan, and Lion Ishwar Nandwani. These Lions stepped up to the plate to help make this project become a reality. Believe me; we would not have been able to do any of this without the help of all of you.

Let me share with you a brief financial summary of what went into the building and equipping of the Lions Computer Room Project. It's divided into 3 parts.

\$13,766.53 was paid by the Lions Club Treasurer for labour & materials

\$ 6,450.00 were in-kind Donations by 3 Corporate Citizens

\$ 6,125.00 were cash and in-kind donations by Lion Members

\$26,341.53 Is the estimated Total Value of the Project.

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Presenting

In closing, I would like to go on record that our President, Lion Prakash Chainani spent countless hours and some money of his own to ensure that all was in readiness for this occasion.

Thank you kindly for listening to me as I tried to explain the history of our Computer Room Project.
Thank You

Submitted by: Lion E.D.Loria, Club Secretary



Computer Room



Attendees



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Feb/ Mar/Apr Birthday Lions...

RICHARD	WAUGHTAL	Feb	ROBERT	BERTRAM	Mar
BRUCE	SCHOONOVER	Feb	JOSEPH	LEONARD	Mar
JOHN	CARL	Feb	WILLIAM	WATSON	Mar
DONALD	LYNCH	Feb	TED	MILLER	Apr
RAYMOND	KRESS	Feb	LUCAS	MARTIN	Apr
SAMUEL	MOONEY	Feb	DONNA	WAUGHTAL	Apr
THERESA	PITMAN	Mar	ROBERT	HENSLER	Apr
FREDERICK	MORELAND	Mar	ELAINE	RABINOWITZ	Apr
PATRICIA	SCHLAUCH	Mar			

How does one keep from "growing old inside"? Surely only in community. The only way to make friends with time is to stay friends with people... Taking community seriously not only gives us the companionship we need, it also relieves us of the notion that we are indispensable... Robert McAfee Brown

