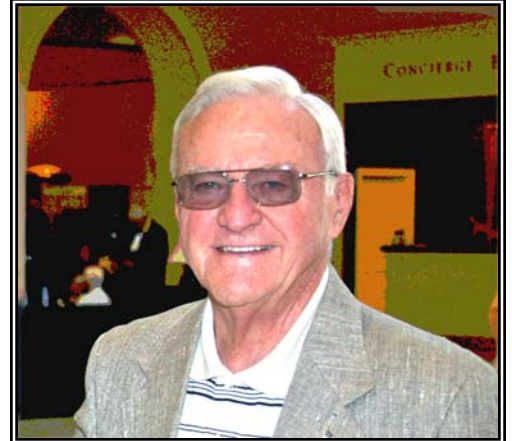


President's Message

We're into February, and the middle of a cold winter, but our work to serve our community continues. Every Lion deserves to be proud of their community service, whether it be delivering Meals on Wheels, collecting aluminum cans, glasses and hearing aids, helping with our Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, Halloween Parade, Vision Screening, Christmas Tree Decoration, or in bringing items for our Food Pantry.

Our aluminum can collection and recycling program suffered a setback in early January. We received a report from our fellow Lions in the Lord Baltimore Club that someone was seen taking cans from one of our bins at Hocker's Supermarket, and noted the license plate number of the vehicle. Lion John Pitman then checked our nearby bins at Giant and Food Lion Supermarkets, and found that they appeared to have suffered the same fate. We reported the situation to our contact in Governor Markell's office, with a request for police action, since our activities budget depends upon income from can collection. At this time, we're awaiting the response from the Delaware State Police. I have written a letter to Lord Baltimore Lions thanking their Club for their action in alerting us on this matter.



I remind each of you to see Lion Theresa Pitman for a 20/20 number - there is a winner every Monday, and you can't win unless you have a number.

Stay warm, in your heart, as you serve with pride!

YIL,
KL Tom

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, February 3rd Region 3, Zone 2 Zone Meeting Millsboro Country Kitchen 6:30 PM

Sunday, February 6th Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge 1 PM Rehoboth Ave & the Boardwalk, Rehoboth Beach. Pre-registration required by January 28th. See story next page. *(Note District Governor and other District officers will be taking the plunge on Friday, February 4th at 11 AM... Join them, if you dare!)*

Monday, February 7th Regular Meeting 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's

Friday, February 18th through Sunday 20th Leadership Conference Emmittsburg, MD
Reservations required

Monday, February 21st Regular Meeting 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's

Monday February 28th Board Meeting 4 PM Fenwick Island Town Hall

Polar Bear Plunge To Benefit Delaware Special Olympics

The Plunge is one of Special Olympics Delaware's most significant fundraisers

The Lewes Polar Bear Plunge, held annually on the first Sunday in February, has developed into a truly unique Delaware happening and has also become one of Special Olympics Delaware's most significant fundraisers.



The Lewes Polar Bear Plunge, celebrating its 20th year, has become one of the most popular events in the state of Delaware. The uniqueness of this event, unlike many others, is that it spans all genders, age groups, income levels, and every demographic area of the state, with participation extending beyond our state's borders. It truly is a family and friends event!

Whether you are a veteran Polar Bear or debating your first jump into the frigid ocean, you won't want to miss the 20th annual Lewes Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Delaware on

Sunday, Feb. 6 at 1 PM.

The Plunge Benefits Our Athletes and Everyone Involved!

Special Olympics Delaware changes lives by promoting understanding, acceptance and inclusion between people with and without intellectual disabilities. We build sports skills, confidence, strength, motivation and self-esteem – not just for 3,500 athletes, but for everyone involved.

Money raised from the Lewes Polar Bear Plunge fuels SODE's growth. In the past seven years we have tripled the number of athletes who train and compete in our program – from 1,100 to 3,500 athletes. The number of competitions has also increased from 9 events to 35 events in calendar year 2010.

The entire staff of Special Olympics Delaware volunteers to take the Plunge. There are 17 states that conduct a Polar Bear Plunge to benefit their state's Special Olympics program. Delaware's Plunge remains one of the most successful.



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GOVERNOR JACK MARKELL VISITS CLUB

On January 3, we were honored to have Governor Jack Markell visit our Club. He addressed the state of the economy and said that Delaware is facing some tough budget decisions. He stated that we can't tax or spend our way to prosperity. He believes that education is important and reported that Delaware was one of the two states that received funds from the Federal Race to the Top Competition. Improving education can lead to job creation and opportunities for citizens of Delaware. He also said that the state is willing to pursue any suggestions of partnering with service organizations.



Delaware Governor Jack Markell addresses the attendees to our first regular meeting of the New Year with a “state of the State” message.

IPP FRAN PRETTY & FILC PRESENTED A CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

At this same meeting, District Governor Karl Gude presented IPP



District Governor Karl Gude presents IPP Fran Pretty with a “Club President’s Excellence Award” in recognition of her leadership this past year

Fran Pretty with the “Club President’s Excellence Award” for her leadership during 2009 – 2010. Our club also received a patch to go on our banner. This award is granted to a Club in good standing, conducted at least three service projects, awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships, had growth in membership, publicized the Club’s activities to the community through the media, and for its Officers’ leadership.

Congratulations to Fran and all of our members who made this honor possible!

A MESSAGE FROM FRAN:

When DG Karl announced my award, I was surprised and speechless and did not take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you.



Club Founder and Past District Governor Noble Simpson chats with Delaware Governor Jack Markell, prior to the Governor addressing the group... as current District Governor Karl Gude and Club President Tom Foley look on.

This “Excellence” award belongs to the whole Club! All of you supported me with your ideas, hard work on community events and fundraisers, attendance at district events, bringing in new members and doing what all Lions do.....*Serving others and making a difference in the community!!* Fellow Lions – **THANK YOU!**

For the Record

Our Grotto’s Parade of Trees entry netted the Youth Vision Screening program just over \$200 this year.

Our thanks to Lion Sharon Schoonover, decorator extraordinaire—Betty Cummings and to Margaret Ann Leonard for their efforts toward this good cause.

MELVIN JONES BREAKFAST – January 8, 2011

By Fran Pretty

On a cold and snowy morning, three members of FILC, 1st VP Jean Bertram and Lions Fran & Bob Pretty traveled to the Dover Sheraton Hotel to attend the annual Melvin Jones Breakfast honoring the founder of Lionism. Even though the attendance was down because of the weather, we enjoyed the breakfast and fellowship with other fellow Lions. Lion Linda Lauria, Director of the Delaware Association of the Blind updated us on the remodeling of Camp Sunnybrook. LCIF provided a grant to assist this renovation that started in October and is projected to be finished in March. Melvin Jones’s personal code was, “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.” This is a good example of people working together to help others.



Looking Ahead



Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast

The Directors of the Delaware Lions Foundation are proud to announce that the **13th Annual Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Dover**

Sheraton Hotel beginning at 9:30am. We will once again celebrate the success of the growing Foundation and honor the memory of two distinguished Lions, Past International Directors Ralph N. Helm and James A. McCarty. Both leaders loved this organization and provided outstanding guidance in its formative years. The program will feature individuals explaining the positive impact Lions Clubs and your Foundation have had on their quality of life. This is always a very heartwarming and enjoyable experience and you don't want to miss it.

You do not have to be a Ralph Helm Fellow or a Jim McCarty Fellow to enjoy the fellowship and delicious buffet breakfast. This breakfast is open to all who want to attend. Plan to have your Club represented.

To summarize:

- 13th Annual Delaware Lions Foundation Fellows Breakfast
- Saturday, March 5, 2011 – 9:30am
- Dover Sheraton Hotel
- Cost: \$17
- R.S.V.P. DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 26, 2010
- More information will be provided at our February meetings.

Mid-Winter Social at the Felton Fire Hall in Felton, DE

The theme for the evening: "Dress Your Decade" That's right; the audience is part of the entertainment. This is your chance to relive those "Glory Days" that Bruce Springsteen sings about! So are you a "jitterbugger from the 40's? a rock n' roller from the 50's, a Sonny and Cher duo from the 60's, a John Travolta wannabe from the 70's? a big hair, heavy metal groupie from the 80's, a hip hopper from 90's? or a rapper from the first decade of the 21st Century? Got the idea now? Let's have fun!!

The menu will be fried oysters, chicken salad, cole slaw, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls and butter, with ice cream and cookie for dessert, plus coffee, hot tea and iced tea. The cost is \$23.00 per person. Cash bar at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm.

The entertainment is "Just Kidding Around Entertainment" with DJ Mike Warren.

RESERVATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 22, 2011. More information available at February meetings



The Multiple District 22 Convention will be held at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury, MD this year. The dates are Thursday, May 12th through Sunday, May 15th.

Multiple District 22 Convention Committee

The committee has made arrangements with The following Hotels: The Holiday Inn Downtown (headquarters Hotel), The Hampton Inn, The Hampton Suites, The Residence Inn, The Courtyard by Marriott and The Country Inn & Suites. More information will follow...

Birthday Wishes!

Youth is a disease from which we all recover.

Age does not diminish the extreme disappointment of having a scoop of ice cream fall from the cone.

~Jim Fiebig~

Dick Waughtal Feb. 2nd

Bruce Schoonover Feb. 3rd

John Carl Feb. 8th

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