

Fenwick Lions offer Vision Screening to Veterans and their families

The Fenwick Island Lions Club, Millsboro American Legion and the Ocean View VFW - in the full spirit of the newly formed Delaware Joining Forces initiative to encourage veterans and community service organizations to work more closely together - will begin to offer a free vision screening opportunity to veterans and their families. The first screening will take place on August 28th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234, located at 29265 Marshy Hope Way, Ocean View, Delaware 19970. It should be noted that our definition of 'veteran' is any individual who is, or has, served our country in uniform.

For the past 20 plus years, the Fenwick Island Lions Club, and other Lions clubs throughout the state have offered vision screening for young children, typically pre-school and kindergarten age children, in an effort to detect childhood vision problems, at an early age and when such issues are most treatable. Last year, our trained volunteers screened over 500 children.

Several years ago the Fenwick Island Lions club, along with several other lions club in the region, and with the financial assistance of the Delaware Lions Foundation, acquired a sophisticated, computer based, screening device that is able to accurately measure and determine vision problems. While this device is not intended to take the place of a professional eye exam, it does identify those vision issues that would benefit from a follow up with an ophthalmologist or optometrist. This new device is capable of screening individuals from 2-years of age through adulthood.

This device can, almost instantaneously, detect refractive errors, including:

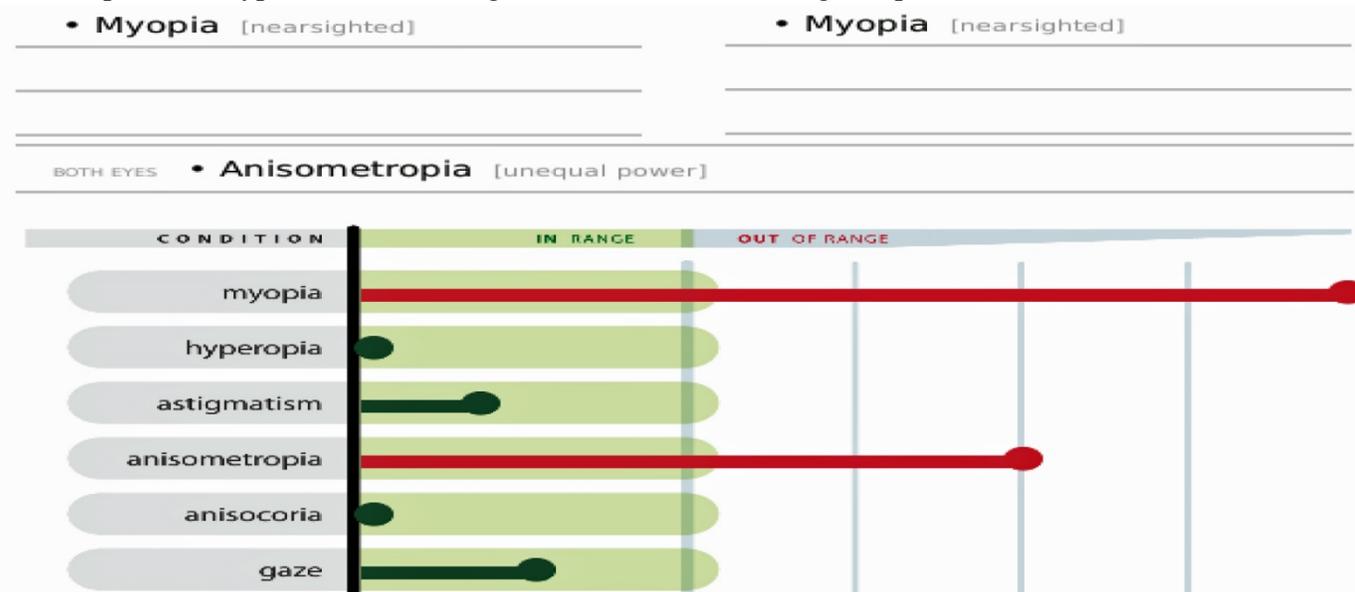
- Astigmatism: irregularly shaped corneas or lenses
- Myopia: nearsightedness
- Hyperopia: farsightedness
- Anisometropia: differences between the two eyes



It also performs a gaze analysis to help detect:

- Strabismus: misalignment of the eyes
- Amblyopia: lazy eye
- Anisocoria: pupil size anomalies

A sample of the type of information gleaned from the screening and provided to the client is as follows.



The board of directors of the Fenwick Island Lions Club has agreed to extend its vision screening services to veterans and their families at no charge and will coordinate the offering to when the VA medical van is on location.

We can also provide financial assistance in acquiring both an eye exam and eyewear, for those with a financial need.

Why are the Lions doing this? We are a service organization whose mission is “To Serve.” While there are many groups in the U.S and around the world that need help, we believe that veterans, because of the sacrifice’s they and their families have made in defending our freedoms, deserve our respect and our help. This is but one initiative that the Fenwick Island Lions Club is undertaking for our veterans. We are especially proud to be working together with the VFW and American Legion who are also dedicated to serving veterans and the greater community.

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