

President's Message

We're going into the New Year, and I hope that 2011 will be a happy, healthy and prosperous year for all Fenwick Island Lions and their families. As a new year's resolution, how about trying to get potential new members to come to a club meeting?

We are proud and delighted to host Delaware governor Jack Markell at our noon meeting on January 3rd at Harpoon Hanna's restaurant. Please attend the meeting, and bring family, friends, neighbors and potential members to the meeting to hear information of interest to all Delawareans.



The Delaware Lions Foundation has awarded our club a matching grant of \$1,000.00, made payable to the Justin Lowe foundation. We have deposited this grant in the account established for this purpose in the Delaware National Bank.

The Fenwick Island Lions Club is also proud of the appointment of Past President Fran Pretty as the chairperson of Zone 2 in the Lions District 22d, Region 3. Her appointment is recognition of her long service to Lionism, and her leadership abilities.

Remember to check out our FILC website at www.filc22d.org , along with our Leo Club site at www.irhsleoclub.org and the District site at www.lions22d.org .

Please remember to select your numbers for our 20/20 game; see Lion Theresa Pitman for a list of open numbers still available. Also, when you come to the meetings, bring food for the pantry.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all; we serve with pride!

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 3rd Regular Meeting with Delaware Governor Jack Markell as guest speaker, 12 Noon, Harpoon Hanna's

Saturday, January 11th Melvin Jones Breakfast, Dover Sheraton, 9 AM Reservations required

Monday, January 17th Regular Meeting, 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's

Monday, January 24th Board Meeting, 4 PM at Fenwick Island Town Hall, All members welcome and encouraged to come

Together, We Serve!

December is a month for celebrating...

Throughout the year we Lions give of our time and energy in serving others. In December, we also pause to celebrate the season and give thanks for our many blessings. This year, we began the month with the District Governors Ball in Dover and that was followed by our own Club's Christmas dinner and dance in Ocean City, this region's Visually Impaired Christmas Party in Millsboro and finally by a club social at Grotto's Pizza in Bethany Beach to recognize the efforts of those who decorated a tree to benefit the Zone's youth vision screening program.

Here is to a wonderful year past! And, our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Bruce & Sharon Schoonover

Newsletter Editor and Editor of the Newsletter

P.S. My apologies for the tardiness of this newsletter. It was finished on December 31st, but when I went to save it, my computer balked. In frustration, I redid the 8 pages again and on the final page my computer once again refused my request. In frustration, I set it aside for the weekend and on Monday I spent half the day on the phone with a computer expert trying to retrieve the lost data... ultimately to no avail... So, they say that the third try is a charm... Let's hope so!

Who Are Lions?

Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. Our 1.35 million members in 206 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but we share a core belief – community is what we make it.



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Meals-on-Wheels

By Sam Mooney

As is tradition for our Club, we once again have provided a canned ham to all Meals-on-Wheels participants served by the Pyle Center in Roxana. On Wednesday, December 15th we obtained 61 canned hams and delivered them to the Pyle Center for delivery of meals to the homebound. Each ham was provided with a label wishing each family a Merry Christmas and identifying the Fenwick Island Lions Club.

Also on the 15th, the Pyle Center had a “thank-you dinner,” with entertainment for all the Meals-on-Wheels volunteers. Several of our Lions attended including our Meal-on Wheels Chairman Dave Crum and his wife Kay, Joe Diehl and his wife Jean and Muriel and me. We also had in attendance a volunteer that delivers meal for us every Wednesday Mr. Pat Carew and his wife. We were treated to a great meal and entertained by Thom Slaughter of the Second Wind Ministry who sang Southern and Country Gospel Music along with some Christmas songs.



Governors Ball



2010 Club Christmas Party at the Clarion

Good food and drink, great fellowship, wonderful music and lots of fun were the hallmarks of this year's Christmas Party at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City.

Bruce Schoonover, Co-Chair of the Christmas Party welcomed all and then went on to say:

This Club has built some wonderful traditions of service over the past twenty-four years that we can all be very proud of. Both Sharon and I are continually inspired by the work performed day in and day out by our members and their spouses.

This Spirit of Service, is what sets
Lions apart as both an organization and as individuals.



In the December edition of the Lions Magazine, it is reported that:

“A. A. Milne, the best selling author who dreamed up Winnie the Pooh, knew that there was more to life than fame and success. He once said:

In the quiet hours, when we are alone and there is nobody to tell us what fine fellows we are, we come sometimes upon a moment in which we wonder, not how much money we are earning, not how famous we have become, but what good we are doing.”

Lions surely experience such a quiet hour. We know service often goes unnoticed. It doesn't pay the bills, feed the children nor fill the gas tank.

But the spirit of service rises above everyday concerns and nestles in the heart.

Our caring and sharing transform the world—one quiet, often unnoticed act of service at a time.”

I say “Amen” to that, and I would add that by giving of ourselves, we are the ultimate beneficiaries... As it surely enriches are lives!

King Lion Tom Foley then took us through the traditional Lions opening ceremony, the dinner was served and that was followed by a dessert bar loaded with a variety of sumptuous, low-calorie, desserts... Ho, Ho, Ho!

Sharon Schoonover had once again provided the centerpieces for all the tables, and one lucky person at each table took home a center piece and the pine cone table decorations. Sharon also threw in an additional four center pieces for the gift giving.

The very talented Bob Hughes played and sang throughout the evening for both our listening and dancing pleasure... And, judging from the crowd on the dance floor as the hour was approaching 10 PM, he was, once again, quite the hit.

Bob & Patti Schlauch, as well as Theresa Pitman led the entire group through a wonderful set of Christmas Carols and Thersa sang a beautiful solo about the true meaning of Christmas. And finally, thanks to Sharon Schoonover and Martha Stone, along with the generosity of a number of Lions, small gifts were given to all those who attended.

Club Christmas Party Continued



Visually Impaired Christmas Party

On Tuesday, December 7th, the Lions Clubs from Region 3 held their annual Christmas party for the visually impaired. The party was attended by over one hundred guests and another one hundred and forty Lions, Lionesses and Leos.

The meal was catered by the Georgia House in Millsboro. District Governor Karl Gude, First Lady Anne and cabinet members served from the buffet line and the Leos from Indian River, Cape Henlopen and Laurel High Schools served a turkey dinner with all the trimmings to all in attendance.

Santa arrived in time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And, after dinner everyone had a good time singing Christmas songs with music provided by the Humanaires, a Lions quartet from Laurel.

Fifty-five visually impaired honored guests were given a fruit basket, a Wal-Mart gift card and a box of candy. The Leos also gave out hand made Christmas tree ornaments.

Our thanks to Ms. Lonnie Riley and all those Indian River High School Leos who helped make this affair such a success.



Birthday Wishes!

Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

~Samuel Ullmam

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.

Roland Hudson Jan. 8th

Bob Jones Jan. 9th

James (Luke) Lucas Jan. 25th

Carolyn Miles Jan. 8th

Tom Foley Jan. 11th

Nick Bartolomeo Jan. 30th

