



Fenwick Island Lions Club Lions Roar Newsletter



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President's Message

"The road to _ _ _ is paved with good intentions" I had good intentions to write this letter for the Newsletter early in the month so that Bruce would not have to remind me several times. Sorry, Bruce I failed the test.

It's May 26th and I am just getting started. My problem is that there are so many things to thank you, the members, for doing. After reviewing all the minutes, all the Newsletters, all the Treasurers Reports and any other papers, notices, etc. and making lists of all the things you have accomplished in the last two years how should they be presented.

I thought about listing all the members and telling what each had done but I could miss a good deed, so that idea went by the wayside. I thought about listing all the things you accomplished, all the donations you have made but that was becoming an extremely long list and the possibility of missing something was great. So I discarded that idea.

A shot gun approach was my next thought. Just list things in a random manner, but then something might have been missed. So that idea was shot down. The only way to tell you what an outstanding, caring, giving, friendly, truly dedicated to helping others, you (as members of the Fenwick Island Club) are is to tell you. *(Cont'd next page.)*



The Scholarship Committee, after completing interviews with twelve Indian River High School seniors. Smiles all around! See article beginning on page 4.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, June 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast 7 AM to 10:30 AM Harpoon Hanna's

Monday, June 3rd Ladies Day Luncheon 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's with speaker from Camp Barnes and with scholarship winners in attendance.

Saturday, June 15th Selbyville Old Timers Day 9 AM to 3 PM, Church Street, Selbyville, featuring vintage vehicles. We have a booth and will be selling hot dogs, drinks and our Halloween Parade raffle tickets.

Monday, June 17th, Final meeting of this fiscal year 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's featuring our awards ceremony and passing of the gavel.

Monday, June 24th Final Board meeting of this fiscal year 4 PM Fenwick Island Town Hall

You are the best, most wonderful people I have ever met. Thank you for being who you are. What a wonderful experience I have had in the last two years being your King Lion. Hopefully I have grown to be a better, more caring person because of this experience. Thank you all!

Yours in Lionism,

King Lion Jean

PS It is with deep regret and sadness that I acknowledge the passing of Lion Harold Rabinowitz. He served our club and his community well for many years and we will miss him greatly. Our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Lion Elaine and his daughter, Lion Robin.

Food Pantry—Making a Difference

By Muriel Mooney

A big “Thank You” to everyone for your generous support this year by providing food items for the Community Food Pantry in Selbyville, and the Pyle Center.

This year we have collected over 1,000 items to be distributed between the Food Pantry and the Pyle Center. We have collected over 400 items at our meetings and over 600 items have been given by CVS through one of our newest members **Lynne Whitworth**. Lynne has been able to pass on non-perishable items for distribution to the food pantries. Great thinking Lynne.

I would like to share a thank you note received recently from Dottie at the Community Food Pantry:
“Just a short note to say “THANK YOU” for your on-going support. From September to February we have served over 800 families. Your gift cards and food have been a blessing. Your CVS supplier is a great addition.” Blessings, Dottie



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Youth Vision Screening Program

By Jim & Carolyn Miles

This past fall our Lions Zone, consisting of our club, Lord Baltimore, Millsboro and the Laurel Lions Club—with the financial assistance of the Delaware Lions Foundation—acquired a new, state of the art, vision screening device called the “Spot.” From the start, it was a huge hit with all of our volunteers because you can quickly screen both of a child’s eyes simultaneously and it instantly records and prints out the complete eye examination results.

It was also a huge hit with the school nurses and preschool administrators because of the machine’s ability to identify accurately those children with childhood vision disorders. For example, at a screening in Georgetown, nine children were identified for follow-up and we subsequently learned that each of the nine were confirmed to need eye wear. The school nurse was ecstatic and wondered out loud if we could do a screening for all the elementary school children, recognizing the importance of this program.

This year our Zone screened 1,107 preschool and kindergarten age children and a total of 154 children were referred for professional follow up. Assisting with the screening process throughout the year from our club were Joe and Margret Ann Leonard, Ray Hamm, Lee Summerville, Jean Bertram, Debbie Moreland and Charlie & Lou Lamb. In May our club assisted in a new school, Seaford Elementary, in which, over a two day period, we screened over 100 children... The following pictures are from that screening, thanks to Dick Waughtal. What a great Lions program and what a wonderful service for our community!

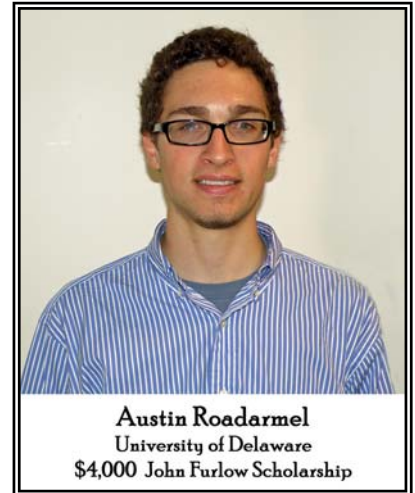


The Fenwick Island Lions Club Awards \$11,000 in Scholarships

On May 22nd, in a ceremony at the Indian River High School, the Fenwick Island Lions Club presented scholarships, collectively amounting to \$11,000, to eight uniquely qualified seniors. While fundraising is the club's principle financial source of its community service programs, this year more than \$1,000 was derived from contributions made in memory of former Fenwick Island Club Lions, or contributions made by present members who simply wish to financially support this worthwhile program. Additionally, the family of a long-time member of the Club, Skip Higgins and his wife Ce, have fully funded an additional \$1,000 scholarship, thus enabling the club to provide financial support to a record high eight individuals.

The Club's Scholarship Committee interviewed 12 applicants for the awards. The committee consisted of John Furlow, Bob Pretty, Bruce and Sharon Schoonover and Club President Jean Bertram. Past President Fran Pretty once again organized the application and scheduling process.

The committee uses criteria which include consideration of academic standing, financial need, community service involvement, extracurricular activities and the ability to communicate well. As John Furlow—the long serving chairman of the committee said, “The incredibly talented, personable and engaged nature of each and every one of the applicants not only made the selection process difficult, it was agonizing.”



This year the \$4,000 John Furlow Scholarship was awarded to **Austin Roadarmel**, son of Tony Roadarmel of Selbyville. Aside from excelling academically he takes great pleasure in giving back to the community and his musical talents are many. Austin will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall to pursue his interest in biology.



our Club, was awarded to **Jessica Gude**, daughter of Karl and Ann Gude of Clarksville. She has been ranked number one in her class academically for three years running. She has also found time to be extremely active in community service and extracurricular activities. Jessica plans to study education and biological sciences at Goucher College in Towson, MD and aspires, one day, “...with her knowledge of nutrition and education to

participate in foreign mission trips, to feed malnourished bodies and minds.”



The \$1,000 Skip and Ce Higgins Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Steven Rozell**, son of Thomas and Mary Elley Rozell of Frankford. Throughout his high school career he managed to balance, and excel at, his academics, his extracurricular activities, as well as his community service endeavors and his part time work. Steven will attend Delaware Valley College and major in agriculture. He also has a desire to return to Sussex County.



Alexandra Manolakos, daughter of Cheryl Simmons of Ocean View was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She finished 10th in her class academically and has pursued a diverse set of both academic and

athletic extracurricular activities throughout her high school career. Alexandra will attend the University of Delaware where she will major in political science.

Another \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to **Steve Castro**, son of Luis and Carmen Castro of Dagsboro. Steve has done well academically, while working and participating in many volunteer activities. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the captain of the varsity baseball team. Steve will be attending Salisbury University to study physical therapy.



Our next recipient was **Delaney McMullen**, daughter of Charles and Susan McMullen of Bethany Beach. Delaney has been second in her class



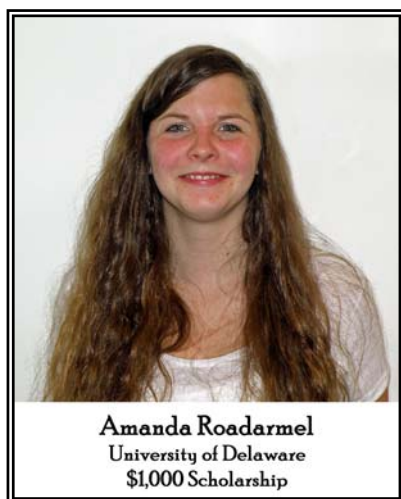
academically for the past two years, and still manages to participate in an incredible array of academic, community service and athletic activities. This fall she will attend Villanova University in PA where she will pursue her interest in international relations.

Brooke Prendergast, daughter of Laura Prendergast of Millville was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. While doing well academically throughout her high school career, Brooke's love of music and the entertainment field, as well as community service has made for a busy and productive four years. Brooke will attend Loyola University in Baltimore where she will pursue her interest in business with the hopes of one day being able to apply this back to the



entertainment field.

Our final \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to **Amanda Roadarmel**, daughter of Tony Roadarmel of Selbyville (and twin sister of Austin.)



Amanda has also excelled in her academics and has been involved in an impressive number of community service and club activities throughout high school. She will attend the University of Delaware and has an interest in pursuing a career involved in medical research related to the human brain. Amanda has been extremely active in the Indian River High School LEO Club—a club devoted to the promotion of humanitarian services and good fellowship among young people.

The Fenwick Island Lions Club has had a long history of supporting the youth of our community. Aside from offering scholarships, the club also sponsors the Indian River High School LEO Club. Additionally, it administered a sophisticated vision screening program designed to identify eye problems, such as amblyopia and other childhood vision disorders, in pre-school and kindergarten age children.

According to Noble Simpson, the founding member of the Fenwick Island Lions Club and a permanent director, the Club has awarded scholarships annually since 1992, and over this period has made available over \$135,000 to local area youngsters to assist them in furthering their education.

WE SERVE... and we do make a difference.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

By Fran Pretty

This year, the Fenwick Island Lions Club has once again focused on reaching out, identifying the needs within our community and offering financial assistance to those individuals and groups with a proven need.

While the ultimate decision to provide financial assistance lies with the board, in most instances we rely on the Pyle Center to help us validate a need. They have a comprehensive interview and an objective financial evaluation process which measures need. The Pyle Center offers this service to the Club at no cost and we find that their expertise in this area assures that the truly needy are identified. The other advantage of using the Pyle Center is that they are in a position to identify other private, Delaware and/or Federal programs that may be available to assist the individual.

Eye Care

The largest request we have is for glasses. We have negotiated a special arrangement with both the Sussex Eye Center of Selbyville and Halpern Eye Care of Millville. The arrangement provides a complete eye exam and either single lens or bi-focal eyewear at a deeply discounted rate. Partnering with these service providers allows us to stretch our funds to the maximum. This year we provided a comprehensive eye exam and glasses for nine individuals—eight adults and 1 child.



Hearing Aids

Thanks to the Lions Clubs International Foundation's 'Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program' (HARP) and the District 22-D Lions organization, we can also offer financial assistance to individuals with limited financial resources who require hearing aids.

Here in Delaware, the hearing aids are provided by 'Easy Listening Hearing Centers' (headquartered in Baltimore) which has an office at the Beebe Health Campus—Medical Arts Center in Rehoboth Beach. This program offers a comprehensive hearing evaluation and hearing aids at a cost to the club of just over \$700. For anyone who has had to purchase hearing aids, you know what an incredible price this is and therefore what a wonderful program we are able to provide to those in need in our community.

We use the same Pyle Center evaluation service to screen applicants for financial need. This year we had two requests for this service and approved one.

Other Community Needs

Aside from these two programs, we routinely identify and receive requests from both groups and individuals for financial assistance. This past year we were able to build ramps for three individuals, provide assistance to an individual with mobility issues, help two Boy Scouts who had Eagle Scout projects, support the Little League and provided support to Camp Barnes, just to name a few.

Next year, based on the recommendations of our Budget Committee, we will be devoting even more of our financial resources to community based assistance.

We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish. *And, we can all be very proud!*

Our 'Meals on Wheels' Program Needs and Deserves Your Support

By Larry Kovacs

As the picture attests, the Fenwick Island Lions Club has long been a supporter of the Meals on Wheels program. In Sussex County, this program is operated out of the Pyle/CHEER Center, in Roxana.



The goals of the MOW program are to (1) help seniors remain independent; (2) help them maintain their nutritional health; (3) act as a referral agency; and (4) help seniors live their lives with dignity. Most recently it has been chaired by John Carl, David Crum and in January, I once again took over.

Throughout its 'life' the program's success has been dependent upon a group of dedicated Lions and their spouses who, week in and week out—year in and year out, have seen the benefit of this program to our community and have given so unselfishly of their time, their energy and the costs they incur. Looking back, in the beginning we only delivered meals four days a week because

of our Lions meeting on the first and third Monday of the month. We also had only enough drivers to cover four days. In approximately the year 2000 we were able to add more drivers to the list and were able to add Mondays to the delivery schedule. (*Pictured picking up meals at the Pyle Center in this undated photo are **Lion Don Stewart**, an unidentified individual and our current Committee Chair **Lion Larry Kovacs**.)*)



More recently, we have also looked outside the club's membership in order to be able to fulfill our year round obligations. Today we have 15 drivers sharing the load. Seven are 'regular drivers' with a commitment of 2 or more days per month; five are 'alternate drivers' who are available as needed; two are listed as "need driver" or "driver only" and one is on hold due to his wife's health issues.

We need more help!!! Of the 15 drivers, only ten are Lions. We are not asking for more than 1 or 2 days per month and we will see that you are familiar with the route before you are asked to go out on your own. Depending on the number of meals to be delivered, the run will take between 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 hours. The Pyle/Cheer Center has requested that we don't get there before 9:30 AM because sometimes the food has not gotten there.

Please give this your consideration... This is an incredibly important program and it offers an opportunity to bring some joy and nourishment into the lives of our housebound neighbors. And, for us it is chance to experience a good deal of personal satisfaction.

Please call me at 302-436-4336 if you feel you can help, even if is only on a temporary or part-time basis.

My thanks for your consideration.

Meals on Wheels—a splendid example of Lionism at its very best!

Birthday Wishes!

Something pretty... that's just the surface. People worry so much about aging, but you look younger if you don't worry about it.

~Jeanne Moreau~

I do think about aging. I have those moments of panic and vanity, but life keeps getting better, so you can't worry about it too much.

~Jennifer Garner~

Bob Dickerson June 9th

Jim Miles June 21st

Mickey Cook June 22nd

Dave Crum June 30th

