

“April Showers bring May Flowers” and the month of April also brought health problems and computer problems to the Bertram household. Both problems are now resolved (Bob is in very good health now) and since I labored over the April message for the newsletter I will use it for May, with some minor changes.

The first day of spring, April showers and the return of the “snow birds” are all indicators that the final push of the year is about to begin.

As a club, we sort of hibernate—at least from a fundraising standpoint—from shortly after Christmas until the first week of April. We have a core group that stays home and keeps the home fires burning—collecting cans, delivering meals, responding, evaluating and processing requests for glasses & hearing aids, coordinating with our LEOs and carrying out the all-important youth vision screening program.

Whether you are a snow-bird or part of our core group who carry on the activities of the club non-stop, we thank you, we value your time and your efforts, and you can be sure that you do make a difference in peoples lives.
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Mark Your Calendar

Friday & Saturday, May 3rd and 4th Gerald Hocker’s 31st Annual Springtime Jamboree, 7 PM
each evening at Sussex Central High School, 26026 Patriots Way, Georgetown... to benefit Delaware Hospice. Tickets \$12 ahead or \$13 at the door. See more details on page 3.

Monday, May 6th Regular Meeting 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna’s **WELCOME BACK SNOW BIRDS!**

Friday, May 10th FILC Budget Committee Meeting, 9:30 AM Bruce & Sharon Schoonover’s home. See related notice on page 2.

Monday-Thursday, May 13th-16th MD-22 Annual Convention Ocean City Convention Center. See page 7 for further information.

Monday, May 20th Regular Meeting 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna’s

Wednesday, May 22nd Indian River High School Scholarship Awards Program 7 PM

Monday, May 27th Memorial Day A day to remember and count our blessings.

Tuesday, May 28th FILC Board Meeting 4 PM Fenwick Island Town Hall



Thursday evening, April 25th, King Lion Jean presented checks to Christopher Smith and William Ransone, two Boy Scouts from Ocean View Troop 281, who are working on their Eagle Scout Badges.

See page 4 for more information.

Please don't ever be afraid to volunteer. Almost all Officers or Committee Chair persons will willingly step aside and let someone else with newer, fresher ideas to improve, simplify or organize a project take over.

We are all willing to share our jobs or even move over for new bright ideas and fresh volunteer workers. Maybe you haven't volunteered for Office or Committee Chairperson because no one asked you. Don't wait to be asked. Step up and state your desire. It is very hard to figure out who would want each position. Mention your interest to a board member or committee chair and see how fast you are accepted. We need new board members and committee chairs.

We have been a great recycler of officers and chair persons. Every day we get older and we need a transfusion of new blood, new ideas, and new energy in our club. Newer, not necessarily younger aged, board members, chairpersons who will bring fresh thoughts and possibly better methods of doing the various jobs.

Spring is planting time and I would like to plant the seed of an idea in your mind- let the April showers water that idea and hopefully in May along with the May flowers the idea of joining or heading a committee or being a Board member will start to "flower" and you will consider expanding your horizons in our Club. Between now and next March you will start to observe and evaluate the various positions on the Board and the committees and find an area where you can use your abilities and the reason you joined the Lions Club to find a place where you will fit and the Club will benefit.

We need a breath of spring to sweep through and re-motivate us in Lionism!!

KL Jean

Budget Committee Meeting May 10th

Each year the Budget Committee, consisting of President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and the previous three Past Presidents, meet to establish the Club's financial priorities for the coming year. This year's budget meeting will be held on Friday, May 10th beginning at 9:30 AM at the home of Bruce and Sharon Schoonover at 16 Bayberry Rd, Bethany Beach, DE.

This is an incredibly important task that effectively defines who we are and how we wish to be known. Because of the importance of this task, this year we want to invite all members of the board, as well as any interested club member to join us as we define our goals for the coming year.

As incoming President my inclination is to place added emphasis on our local community's needs—over funding set aside for the numerous programs that reach beyond. Obviously, there has to be a balance and that balance is our goal for the upcoming meeting. Please join us in helping to define our club for the coming year.



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FENWICK ISLAND LIONS CLUB TO AWARD \$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

At the April 22nd board meeting, the directors voted unanimously to award a total of seven scholarships this year. We will be giving the traditional \$4,000 scholarship named in honor of the long serving chairman of the Scholarship Committee—John Furlow, a \$1,000 scholarship in the name of the Club's founder Noble Simpson, and five additional scholarships each for \$1,000. The decision to award this many was in recognition of the club's sound financial footing, as well as the board's desire to help as many young folks as possible. It should be noted that this year we have received donations, earmarked for scholarships, of over \$1,200—to honor, or in memory of, different individuals.

Fran Pretty has once again organized our scholarship efforts with the school. This year we received thirteen applications from Indian River High School seniors vying for the scholarships. By the time you read this our Scholarship Committee, consisting of John Furlow, Bob Pretty, Bruce and Sharon Schoonover, along with Club President Jean Bertram will have interviewed each of the applicants. The committee uses criteria that considers academic standing, financial need, community service involvement, extracurricular activities and ability to communicate. LEO Club membership and active participation definitely weigh heavily in the applicants favor. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at the high school, which is scheduled for the evening of May 20rd. **The ceremony begins at 7 PM in the auditorium and Lions are invited and encouraged to attend and show their support for this program.**

We will introduce you to the scholarship winners in our next newsletter and they will be invited to attend one of our regular luncheon meetings so you will have the opportunity to meet them in person.

31st Annual Springtime Jamboree

2013 marks the 31st year of Gerald Hocker's Springtime Jamboree... a celebration of Country and Gospel music performed by incredibly talented local individuals. This year it is being held at Sussex Central High School, Friday and Saturday evening, May 3rd and 4th beginning at 7 PM each evening.

Aside from a wonderfully enjoyable and entertaining evening, Gerald designates a local non-profit organization to be the recipient of all of the proceeds from this event. The Fenwick Lions Club was the beneficiary in 1991 and again in 2006, and as a result, we have been able to accomplish more with our giving. This year the Delaware Hospice will benefit from the proceeds of this two-night event.

Hope to see you there for a nice evening and a good cause!



Recent Community Outreach Efforts

At the April 22nd Board meeting, among other things, the board unanimously supported requests for assistance in funding projects for two local Eagle Scouts and an initiative to benefit Camp Barnes.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

William Ransone and Christopher Smith, both of Selbyville and both belonging to the Ocean View Boy Scout Troop 281 and each are doing projects required to become an Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). A Scout who attains this rank is called an *Eagle Scout* or *Eagle*. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than two million young men. The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout.

The idea for a project may be an original one or one already done by someone else. In either case, the Scout must plan, develop, and lead others in doing the project. There is no numerical minimum amount of time or requirement for the length of time in which the project needs to be completed, but that it be enough to "demonstrate leadership. The exact implementation of requirements varies among different districts and councils.

William Ransone chose for his project "an outdoor classroom at the Indian River School District's Outdoor STEM (*an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, a curriculum with emphasis in these areas*) facility located at Ingram Pond. This project includes planning, approval, construction, and installation of six adjustable stream tables and six benches. This classroom will be utilized by the district's current fourth grade students that will experiment with soil types and erosion." He goes on to say that "The first year alone, over 700 fourth grade students will visit Ingram Pond and be able to use these tables and benches. As our school district begins to focus more on STEM instruction, the classroom will be used even more."

Christopher Smith's project consists of "refurbishing a rusty, unsafe and broken bicycle rack along with purchasing and installing three new in ground and permanently mounted bicycle racks at different locations. Phillip C. Showell Elementary, Southern Delaware School of the Arts and Town Hall in Selbyville are in desperate need of new bicycle racks. This will also help the environment by providing another means of transportation in the town of Selbyville. The children of Selbyville will be able to ride their bicycles to school, the playground or the Museum. This will also give the adults another means of transportation when they need to visit their child's school, watch their children play on the playground, have a family outing at the Selbyville Museum or take care of business at Town Hall. Everyone will have a safe and secure place for their bicycles to be parked instead of laying on the landscaped areas damaging the grass and flowers".



While the Fenwick Island Lions Club cannot fully fund these projects, the board voted to provide \$100 a piece to these young men,

The rigorous nature of the required service project is a major step in the completion of the Eagle rank. Very often, the Eagle Project is what highlights the full impact of the Scouting program to the community at-large.

CAMP BARNES
37171 Camp Barnes Road
Frankford, DE 19945



The Board voted to provide \$500 to assist the Millville Volunteer Group's (a group organized under the Town of Millville) efforts to improve the conditions at Camp Barnes. Specifically, they are asking community organizations for funding assistance so that they can acquire 60 new mattresses for the camp.

Camp Barnes, located on Miller's Creek, a tributary of Little Assawoman Bay, has served the needs of thousands of children throughout Delaware. Camp Barnes was originally designed to provide the children who were unable to attend summer camp an opportunity to experience life at a summer youth camp. Camp Barnes has remained basically unchanged, providing Delaware children with these outdoor experiences for over 50 years.

In 1947, the Delaware Association of Chiefs' of Police, an organization which was composed of active law enforcement and correctional officers, accepted the challenge to undertake a project to combat juvenile delinquency in the First State. A committee was appointed to investigate the problems confronting youth. The committee's resulting recommendations led to the establishment of Camp Barnes for the recreation of deserving youth from throughout the state.

Its Mission statement is "To provide a free camp for the youth of Delaware, which allows campers to develop initiative and leadership skills necessary to accomplish tasks. The camp also enables campers to increase their self-confidence and feelings of accomplishment from their efforts and achievements.

The summer camp is an overnight residential camp and is open to children between the ages of 10 and 13 at no cost to the camper or family. Camp Barnes accommodates 60 campers per week for six weeks. The camp is in session from early July through August. All children are eligible to attend regardless of family income. Additionally, the camp is used by many other organizations, including 4H, Delaware Special Olympics, Willington Parks and Recreations, Delaware Burn Camp, Boy Scouts of America and the Stockley Center.

One of the many positive aspects of Camp Barnes summer camp is the innovative use of adventure based outdoor learning experiences. Camp Barnes has on its grounds an extensive outdoor initiative course with 17 different initiative and team building elements. Some of the many activities campers participate in throughout the week include swimming in an Olympic size pool, kayaking in Miller's Creek, arts and crafts, nature walks, and talent shows. Campers also enjoy a scaled down version of the Olympics, State Police demonstrations by the K-9, SCUBA and Aviation units.

Camp Barnes has a staff of 12 counselors, two cooks, and one kitchen assistant. Counselors are required to submit to a criminal background check as well as an interview. There is also a State Trooper on grounds at all times when the camp is in session.

Our board recognized the importance of Camp Barnes in its efforts to give our youth a positive and hopefully life-changing experience.



Our Thanks and Best Wishes to Lion Dave & Kay Crum

Lion Dave, who was responsible for keeping our Meals on Wheels program running smoothly for this past year has moved to a retirement home back in the Maryland area. We extend our best wishes to Dave and Kay. Dave did a great job overseeing this program and bringing ‘new blood’ into its volunteer ranks and to our Club’s membership.

It should be noted that Dave was recently recognized by Lions Clubs International with a ‘Membership Key’ which “is presented to those lions who have successfully opened the door to Lionism to at least two or more members.” Dave, congratulations and our thanks!

In March we got a nice note from Dave and Kay and wanted to share it with all our members:

Greetings everyone! Well the dust has settled pretty well now & we're slowly getting the boxes unloaded & photos sorted. In the month we've been here, we've come to love this place; its many amenities help to ease the transition from Bay Colony to Asbury Methodist Village & separation from our many good friends.

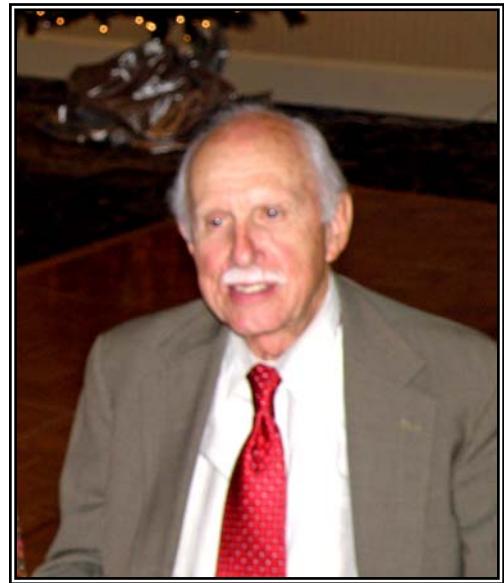
Our age is probably about the average here & everyone is so very friendly & ready to connect. Their talents & backgrounds are impressive & we all agree on one thing: the food & selections in each of our restaurants are outstanding. I've gained 2 lbs in one month & Kay isn't reporting hers yet. It's too easy to overeat, so we'll have to learn to be more selective if that's possible. Some of you have friends or family here, so you already know about these things & I don't want to go on about the activities, recreation, entertainment, etc. However, your favorable comments about Asbury were among the reasons that we chose to begin this new phase of our lives here.

We do miss Bay Colony though as you can understand & we think about you often. Hopefully, you can find your way to visit & dine here with us in the near future.

Our address is: 415 Russell Ave, Diamond Apt 612, Gaithersburg MD 20877.

Phone no. is: 301-987-6878

Fondly, Kay & Dave Crum



Ladies Day Luncheon

Our Ladies Day Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd this year. Please be sure to mark that on your calendar and let your spouse (or special someone) know about the date.

Our Ladies Day Luncheon began as a way to say thank you to our spouses for their support of our Club. Today, now that the women have become an important and critical part of our membership, as well as our leadership, it is a nice way to say thank you and to pause and recognize just how far we have come. This is always an enjoyable event, with a special meal at Harpoon Hanna’s!

(More information to follow, shortly.)

MD-22 Convention
May 13-16th
Ocean City, MD
By Charles Lamb, Chair
Convention Committee



The 91st annual Multiple District convention is being held in Ocean City this year at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center (just south of 41st street in OC). Meetings and seminars begin on the 14th at the convention center. While there is a golf tournament and pre-convention entertainment on the 13th, the convention officially kicks off the following day, on Tuesday, May 14th.

The convention is an annual gathering of Lions from Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia which provides an opportunity to expand our knowledge of Lionism and an opportunity to make new friends.

Whether you are a new member or an old hand, the convention has much to offer. Members can enhance their knowledge of the Lions movement, exchange ideas for better serving their community, hear about service projects and fundraisers that other clubs have employed and socialize with other club members, as well as Lions from across the multiple district.

We encourage you to attend the convention on Tuesday, when the Melvin Jones Luncheon will be held and series of seminars in the afternoon. On Wednesday more seminars will be held and also the Necrology Service and the District Luncheon. The Necrology service provides an opportunity to honor those Lions who have passed on within the past year. Wednesday evening, there will be a full buffet at the Princess Royal Hotel (91st Street)—complements of the District Governor and VDG candidates.



Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast

Fenwick Island Lions Club

ALL-U-Care-to-Eat

PANCAKES, BACON, SAUSAGE,

SCRAMBLED EGGS & OJ, COFFEE OR OTHER BEVERAGE !

\$8.00 ADULTS - \$3.00 CHILDREN (AGES 3 TO 12 YEARS)

Harpoon Hanna's Fenwick Island, Delaware Rte. 54

Saturday June 1, 2013

Breakfast Served 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Birthday Wishes!

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.

~by Unknown Author~

If we could be twice young and twice old we could correct all our mistakes.

~By Euripedes~

Margaret Ann Leonard May 2nd

Noble Simpson May 9th

Scott Fornwalt May 20th

Bob Cummings May 6th

Cly Rankin May 17th

Jean Price May 28th