

### President's Message

April showers bring May flowers and our first flowers of May are the return of the snow birds from the South. We are starting to awaken from our winter nap and are preparing for some very worthwhile Spring and Summer events.

The first project is to don our **yellow** (Jonquil) shirts and support Gerald Hocker and his Jamboree show on Friday night. Bruce Schoonover sent out a note urging all to wear their shirts to show support and meet us there for a fun filled evening. Continuing the spring flower theme, Don Stewart, our horticulturist, has planted three trees in our service areas. He is looking for a place in Roxanna, so -- if you know of the perfect spot let Don know so he can get the tree planted and proceed with the procurement of a plaque for each tree.

Spring is the awakening of new things and we begin this Spring with new advisors for the Leos Club. Laura Quillen and Amy Hughes are full of exciting ideas and will be trying to fill Lonnie Riley's shoes. Lonnie has been our school advisor for the Lions club for many years and has done an outstanding job. She will be sorely missed and these two gals will have to work hard to follow up Lonnie's good work. Lonnie, thank you, thank you, thank you. Welcome aboard Laura and Amy. See article on the LEO Club on page 4.

The next "bloom'n" thing is the Convention and we have a great group of attendees for a lot of the events. Charlie and Lou are organizing our reservations. (Cont'd next page.)



King Lion Jean confers with Len Quinn (L) and Jack Coxe... while Ginger and Riker do some conferring of their own. Len was the keynote speaker at the March Leader Dog Banquet.

### Mark your Calendar!

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon**

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Officers Training, Polytech School, Woodside, DE 9:30AM (See further details page 5.)**

**Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon**

**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Indian River High School Scholarship Awards Auditorium 7PM**

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 4PM Fenwick Island Town Hall. **Please note change of date!****

We have people attending workshops on Thursday and Friday, the Melvin Jones Luncheon , the Necrology Service, the Sub-District Lunch and of course we will be there Saturday to vote. It is very rewarding to see the number of new members that will be attending the Sub-District Lunch as our guests. This should be both educational and fun .for all.

Bouquets to all members that helped us raise enough money to give the following scholarships- the John Furlow (4 year scholarship), the Noble Simpson and Skip Higgins (1 year scholarships) plus four more \$1000 scholarships. This increase in scholarships is something you can be very proud of since you did all the hard work to raise the extra money. See separate article on page 3.

June will bring an “Award Party” for the LEOs (June 1st), our Pancake Breakfast, (June 2nd), Ladies Day and Awards Luncheon(June 4th), Old Timers Day in Selbyville (June 16th),and the Installation of next years Officers and Board(June 18). Another very busy month. See further details about the Ladies Day Luncheon below and Old Timers Day the next page.

Bob Pretty and Jim Stone have the plans made for the Pancake breakfast and now we need to do a fantastic job of selling tickets for this event. I am sure we will have the usual hard working crew there to serve plus a good group of Leos. See page 7 for further details.

Our calendar has filled rapidly with many events but they will not interfere with our continuing efforts to collect cans and glasses, serving Meals on Wheels, collecting canned goods for the Food Pantry and being prepared and ready to help our fellow Lions and neighbors in need. This is why we are Lions.

Yours in Lionsim  
KL Jean

### Ladies Day Luncheon

Our Ladies Day Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 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.)



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**FENWICK ISLAND LIONS CLUB  
TO AWARD  
\$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS  
INDIAN RIVER  
HIGH SCHOOL**

After much discussion at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting, it was decided 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 another one for \$1,000 honoring the memory of long time member Skip Higgins. In addition to these three, and based on our club's financial condition, the board authorized an additional four \$1,000 scholarships.

During the year, we received \$990 in donations earmarked for scholarships in honor and/or in memory of members or past members. The board voted to round this amount off to \$1,000 and once again offer a scholarship in honor of Skip Higgins. For many years, the scholarship in Skip's name had been funded by his wife Ce, but she passed away this winter and the board felt that it would be a nice tribute to both she and Skip if a scholarship was given in his name once again.

The board also recognized that as a result of several past recipients not receiving the full benefit of the scholarships awarded—for various reasons, the Club had built up a reserve in excess of what is required. Recognizing the economic times we are in, the ever increasing cost of higher education and importance of providing support to the youth of our community, the board unanimously approved funding above that which had been budgeted for this purpose.

This year we have received eleven applications from Indian River High School seniors vying for the scholarships. On Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Scholarship Committee, consisting of John Furlow, Bob Pretty, Bruce and Sharon Schoonover, along with Club President Jean Bertram will interview 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. **The ceremony begins at 7 PM in the auditorium and Lions are invited and encouraged to attend and show their support for this program.**

SELBYVILLE OLD TIMER'S DAY - SATURDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

The Town of Selbyville will soon be celebrating its 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Old Timer's Day. A Classic Car & Truck Show, Antique Tractor Show and a Police & Emergency Vehicle Show are planned. There will be fun and games for the kids as well as a wide selection of food for the whole family.

Again this year we will have a booth in front of the Town Hall and will be offering hot dogs and drinks for sale. While this is not a major money maker for our Club, it is a good opportunity to increase our visibility, and at the same time perhaps recruit a member or two. As usual, volunteers will be needed and appreciated!

Please contact Bruce or Sharon Schoonover (302 539-2043) for further details.

## Indian River High School LEO Club

Lions Jim & Carol Miles, Co-Liaisons with the Indian River High School LEO Club, report that this fall, on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> the Lions Clubs of Delaware will host a one-day LEO leadership conference to be held at either the Dewey Lions Club meeting hall or at the Henelopen State Park, depending upon the level of attendance. An organizational meeting of Lions Clubs, who sponsor LEO clubs, has already been held, committees established and assignments made in anticipation of another planning meeting scheduled for 6:30PM on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Dewey Beach.

This is really good news for our Club. In the past, each year the Multiple District held a weekend leadership retreat for LEOs at Camp Merrick in Maryland, however, it was always held on the weekend of homecoming at the Indian River High School, thus precluding our LEOs from attending.

Jim also reported at the board meeting that he had some good news and bad news about the LEOs. The bad news was that the longtime advisor, Lonnie Riley was retiring at the end of this year. The good news is that her assistant and fellow math teacher, Laura Quillen would step up and assume the advisory role. The other good news is that fellow teacher Amy Hughes has agreed to assist Ms. Quillen.

While we very much regret losing Ms. Riley who has served as advisor since her daughter was the president of the Club, we are excited that Ms. Quillen and Ms. Hughes are willing to taking over this responsibility.

We are also most grateful for all three of these individuals, given the realization that Delaware's schools, and in particular, the Indian River High School, has placed tremendous emphasis on academics and the 'Race to the Top' requirements, leaving limited time and energy available for extracurricular activities.



Leos collect used glasses and organize the groups of costumed children at the annual Lions Club Selbyville Parade, an event that is dedicated to children and attracts thousands of spectators.



As sponsors of the Indian River High School LEO Club, it is our responsibility to ensure that members are provided an opportunity to learn the importance and the satisfaction of serving others. We believe that we are achieving success, in as much as the LEO Club has grown from a membership of some 20 students in 2003 to well over 100 members today. It should be noted that, this year some 72 LEO Club members have devoted a total of 366 hours to community service projects and helping our club, thus far this year.

Our Club will host an 'awards party' after school on June 1<sup>st</sup> to recognize all those who participated in activities this year and discuss plans for next year. All Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend this event to show our support for this program.

### Leo Club Objective

**To provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.**



## Special Olympics Delaware

Special Olympics is yet another example of an organization that the Fenwick Island Lions Club has consistently supported throughout its history.

Special Olympics is a well known global movement which provides quality sports training and competition and improves lives of people with intellectual disabilities. In Delaware, it began in 1971 with less than 100 athletes and 40+ years later, it



boasts a year round program in which over 3,500 athletes participate in 20 different sports.

**Summer Games scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Special Olympics Delaware's signature event takes place the second weekend each June at the [University of Delaware](#). Athletes and unified partners compete in six sports—aquatics, bocce, powerlifting, softball, tennis and track & field—over the two days.

In addition to the competitions, athletes have the opportunity to spend the night with their teams in the dormitories, enjoy the activities in Olympic Village and at the Family Picnic on Friday after the competition. The grand Opening Ceremony

begins at 7 p.m. that evening at the Bob Carpenter Center and is free and open to the public.

Over 1,000 volunteers from a variety of companies, organizations and the community at large—led by a veteran organizing committee—donate their time and talents to ensure that this event is a memorable experience for everyone involved.

This year, as part of the “Healthy Athletes” program, Lions from around the state will be manning the stations for “Opening Eyes”—a comprehensive vision screening program made available to all participating athletes. This will take place on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the University of Delaware Athletic Complex, in front of the football stadium, from 1:30 to 6:30PM

T-Shirts will be provided to all volunteers and volunteers are invited to the Family Picnic, a barbeque, which precedes the opening ceremonies.

If you would be interested in participating in the Opening Eyes vision screening process, please contact Bruce Schoonover, 302 539-2043 or via e-mail at [bschoonover@attglobal.net](mailto:bschoonover@attglobal.net). No experience is required and training will be provided. Pre registration is required. Bruce and Sharon are planning on

offering transportation to Newark, DE on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> for participating LEO Club members.



## District 22D Lions Leadership Training—Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

At about this time each year, Lions District 22D (encompassing the entire state of Delaware) holds a



leadership training session for incoming Club Officers and Directors. This year it will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Polytech School located in Woodside, DE. The program begins at 9:30, classes commence at 10 AM and lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$12. Officers and directors are only required to attend in the morning.

Incoming Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Directors, Bulletin Editors, Tail Twisters and Website Mangers are encouraged to attend. This is a good opportunity for all officers and directors to review their responsibilities and have an opportunity to hear from those who “have been there.”

Whether you are new to your position or have been serving for many years you are guaranteed to learn something that will help you in carrying out your duties. Fran is coordinating car pooling to this session... Contact her at 436-1773 for further information.

### Harris Teeter “Together in Education” Program

**By Muriel Mooney**

Harris Teeter is offering a program which supports local schools. The program is called “Together in Education.” It awards money to registered schools (each school must register with Harris Teeter.) If you have a VIC card at Harris Teeter, all you have to do is ask the check-out person to register you for your school of choice (it can be up to 5 schools per person) and they can register you and your school will get credit. Please note, in order to receive credit, you must register prior to doing your shopping.



Only Harris Teeter Brand Products or produce are eligible for the cash awards. They will distribute funds earned three times within the school year. The money earned must be \$25 or more for Harris Teeter to issue a check. If less, they will carry over the amount until the next quarter. The last payment this year will be in June. Each school year each school must re-register with Harris Teeter.

It is not too late to help support our local schools. Indian River High School, Phillip C. Showell and Selbyville Middle School are registered for this year for this program. Let’s all sign up and help earn money for your school(s) of choice. I checked on the internet and to date: Indian River High School has 44 participants earning a total of \$596.75. Selbyville Middle School has 53 participants this year, earning a total of \$541.27. Phillip Showell has 46 participants and has earned \$707.50 this year. If you have any questions call 1-800-432-6111 or on the internet [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com)

### The Food Bank—A reminder

**By Muriel Mooney**

At a time when our neighbors need us, our club has come together to help. We have collected and distributed over 500 items to the Community Food Bank in Selbyville and the Pyle Center since this past fall. Each meeting you all have brought in 2 or more items for this cause, and as you can see, it all adds up. Some give me cash to shop the sales for them and others faithfully bring in a bag each meeting, Thank you Lions!

## Annual Pancake Breakfast Scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Harpoon Hanna's

Jim Stone and Bob Pretty, Co-Chairs of our annual breakfast fundraiser, report the plans are well underway for this event scheduled for Saturday morning, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7AM to 10:30AM. Again this year, we are most fortunate to have assistance of members of the Indian River High School LEO Club who will help with the serving of the—All You Can Eat—pancake, sausage, bacon and egg breakfast, with coffee and juice.

At our board meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the board once again voted to hold the price at the level of \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12. Tickets will be available at the first meeting in May, along with an assignment sign-up sheet for the event. This is one of our larger fundraisers and you are encouraged to help in any way you can and to sell your allotted tickets to ensure its financial success.





## Birthday Wishes!

**The years teach much which the days never knew.**

*~Ralph Waldo Emerson~*

**A man's (and a woman's) age is something impressive, it sums up his/her life: maturity reached slowly and against many obstacles, illnesses cured, griefs and despairs overcome, and unconscious risks taken; maturity formed through so many desires, hopes, regrets, forgotten things, loves. A man's (and a woman's) age represents a fine cargo of experiences and memories.**

*~Antoine de Saint-Exupéry~*

**Bob Cummings** May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Noble Simpson** May 9<sup>th</sup>

**Cly Rankin** May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Scott Fornwalt** May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Jean Price** May 28<sup>th</sup>

