



President's Message

I started last month talking about the weather. This month, so far, the weather has been good to us. We had good weather for the picnic compared to the last three years. We were neither too cold nor too hot. It was fair weather, good friends and a plentiful supply of well prepared food and desserts. The Stones (Jim and Martha) did an excellent job. Thank you and your other cooks for a wonderful picnic with a lot of fellowship.

The Bingo fund raiser was a wonderful, outstanding success. We cleared over \$7,000. Martha is to be THANKED a million times for her hard work taking on all aspects of this Bingo. She really kept us all on our toes following her directions. I have already had people ask when Martha was going to do another Bingo as they are ready to attend the next one and want to get on the list for tickets now. I also want to thank all the sponsors, ticket sellers, set up artists, "Vanna" for modeling the purses, and the Chinese Auction people for the hard work procuring prizes, setting them up and selling the tickets. The kitchen help did a fabulous job of setting up the kitchen and working around the caterer who was also cooking in the kitchen. I can not list all the jobs so please be assured that your part of this bingo is equally as important as those I have named. We did an OUTSTANDING job and can be very proud of the fellowship we promoted.

Our presentation of the Beach Wheelchair was met with great smiles and thanks from Ms. Rosetta from the Fenwick Island State Park. We have gotten a plaque to place on the wheelchair to let everyone know that we donated this chair to help make the beach more accessible for those with mobility issues. See page five for more details. Read it and give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. *(Cont'd next page.)*

Mark Your Calendar

- Thursday, November 3rd, Lions Zone Meeting 6:30 PM Country Kitchen, Millsboro**
- Saturday, November 5th, Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser 2- 7 PM Fenwick Crab House**
- Monday, November 7th, Regular Club Meeting-District Governor's Visit 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's**
- Wednesday, November 16th, LEO Club Induction 7 PM Indian River High School**
- Saturday, November 19th, Lions Vision Research Foundation Celebration, 9:30 AM Wilmer Eye Institute, John Hopkins Medical Institution (reservations required by November 4th)**
- Monday, November 21st, Regular Club Meeting-25th Anniversary Celebration 11 AM Harpoon Hanna's (reservations required by November 11th See page 2 for additional details.)**
- Thursday, November 24th, Thanksgiving Thank goodness!**
- Monday, November 28th, Club Board Meeting 4 PM Fenwick Island Town Hall. All are welcome!**
- Monday, December 5th, Club Christmas Party, 6:30 PM Clarion Hotel Ocean City... *(See announcement and details on page 3)***
- Tuesday, December 6th Region Visually Impaired Christmas Party 6:00 PM Georgetown Civic Center**

The Lions Selbyville Halloween Parade was bigger and better than ever! Pretty unbelievable. Five bands and loads of children with some incredibly imaginative costumes. The crowds were simply enormous and 50/50 ticket sales were brisk, to say the least. The winner, Dawn Shields, a local Delawarean was the winner of \$2,300+ (we are still counting.) And, what a team effort! See pictures on page 7 of this newsletter. We can all be very proud of what we accomplish, day after day and year after year.

I did not realize that as King Lion I would have so many moments of feeling proud of what others had accomplished. You are a wonderful group of caring individuals who work together to help others even when you have reached a time in life that would normally find people in your age bracket resting on their laurels.

I am very proud to be associated with you and I know that we will have an outstanding spaghetti dinner fund raiser on November 5th, an informative meeting with the Governor on November 7th and our 25th Charter Day celebration on November 21st will be outstanding.

Yours in Lionism,
King Lion Jean Bertram

25th Anniversary Celebration Reservation Deadline Nov. 11th

Don't miss out on your Club's 25th Anniversary celebration on Monday, November 21st beginning at 11 AM in the Maryland Room at Harpoon Hanna's. We have kept the price at a modest \$15 per person and hope that members will bring their spouses to this special get together as we celebrate and remember all those who have contributed to the success of the club. We are offering a choice of Crab Imperial Twins or Chicken and we have set a deadline for reservations of Friday, November 11th so that we can finalize the seating, food selection choices and other details. The keynote speaker is Past President of Lions Clubs International, Clem Kusiak. Additionally, Lion Bruce Schoonover will present an entertaining and picture laden Power Point presentation on the history of the Club.



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Club Christmas Party Scheduled for Monday, December 5th



Oh My! It can't be that time of the year again! This is just not right to allow the months to pass by so quickly.

Sorry to rush the season, but yes it is that time of the year again when we begin to plan for our Club's Christmas Party. Throughout the year we serve others and this is an occasion to be served, enjoy one another's company, have a great meal and some beverages, celebrate another successful—and hopefully healthy, year—and just plain enjoy ourselves. And, after this extraordinarily busy fall season, we deserve it!

Once again the party is planned to take the place of our first meeting in December and will again be held at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City. We are keeping the price the same, \$35 per person, and the Clarion is providing an upgrade in its entrée choices, which will include either a four-ounce Filet, with an herbed demi glace and broiled crab cake or Chicken Piccata.

Aside from the music of Bob Hughes, we have several surprises planned for the evening, and we offer a money back guarantee for a great time!

Please send your check, made payable to FILC to: Bruce & Sharon Schoonover 16 Bayberry Rd. Bethany Beach, DE 19930 and please note in the memo section of your check your choice of entrée. Alternatively, you may bring your check and selection choice to the next meeting. Also, provide us with any seating preference you may have... Tables are set for 10.) Reservations must be made no later than, Monday, November 28th, so we can provide the Clarion with a final count.



Muriel, Bob and Betty enjoy some of the music of Bob Hughes at last year's Christmas Party at the Clarion.

Vision Screening

One of the incredibly important services we provide annually to our surrounding communities is a youth vision screening program that tests for childhood vision disorders, including amblyopia, or "lazy eye." Amblyopia affects how the brain processes unequal or abnormal visual input from the eyes and it is widely recognized that if it is caught early enough it is treatable.

This fall, under the direction of Jim and Carol Miles, the Fenwick Island Lions team completed screening at 10 separate schools, viewing some 532 children and had 140 referrals for further review. If that were not enough, Jim & Carol also orchestrated a training session on a Saturday in September at which Lions from other clubs had an opportunity to become proficient in the use of the new digital Welch Allyn SureSight Vision Screener.

Congratulations and our thanks go out to Jim & Carol, as well as Joe Leonard, his wonderful wife, Margret Ann, Dave Crum, Ash Ashinhurst, Sam & Muriel Mooney, Ray Hamm, and our newest Lion, Lee Summerville. In October, this dedicated group spent over 300 hours doing these screenings. Yet another wonderful example of Lions making a difference!

A Report from our “twin” the Belize City Lions Club Belize City Lions Club September Celebrations Project

Despite its emphasis on Eye Conservation and the Lions Quest Life Skills Programme, the Belize City Lions Club has implemented a September Celebrations Project to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Independence of Belize.

Under Lions Club President Cris Hernandez, Lions members and friends of the Belize City Lions Club gathered together in the early morning of Sunday, 4th September and painted all the lamp posts on Albert Street in downtown Belize City, with the National Colours of Belize, the Red, the White and the Blue. A ‘Lions Club’ sign along with the Lions Logo was also painted above the National Colours on the lamp posts.

The Lions Club Project added greatly to the overall beautification of Albert Street, for the September Celebrations.

Lion Dr. Chris Bennett



Club Picnic

Mother Nature blessed us with a marvelous day for the picnic. Fun was had by all! The food and beverages were excellent. Special thanks to all who brought desserts, food dishes, or wine. As usual, Don Stewart, Bill Bunting, and Noble Simpson ATE the most!!!

Fenwick Island Lions do so much to help others and make a difference in our community. It was great to see them relaxing and enjoying the fellowship/friendship of other Lions and there families.



The Fenwick Island State Park is Given a Wheelchair

At our regular meeting on October 3rd we were pleased to welcome Superintendent of Delaware Seashore State Parks, Doug Long, as well as Fenwick Island State Park Manager, Rosetta Grimm as our guests and our speakers for the day. Earlier, when our Club became aware that the park was in need of a wheelchair suitable for beach use, our board approved its acquisition and recommended that we apply to the Delaware Lions Foundation to help defray half the cost. We used the luncheon occasion to present the wheelchair to Mr. Long and Ms. Grimm.

Situated between the popular resort towns of Bethany Beach to the north and Fenwick Island and Ocean City to the south, Fenwick Island State Park is a relaxing escape from the summer crowds. This three-mile stretch of barrier island is a playground of sand, surf and sun along Delaware's Atlantic Coast, completely within the territory of the Fenwick Island Lions Club.

One of the newest features at the park is the modern bathhouse, which offers convenient showers and changing rooms, a gift shop, and a snack food concession. During the summer months, umbrellas, chairs, and rafts may be rented on the beach. Surfers can catch the big waves at Fenwick Island too, as the park has one of the few beaches in Delaware with a designated surfing area. The ocean beaches are also a favorite spot for surf fishing. Three dune crossings provide fishing access for vehicles with the proper permit to drive onto the beach. Surf fishing vehicle permits may be purchased at the bathhouse gift shop during the summer, or at the nearby park office at Delaware Seashore State Park.

Before the area became a park, the dynamic forces of nature constantly changed the narrow strip of barrier dunes between the Atlantic Ocean and Little Assawoman Bay, keeping the area wild and undeveloped. The area that is Fenwick Island State Park remained largely undisturbed, even as the towns of Bethany Beach and Fenwick Island were established. In 1926, a statewide survey classified the park area as public lands, which were soon assigned to the state Highway Department. Later, during World War II, the park lands were used as part of Delaware's coastal defense system. A concrete observation tower from the war era still stands near the northern boundary of the park.

In 1966, the property was assigned to the State Park Commission as a southern section of Delaware Seashore State Park. The area was renamed Fenwick Island State Park in 1981, and is now managed in conjunction with Holts Landing State Park, on the nearby Indian River Bay, where we have our annual Club picnic.



King Lion Jean Bertram (l) and Past President Sam Mooney (r) present Doug Long and Rosetta Grimm of the Fenwick Island State Park with a beach wheelchair.

Together, WE SERVE... and we do make a difference, everyday and everywhere!

Ah, the Bingo!

Question: What do you get when you mix the skills, energy and contagious enthusiasm of Martha Stone with the hard work and dedication of members of the Fenwick Island Lions Club (and their spouses) and the outstanding support of all the local commercial establishments? **Answer:** You get a hugely successful Bingo night fundraiser that everyone enjoys!

On Monday night of Columbus Day weekend, the Fenwick Island Lions Club once again hosted a Bingo Night at the Roxana Fire Hall, which attracted almost 180 individuals. And, once again orchestrating the event was Martha Stone, wife of Lion and Past President Jim Stone.

Aside from having enormous amounts of energy and a contagious enthusiasm, Martha has incredible leadership skills. She also has the philosophy that when raising money for a non-profit organization, it is far better to get something donated than paying for it out of pocket. **It is for this reason that in just one night, our club netted an incredible \$7,043.16.**

Clearly this is a tribute to Martha, as well as our members and spouses who gave of their time and supported this effort by sponsoring door prizes, auction items, consolation prizes and items to fill the baskets, as well as all those that provided a wonderful variety of cakes for dessert and donated other food and beverage items. We also owe a big “thank you” to all the commercial establishments in the area that supported us in a myriad of ways. Truly a great evening of fun! Many thanks Martha!



Martha Stone... on the move as usual...



Lions Club Selbyville Halloween Parade



**Pictures by
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Birthday Wishes!

The key to successful aging is to pay as little attention to it as possible.

~Judith Regan~

Grow old with me! The best is yet to be.

~Robert Browning~

John Pitman November 3rd

Bill Morison November 9th

Dan Hill November 19th

Bill Bunting November 28th

Paul Rivilious December 3rd

