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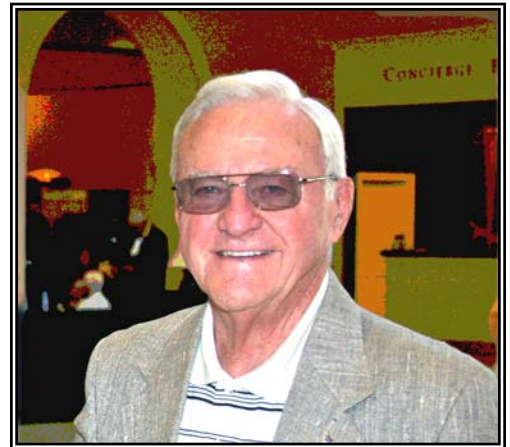
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in November already – with cooler weather, football and a Thanksgiving turkey dinner to look forward to! One of our major fund-raisers is the spaghetti dinner at the Fenwick Crab House on Saturday, November 6, from 2 to 7 pm. We hope all Lions will sell their tickets to make this a successful project. Most of us are signed up for working the dinner that day, as are our Indian River High School Leos.

We also have Captain Glen Johnson, Jr. scheduled to talk to us at our November 1st luncheon meeting at Harpoon Hanna's. Captain Johnson will give us the lowdown on fire safety at home. At our November 15 meeting, we will have Lions District 22d Governor Karl Gude speak about the activities in our district, as well as Lionism at the zone, region and international levels. Governor Karl always gives an entertaining and enlightening talk. We hope for a good Lion turnout at these meetings. Also, bring friends and neighbors who may be interested.



By all measures, the Selbyville Halloween Parade was a huge success—with record setting attendance, more bands than ever and loads of floats and wonderful and imaginative costumes galore. My thanks to Fran Pretty, Dave Jaeger, Jean Bertram and all those who worked so hard to make this year's parade such a great event.

Just a quick reminder that our Christmas Party is scheduled for Monday, December 6th at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City. Right around the corner! This promises to be another wonderful event and I hope you will plan on attending. See the announcement on page 3 and don't forget to make your reservations, seating preference and dinner selections by the second meeting in November.

Please also remember to select your numbers for our 20/20 game; see Lion Theresa Pitman for a list of open numbers still available.

Happy thanksgiving to all!

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 1st Regular meeting, Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon

Saturday, November 6th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Fenwick Crab House 2-7 PM

Thursday, November 11th Zone Meeting, Millsboro, 6 PM

Monday, November 15th Reception for District Governor at Noble's home, 10 AM

Monday, November 15th Charter Day Meeting and District Gov. visit Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon

Monday, November 22nd Board Meeting Fenwick Island Town Hall 4 PM

Monday, November 22nd Grotto's Festival of Trees Decorations Committee 6 PM Grotto's Bethany Beach

Lions & Leos Participate in 25th Annual Coastal Clean-up

A good group of Fenwick Lions and Indian River Leos, as well as their advisor, Lonnie Riley joined with others in Fenwick Island to participate in the annual beach cleanup. It would seem as though mother nature assisted in these efforts—in as much as the recent high tides had pretty much scoured the beach and left little debris behind. Regardless, it was a beautiful morning for a leisurely stroll along the beach and a good cause.



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It's the Fenwick Island Lions Club



Christmas Party... at the Clarion Hotel in O.C.



Monday Evening, Dec. 6th from 6 til 10 PM
Cash bar & complimentary hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6

Dinner Choices:

1. Macadamia nut & panko bread crumb encrusted orange roughy,
with coconut shrimp, served with mango chutney
- Or
2. Orange Chicken -- boneless breast of chicken with sauteed
orange segments and grand marnier sauce
- Or
3. Sliced top round of beef with a sherried mushroom sauce.

(All served with a salad, rolls, Chef's choice of starch & vegetable and
your choice of a sumptuous Christmas dessert)

Price: \$35 per person, \$70 per couple
(Make check payable to FILC and mark choice(s) on check)

Reservations, money & seating preferences by Monday, November 15th

For reservations or information contact:

Bruce or Sharon Schoonover
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An evening of great food, fellowship and fun...
with music by Bob Hughes

FILC Member & Guest Picnic

By Jim Stone

A great picnic and fun was had by all.

The good Lord blessed us with a beautiful day. It was a little windy which caused Noble to have a bad hair day!

Wonderful turnout of members and family. As Lions we work very hard to make a difference for the less fortunate and it was nice seeing fellow Lions relaxing and enjoying the fellowship.

Excellent food and refreshments.

My thanks to all the Lions who helped make this affair, successful. I will not try to name them all in fear I will miss someone! It was a TEAM effort and I, truly, believe they enjoyed doing it. It is worth the effort when you see your friends and fellow Lions having FUN!

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DELAWARE LIONS FOUNDATION AUCTION
BY MURIEL MOONEY

Each year the Delaware Lions Foundation (DLF) requests that Clubs within the District provide 3-5 items which are suitable to be auctioned off. The revenue raised at this event is then used to support various DLF projects.

This year the Auction took place on October 24th at the Dover Downs Hotel & Casino and Lion Jean Bertram and Martha Stone attended with me.

Because this is such a busy time of the year and given the fact that we are already asking our local merchants to support our various fundraising efforts—including the Halloween Parade and the Spaghetti Dinner, we decided to pass around a “shoe box” at our regular meeting held on October 4th and ask for contributions for this effort. By doing this, we raised \$80 in cash—including some generous contributions from several guests attending that meeting.

This, in turn, was supplemented with items donated by Betty Foley, Jean Bertram, Martha Stone, Jodie Stone, myself, as well as a friend of FILC Patrice Pikulsky.

Martha Stone and I shopped for 5 hours for the items used in the baskets. Martha then spent about 3 hours preparing the five baskets with bows. (SEE PHOTO BELOW) BEAUTIFUL!

When all was said and done we had five baskets that were valued at over \$253. I would like to tell you we made \$253 for the DLF but that was not to be. The Foundation only collected \$142 for the five baskets. This being the result of a combination of factors including poor attendance at the affair and some bad judgment calls on the part of the auctioneer. It seems as though next year we will need to re-evaluate the merits of the time and effort put forth, in light of the meager results.

Regardless, my thanks to all, and particularly to Martha Stone for working her magic on the baskets.



YOUTH VISION SCREENING

Once again this year, Lions Jim and Carol Miles are coordinating this Club's Vision Screening Program that is designed to test for amblyopia... and other vision abnormalities in youth.

Amblyopia

A Greek word simply translated as "dull eye", and commonly referred to as "lazy eye" results from a set of childhood vision disorders that affect how the brain processes unequal or abnormal visual input from the eyes. The brain literally shuts off the bad eye and slows its development in relation to the good eye. If left uncorrected, it may lead to irreversible vision loss and most certainly will affect a child's ability to learn.

Amblyopia develops most rapidly in the early years of the child's life and affects 3% to 5% of all American children. The vision screening is accomplished using a Welch AllynSure Sight Vision Screener (*pictured in top left photo below.*) This unit was purchased with the financial assistance of the Delaware Lions Foundation and the other Lions Clubs within our Lions Zone two years ago. The system takes up to nine separate readings on each eye and immediately provides the results. If readings are beyond recommended limits, a letter is sent home to the parent recommending that the child seek the attention of an eye care professional. Additionally, under the new testing procedures a separate test, known as the Titmus Test—or butterfly test—is also administered. This is designed to test depth perception, another indicator of a vision abnormality.

October has been an extraordinarily busy month for Jim & Carol, along with other team members—Lion Ray Hamn, Lion Dave Crum, Lion Joe and Margaret Leonard and Lions Sam & Muriel Mooney. This group tested approximately 508 children at eleven separate locations during the month. Now, the screening device will be passed along to the Millsboro Lions Club, the Lord Baltimore Lions Club and finally the Laural Lions Club. When the screening is complete for this year, these Clubs will have screened well over 1,000 children. This is Lionism at its best!



SELBYVILLE HALLOWEEN PARADE

Wednesday evening, October 27th was the annual Lions Club Halloween Parade in Selbyville. And, while the area was under a tornado watch until 8 PM that evening, our leader Lion Fran Pretty, along with Selbyville Town officials, decided to “go for it.” Fortunately, our luck held, the skies remained clear for the most part and the temperature remained in the low 70s... Pretty amazing for this time of year! As a result, the crowds attending the parade were huge—probably well over 4,000.

For the first time this year we had five bands participating. We also had numerous marching troops, floats of all descriptions, a load of politicians—as you might expect, and a wide variety of very cute children in some very imaginative costumes.

This year the 50-50 raffle amounting to a whopping \$2,300 was won by our very own Lions Club member Dan Hill. Congratulations to Dan!

Fortunately, the Indian River High School Leo Club was out in force and helped line up the costumed young folks and promote the Lions eye glasses recycling program.

Many thanks to Lion Fran Pretty, Lion Dave Jaeger and Lion Jean Bertram for coordinating this events and all the Lions and Leos who worked hard to make this year’s event a such a great success.



Birthday Wishes

Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest.

Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.

~Author Unknown~`

John Pitman November 3rd

Bill Morison November 9th

Dan Hill November 19th

Bill Bunting November 28th

Paul Rivilious December 3rd

