

Lions Roar Newsletter

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Serving Fenwick Island, Roxana, So. Bethany & Selbyville.



“Operation Seas the Day” Special Visit by Bill Gay- Organizer

Mark Your Calendar for Fall Fun!
 Prez Sez...
 join us, if
 you're Able!



LEO Leadership Bash	October 6th	Dewey Beach	1:00 PM
Regular Meeting	October 7th	Harpoon Hanna's	12:00 PM
Spaghetti Dinner Planning Meeting	October 9th	Dirty Harry's	9:00 AM
Club Picnic	October 10th	Camp Barnes	11:00 AM
Club Retreat	October 16th	Fenwick I. Town Hall	10:00 AM
Regular Meeting- MOW Appreciation	October 21st	Harpoon Hanna's	12:00 PM
Selbyville Halloween Parade Planning M.	October 24th	Selbyville Town Hall	9:00 AM
Board Meeting	October 28th	Fenwick I. Town Hall	4:00 PM
Selbyville Halloween Parade	October 30th	Selbyville	7:00 PM

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Presidents Message

President's Message

These are the days we live for... Beautiful crisp fall days, a bit of chill in the air, a gentle breeze and beautiful blue skies. If only we could bottle it! It reminds me of “**An Ode to Fall**” that my wife cut out from a newspaper some time ago:

It is absolutely perfect outside now.
A constant breeze tickles my face.
The smell of fireplace and dryer sheets mingle.
Little Joseph is riding his green tricycle down the uneven pavement.
Pumpkins still stand guard over front doorways.
Burnt-colored leaves litter the pavement, swishing with every step I take.
Cheers of joy echo in the air as moms and dads root from the sidelines at a nearby park.
My dog Stewart is sunning on the back porch, his brilliant blue eyes tracking the squirrels as they chase each other from branch to branch.
In the light of this amazing day, I find myself filled with gratitude for my slice of this thing, we call life.
Grateful, I am.

~Heather Fitz~

September has been busy and productive for our club. Our regular meetings were well attended and featured interesting programs—a great video of Belize, home of our Lions “Twin” and an extraordinary presentation by Bill Gay about the Bethany Beach initiative, “Operation Seas the Day”, which brought 25 wounded warriors and their families to the beach for some much deserved “R & R.”

We had a nice turnout of members from both our club and the Indian River High School LEO Club for Delaware's Coastal Cleanup. Serious planning has gotten underway for both our Lions Selbyville Halloween Parade (scheduled for October 30th) and our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (November 2nd)

Plans for our Club Picnic (Oct. 10th) were also finalized. You won't want to miss this as it is being held at Camp Barnes! Shawn Hatfield, who manages the Camp for the Delaware State Police, will be on hand to tell us of the camp's Mission, show us a video of typical camp activities and will show us around. Please note that we have budgeted \$2,000 to help Camp Barnes this year and we will learn firsthand of one of the Camp's most pressing needs. We also have some nice activities planned and as usual, Jim Stone and Martha are going all out to make this a most enjoyable day of fun, good food and great fellowship... And, of course this is all complimentary. Please bring your spouse or friend and join us for this great event. It will be held rain or shine, because we will have a large indoor facility at our disposal.

Thanks to both Jim & Carol Miles, the youth vision screening program is about to begin another year of service to our community and they are also playing a major role in the planning for the state wide LEO Leadership forum that will take place in Dewey Beach on Sunday, October 6th. This is a Lions sponsored event that will bring together LEO Club members from eight LEO Clubs throughout the state. Our members—Lion Lauren Quillen and Lion Amy Hughes are the two “masterminds” of the day's activities which are designed to inspire and motivate these young folks. **Jim & Carol are looking for assistance, so please volunteer to help if you can.**

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I would like to extend my thanks to all those who have made donations to the Club over the past several months in memory of, or in honor of, others. All donors have requested that the money should be earmarked for our scholarship fund. We have recently received donations in memory of Harold Rabinowitz, Daniel Schlauch, Marvin Levinson, Roland Hoffman, Bob Jones and in honor of Noble Simpson's 87th birthday. It is through the generous donations of our members and friends of the Fenwick Island Lions Club that we are able to commit a generous part of our budget each year to scholarships to deserving seniors at the Indian River High School. A thank you note has been sent to all donors and the families of those being remembered or honored have been notified of the donations. My thanks to all!

Here's to a great month of October!

KL Bruce



We've got Lions Signs!



We've got Lions who do Lions Signs!



Our Lions never tire of putting up Lions Signs!



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We Twin with Belize City our favorite Southern Lions Club...



A letter from our friends concerning

Belize Independence Activity

As part of the activities leading up to Belize's Independence Day on the 21st September, 2013, the Belize City Lions Club participated in National Service Day, which was held on Thursday 19th September, 2013.

This Day is celebrated in the memory of the first Prime Minister of Belize, the Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price. He is also referred as the Father of the Nation of Belize.

And so at 6:00 a.m. On the morning of the 19th September, 2013, Lion members of the Belize City Lions Club

conducted a National Service Day activity by raising 20 Belize Flags at the Flag Monument at the first Round-About in Belize City. After the Flag Raising Ceremony, the Lion members sung the Belize National Anthem.

This is the second year that the Belize City Lions Club has conducted this National Service Day Project.

Lion Dr. Chris Bennett



International Friendships are fostered by Twinning!

The International Club Twinning Program is a voluntary and mutual agreement between clubs in different countries. Lions and Leos can participate; however, twinning must occur between like clubs (i.e., Lions with Lions, Leos with Leos).

Twinning provides an opportunity to learn about another club and its culture. Club twins actively illustrate the Third Purpose of the Association, *To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.*

Members of international organizations often develop international friendships. This is certainly true of Lions and Leos who attend international forums or conventions.

After an initial meeting, Lions or Leos often continue their friendship through long-distance correspondence. After many months or years, the two clubs may decide to formalize their friendship as international club twins.

At this time, the two clubs may decide to sign the [International Club Twinning Recognition Application](#) and become club twins (which our respective Clubs did do). Often, the clubs organize a formal signing ceremony to celebrate the official club twinning relationship.

Upon completion of the above, both Clubs should apply for the [Twinning Award](#). To Include your club in the [club twinning list click here](#) to view the list of [Lions](#) or [Leo clubs](#) interested in entering into a Lions club twinning relationship.



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“Operation Seas the Day”

An update on our involvement in “Operation Seas the Day”; a weeklong event hosted by Bethany Beach for 25 wounded veterans and their immediate families for a well-deserved week of rest and relaxation while recovering from injuries sustained while serving our country, and their families.

Thanks to a small group of civic minded individuals and the overwhelming support of people in the surrounding area, each of the VIF (Very Important Family) had a most memorable experience.

A reception was held at the VFW facility on Tuesday, September 3rd. At that time, each family was given keys to area homes for the week and learned about everything that had been planned for their enjoyment. They were given a “welcome basket” complete with various goodies and offerings of discounts/services from local retailers, entertainment venues, movie theatres, spas and salons, restaurants, fitness centers, etc.

It was decided that we should be involved in helping to make this a memorable occasion. We provided home-made cookies for each of the welcome baskets; some twenty five cookie varieties in each package and a sufficient quantity for the welcome reception itself.

Thanks to volunteers, Jean Bertram, Carolyn Kress, Carol Freeman, Carolyn Miles, Donna, Fran, Jean Diehl, LaVonne, Muriel, Margaret Ann, Sharon & Theresa, along with neighbor Connie Thomas, we will have a great selection and quantity of cookies. (Dick prepared a card to accompany each offering, thanking the veterans and their families for their service. (We also included a FILC book mark with the cookies.)

Sharon delivered the cookies on Labor Day morning when they were assembled and then delivered the next morning to the families. Thanks to all the bakers! Clearly, this was and will be a wonderful local event.

Bruce

**Very Important Family members
enjoying their day at the Veteran of
Foreign Wars Facility!**



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Regular Meeting September 16, 2013 with Special Speaker:

At our September 16 Luncheon Meeting our speaker for the day was Bill Gay he presented and described "Operation Seas The Day" in some detail including: the idea origin, the essence of the planning and activities for and during the actual week, plus all the good that came from the event. This event was hosted by the Town of Bethany Beach (September 3-8, 2013).

A heart-warming effort by all accounts and this event is now viewed as an "Annual" event with more to follow.



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2013 Annual Beach Clean Up

Fenwick Island Lions Club and the IRHS LEO Club participated in the annual state beach clean-up on September 15th covering the clean-up for a large section of the beach at the Fenwick Island State Park. Some of the participants are shown below:



Selbyville Halloween Parade:

The Annual Selbyville "Sight Night" Halloween Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m. This long-time event is a joint effort of our Lions Club, the Selbyville Town officials, the Selbyville Police Department and the Selbyville Volunteer Fire Department. Our members have always turned out to work in the various areas and we are depending on you to do so again this year.

We need to have more of a presence of Lions to assist in the traffic control area. Our sales of 50/50 tickets are down so please continue to sell your 50/50 Raffle tickets and turn in your money and ticket stubs to Immediate Past President Jean prior to the parade.

Also, it is critical that you look at your calendar and show up at the location that you have been assigned as we only have 3 more weekends to make this fundraiser a success.

Thanks!!!



Selbyville "Sight Night"

HALLOWEEN PARADE

**Costume Prizes
Food & Beverages
50/50 Raffle
& Fun**

October 30th 7 PM

**Church Street
Selbyville, DE**

More info.: www.townofselbyville.com

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September Birthday Lions...

Jean	Bertram	9-Sep
Laura	Quillen	14-Sep
Robin	Rabinowitz	17-Sep
Leonard	Price	20-Sep
Carolee	Rooney	24-Sep
Cal	Hook	29-Sep
Ray	Hamm	30-Sep

Life it seems is nothing if not a series of moments, spend them wisely and make them grow into a beautiful string of "Good times"- RFW

Additional Notes: OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Was approved as submitted. A thank you note was read for our participation in the Softball World Series from the Lower Sussex Little League

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Bill handed out copies of the current year expenditures and receipts for the Administrative and Activities Accounts. He has paid ½ District dues and ½ International dues. We have five members who have not paid their dues as yet. He has sent a second notice to those members who have not responded to the first notice of payment of dues. A resignation was accepted from Dan Mihalsin.

PARADE OF TREES: Bruce motioned to give donations to the DLF this year, seconded by Jim Stone, motion carried.

CAMP BARNES: Bruce motioned to have the LB Lions, Lioness and Leo's join in our "Operation Seas the Day" next September, seconded by Dick Waughtal, motion carried. We have budgeted to donate \$2,000 to Camp Barnes toward the rebuilding of the Camp's Pool house.

BOARD RETREAT: The retreat is scheduled for October 16th, from 10 am to 2 pm, Sharon Schoonover has offered to have lunch available for attendees. This is a club priority to see how we can do things better. Your input is needed and your participation is encouraged.

KEY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environmental: The existing truck is full and will be picked up this week. Ten LEOs helped with the Beach Cleanup, as well as ten Lions.

Halloween Parade/Raffle: Jean reported having \$2,130 in ticket sales. We need more tickets sold. Posters have been ordered and Jean B. will pick them up from the Selbyville office of Rogers Graphics.

Leo Club: The Leo Bash this year will be October 6th. Reservations are slowly coming in and the deadline is Friday, September 27th. Carolyn has asked for Club volunteers for this event and we need cookies

Meals on Wheels: Fran said Larry is having a hard time getting drivers. This item will be placed on the Board Retreat agenda to see how we can better support Larry and this service. One of the major problems is that drivers who are assigned specific days are simply not showing up and a number of our members are having to back fill on short notice.

Club Picnic: October 8th a group of Lions will meet at Camp Barnes to set up for the picnic on the 10th. Jim Stone took names of those who will help set up.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: This year we will have an advance purchase price and a door price as an incentive to get tickets before the event. Posters and tickets have been ordered and will be available by end of this week. *Minutes submitted by, Theresa Pitman, Recording Secretary FILC (edited for brevity) by rfw.*