



President's Message

Fenwick Island Lions Club is still on winter break or as a sailor would say, "in the winter doldrums." We have completed most of our planned projects and we are refreshing our minds and our bodies preparing for our last planned project of the year---our annual Pancake Breakfast on the first Saturday in June.

We will use the Convention as a wake up / re-motivation / pep talk to get us out of the winter/Snow Bird scene and into the Summer, Fall and Winter activities such as the Halloween Parade, and the Spaghetti Dinner. With a total of twelve new members, we are hoping/planning on improving, expanding our projects for 2012-2013. We are finding projects and activities that fit our new members and they are in many cases finding their own space and starting to give us oldsters a much needed energy boost. **Hail to youth!!!**


After hearing Immediate Past District Governor Karl Gude speak at our luncheon about the Lions Clubs International "One Shot One Life Measles Initiative," as a Club, we are giving a donation to this much needed project and hoping our small contribution will make a difference and help save children from dying after contracting measles. See page 5 for more details on this Lions project. We do much to be proud of and we will continue to be Lions and serve when, where and however we are needed.

I am most pleased to announce that we have a full slate of officers and directors for the coming year. This will be formally presented to the membership at our first meeting in April. The list appears on page 2 and I want to thank all those who have stepped forward to serve and to keep our club strong for what will be our 26th year.

On a different level, one of the many things I do as President is receive and read newsletters from other clubs. I can't help but compare our newsletter to the others and, with great pride, I can state that ours is a *cut above the others*. However, at times there is something in those newsletters that I consider printing for all our members because it embodies Lionism so perfectly. I am going to end this report with a piece from Lord Baltimore's newsletter for March. King Lion Rebecca Stancliff's President's Letter included a quote

ONE SHOT ONE LIFE
Lions Measles Initiative

- 450 children die from measles every day
- Nearly 30% of children who contract measles suffer complications such as vision loss, hearing loss or brain damage
- Each dollar that you give to end measles could save the life of one child



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 2nd Regular Meeting Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon

Monday, April 16th Regular Meeting Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon

Thursday, April 19th Zone Meeting Country Kitchen Millsboro, DE 6:30 PM

Monday, April 23rd Board Meeting Fenwick Island Town Hall 4 PM

from a Hallmark Card that Janet and Jack Bauer received as a Thank You for medical equipment provided to a community member:

Some people seem to specialize in doing thoughtful deeds. Before you ask they understand your problems and your needs.

They help because they want to, they find joy in being kind, and making others happy is the first thing on their minds

They make this world a better place by practicing the art of reaching out to others and giving from the heart

by Amanda Bradley

A real Hallmark moment and what a perfect description of a Fenwick Island Lion.

Yours in Lionism,
KL Jean

**Fenwick Island Lions Club
Proposed Officers and Directors
2012-2013**

President- **Jean Bertram**
1st VP- **Bruce Schoonover**
2nd VP- **Don Stewart**
3rd VP- **Fred Moreland**
Immediate Past President- **Tom Foley**
Secretary- **Theresa Pitman**
Assistant Secretary- **Dick Waughtal**
Treasurer- **Bill Neimiller**
Assistant treasurer- **Dan Mihalisin**
Tail Twister- **Jim Stone**
Assistant Tail Twister- **Lou Lamb**

Lion Tamer- **Joe Diehl**
Assistant Lion Tamer- **Joe Kaub**
Membership Chair- **Muriel Mooney**
Permanent Director- **Noble Simpson**
Director 2 Years- **Sam Mooney**
Director 2 Years- **Luke Martin**
Director 1 Year- **Cal Hook**
Director 1 Year- **Fran Pretty**
Director 1 year- **Charlie Lamb**
Bulletin Editor- **Bruce Schoonover**



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Delaware Lions Foundation (DLF)

The mission of the Delaware Lions Foundation is to support the Lions Clubs of Delaware through matching grants and to provide educational scholarships for public high school seniors residing in Delaware. As such, the DLF helps clubs throughout the state 'stretch their dollars' thereby allowing them to tackle larger and many more projects than they could handle on their own.

- With the help of the Delaware Lions Foundation, the Fenwick Island Lions club was able to provide additional financial support to a young man who, through a freak accident in the surf, has ended up paralyzed. As you can imagine, the family has been struggling financially so when they needed stand-up parallel bars, we were able to help because of the DLF.
- Another example involved Fenwick Island State Park, which last Fall found itself both financially strapped and in need of a beach wheel chair that would provide access to its facilities for those who are limited from a mobility standpoint.
- Finally, last month we applied for and were granted matching funds to help offset the cost of hearing aids for an individual in need in our community.

Those attending the Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast this past month learned of an extraordinary young lady, Bethany Betts, of Milford, Delaware who through the kindness and generosity of members of the Milford Lions Club and the Delaware Lions Foundation has been given the gift of sight. This is her story:

Bethany was born in August 1991 in Milford, Delaware. During her younger years her parents became aware of Bethany having extremely poor vision in her right eye and some vision loss in her left eye. As the years went by, the sight in both of her eyes declined still further.

Thanks to the use of contact lenses and glasses Bethany led a pretty normal childhood, she loved a good challenge and sports played a big part in her life. Throughout this period few people knew the full extent of her vision problems. However, when Bethany was entering adulthood, her vision in her right eye had deteriorated to such an extent that she was declared legally blind. To make matters worse, she developed allergies which further affected her vision. Contact lenses irritated her eyes and wearing glasses began to trigger migraines.

During a routine checkup with her local eye doctor, he suggested she consult an ophthalmologist at Wills Eye Hospital for information about a procedure called Collamer Lens Implants. On her visit to the facility, she was encouraged to learn that she was, in fact, a good candidate for the implants. However, she also learned that her family's insurance would not cover the cost of the procedure.

Days later her mother was working as a substitute teacher and was asked by a fellow teacher—and a Lion—Randy Harp how Bethany was doing... Randy had been Bethany's 5th grade teacher. After learning of Bethany's continuing struggles with her vision, the possibility of this sight restoring procedure and the reality of its cost, Randy immediately realized that his Club and fellow members could once again help make a difference.

Bethany had surgery in September 2011 and as a consequence has had her sight restored to a normal level—no corrective lenses are even required for driving. Talk about a miracle of modern medicine and techniques! Talk about Lions making a difference! The Milford Lions Club, with matching funds from the Delaware Lions Foundation took care of the cost of the procedure.

Bethany is of course delighted and knows she will never take her sight for granted... Nor will she or her family ever forget the kindness and generosity of the Lions who made this dream come true.



Where does the Delaware Lions Foundation obtain its money? Each year clubs within Delaware, “our District”, make contributions to the DLF, which, in turn offers the collected funds in the form of matching grants and scholarships. The contributions are made in the form of Ralph Helm and James McCarty Fellowships. These two individuals were prominent Delaware Lions who tirelessly championed the humanitarian efforts of their respective clubs, as well as the District organization.

Through these Fellowships, the District honors the memory of Ralph Helm and James McCarty and increases the abilities of individual clubs to meet the needs of their communities. Each year our club awards these prestigious fellowships as a way of supporting the DLF and as a way of recognizing the contributions of individual members within our club. Our annual contribution to the Delaware Lions Foundation is yet another example of how we help others in Delaware and those within our community.

Walk for Sight—benefiting the Delaware Lions Foundation—April 29th

The 2012 Walk for Sight to benefit the Delaware Lions Foundation will be held on Sunday April 29th at the Grove Park in Rehoboth Beach. Registration runs from noon until 1PM. The Walk will begin at 1 PM and go until 2 PM. Anyone pre-registered with a minimum of \$25 is guaranteed a commemorative T-shirt the day of the Walk.



NEWS FROM BELIZE !!

BELIZE LIONS ZONE 59, 34th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Belize Lions Zone 59 Zone Chairman, Lion Dr. Glen Espadas is expected to welcome more than 100 Lions, Leos, friends and guests from the four Lions Clubs in Belize and from the Mexican border Town of Chetumal to the Belize Lions Zone 59, 34th Annual Convention. The Convention will be hosted in Belize City, by the Belize City Lions Club, under Lion President Chris Hernandez, from the 20th to 22nd April, 2012.

The Keynote Address will be given by the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Hon. Patrick Faber. The Minister is expected to highlight the great ongoing collaboration between the Lions Clubs in Belize and the Ministry of Education, in the continued implementation of the Lions Quest Programme in Belize, which has been in Belize since 2005.

The Theme for the Convention is **LIONS: SHARING THE GIFT OF SERVING.**

Following the Official Opening Ceremony of the Convention on Friday, 20th April, each Lions Club and Leo Club in Belize will have decorated Hospitality Booths, where Lions, Leos, and invited guests will be able to sample a wide variety of foods, drinks and receive different types of giveaway items.

On Saturday, 21st April, there will be Seminars, and the implementation of a Community Project by all the Lions attending the Convention. During a Plenary session, a new Belize Lions Zone 59 Zone Chairman will be elected, Resolutions will be passed and there will also be presentations of Reports by the different Lions Clubs in Belize. That Saturday Evening will be one of Fun, Entertainment, Music and Dance. There will be Cultural Presentations by each Lions Club and by each Lions Club Queen. The Queen for Belize Lions Zone 59 will also be crowned.

The Convention closes on Sunday, 22nd April, with a Church Service, followed by a Parade with Decorated Floats, through some of the Principal Streets in Belize City. Prizes will be awarded for the Hospitality Booth, the Parade and the Decorated Floats contests. After Lunch there will be a Jump-Up Party.



Belize Lions Zone 59, Zone Chairman 2011 -2012, Lion Dr. Glenn Espadas.



ONE SHOT ONE LIFE

Lions Measles Initiative

THE PROBLEM

Every year, a disaster quietly strikes thousands of families. While it may not be mentioned on the news or in your local paper, this disaster takes the lives of 450 children, daily. Measles is one of the world's most contagious diseases, but is easily prevented by a simple and inexpensive vaccine. Deaths associated with measles are a disaster that should never happen. Even so, the World Health Organization estimates that unless vaccination efforts are intensified, the number of children who suffer the blindness, hearing loss, brain damage and death caused by measles could increase considerably by 2013.

THERE IS HOPE

The Measles Initiative was founded in 2001 upon the belief that even one death from measles is too many. Since its inception, the Initiative has vaccinated one billion children. This incredible achievement has resulted in a 24% worldwide reduction in child mortality. Every time a child is vaccinated, the Measles Initiative comes closer to achieving its goal of eradicating measles by 2020.

For less than US\$1, a child can be immunized against measles for life, making the vaccine one of the most cost-effective health interventions available.

LIONS ARE ALREADY AT WORK

Lions have always been advocates of vulnerable populations – especially children.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recognizes the important role that Lions can play in helping every child to have the chance to live a healthy life. In 2010, the Gates Foundation provided LCIF with a grant that enabled Lions to support the work of the Measles Initiative through social mobilization and advocacy.

The results of this collaboration were astounding. In one short year, Lions and LCIF supported the immunizations of nearly 41 million children! Although great success has been achieved, **our work has only just begun.**



THE GATES CHALLENGE

Lions are well-known for accepting difficult challenges. In October, 2011, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation called upon Lions to rise to a new challenge, when it awarded LCIF the single largest gift in its history: US\$5 million! The Gates Foundation will use this historic gift to match US\$1 for every US\$2 that Lions raise to help end measles. Together, LCIF and the Gates Foundation hope to raise a total of US\$15 million by June 30, 2012. One dollar will provide one vaccine to one child – and will give that child the chance to live a healthy life!



YES! I want to help LCIF meet the Gates Challenge and save 450 children each day from death.

Every gift that helps meet the challenge is MJF eligible.

Are you a Lion yes no

Individual or Club Name

___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250
___ \$500 ___ \$1,000 ___ Other \$ _____

Enclosed is my check made payable to:
Lions Clubs International Foundation

Or charge my:

Visa® Mastercard® American Express®

Name _____

Address _____

State/Province _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Credit card # _____

Exp. date _____ Security code _____

Signature _____

Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law

Will you help us save lives?

Please detach this form and mail it with your gift to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547, USA
Or give online at lcif.org/donate

MD-22 Convention

May 9-13th

Salisbury, MD
By Charles Lamb, Chair
Convention Committee



The annual Multiple District convention is coming soon to the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center in Salisbury, Maryland.

The convention, known as the Multiple District 22 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.

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.

While the convention runs from Wednesday, May 9th through Saturday morning, May 12—Thursday and Friday are the two days when there are particularly substantive programs and activities. Since the convention is being held in nearby Salisbury the vast majority of our members will simply commute each day, rather than stay overnight and car pooling will be available.



We would encourage you to consider attending the convention Thursday afternoon and evening. A number of worthwhile short seminars are offered in the afternoon, followed by a social hour and then the annual banquet.

Also worthwhile are the Friday morning activities, consisting of more seminars and a moving necrology service-paying tribute to all those multiple district Lions who have recently passed on. This is followed by a district luncheon for all Delaware Lions.

This year, the seminar offerings have been expanded and include: Planning, and conducting a friendship night, Leader dogs for the blind, Strategic Planning, The New Lions Camp Merrick, Club Excellence Process, Lions Vision Research Foundation, Lions Youth Foundation, Getting Mobile (Internet Highway 101), and other interesting programs.

The convention **Registration and Ticket Order Form** follows and complete convention information can be viewed on our web site: <http://www.filc22d.org> and will be available from Charles and Lou Lamb at our regular meetings. It should be noted that registration forms and money (checks made payable to FILC) should be returned to Charles and Lou by no later than April 23rd.



**Multiple District 22 - 90th Annual Convention
Salisbury, Maryland ~ May 9-12, 2012**

REGISTRATION AND TICKET ORDER FORM

Provide this information to pre-register even if no tickets are ordered.

Registrant No. 1

Lion–Lioness–Leo _____
(Circle one only) Last Name First Name

District A B C D W Title _____ Nickname _____
(Circle one only)

Street or P.O. Box _____ Hm Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ Club _____

Email Address _____

Dietary Needs / Food Allergies _____

Registrant No. 2

Lion–Lioness–Leo–Guest _____
(Circle one only) Last Name First Name

District A B C D W Title _____ Nickname _____
(Circle one only)

Street or P.O. Box _____ Hm Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ Club _____

Email Address _____

Dietary Needs / Food Allergies _____

Hospitality Book and/or Tickets	Price	Registrant No 1	Registrant No 2	Amount
Hospitality Book (Includes MD Banquet, Sub-District Luncheon, Victory Lunch)	\$80			
Pre-Convention Entertainment Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.	\$8			
Melvin Jones Luncheon (Fellows only) Thursday, 12 noon-1:30 p.m.	\$22			
Sub-District Luncheon (if ordered separately) Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	\$22			
Multiple District Banquet (if ordered separately) Thursday, Social @ 6:00 p.m., Dinner @ 7:00 p.m. (BYOB)	\$38			
Victory Luncheon (if ordered separately) Saturday, 12:30 p.m.	\$22			
Delmarva Shorebirds baseball game Friday, 7:00 p.m. (Perdue Stadium)	\$5			
Tail Twister Immunity Stickers – Provides immunity from the Tail Twisters at events	\$4			
TOTAL AMOUNT				

This form may be duplicated! Provide completed form, along with a check—made payable to “FILC”—to Charles or Lou Lamb. Or send it to the Lambs at 37346 Hidden Valley Bay Drive Selbyville, DE 19975. Have questions? Call Charles or Lou at 436-9591.

Deadline April 23rd

Birthday Wishes!

Old age takes away from us what we have inherited and gives us what we have earned.

~Gerald Brennan~

A man is not old as long as he is seeking something.

~Jean Rostand~

Luke Martin April 15th

Bob Hensler April 24th

Donna Waughtal April 21st

Elaine Robinowitz April 28th

