



# Fenwick Island Lions Club Lions Roar Newsletter



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## President's Message

Weather-wise March can come in like a LION or a LAMB. Who knows what will happen—we can only wait and see what the weather will bring.

I hope that WE will start March as LIONS. We have accomplished much in the last six months and we need to continue moving forward in the same manner. Among the many things we have done (and done well) is to increase our membership by 10 new members, thanks to Membership Chair Muriel Mooney and the many sponsors. You will note that on page seven of this newsletter you will find the names, pictures and contact information for each of these new members. I hope you will print out this page and keep it with our directory for ease of reference. I will also ask our webmaster to post this information, along with the short bios for the new members on our web site... <http://www.filc22d.org>



Leader Dogs for the Blind first graduating class in 1938. See articles and additional pictures beginning on page 3.

These new members need to be included in our regular activities as soon as possible... This is happening as I write this message. We have Walter C. and Mike C already engaged in delivering Meals on Wheels. Mike has also volunteered to help collect cans. Lou L. is helping Charlie Lamb with the Convention reservations and she has been doing visitations. Debbie and Fred M. are helping Joe Diehl with the rudiments for the meetings and Fred has tried his hand at can collecting. Joe K. has helped Joe Diehl sell 50/50 tickets and that leaves only four of our new members not fully involved. We need to find a good fit for these people which I am sure will happen in the very near future. (Cont'd next page.)

## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast** Dover Sheraton, Dover, DE 9:30 AM  
Reservations required.

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Harpoon Hanna's 12 Noon**

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**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> District Mid Winter Social** Felton Fire Hall, Felton, DE 5:30 PM See announcement on page 6.

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting** Fenwick Island Town Hall 4 PM All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Leader Dog Banquet** CHEER Center Georgetown, DE 6 PM See article page 3.



While we have no major projects this month we need to continue our food drive for the food pantry which is a very needy place this year. REMEMBER TO BRING A DONATION FOR THIS WORTHY CAUSE TO EACH MEETING. We also need to continue collecting used eye glasses and hearing aids. Aluminum can collecting needs to continue, if necessary with substitute collectors, such as me (very rewarding but time consuming and a real beer smelling activity.)

We also need to keep our eyes and ears open in our communities and be aware of unmet needs. In this day and time it is even more important than ever that our programs are tailored to meet the ever changing needs of our community and its members. So please, if you see a need, bring it to our attention. It is only through such a collective effort that we will be able to truly serve our neighbors with needs.

Yours in Lionism, KL Jean

### Welcome to New Member Number Ten!

At the regular meeting February 21<sup>st</sup> we inducted Mike Colgrove into our Club—bringing the total new members to ten since the beginning of the New Year. Mike was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana... actually in Speedway, Indiana, about a mile from the Indianapolis Speedway—home of the Indianapolis 500. He served in the U.S. Navy, has a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland and an M.S. degree from Vanderbilt.

Mike had a wonderful 38-year career with the National Security Agency (NSA), with almost half that time serving overseas (13-years in England and a two-year tour in South Korea.) He has been married to his wife Carol for 41 years and they have two girls. The youngest lives in Maryland and works for the NSA and their oldest is an international school teacher in Dubai, and has just given birth to twins.

Mike has lived in the area for the past five years, is a neighbor of and is being sponsored by Dave Crum. He loves bridge, belongs to the Knights of Columbus, is a volunteer with Delaware hospice and delivers Meals on Wheels—in connection with our Club's program. **We welcome Mike into our Lion family!**



Mike Colgrove (l) is inducted and welcomed into club. He is pictured with his sponsor Dave Crum.



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## Leader Dogs for the Blind Banquet March 27<sup>th</sup>

Leader Dogs for the Blind is one of a select group of non-profits that our club has supported each year since the club's founding twenty-five years ago.

Headquartered in Rochester Hills, Michigan, Leader Dogs for the Blind provides guide dogs to people who are blind or visually impaired in order to enhance their mobility, independence and quality of life.

The Leader dogs program began in 1938 as a Club project of the Detroit, Michigan Uptown Lions Club and quickly spread to other clubs in Michigan, Ohio and Ontario. Recognizing the overwhelming need for such a service, in 1939 it went nationwide to better serve those who are visually impaired.

Each year, over 270 students attend a 26-day residential training program to be paired with a guide dog. This is a life-changing event that opens the door to independence, safety and self-worth for many of students.



**Leader Dogs 2011 Kids Camp**  
Pictured here are the young folks and their guide dogs who attended the Leader Dogs summer program. Prior to receiving their dog, each client attends a 26-day residential training program to be paired with a guide dog. This is a life-changing event that opens the door to independence, safety and self-worth for many of the students.



John F. Coxe, Jr.

Member, Jack Coxe, shown here in 1973, with his first guide dog. Jack has had four guide dogs over the years, each provided by Leader Dogs for the Blind.

In addition to the guide dog program, they offer programs that enhance a person's independence and quality of life in other ways, including orientation and mobility training, GPS training, and seminars for Orientation and Mobility professionals. Currently, Leader Dog is the only facility in the Western Hemisphere to teach deaf-blind students to work with a guide dog.

Jack Coxe, a member of our Club is certainly living proof of the importance and success of this program... He got his first dog in 1973 and his current dog Riker is his fourth. Leader Dogs, with Jack's permission, provided these pictures.

**The Leader Dog Banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the CHEER Center, 20520 Sandhill Road, Georgetown, DE.**

Social time and registration will begin at 6:00 PM and the meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. The

cost of the meal is \$18.00 per person with the check payable to the Lewes Lions Club. The deadline for reservations is March 17<sup>th</sup>. This banquet, affords an opportunity to expand your knowledge of the Leader Dog program, as well as an opportunity to present our club's annual contribution to District 22D for Leader Dogs. The keynote speaker will be Len Quinn and Ginger. This has always proven to be an entertaining night for Lions, Lioness, Leos, and guests.



Jack and Riker in 2007

Join Jack, Riker and other club members on Mar. 27th and learn more about this marvelous program

## Heroes Growing up All Around You

Who would ever think that a life-enhancing, sometimes life-saving resource could begin as a fuzzy little puppy? At Leader Dogs for the Blind, that's exactly how each four-legged Leader Dog hero gets his start. Future Leader Dogs grow up in homes just like yours, all around the United States.

Volunteer Puppy Raisers name the puppies, teach them house manners, basic obedience and expose them to the world. Puppy raisers are volunteers who generously take puppies into their homes and provide them with health care, food and life experiences. Some raisers are able to bring the puppy to work with them.

"We would not be able to provide Leader Dogs at all if it weren't for volunteer puppy raisers. Right now we have about 400 puppies in 22 states and Canada growing up learning about the world around them. The exposure that the puppy raisers provide is an intricate part of the dog's extensive training needed to become a Leader Dog," said Beverly Blanchard, puppy program development manager for Leader Dogs for the Blind.



Creating a responsible candidate to become a Leader Dog entails a great deal of socialization. The more the puppy sees and experiences during the first year of its life, the more adapting and calm it will be when exposed to future experiences. Many puppy raisers expose their puppies to shopping malls, loud sirens, cats and other animals, different kinds of staircases and floor surfaces, busy sidewalks, bicycles, sporting events, grocery stores, churches and much more.

When the puppies return to Leader Dogs for the Blind, they are thoroughly evaluated for medical soundness and personality traits. Puppies that pass this evaluation are trained one-on-one for the next four months by a professional instructor. The instructor then carefully matches each Leader Dog with an individual who is legally blind. The team trains together at Leader Dogs for the Blind for a month before leaving the facility and returning home.

Leader Dogs are provided completely free to qualified individuals, including travel and 26 days of room and board at the Leader Dog facility. Leader Dogs for the Blind is funded by donations from Lions and Lioness Club members, individuals, foundations and corporations dedicated to community service.

For more information, call Leader Dogs for the Blind at (888) 777-5332 or visit [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org).





*(For those who might have missed the article on “twinning” in the February 2012 Lions Clubs International Lions magazine, we are including it in this newsletter. Our twinning program with the Belize City Lions Club was initiated by Lion Jim Miles. Thanks Jim!)*

# Club Twinning Creates Dynamic Duos

by Jennifer Gilbert Gebhardt



Belize City Lions Club President Dr. Chris Bennett enjoys the park bench donated by his club's twin. As a gesture of friendship, Fenwick Island Lions provided the bench when the Belize City Lions renovated a park.

Did your club enjoy meeting Lions from another part of the world at the International Convention and you'd like to continue the friendship? Or did you visit another country and meet Lions there who you'd like to get to know better? Through the International Club Twinning program, Lions have a way to form long-distance camaraderie and make our 208-country community feel more connected.

Twinning is a way to formalize an international Lions or Leo club-to-club relationship. Since 1960, 5,150 clubs have taken part in twinning; Lions and Leo clubs in 62 countries are currently participating. There isn't a blueprint for how to go about twinning, but the intent is to expand your club's cultural horizons and make lasting Lion friendships.

## Find Your Twin

Although you may have a club in mind, that isn't a requirement. Lists of interested Lions and Leo clubs are on the LCI Web site—could your club be the twin they're waiting for? Lions may also receive assistance in finding a twin from a Lions international relations chairperson or district governor.

After learning that their two cities were developing a formal friendship, Lion Henrick Thode of the Lake of the Woods Lions Club in Virginia found his club's twin, the Schwetzingen Lions Club in Germany, through the LCI online Club Locator. One e-mail was all it took to get the ball rolling.

## Develop the Relationship

As with any new relationship, it's important to take the time to connect and build the bond. Initial communication can be e-mail or “snail mail” with introductions, descriptions of club activities and features about your community. When they began corresponding, the Fenwick Island Lions in Delaware and the Belize City Lions in Belize sent each other photos, videos, newsletters and pins.

Language differences need not be a barrier. Lions may even have a chance to work on language skills. Explains Lake of the Woods Lion Thode, “We had a concern as to language, but it turned out OK—I wrote in German and they answered in English!”

## Make it Official

Once the two clubs have established a friendship (usually over several months or a year) they may complete the International Club Twinning Agreement and will then receive banner patches. A signing ceremony can add depth and meaning. The Fenwick Island Club sent a video of their ceremony to the Belize City Lions. Representatives of the Lake of the Woods and Schwetzingen clubs signed their agreement in person in Virginia.

## Staying in Touch

How the relationship progresses is up to you. “Ongoing communication is very important. Each club must appoint an effective and dedicated club twinning liaison officer,” stresses Lion Chris Bennett, president of the Belize City Lions Club.

Belize City and Fenwick Island Lions have ongoing communication that includes sharing ideas and encouragement for fundraising and projects. When Belize City Lions transformed a park, Fenwick Island Lions donated a park bench, and Fenwick Island Lion John Miles visited the park to see the project in person.

If twinning sounds right for your club, why not give it a try? You may even have the experience that the Fenwick Island and Belize City clubs had when they first came into contact. Says Bennett, “It was like love at first sight.”

Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and search for “club twinning” to find guidelines, lists of interested clubs and program forms.



**DISTRICT 22D  
MID-WINTER SOCIAL  
SATURDAY – MARCH 24, 2012**

Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries,

Your club members and guests are invited to honor and socialize with District Governor Ken and First Lady Marie for a relaxed, fun evening on Saturday, March 24, at our District's Annual Mid-Winter Social at the Felton Fire Hall in Felton, DE. Remember, dress is casual for this evening.

The menu will be fried oysters, chicken salad, roast beef, cole slaw, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls and butter, with ice cream and cookie for dessert, plus coffee and hot tea.

The cost is \$24.00 per person. Cash bar at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM.

We have booked a fabulous entertainer for the night – Mario Rocco. There will be lots of fun, laughter, and good music.

We will also have a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes which will be drawn throughout the evening. We are asking each club if they would please bring one or two gifts for our door prizes.

A wonderful, fun-filled evening is planned with delicious food, good fellowship, and a great entertainer. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Janet at 302-335-5064 or e-mail lionbryder@comcast.net.

Yours in Lionism,

*Janet & BJ*

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Social Co-Chairpersons



**Multiple District 22  
90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**



**Salisbury, Maryland  
May 9 – 12, 2012**

The Multiple District (Delaware, Maryland and DC) Convention will once again be held at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, 500 Glen Avenue, in Salisbury, MD.

This year it runs from Wednesday, May 9th, through Saturday May 12th... With a golf tournament on Wednesday; seminars, the Melvin Jones Luncheon and convention banquet on Thursday; the Necrology service, seminars, the sub-district luncheons, Shorebirds game and hospitality suites on Friday and election of district officers and a luncheon on Saturday.

The convention is a nice opportunity to meet and network with Lions from the multiple district, attend enlightening seminars that provide opportunities to share ideas and meet today's challenges.

We hope you will set aside some time to join your fellow club members and attend some of the sessions. We will have some car pools that will be going to the convention each of these days... More information to follow!



**36th Annual  
USA/CANADA Lions  
Leadership Forum  
September 13-15, 2012  
Tampa, Florida**



***"Leadership in a World of Service"***



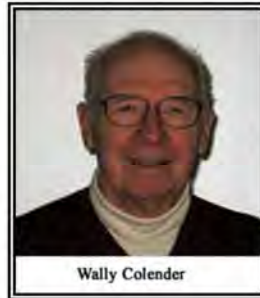
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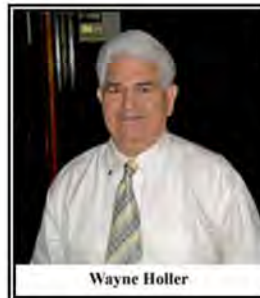
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*Birthday wishes!*

**There is a fountain of youth: It is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this resource, you will truly have defeated age.**

~Sophia Loren~

**Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful older people are works of art.**

~Eleanor Roosevelt~

**Theresa Pitman** March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Skip Valliant** March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Fred Moreland** March 9<sup>th</sup>

**Patti Schlauch** March 16<sup>th</sup>

**Bob Bertram** March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Joe Leonard** March 28<sup>th</sup>

**Bill Watson** March 30<sup>th</sup>

