

President's Message

**WOW!!!**

**FANTASTIC!!!**

**WONDERFUL!!!**

What a great month October has been, starting with the club picnic and ending with a hugely successful Lions Selbyville Halloween Parade, and everything in between.

Months of work selling 50/50 tickets resulted in a fantastic amount of money for the lucky winner of our Selbyville Halloween Parade 50/50 - \$2,500 (once Bill confirms my money counting and addition).

Many members spent hours talking the public, their friends and family members into taking chances on the 50/50. It turned out well, and although I was not the winner, I am so proud of our club that I feel like a winner. Not only did we come up with a very large prize but we also did very well in the food selling department and the parade organization component.

I have never seen so many members turn out to support a project. The majority of the sellers at the ticket table were wives and girl friends of members. (Thank you Ladies, you were wonderful!) I would love to list all the people that worked on this project but I am afraid I would miss someone- so- if you helped in anyway give yourself a pat on the back and accept my heartfelt THANKS. (Cont'd next page.)



A great day for the Club's annual picnic at Holts Landing. It would appear that KL Jean and Lion Bill are leading the group in the singing of "God Bless America."

Mark Your Calendar... for a busy Lions month!

**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser** Fenwick Crab House 2-7 PM

**Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting** 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's with special guest speaker, Historian Tom Ryan who will provide a fascinating look back at Delaware's involvement in the Civil War.

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> Zone Meeting** 6 PM Country Kitchen in Millsboro. This meeting will feature a presentation by Lion Dr. Jeff Hilovsky OD, who will enlighten us all on common vision issues and our new vision screening device. See article on page 6 for additional details. If you are involved in our Lions youth vision screening program, you won't want to miss this meeting!

**Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting** 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's. DG Richard Merriwether and his cabinet will pay us a visit and our new members will be inducted at this time.

**Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting** 4 PM Fenwick Island Town Hall.

**Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Christmas Party** 6-10 PM The Clarion Hotel, Ocean City. See article on page 3 for details.



You definitely lived up to our motto “*We Serve.*” I do need to mention the chair of this committee, Fran Pretty who organized all the various components and groups needed to pull off this fantastic parade. Every year she has chaired this event it has gotten better. Thanks Fran, you are a true Lion.

NOW, we need to put this kind of support into our next project. The **SPAGHETTI DINNER**. It is the first Saturday in November, the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am sure all of you have or are selling the dinner tickets. They should sell easily because the price is right and we over the years we have built a sterling reputation for our wonderful, well served Spaghetti Dinner. I have seen the list of helpers and I am sure that, just as for the parade, there will be an overwhelming turnout of Lions to help make this dinner as big a success as possible. Please give the Spaghetti dinner all the support you possibly can. I’ll see you there.

By the way, the winner of the 50/50 was Ruby Bramstedt, who just happens to be Noble and Jackie Simpson’s six and ½ month old great grandchild. What a start for a college fund. Another scholarship given by the Fenwick Island Lions Club!

Yours in Lionism,  
KL Jean

Phil Pease and the National Security Agency  
**By Theresa Pitman**

Phil Pease, a retired employee of the National Security Agency (NSA) was our guest speaker on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at the Fenwick Island Lions Club luncheon meeting. Phil was previously a member of FILC. He was an Army Intelligence Officer before being offered a job with NSA in 1956. He has dealt with very classified material throughout his career.

Among other things, Phil informed the Lions about the process needed to work at the highest level of intelligence and with top secret material. The people considered for work at NSA have to take a polygraph test, have an extensive background check and computer knowledge. Most of them are mathematicians. If hired, they have to take the polygraph test every five years.

Following his talk, there was a question and answer period. This was a wonderful opportunity to hear about a government agency seldom discussed.



Former Fenwick Lion Phil Pease tells us about his early stint as an Intelligence officer in the Army and his long career at the National Security Agency.

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## Club Christmas Party Scheduled for Monday, December 3rd

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, so this is an occasion to be served, , have a great meal and some beverages, celebrate another successful—and hopefully healthy year—and just plain enjoy ourselves and enjoy one another's company. 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 (1) four-ounce Filet, with an herbed demi glace and broiled crab cake or (2) 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 26th, so we can provide the Clarion with a final count.



## We Welcome New Member, Margaret Ann!

At the September meeting of the board, Margaret Ann Leonard, wife of long time member Joe Leonard, was unanimously approved for membership. Over the years she has helped us with numerous club service projects and fund raisers, so we are now delighted to officially welcome her into the Lions family. She will be inducted by District Governor Richard Merriwether at our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Margaret Ann was born and raised in the Wilmington, DE area, and has called DE her home for most of her life. She and Joe have been married for 53 years, have four children and seven grandchildren who all live in DE and MD. They moved to the Bethany area 13 years ago and her priorities in life are her family and her church. She loves to read, paint and stay busy.





# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual LEO Leadership Bash at the Beach...A Big Success!

By Jim & Carol Miles

On Sunday afternoon, October 7<sup>th</sup>, after a quick change of venue caused by inclement weather, the first annual LEO “Bash at the Beach” moved from Cape Henlopen State Park to the Dewey Beach Lions Club House and got underway. 42 LEO leaders from five LEO Clubs around the state--



Caesar Rodney, Cape Henlopen, Indian River, Laurel and Milford—came to learn and have fun.

A committee, chaired by Lion Woody Stocks, planned the event that was designed to provide the leaders in the various LEO clubs with greater leadership and organizational skills.

There were 13 Lions and 5 school advisors who helped to facilitate the activities. A language interpreter was provided by the District Lions to aid a special needs LEO who wished to attend. Also in attendance was Dr. Jeffery W. Conrad, ED.D., Supervisor of Instructional Support and Special Services from the Cape Henlopen School District.

Lions International’s Past President Clement Kusiak, who heads the Lions Youth Foundation, initiated the day’s events by telling the LEOs of grants available for youth projects and youth development objectives. He specifically challenged LEOS to create power point programs detailing activities of LEOS around the state.



The program continued with District Governor Richard Merriwether. He linked the International Lions Club initiatives for world literacy and the need to wipe-out measles globally with specific activities for LEOS. He emphasized the importance of setting goals. By planning to collect books, present and read them to elementary students, Indian River LEOS are implementing one of Lions International’s initiatives for the year.

The opening remarks were followed by “break-out” sessions led by Lions and others from the committee.



The topics of these sessions, each lasting ½ hour, were public speaking, publicity, leadership, fund raising and service projects. Following these workshops, the groups engaged in a competition involving team building led by Laura Quillen and Amy Hughes, both advisors for the Indian River LEO Club. Activities such as “the human knot”, the “hula hoop race” and “group juggling”, among others, demonstrated the necessity of working together to reach a goal as well as providing some time for fun.

Each participant received a tee shirt marking the event. An indoor picnic, provided by the Lions Clubs in our district was held before the LEOS left for the

day—no doubt with some inspiration and ideas for making their Clubs more effective and better able to serve their communities.



# Club Picnic, Great Fun and Fellowship!

By Jim Stone

Fun, fellowship, GREAT Food/Refreshments & GREAT weather... the perfect ingredients for a GREAT picnic!

Special thanks to all who helped, especially, all who helped Martha with the food & refreshments. It was a GREAT team effort!

Noble Simpson was, AGAIN, in charge of the weather! I wonder if he delegates this responsibility to Jackie?

This year the horseshoe champs were Sam Mooney and Dick Bowman. No further comments on their win. Everyone can see from the picture, their size!





## A Unique Opportunity on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>... The eyes have it!

On Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Region 3, Zone 2, will hold their second meeting of the new year and be treated to a presentation by Lion Dr. Jeff Hilovsky, OD of the Sussex Eye Center, who is a member of the Lord Baltimore Lions Club.

If you have an interest in learning more about the different types of eye problems affecting vision or if you want to obtain a better understanding of the types of vision disorders which our Lions Youth Vision Screening program is designed to detect, you won't want to miss this session.

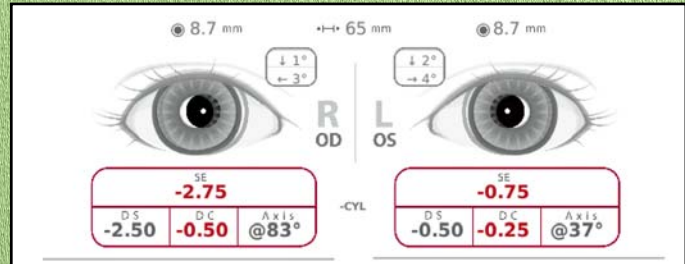
Lion Jack Bauer, Zone Chair for our region, has decided to pretty much dispense with the normal Zone meeting agenda because of the importance of this subject and the opportunity it presents to Lions members.

In an effort to provide the very best vision screening program possible, our Lions Zone—consisting of the Fenwick Island, Lord Baltimore, Millsboro and including the Laurel Lions Club—has recently purchased a state-of-the-art PediaVision “Spot” vision screening device.

We will have a demonstration of this machine's capability and Dr. Jeff will use the printed output from the Spot as a way of familiarizing participants with various eye terms and their meanings.

The Zone meeting is actually a dinner meeting which is held at the Country Kitchen, 11 Washington Street in Millsboro. It begins at 6 PM, you can order right from the menu and as meals are being prepared, some Lions business will be discussed. Dr. Jeff's presentation will immediately follow the dinner.

This truly is a great opportunity to learn more about vision issues and become more familiar with our pre-school and kindergarten Youth Vision Screening program—one of the most important community service programs we offer as Lions.



**Together, WE SERVE!**



## Lions Selbyville Halloween Parade, a Real Blow-Out Success

Henry Ford once said “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” Well, Henry would have been proud of the Fenwick Island Lions Club’s orchestration of this year’s Lions Selbyville Halloween Parade. The club makes it look so easy... It reminded me of a well oiled machine... everyone knowing what needed being done and going about his or her assigned task. A real tribute to the leadership of our organization and all of its members. Great fun and an opportunity to keep a wonderful small town tradition alive and well!



Birthday Wishes!

**Count your life by smiles, not tears. Count your age by friends, not years.**

~Anonymous~

**Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time.**

~Jean Paul Richter~

**John Pitman** November 3rd

**Bill Morison** November 9th

**Dan Hill** November 19th

**Bill Bunting** November 28th

**Paul Rivilious** December 3<sup>rd</sup>

