



Fenwick Island Lions Club

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President's Message

A new year! A new project! And, we are off to a fantastic start!! What a wonderful way to start a new Lions' year.

The number of members that assisted in our 25 Cent Auction/Paddle Party was outstanding. The crew set up and took down in record time and it wasn't just the same old workers. Our "bucket" people learned their job very quickly and didn't miss a quarter. We had a very good "Vanna White" and the kitchen crew served the food in a very timely manner. The "caller/chip selector" team did a stellar job and the 50/50 and money controllers were very competent and busy counting out extra quarters. High praise goes to Martha Stone for collecting the prizes and her "magic touch" that makes the simplest of the prizes as attractive as the most expensive. All in all, we were spectacular!

Not only have we started this year with this fantastic fund raiser but we have also had a very uplifting meeting with the LEO club officers and advisors. Our LEOs have started the year with as much motivation as we did with our fund raiser. They have plans for a very busy year. They are starting a collection of books for children that they will sort and deliver to the various classrooms where they mentor. Hopefully we can sort through our bookshelves and add to their collection. They are also planning two drives to collect household essentials for the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware and they will continue to assist us with our fund raisers. See articles beginning on page 5 for more details on the LEOs quick start. (Cont'd next page)



King Lion Jean explains the rules of the Paddle Party to the 208 individuals who came to play.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, September 4th First Meeting of New Season 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's, with featured speaker **Miss Delaware—Alyssa Murray**. Alyssa was our 2010 John Furlow Scholarship winner... She will share with us her platform for the coming year.

Monday & Tuesday, September 10th & 11th PediaVision "Spot" Screening Device Evaluation, Training and Screening... Contact Lions Jim or Carol Miles for additional information.

Saturday, September 15th 27th Annual Delaware Coastal Cleanup 9 AM Fenwick Island State Park. (New this year, both club and IRHS LEO Club have been assigned to the State Park.)

Monday, September 17th Regular Meeting 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's, with featured speaker **Joanna Carty** of 'Connecting Generations' who will speak about intergenerational communication, focusing on the changes that have taken place and providing tips and strategies to better connect with the young people in our lives...whether they be our children, grandchildren or others.

Monday, September 24th Board Meeting 4 PM Fenwick Town Hall—all members welcome!

Monday, September 24th Final LEO Leadership Planning Meeting 6 PM Dewey Beach Lions Den

Now, we need to bring some of this highly motivated energy to our 50/50 ticket sales and see if we can match last year's total. If your assigned time does not work for you, please find a fellow Lion to take your place and let me know. We have done a very good job so far, let's keep up the good work.

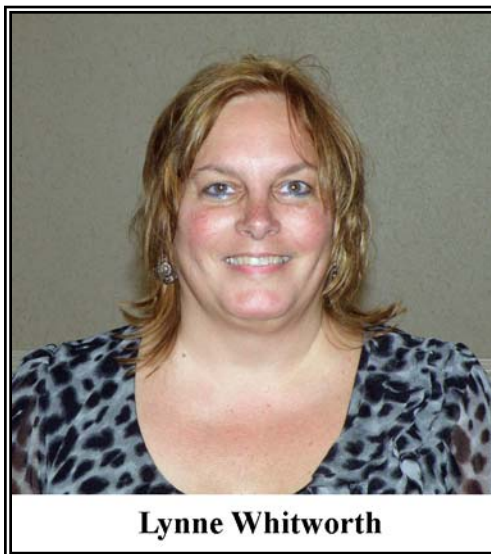
Our trip to the ballpark was a lot of fun even if the Shorebirds lost. The fireworks were the best yet and were a wonderful way to end the evening.

We have done well so far this year and I know we will do well with our Halloween Parade & Raffle, our Spaghetti Dinner and our Pancake Breakfast—three of our major fund raisers. We also will continue Meals on Wheels, can collecting & recycling, vision screening, provisioning of eyeglasses for the needy, collecting used eyewear and ramp building. All these jobs can use an infusion of help so plan on adding one new job this year. I plan on this being an outstanding year for the Indian River LEO Club and the Fenwick Island Lions Club. Do you agree?

Yours in Lionism,
KL Jean

We Welcome New Member Lynne Whitworth

Lynne was born and raised in the West Chester part of PA. She has two children—Robbie and Gregory and two grandchildren—Kylee and Steve. She ran a day care center in PA for years, but gave that up and moved to Delaware believing that lower slower Delaware was a better option for raising her children. She was a den mother for her boys both in PA and here in DE and for the past sixteen years has worked for the CVS Pharmacy in Ocean City, where she is currently the Assistant Manager. Lynne resides in Selbyville and in her spare time loves to travel, do gardening, go camping, hiking, biking on the boardwalk and spending time with her family and loved ones. We welcome Lynne into our Lion's family!



Tree Planting is complete

Lion Don Stewart, our chief arborist and Chairman of our tree planting initiative has completed the planting of crepe myrtles at the town halls in Fenwick Island and Selbyville, an ornamental flowering cherry tree at the South Bethany Town Hall and also an Alberta spruce tree planted at Fenwick Island Town Hall. Our thanks to Don for chairing this committee.



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Club Paddle Party a Huge Success!

The indomitable trio of women—Martha Stone, KL Jean Bertram and Past President Fran Pretty—took a new idea, the 25 Cent Auction Paddle Party, refined it to perfection and then delivered one of the Club's largest, most successful fundraisers to date. They also provided an incredible evening of fun, laughter and great fellowship to all the 200+ individuals who attended. Once again, on display for all to see and admire was the incredible organizational skills of this group of ladies and the teamwork of numerous club members and spouses who supported this effort in a myriad of ways. This was certainly a fine start to our new season!



District Banner Transfer Ceremony Held

For Lions the New Year begins in July and an annual tradition in our District (the State of Delaware) is the Banner Transfer—an occasion to celebrate Lionism and to pass the baton to the new District Governor, in this case, Rich Merriwether of the Rehoboth Club. This year the ceremony took place at the Dover Sheraton Hotel on July 24th.

Two hundred and three Lions and guests representing twenty-four clubs attended this event. After a very nice meal, a parade of club banners took place followed by the exchange of the District Banner from Immediate Past DG Ken Chew to our current DG Richard Merriwether. IPDG Ken thanked everyone for their support during his year and in return was applauded for the great job he did for the District. DG Richard then took the podium and thanked IPDG Ken and his cabinet; he then spoke briefly about his goals for the coming year. Our club was nicely represented at this District event.



LEO Club Energized and Ready for New Year

Lions **Jim & Carol Miles** once again hosted the annual LEO Club Officers Luncheon and Planning Meeting in August in preparation for the new school year. Others attending the meeting were King Lion **Jean Bertram**, Lions **Dick Waughtal** and **Bruce Schoonover**, LEO Advisors-**Laura Quillen** and **Amy Hughes**; and LEO Club officers, Vice President-**Rosie Rinker**, Secretary-**Jessica Gude** (Public Relations & Newsletters), Treasurer-**Brooke Pendergast** and Historian/Webmaster-**Amanda Roadarmel**. Unfortunately, Club President-**Gopika Lakshmanan** & Secretary-**Delany McMullen** (Membership and Activities) were unable to attend.

A folder promoting the LEO Club was proposed for the 'back to school' program scheduled for August 29th and Club Advisor Laura Quillen subsequently put it all together. See one of the panel at left. As depicted, the Club has decided to concentrate on three primary areas of service this year.

Discussions also ensued regarding ways of encouraging members to fully participate in club activities, the treatment of club funds, officers' responsibilities and the upcoming statewide LEO Leadership retreat scheduled for October 7th.

It is clear that the advisors and officers are all committed to a successful, service-filled year.

IRHS LEO FOCUS:

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss

We will be conducting a book drive in the school and community during the beginning weeks of school. All books collected will be distributed to classrooms in local elementary schools by students in our club.

Helen Keller challenged the LIONS to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."



Our LEO club will help collect unused eyeglasses in our school and community to be recycled and donated around the world.

Since 1991, the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware has provided families with a safe, affordable "home away from home" while their children receive treatment at local hospitals.

Our club is going to run two drives for the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware in order to collect household essentials that they offer families free of charge. The fall drive will end with club members traveling to the house to deliver the goods and provide guests with holiday treats and cheer. The spring drive will also end with a visit however this trip will bring with it fun springtime activities for the house families.



2012-13 LEO Club Advisors & Officers
Pictured (L to R) Club Advisor Amy Hughes, Officers-Amanda Roadarmel, Jessica Gude, Rosie Rinker & Brooke Pendergast, and Club Advisor Laura Quillen.



This Year's LEO Club Focus....
as shown on a panel of the clubs new promotional folder, which was offered to students and parents at the 'back to school' orientation program.

LEO Club Takes Lead on Literacy Initiative

Dovetailing with this year's Lions Clubs International literacy initiative, the LEO Club will be spearheading a community wide effort to collect children's books and place them in the hands of students at the Phillip C. Showell Elementary School in Selbyville. **The Club is asking for our help in this effort!**

Statistics show:

1 in 4 children grow up not knowing how to read!!!

2/3 of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare.

85 percent of all juveniles who enter the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate.

Based on these statistics and many more like them, our LEO club has chosen a service project for the fall of 2012. We have decided to organize a book drive in our community hoping to gather as many elementary level books as possible! We have a large population of students who volunteer as mentors at Phillip C. Showell Elementary School in Selbyville, Delaware through our school's chapter of the National Honor Society. Our plan is to gather and separate books based on grade level appropriateness and have these students distribute them among the classes at that school.

We plan to have a box set up for collection at Indian River High School's annual open house, scheduled for August 29th. That box will then be located in the school's main office. Our hope is to gather enough books to truly build impressive 'libraries' in each of the classrooms at our target school so we would appreciate any help in collecting and gathering that the LIONS would be able to offer! If all goes well, this could become an annual project ultimately donating to each of the schools in our feeder program.

If you have any questions about the book drive, or if you can offer any suggestions please feel free to contact LEO club advisor Laura Quillen at laura.quillen@irsd.k12.de.us. Hopefully this program can be a big success!!

Club Ramp Builders Complete Two in August

Under the leadership of Past President Sam Mooney, the ramp building crew completed two more in the hot month of August. Most of the materials were reused from prior projects, thus keeping costs to a minimum. Our thanks to Sam, Fred Moorland, Paul Ravilious & Charlie Lamb for all their work and their talent.



Fenwick Lions Shorebirds Outing

What a great night for a baseball game! It felt like a fall evening, not one in the middle of August. An enjoyable evening of baseball, fun and fellowship and the fireworks were spectacular! The only disappointment was that the Shorebirds lost to the Hagerstown Suns by a run.



Birthday Wishes!

Age doesn't matter. Obstacles don't matter. Winning is the challenge. Bottom line, inspiring others is the goal.

~Glen Allison~

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

~George Washington Carver~

Jean Bertram Sept. 9th

Lenny Price Sept. 20th

Marvin Levinson September 21st

Jacqueline Ashinhurst Sept. 23rd

Carolee Rooney Sept. 24th

Cal Hook Sept. 29th

Ray Hamm Sept. 30th

