



# LIONS ROAR NEWSLETTER



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## President's Message: Dear Fellow Lions,

Wow! The Lion year is quickly coming to an end. Since my last President's Message in April, much has transpired... including, the awarding of the Melvin Jones Fellowships, an 'interesting' MD-22 Convention in Dover, scholarship interviews with Indian River High School seniors, sale of Christmas ornaments, annexation of the Selbyville service territory, the surfacing of a territorial dispute with a neighboring club, a great Ladies Day Luncheon and another successful pancake breakfast fundraiser.



King Lion  
Bruce Schoonover

## Melvin Jones Fellows

Named for the founder of Lions Club International (LCI), this award is given by local Lions Clubs as a way of recognizing superior service of its members. This is the highest honor conferred by the Lions Club International Foundation, the grant making arm of LCI. Over the years the Fenwick Island Lions Club has recognized some 55 of its members with this honor. This year, we recognized six members: Jean Bertram, Daniel Hill, Dave Jaeger, Joseph Leonard, and Paul Ravilious and on June 15<sup>th</sup> we will award Ray Spence's... (It's a secret, don't tell Ray!) Congratulations to you all and thank you for all that you do to make this Club special and caring.

## MD-22 Convention

We had a nice turnout for a fairly lackluster convention. From my perspective, the Multiple District has got to find a way to make these meetings more interesting, educational and stimulating, or risk a continuing decline in attendance.

The highlight of the convention was having both the Club and several individual members recognized for superior performance and service. The Club received recognition for successfully completing all required Visitations, Leadership, Communications, Sight Services, Community Services, Environmental Services, a Youth Service Award in connection with our LEO Club sponsorship and an Overall Award.

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## ANNUAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SEMINAR HELD!

Each year a training seminar is held at the Caesar Rodney High School in Camden, DE. for all Officers and other Club Committee Chairs. It is particularly important for Lions who will be moving into new positions to receive this orientation.

This year it was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> and four of our fellow lions

attended. First VP Fran Pretty attended the President's session, PP Dick Waughtal & Lion Donna sat in on the Secretaries session, and PP Bob Pretty attended the Membership Orientation session.

More than 150 Lions from District 22 -D attended.

-VP Fran Pretty



## News from the Lions Den

**ILlions:** Lion Jack Coxe is doing fine following lower back surgery and was up and walking on Thursday the 4th of May and returned home on Friday. For those wishing to send a card his address is: 30890 Chestnut Drive Millsboro, DE 19966. Director Bill Morison has been in the hospital, hopefully he's doing better and Lion Dan Casey was in the hospital and has returned home also,

again hopefully he's OK too!

Please Continue to call PDG Noble (539-3734) and keep him informed of any Lions or family members that could use little pick me up card to remind them we are indeed are thinking of them. Thank you

## June 2009 Calendar Of Events

EVENT	DATE	START	END
REGULAR CLUB MEETING (Awards)	Monday June 15	12pm	2pm
Selbyville Town Old Timers Day	Saturday June 20	9am	4pm
Board Meeting	Monday June 22	4pm	6pm

## 2009-2010 Scholarship Winners!

Scholarships of \$7,500 were awarded by King Lion Bruce Schoonover to five Indian River High School Students at the May 20th Awards Ceremony held at the High School. They are as follows:

- The \$1,000 Skip Higgins Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Eric Linde who will be attending the University of Delaware majoring in engineering.
- A \$1,000 Calvin Denis Memorial Scholarship went to Anna Jurusik who will be attending the University of Delaware and plans to become a dentist.
- A \$500 Calvin Denis Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Lee Rose who will study wildlife conservation and environmental science at the University of Delaware.
- A special \$1,000 Noble Simpson Scholarship was awarded to Jocelyn Hazzard who will major in business with a goal of becoming a certified public accountant.
- A special Financial Assistance Scholarship was awarded to Emily Bergman who will attend Princeton University Junior Statesman Summer School.
- The \$4,000 John Furlow Scholarship was given to Bo Wilkinson who will be attending Salisbury University and plans to become a physician's assistant.

The Committee interviewed twelve applicants and consisted of John Furlow – chair, Bob Pretty, Mickey Cook and KL Bruce Schoonover. Lion Sharon Schoonover did a great job as greeter and photographer.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?** Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) Politician & President of the United States thought... Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought. Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us; to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968) American black leader thought: Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. Eric Hoffer (1902-1983) American philosopher and author thought: The basic test of freedom is perhaps less in what we are free to do than in what we are free not to do. And finally, George Washington (1732-1799) First President of the USA thought: The time is near at hand which must determine whether Americans are to be free men or slaves. This is becoming a thought that many today now harbor.



Bo Wilkinson/\$4,000 John Furlow Scholarship



Anna Jurusik/\$1,000 Cal Denis Memorial Scholarship



Eric Linde/\$1,000 Skip Higgins Memorial Scholarship

**2009  
Fenwick Island  
Lions Club  
Scholarship Awards**

**Representing the  
2009 Class of  
Indian River  
High School**



Lee Rose/\$500 Cal Denis Memorial Scholarship



Jocelyn Hazzard/\$1,000 Noble Simpson Scholarship



Emily Bergman/\$1,000 Special Financial Assistance

**Ladies Day 2009 Pictures; (more on the our website, [www.filc.us](http://www.filc.us))**



## Prez Sez (cont'd)

Jim Miles was recognized for outstanding work with Vision Screening for the District by International President, Al Brandel and Carol Miles, Ash Ashinhurst and Fran Pretty were each given the **Everyday Hero Awards** by District Governor Bob Daniels. I am very proud that our Club and these individuals were recognized. While the real reward of providing service to others comes from the inner satisfaction of providing the service—and a job well done—it is certainly nice to have such extraordinary work recognized by others.

### **Indian River High School Scholarship**

Thanks to the efforts of Fran Pretty, and as reported elsewhere in this newsletter, the scholarship awards this year were both rewarding (no pun intended) and terribly satisfying... for all those involved. John Furlow, Bob Pretty, Mickey Cook and I interviewed 12 applicants, and from my perspective, every one of these individuals was a winner.

### **Sale of Christmas Ornaments**

Recognizing that we must continue to explore different ways to raise funds to support our giving ... (primarily as a result of the reality of the diminishing level of revenue from our aluminum can collection & recycling efforts) Jim and Carol Miles, along with my wife are making a valiant effort to make and sell Christmas ornaments. These ornaments are clear glass balls, with fancy ribbons in the Lions Club colors that have miraculously had the name of the Club (or other information) inserted inside the sphere. . At the recent convention they sold a total of 19 at \$10 each, which covers our initial costs. So from here on out, all proceeds are profits. These really make a nice gift and orders will be taken up through November 1<sup>st</sup> you may call Sharon at 302/539-2043 to place your order. Please support this effort!

### **Annexation of the Selbyville Service Area**

Earlier this year, the Selbyville-Indian River Lions Club decided that because of diminishing membership and support in the community they would close at the end of June. Our Club tentatively had agreed to annex the Selbyville area, as well as the Indian River High School, subject to board approval. Similarly, the Lord Baltimore Lions Club tentatively agreed to annex the Dagsboro and Frankford portion of the old Selbyville-Indian River Lions Club.

Our board unanimously agreed to this on May 26<sup>th</sup> and it is my understanding that the Lord Baltimore board embraced this annexation at their meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> a delegation of board members met with the Selbyville Town Council to inform them of the change. This effort was warmly received and the Coastal Point newspaper covered this event in a very positive way and the Mayor of Selbyville was quoted as saying: *"We are the ones who should be honored. The Lions Club is a great organization. They have been around here for a long time and it is great to have people stepping up to see that it stays around."*

This year our Club will have a booth at the Selbyville Old Timers Day. This event includes an antique car, truck, tractor and police car show. We will be selling hot dogs, sodas, water and thanks to Club member John DelVecchio, we will also be offering his homemade pastries. We also will be selling Halloween Parade 50/50 raffle tickets. This should be an enjoyable event and it will provide a nice opportunity for us to be seen for the first time as the Lions Club serving the Selbyville Area. A nice opportunity to recruit some new members! Regardless of whether you will be working that day or not, we hope you will support the Town of Selbyville and our efforts.

### **Territorial Dispute**

Future Selbyville Town Events FILC will cover:



Coming... June 20th the Town of Selbyville's 53rd Annual Old Timers Day, including: a *SUPER Car & Truck Show*, an *Historic Police Car Show* and Selbyville's famous *Tractor Show!*  
 From: 9am to 4pm / Church Street.

*And don't forget we now service the "Annual Halloween Parade" held October 28th! Church Street.*



Prez Sez (cont'd)

At a November 2008 Lions Zone meeting, VDG Lee Bird requested that all Clubs within the District agree on service area maps. At the same meeting, a Lord Baltimore representative presented what they represented as a 1997 Sussex County map on which service area boundaries had been superimposed and agreed upon.

A subsequent review of that map revealed discrepancies between it and founding documents of our Club. When these discrepancies were brought to the attention of those attending a subsequent Zone meeting, the Zone Chair dismissed the issue and suggested it needed to be resolved by the District Governor. Without getting into excruciating detail, Lord Baltimore has now agreed to meet with representatives of our Club. While we immediately responded to Lord Baltimore with a request to select a time and date, nothing has transpired to date.

**Ladies Day Luncheon**

By all accounts, the Ladies Day Luncheon was a huge success. The food was good, all ladies received a nice flowering plant, Fran Pretty was honored as Lion of the Year, and Bill Neimiller and Cal Hook were honored for their continuing important and exceptional work for our club.

Both Noble Simpson and Cal Denis were honored by scholarships named in their honor and the Club welcomed Cal's sister and two daughters who were presented with beautiful hanging baskets. We also provided a token of our appreciation (in the form of a \$100 check and a LCI coffee mug) to Calvin Strand our Cook, who so often goes well beyond his official capacity. Dr. Jeff Hilovsky—our speaker—provided a really good and interesting presentation on common vision problems, and the fellowship and the camaraderie were outstanding... A fact that was noted by one of our guests who offered *"It was a lovely ladies day luncheon... as it always is... but seemed more personal this year."*

**Pancake Breakfast**

Thanks once again to the efforts of Bob Pretty and his faithful assistant Jim Stone, and with the able help of a total of 37 lions, and 7 Leos and their advisor, we had smoothly run, enjoyable, and hopefully quite profitable pancake breakfast. By my count, by 10:30 Saturday morning we had served exactly 400 complete meals. What a great team effort! Our thanks goes out to Harpoon Hanna's, Luke, the manager, Tom his assistant and Calvin the cook and all club members who worked and/or sold tickets and generally promoted this event.

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Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, Noon - Harpoon Hanna's - September through June

PP Lion Dick Waughtal-Bulletin Editor (Photos by Lions Bruce Schoonover, Sam Mooney, Dick Waughtal & Roland Hudson)

## Prez Sez (cont'd)

And, just one reminder, if you haven't turned in your ticket money to Bill, please do so at your earliest convenience, so we can determine just how profitable this effort was.

### **Final Member Meeting of Season**

The final membership meeting for the year will be on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be an opportunity to see and hear from the Scholarship winners—as they have each been invited to attend this meeting as our guests. This is also our awards meeting and the induction of our officers for the coming year. PDG Bob Jones and his wife Lion Cheryl will be our guests for this meeting and Bob will oversee the induction ceremony. We will also be honoring a number of members of our club, who through their efforts, have contributed to our continuing success. Please join us for this important final meeting of the year.

### **One Final Thought**

Looking back at this past Lion year, there were many times when I felt that our Club had been placed on auto-pilot... everything was running so smoothly, with a minimum of discussion or direction. Clearly, this is the result of the fine traditions that long ago became so ingrained into the fabric of this club and its members. It is also a real tribute to all those current members who hold to those high standards of service. I am most grateful to all those who have preceded me and all those members who, week in and week out, do so much for our Club and our community. To you all, I give my thanks. My best regards and wishes,

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