

## President's Message

February is my *“behind the scenes”* recognition month.

Without our members who work behind the scenes our Club could not function as well as it does. We heap praise on the “upfront” people who chair our committees and we often forget to recognize those who keep things working. So this month I will try to remember all of these people with a tremendous **Thank you!**

Let's start with our meetings and recognize Bill Neimiller and Dan Mihalisin. They are the ones who collect the money, pay for the lunch and keep track of all money transactions. Without this bookkeeping duo we could have financial ruin. Thanks guys!

Next the *“take down”* crew (Joe Diehl, Joe Kaub, Debbie and Fred Moreland, with the help of Luke Martin and Charlie Lamb) make sure we have all the needed equipment for our meetings safely stowed away. Joe Diehl, Joe Kaub and on occasion Debbie or Fred also sell our 50/50 so that we have some administrative funds. Joe D. is so dedicated to his job that he and Jean sold tickets at the Christmas Party while we were having our social time. A big thanks to this crew.



Lou and Charlie Lamb sold chances for the Governors Ball and with the help of Dick Waughtal designed our ad in the program. They took on this job with a lot of trepidation and did a fantastic job. Thanks!

You may not know about the data base we have for all of our members, which it is updated and maintained by Bill Watson. Not an easy task but a necessary one. Thanks Bill for all your hard work. Since everyone is not *“computerized”* someone needs to produce copies of our newsletter and mail them to the *“non computerized”* members and Dave Jeager has been doing this job very well. Thank you Dave.

The club directory, the web page and many event fliers/posters are produced or maintained by Dick Waughtal and he does an outstanding job. Thanks Dick. *(Cont'd next page.)*

## Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's**

**Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Zone Meeting 6 PM Country Kitchen Millsboro**

**Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 12 Noon Harpoon Hanna's**

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Delaware Lions Foundation Breakfast 9:30 AM Dover Sheraton \$17 per person, Reservations required by February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 4 PM Fenwick Island Town Hall**

We have a picnic with an abundance of food and fellowship all because of Martha and Jim Stone. Martha and Jim, many Thanks. Martha a super sized Thanks for all your work on the Paddle Party.

If memory serves me correctly, I can recall Nick Bartolomeo, Cal Hook, Dick Bowman ,and Paul Ravilious working at the Paddle Party. Then there were Lynn Whitworth, Bob Hensler, Carol Freeman and many others at the Halloween Parade. The Spaghetti Dinner and the Pancake Breakfast had Elaine Rabinowitz serving orange juice, and Noble Simpson as a greeter. Luke Lucas and Scott Fornwalt donated their restaurants for these two projects. We had a great assortment of ticket sellers for the Halloween parade , Thanks to all of you!

We are a club of **doers** and even those that have health issues work behind the scenes with moral and financial support. **THANK YOU ALL!** Thanks to each and every member of this club for all the work you do for others. **WE SERVE** is not just a motto, it is a fact of life for this group of Lions.

Stand tall and proud for what you do!

Gratefully,  
King Lion Jean

### Our thanks to Lions Bob & Fran and Lynne Whitworth

In anticipation of awarding scholarships to deserving seniors from Indian River High School again this spring, Fran recently prepared the applications and Bob delivered them to the high school.

And... a special Thanks to new Lion Lynne Whitworth for arranging with CVS for the donation of three cases of assorted candies and one case of shampoo, which Bob delivered to the Pyle Center's food pantry...

**Lions caring and serving!**



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## MELVIN JONES BREAKFAST

**By Fran Pretty**



This annual breakfast get together was held on January 12<sup>th</sup> in Dover to honor Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International (LCI). King Lion Jean, PP Bob Pretty, Lion Luke Martin and Region Chair Fran joined 150 other Lions from 22-D. Guest speaker was Global Leadership Team Leader Rowe Haywood who recapped the many worldwide accomplishments of LCI. He explained how the LCI grants help our Clubs to help others in our communities. District 22-D has received \$85,000 in grants.

The Melvin Jones Fellows and the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows were recognized. There have been 936 Melvin Jones Fellows awarded in 22-D, over 110 of whom are Progressive Fellows. All recipients' names are listed on a wall at the LCIF office in Chicago and if you

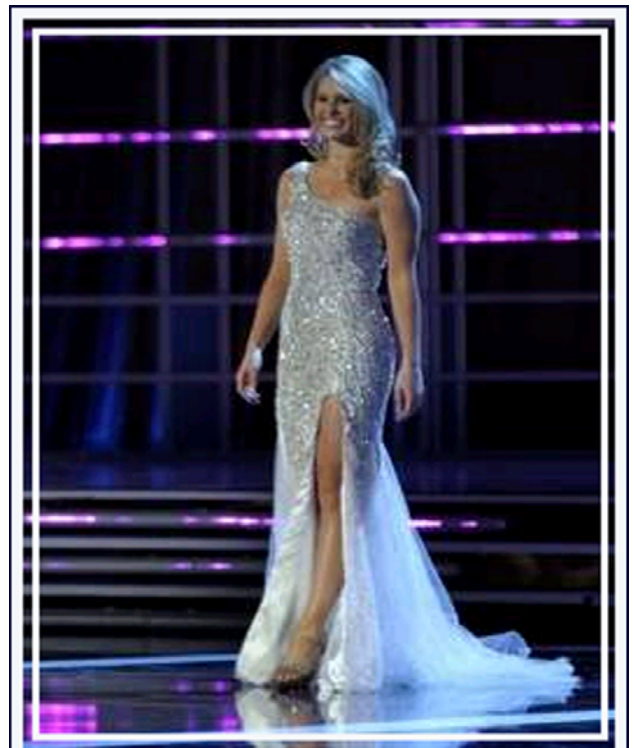
ever go there, take time to find your name. PC Chair Rowe ended by reminding us that "The more we do for others, the more we do for ourselves."

## MISS DELAWARE, ALYSSA MURRAY, COMPETES IN MISS AMERICA CONTEST

**By Fran Pretty**

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, Selbyville resident Alyssa Murray competed with 52 other contestants for the title of "Miss America." Alyssa is one of our 4-year Scholarship winners and spoke to our Club in September about the pageant, its scholarship opportunities and her platform of "Mela-NO-More: Skin Cancer Advocacy and Awareness."

Although she wasn't crowned Miss America, she represented Delaware very well. (Miss New York, Mallory Hagan, is the 2013 winner.) Alyssa came home with two awards: Non-Finalist Interview Award and Quality of Life Finalist Award. The quality of Life Award recognizes enhancing the quality of life of others through volunteerism and community service. Congratulations to Alyssa as she returns with ever-lasting memories and resumes her duties as Miss Delaware.



Miss Delaware, Alyssa Murray of Selbyville, DE competed for the title of Miss America in Las Vegas.



## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

(A Message from LCIF Chairman)

Dear Lion,

I am always excited to think about the prospects that come with a new year. There is so much to look forward to when it comes to Lions. You may not know this, but earlier this month was Melvin Jones' 134th birthday. His belief was "you can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else," and I am certain that he would be amazed at just how far his vision has spread.



Think of everyone who was impacted by LCIF last year: a child who is now able to participate better in school thanks to a vision screening and follow-up care; a mother who no longer has to fear losing her child to measles because of a vaccination campaign; a family that is rebuilding their lives after Superstorm Sandy with help from Lions; and a student who has learned self-empowerment from Lions Quest in the classroom. All of these people and many more are looking forward to a brighter 2013 because of your help.

Soon, our Foundation's Advisory Committees will meet to review grants through [SightFirst](#) and [Lions Quest](#). These grants will continue LCIF and Lions' work in communities around the world, providing sight and supporting youth. Together, we are beginning the new year in the way that Lions should - through service and through doing something for somebody else.

I encourage your club to think of all the ways you can help people in 2013. Together, I believe we can provide many services to lift up those who need our help. Through LCIF, there are so many ways that Lions can help others, both locally and globally, including applying for an LCIF grant. And, with our [four pillars of service](#), there are many potential projects for your club.

Of course, these grants and projects would not be possible without [generous donations](#). Thank you Lions, for everything that you have done to support our Foundation. Your donations ensure that Lions are able to do something great through LCIF.

Sincerely,

Wing-KunTam  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

**We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.**

## LCIF's "The Four Pillars of Service" ...and why we can all be proud to be Lions.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) supports and develops international humanitarian programs that serve people in need. With the dedication and work of Lions, LCIF is able to improve millions of lives through our high-impact initiatives.

Our international humanitarian programs are focused in four main areas:

### **Preserving Sight**

Since its inception in 1990, the SightFirst program has played a key role in reducing global blindness. It is only through the collaborative efforts of Lions, our partners, local health authorities, eye care professionals and other non-governmental organizations that SightFirst has been able to help 30 million people have improved or restored vision. SightFirst serves as a leading member of VISION 2020, the global initiative for the elimination of avoidable blindness.

With a focus on building comprehensive and sustainable eye care systems, SightFirst provides funding for projects that deliver eye care services, build or strengthen eye care facilities, train professionals and build awareness about eye health in underserved communities. Through two fundraising campaigns, Lions are investing \$415 million in the SightFirst program to extend its services to even more people in need throughout the world. With an average cost of just \$6 to help restore a person's vision or prevent blindness, millions more will be given the gift of sight.

### **Supporting Youth**

Over the past 25 years, 12 million young people in 78 countries have benefited through Lions Quest, our youth development program for kindergarten through 12th grade.

### **Providing Disaster Relief**

LCIF's commitment to disaster relief goes back to our beginnings, when we awarded our very first grant for flood relief in South Dakota. Whenever and wherever disasters strike, Lions are often among the first to offer aid—and LCIF is right there with them, ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through Lions disaster relief programs.

Working together, LCIF, local Lions and Lions leaders assess the urgent needs and quickly deliver the aid most required by victims. This grassroots model has proven effective in tragedies around the world, such as the Southeast Asia tsunami, September 11th and the Haiti earthquake.

Lions know that disaster can affect anyone's community, whether it's halfway around the world or right at home. That's why in the last 10 years, LCIF has provided more than \$100 million for disaster relief programs worldwide.

### **Meeting Humanitarian Needs**

LCIF is active in a variety of international humanitarian efforts, such as supporting the construction of homes for the disabled, providing vision screenings to Special Olympics athletes and combating measles.



(Fellow Fenwick Lion Fran, who does double duty as the Region Chair for the District, was busy last week preparing the invitations to the Leader Dog Dinner to be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Following is the invitation to this special event.)



Dear Fellow Lions,

Your Club is cordially invited to attend the annual Southern Leader Dog for the Blind dinner to be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at the CHEER Community Center, 20520 Sandhill Road, Georgetown, DE. Our guest speaker will be Liza Bruce accompanied by her leader dog, Cooper.

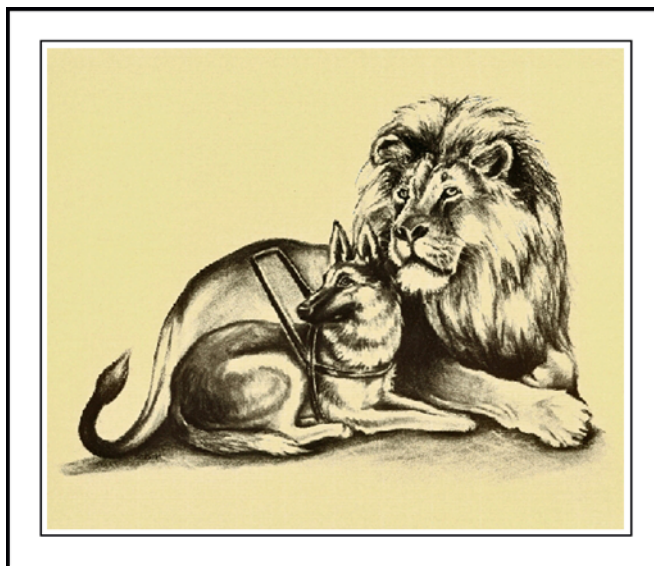
Social time and registration starts at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$22 per person. Please make check payable to the Fenwick Island Lions Club. R. S. V. P. deadline = March 16, 2013.

This dinner provides the clubs in Region II and Region III an opportunity to learn more about the Leader Dog program and to present their annual donation to District 22D Leader Dogs.

This has been an entertaining and an enlightening night for all Lions, Lionesses, LEOs and guests. Bring your camera as this is a great "photo op" for your club to publicize your Leader Dog donation in your local newspaper and Club newsletter.

Reminder.....there will be a roll call of all clubs as we make our annual donation. Let us do our part to enable our District to continue to be a 100% supporter of this program. If you have any questions, please call me at (302)436-1773 or email me at [franpret@comcast.net](mailto:franpret@comcast.net).

Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Fran Pretty, Region 3 Chair



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*Registration Form*

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Member Names:

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Please make check payable to: Fenwick Island Lions and mail to Lion Fran Pretty, 38408 Walnut Lane, Selbyville, DE 19975. R.S.V.P. - Deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## A Note from Our "Twin" The Belize City Lions Club

Lion Jean  
President  
Fenwick Island Lions Club

Greetings from the Belize City Lions Club,

It is unfortunate that I have neglected my duties as president to maintain open communications between our two clubs, for this I apologize. I can list my reasons but if you are anything like me I like results not excuses... But with all honesty and sincerity my apologies.

First of all give me the opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Marisol Melhado, president for the Belize City Lions Club 2012-2013. Although I am way young in age (lol) and in serving our community my passion and devotion has been to my personal motto "paying it forward" one reason why the Lions club has been so instrumental in my personal growth. I have been blessed to have what I have so far and would love to dedicate more of my time in giving people more than what they have or simply helping them do more with no excuses. I am a pharmacist by profession and seek for the same ideals from my staff at our only referral hospital and that of my students that I teach.



Enough about me; Since taking office in July 2012 the club has taken on its usual fundraisers in September and early December but more significantly is our out reach to impact our communities- In October I part took in a Central America Conference on Lions Quest. As you may already know we do have the Lions Quest programme ongoing here in our country. With much striving and controversy we have maintained the Quest programme since 2005. As a lecturer to the University I understand the impact of this programme much more than the ordinary person; which is our biggest problem- in making people understand that it is about our communities and not about self. So my biggest challenge has been getting members to move as one, with one cause.

More recently we distributed Christmas Hampers to the needy families in our immediate communities. On December 21st we gave toys to the children in the Pediatric Hospital, which is a tradition for us already. Working at the Hospital it gives me personally, great pleasure that I belong to an organization that is so keen on giving back, especially to children, around this time of the year. And now we are about to honour the first mother of the year with a monetary gift.

### **Projects for the New Year**

- Re- establish our Leo's club, I have some candidates already - youths that will be great as role models for the younger ones
- continue working on the Quest programme to establish a foundation for better sustainability
- establish a green project- don't know yet what it is, if to continue with planting trees or perhaps ask you for the loan of the great idea of recycling. Recycling is not something that Belize does much and God knows we all should. Least to say that I love your new ideas.
- Establish a rehabilitation project- to help the local Health (public) facilities with equipment or whatever in order to help the communities achieve better health and wellness altogether.
- Prepare for our convention in May
- Try to convince our members to reinstate a Lions' Beauty Pageant - a light event that is enjoyable for both the public and members. (My idea is that we can enjoy, have fun while helping, serving our communities and people as a whole).

I do notice and realize that in your New Year's Message you thank your members which shows dedication on both parties which is admirable and I could only wish we could experience more in my club.

Anyways, I promise not to remain a stranger and keep you all posted in what is happening with us here in our beautiful little jewel named Belize. Of course if at any time you all want to escape the cold weather, we welcome you to some nice and warm days here in Belize.

Happy New Year's 2013 to all of you Lions far away but together in one cause "to Serve."

Warm Greetings always to our brothers at the Fenwick Island Club.

Sincerely,  
**Marisol Melhado**  
President, Belize City Lions Club

## Birthday Wishes

On this day, **dance** like no one's watching, **sing** like no one's listening,  
**Love** like you'll never get hurt, and **live** like it's heaven on Earth!

Wishing you a Happy Birthday and many happy returns of the day.

**Dick Waughtal** Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Bruce Schoonover** Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**John Carl** Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Donald Lynch** Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Ray Kress** Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Sam Mooney** Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

