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Fellow **Lions**,

Here it is, the end of another year, our 62nd year to be exact. It has been a challenging and rewarding year as we collected and donated over \$12,000 over the past year. I want to thank all of our members who participated in our White Canes Days, the Poquoson Seafood Festival, and our annual Broom Sales. It was a banner year as **Lion Ray Yannello** organized over 60, yes, 60 Travelling Leo visits and we won the annual Travel Leo contest (don't worry this was a one time effort).

I want to thank **Lion Keith**, for his constant and continual support, it would have been a much

more difficult year without him as our First Vice President. Also, his efforts with **Lion Scott** to design, build and install picnic tables at the Poquoson Pool will provide a lasting reminder of our clubs contribution to the community.

We are all sad to see **Lion Dan Lange** step down as Secretary, a position he has held for numerous years, and one I must say he executed to perfection. Thank you, to each all of my **Lion Family**, it has been another great year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion BT

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Welcome to our new slate of
Officers!

Well done to the outgoing
Officers!



Secretary's Report

The Board met at **Lion BT Smith's** house on June 12, 2010. Nine of fifteen Board members were present for a quorum. **Lion BT** presided. The following actions were taken:

Opening Remarks: President **Lion BT**.
Minutes from last meeting: Presented.
Treasurer's Report: Presented.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was received:

-- **Lion BT** received a letter from the District asking each Club in the District to contact local businesses in order to raise five raffle prizes each for use during a District-wide raffle which will help alleviate the loss of District charity funds due to the cancellation of the annual LPGA golf tournament. The District asked that the prizes be worth a minimum of \$100 each. The Board discussed this request and decided to take no action at this time.

-- **Lion Dan** received a letter from the **Lions** Medical Eye Bank thanking the Club for its \$500 donation.

Committee Business:

-- **Installation Night:** **Lion Kathy** reported everything is still on track for a great Installation Night at the Bayside Enlisted Club at Langley AFB on June 17th. Hope to see everyone there.

Old Business:

-- **Lion BT** led the Board on a discussion of charity contributions so far this year and it was determined that other than ensuring funds were available to help the individual requiring assistance with her hearing, no other distributions would be made at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Next Month's Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 8th at **Lion Keith** and **Kathy Feigh's** house. The Board will be notified if there are any other changes.

This is my last report as Secretary and I wanted to sincerely thank everyone in the Club for your help, advice and support over these many years. I have served many great Presidents (one twice!) and enjoyed it immensely. We're a great Club and I look forward to serving in other capacities in the future.

Respectfully, **Lion Dan Lange**, Secretary

Lamaze class

The Lamaze class was in full swing. The room was full of pregnant women and their partners. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly and was telling the men how to give the necessary assurances to their partners at this stage of the pregnancy.

She said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier!"

She then looked at the men in the room. "And gentlemen, remember. You're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with your partner."

The room suddenly got very quiet as everyone absorbed this information. Then a man at the back of the room slowly raised his hand.

"Yes"? answered the instructor.

"I was just wondering, wouldn't it be even more beneficial to her if she carried a golf bag while we walk"?

Lion's Corner

Club Notes:

Poquoson Lion's Anniversaries

The following **Lions** observed their "Anniversary" as a **Lion** this month. We are proud of their "**continuous service and dedication**" to club and community!

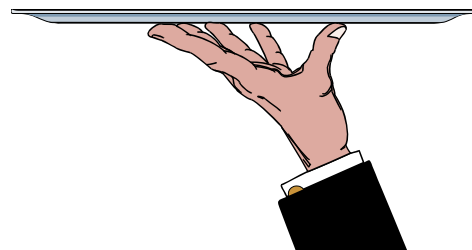
<u>LION</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
FRED LOWACK	1984	26
FRED BROWN	1990	20
PAM CAMBLIN	1999	11
JUDY LANGE	1999	11
JUDY SULLIVAN	1999	11
BILL MOORE	2001	9
BT SMITH	2001	9
BOB WAGNER	2001	9
MIKE EHRLICH	2004	6
BILL EMERICK	2006	4
DEBBY CLOTFELTER	2007	3
JOHN CLOTFELTER	2007	3
SCOTT BAHNUB	2009	1

Thank you, fellow **Lions** for being a "Beacon of Light" and quiet "Heros" for those less fortunate!

A Very Special Thank You

From all of us in the **Poquoson Lions Club**, to all of you who led so effectively: Thank you for your time, energy and dedication to the Club, Community and your fellow man (woman). Lift you glasses to our out-going slate of officers who made this year so successful.

Poquoson Lions Club Coming Events



- Jun 17 **Installation Night**
 Bayside Enlisted Club
- Jun 28-Jul 2 **International Convention**

Don't Forget

You can read the *Knight's Vision* online at our web site—www.poquosonlions.com. You can also get all the latest news about the club and much more there. Give it a try.



GOD BLESS THIS AIRLINE CAPTAIN

He writes: My lead flight attendant came to me and said, "We have an H.R. on this flight." (H.R. stands for human remains.)

"Are they military?" I asked.

'Yes', she said.

'Is there an escort?' I asked.

'Yes, I already assigned him a seat'.

'Would you please tell him to come to the flight deck. You can board him early," I said..

A short while later, a young army sergeant entered the flight deck. He was the image of the perfectly dressed soldier. He introduced himself and I asked him about his soldier. The escorts of these fallen soldiers talk about them as if they are still alive and still with us.

'My soldier is on his way back to Virginia,' he said. He proceeded to answer my questions, but offered no words. I asked him if there was anything I could do for him and he said no. I told him that he had the toughest job in the military and that I appreciated the work that he does for the families of our fallen soldiers. The first officer and I got up out of our seats to shake his hand. He left the flight deck to find his seat.

We completed our preflight checks, pushed back and performed an uneventful departure. About 30 minutes into our flight I received a call from the lead flight attendant in the cabin. 'I just found out the family of the soldier we are carrying, is on board', she said. She then proceeded to tell me that the father, mother, wife and 2-year old daughter were escorting their son, husband, and father home. The family was upset because they were unable to see the container that the soldier was in before we left. We were on our way to a major hub at which the family was going to wait four hours for the connecting flight home to Virginia .

The father of the soldier told the flight attendant that knowing his son was below him in the cargo compartment and being unable to see him was too much for him and the family to bear. He had asked the flight attendant if there was anything that could be done to allow them to see him upon our arrival. The family wanted to be outside by the cargo door to watch the soldier being taken off the airplane.. I could hear the desperation in the flight attendants voice when she asked me if there was anything I could do.. 'I'm on it', I said. I told her that I would get back to her.

Airborne communication with my company normally occurs in the form of e-mail like messages.

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***Happy Birthday to
Lions:***

***Ernie Crack
Noel Talcott
Jack White***

***Congratulations
June Lions!***

Treasurer's Report

Charity Account May 31, 2010

COLLECTIONS:

Interest	\$2.55
Broom Sale	\$10,974.14
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$10,976.69

DISPERSALS:

Broom Sale	(\$5,400.16)
Eye Bank	(\$500.00)
Hearing Bank	(\$500.00)
Local Assistance	(\$800.00)
Melvin Jones	(\$1,000.00)
Misc.	(\$563.94)
Seafood Festival	(\$225.00)
Sight & Hearing Van	(\$500.00)

TOTAL DISPERSALS	(\$9,489.10)
NET CHANGE	\$1,487.59

GOD BLESS THIS AIRLINE CAPTAIN**(continued)**

I decided to bypass this system and contact my flight dispatcher directly on a secondary radio. There is a radio operator in the operations control center who connects you to the telephone of the dispatcher. I was in direct contact with the dispatcher.. I explained the situation I had on board with the family and what it was the family wanted. He said he understood and that he would get back to me.

Two hours went by and I had not heard from the dispatcher. We were going to get busy soon and I needed to know what to tell the family. I sent a text message asking for an update. I saved the return message from the dispatcher and the following is the text:

'Captain, sorry it has taken so long to get back to you. There is policy on this now and I had to check on a few things. Upon your arrival a dedicated escort team will meet the aircraft. The team will escort the family to the ramp and plane side. A van will be used to load the remains with a secondary van for the family. The family will be taken to their departure area and escorted into the terminal where the remains can be seen on the ramp. It is a private area for the family only. When the connecting aircraft arrives, the family will be escorted onto the ramp and plane side to watch the remains being loaded for the final leg home. Captain, most of us here in flight control are veterans. Please pass our condolences on to the family. Thanks.'

I sent a message back telling flight control thanks for a good job. I printed out the message and gave it to the lead flight attendant to pass on to the father. The lead flight attendant was very thankful and told me, 'You have no idea how much this will mean to them.'

Things started getting busy for the descent, approach and landing. After landing, we cleared the runway and taxied to the ramp area. The ramp is huge with 15 gates on either side of the alleyway. It is always a busy area with aircraft maneuvering every which way to enter and exit. When we entered the ramp and checked in with the ramp controller, we were told that all traffic was being held for us.

'There is a team in place to meet the aircraft', we were told. It looked like it was all coming together, then I realized that once we turned the seat belt sign off, everyone would stand up at once and delay the family from getting off the airplane. As we approached our gate, I asked the copilot to tell the ramp controller we were going to stop short of the gate to make an announcement to the passengers. He did that and the ramp controller said, 'Take your time.'

I stopped the aircraft and set the parking brake. I pushed the public address button and said, Ladies and gentleman, this is your Captain speaking I have stopped short of our gate to make a special announcement. We have a passenger on board who deserves our honor and respect. His Name is Private XXXXXXX, a soldier who recently lost his life. Private XXXXXXX is under your feet in the cargo hold. Escorting him today is Army Sergeant XXXXXXX. Also, on board are his father, mother, wife, and daughter. Your entire flight crew is asking for all passengers to remain in their seats to allow the family to exit the aircraft first. Thank you.'

We continued the turn to the gate, came to a stop and started our shutdown procedures. A couple of minutes later I opened the cockpit door. I found the two forward flight attendants crying, something you just do not see. I was told that after we came to a stop, every passenger on the aircraft stayed in their seats, waiting for the family to exit the aircraft.

When the family got up and gathered their things, a passenger slowly started to clap his hands. Moments later more passengers joined in and soon the entire aircraft was clapping. Words of 'God Bless You', I'm sorry, thank you, be proud, and other kind words were uttered to the family as they made their way down the aisle and out of the airplane. They were escorted down to the ramp to finally be with their loved one.

Many of the passengers disembarking thanked me for the announcement I had made. They were just words, I told them, I could say them over and over again, but nothing I say will bring back that brave soldier.

I respectfully ask that all of you reflect on this event and the sacrifices that millions of our men and women have made to ensure our freedom and safety in these United States of AMERICA .

I know everyone who has served their country who reads this will have tears in their eyes.

When you receive this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our troops around the world.

Prayer:

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. In Jesus Name, Amen.'

Of all the gifts you could give a Marine, Soldier, Sailor, Airman, & others deployed in harm's way, prayer is the very best one.



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INVOLVEMENT

**MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS
SHARE LIONISM - BRING IN A NEW MEMBER**

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The **Poquoson Lions Club** warmly
welcomes visiting **Lions** and guests.
We meet at the Old Community Center on
Odd Road in Poquoson at 6:30 PM,
the first and third Thursday of each month.
Come see us!