



Satellite Beach Lions in Florida worked three weekends building a US\$12,000 gazebo for the community as part of a Lions Centennial Community Legacy project. Boy Scouts helped.

Sylvania Sunrise Lions in Ohio held their 15th Annual Fishing Derby for the Visually Impaired at Merickel Farley Trout Club where they taught the children to fish, and also provided a picnic lunch. Lions cleaned the catch and provided the materials to send the fish home with the families.

With the support of the Lions Club of Pound Ridge in **New York**, the Horace Greeley High School Foreign Exchange Club has been running a student exchange with the Carey Baptist Grammar School in Melbourne, Australia for eight years. Four students from each school have the opportunity to live with an exchange student's family for six weeks.

The **South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club** in **Maryland** held their annual Safeway raffle, and the winner received a US\$500 gift card. Safeway matched the club's US\$250 to fund the prize. Funds raised support two annual scholarships for high school seniors. The club also supports community and elementary school programs, Lions Camp Merrick for diabetic children, and members make blankets for Project Linus each year.

Oceanside Sea Lions in **California** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party. Each year they sponsor the Miss Oceanside and Miss Teen Oceanside Scholarship Pageant, and this year Lions gave out more than US\$6,000 in cash scholarships and prizes. These queens and princesses become goodwill ambassadors for the city, the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, and the Oceanside Sea Lions, and do community service work throughout the year.

In Canada, the **Lions Club of Repentigny La Seigneurie Quebec**, inducted as an honorary member, 102-year-old Simone Cote to celebrate Lions Centennial.

In Memoriam: Past International President James T. Coffey has died. He was 82 years old. He joined the Toronto Lions Club in Canada in 1959 and held a perfect attendance record for 50 years, during which time he held many offices and served as an instructor at numerous leadership seminars. Accompanied by his wife, Lion Betty Coffey, he traveled to 110 countries as an ambassador for the Lions and met privately with the Heads of State in most of those countries, including a private audience with Pope John Paul II at Vatican City, and with President Bill Clinton at the White House. He received many awards including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association to its members. A graduate of Kent State University, he had a successful career in the oil refining business and was a dedicated member of the First Presbyterian Church of Toronto where he was an ordained deacon and elder. A son and a grandson joined him in Lions.