

### **LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS**



# SERVICE WITH 2020 VISION FOR THE FUTURE

**DECEMBER 2019** 

### Dear Lions:

NEW MD-22W WEB ADDRESS mdlions22w. org In the past months, I have had a lot of fun traveling with DG Evan and CS Martin on these visitations and talk with the club members and hear what they have been able to accomplish even when the club is small in numbers. One thing that I have heard at times is the lack of communication among the clubs. I urge club presidents and secretaries to please keep the members informed of upcoming events locally, district-wide, multiple district -wide and internationally. An excellent place to get this information is in the monthly district newsletter, the weekly DG updates which are sent by Cabinet Secretary Martin and on our new District 22W website that was designed and is managed by Zone Chair Nate Pfister. To our club officers, please make the information available to each club member in a timely manner. Remember that communication is the key to success in any service project, fundraiser or club meeting.

#### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MISSION

Our mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants For those of you who stayed at home on November 16<sup>th</sup>, you missed a great event as 19 Lions from our district attended the Summit for Sight at the Wilmer Eye Institute. We heard firsthand about the work being done at the Wilmer Eye Institute by Dr. Gobeille. The featured speaker, Senator Barbara Mikulski, was motivating as she praised the work of the Lions in the lives of those in our communities. She related how the Lions were always there when she was a social worker and needed eyeglasses for the children that she worked with. We had a delicious box lunch and the chance to tour the facility. **Please consider doing it next year**. It will make you feel proud to see what your monetary donations have accomplished. Lions have donated 8.5 million dollars to date. The donations received at the Summit for Sight on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> amounted to \$44,352.40 for the LVRF operating funds, the Fellowship Endowment and associated programs.

Don't forget to send me your receipt for the coat drive.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah! Be safe as you travel around town or out of state and remember to be thankful for all of the many blessings we have in our lives in this great country! Don't forget the military personnel and their families who are apart from each other during this holiday season.

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#### 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings Lions,

As we conclude our Thanksgiving festivities and head in to the hustle and bustle of December I hope that you will take a minute to pause and remember those that we strive to serve as Lions. We become more aware of the needs of others during this time of the year and I encourage all of us as Lions to do our best to help those less fortunate. The opportunities to serve are all around us, so please do what you can to make a difference in the lives of others.

Leadership comes in various types and styles. Some lead by example, some lead by a more direct approach while others lead by what I refer to as the quiet approach. Allow me to share some wonderful examples of what I experienced recently. First, my congratulations to FVDG Barb Brimigion for leading the coat drive throughout our district. The recipients of the coats that were collected will surely appreciate the warmth that they will experience as we head into winter. While dropping off coats collected by the LaVale and North Branch Clubs at the Union Rescue Mission in Cumberland, I was shocked to learn that most coats last only approximately 30 days as these coats are worn 24/7 by those living on the street. Please remember the homeless during the holidays.

■ My next example of leadership style is what I observed during the LVRF Rally at the Wilmer Eye Center.
 ■ The Rally was well organized and enlightening. Leadership was quite apparent in both the organization of
 ■ the event as well as the work and research being conducted at the Wilmer. This was my first LVRF Rally
 ■ and I came away very impressed by what I heard and saw as well as the leadership from our Lions
 ■ throughout the multiple and with the funds collected that day.

I had the great opportunity to attend the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Chicago in November.

This was another great Lions experience. Intended primarily for those aspiring and sitting SVDG's, Zone and Region Chairs, the Institute provided ample opportunities to learn and network. Not only did I learn more about the qualities of good, effective leadership but I had the opportunity to meet Lions from all across the country, Puerto Rico and Aruba. My ALLI work team included SVDG's from New Jersey, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and Montana. I heartily recommend this opportunity to any Lion who wants to improve their leadership skills and is considering advancing their Lions career.

Finally, I would like to return for a moment and share a Lions service project that was recently completed by three of our clubs. The District received a forwarded email from LCI from a lady in Cumberland who was scheduled for corrective eye surgery but needed some financial assistance in order to pay for her surgery. The person was scheduled to have a cataract removed and, at the same time, have a lens placed in her eye to improve her vision, thus allowing her enough additional sight to be able to help support her family. Thanks to the Cumberland, Frostburg and Potomac Valley Lions we were able to secure enough funding for this lady to receive her surgery.

Thank you again for your service to our communities. I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Yours in Service.

CHARLES CROFT, Jr.

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#### **CALENDAR**



Dec. 3: REGION II ALL ZONE MEETING-Place: Chewsville: Cost

\$9.00—Time: 6:30pm ——SEE COMING EVENTS

Dec. 5: **INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY**: Leos around the world celebrate International Leo Day. This annual celebration commemorates the organization of the first Leo club on December 5, 1957. And provides an opportunity to applaud Leos for their dedicated service in the community and recognize their commitment to the Leo Club Program.

Dec. 5: **SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS LIONS MEET & GREET.**SEE COMING EVENTS

Dec. 7: MYERSVILLE COUNTRY BREAKFAST —SEE COMING EVENTS

Dec. 8: TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER- DEER PARK LI-

**ONS...**SEE COMING EVENTS

Dec. 12: **Westminster Charter Celebration**—See Com-Ing Events

Dec. 12: DEER PARK-SWANTON CREAMED CHICKEN DIN-

**NER...**SEE COMING EVENTS

Dec. 14: GREATER CARROLL LIONS BREAKFAST AT APPLE-

BEE starting at 8:00am.

Dec. 14: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Dec. 22: FIRST DAY OF WINTER

Dec. 22: HANUKKAH begins and ends December 30.

Dec. 25: **MERRY CHRISTMAS** 

Dec. 28: **LASAGNA DINNER** Christmas Lights—reply due 12/14

Dec. 31: **LAST DAY OF 2019!!!** 

Jan. 1: **NEW YEARS DAY!** 

Jan.4: **CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANSA** ... SEE COM-

ING EVENTS

Jan. 11: THIRD CABINET MEETING-

THURMONT :LIONS CLUB...SEE COMING EVENTS

Jan.21: **DEER PARK FUNDRAISER AT OSCAR** from

11:00am-4:00pm

Jan.22: REGION III ZONE MEETING:

Jan. 25: FSK 60th ANNIVERSARY...SEE COMING

**EVENTS** 

Jan. 26: DEER PARK ROAR LIKE A LION

Jan. 27: GREATER CARROLL CHARTER NIGHT

#### **CHEWSVILLE LIONS FLOAT**

Submitted by Lion Joan Bachtell

Below is a picture of the float made by the Chewsville Lions Club.





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#### **DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

March 30—April 2: Leader Dog Banquets

April 30: Club Officer's Report Due (PU-101)

May 11-14: MD22 Convention—Ocean City



#### **#StandUp4HumanRights**

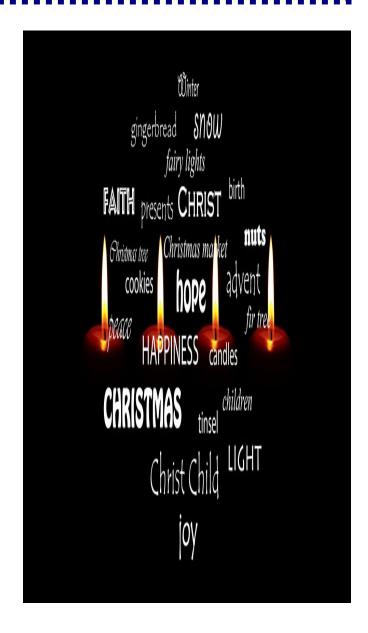
Submitted by PDG Susan Bonura

 The Universal Declaration of Human Rights empowers us all.

"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home -- so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. [...] Unless these rights have meaning there, in vain for they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look progress in the larger world." -- Eleanor Roosevelt

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 70. Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity.

- Human rights are relevant to all of us, every day.
- Our shared humanity is rooted in these universal values.
- Equality, justice and freedom prevent violence and sustain peace.
- Whenever and wherever humanity's values are abandoned, we all are at greater risk.
- We need to stand up for our rights and those of others.



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#### **MEMORIALS**

Lion Secretary Robert M. (Bob) Byers passed away on Friday November 1, 2019.

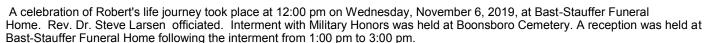
Robert Malcolm Byers, 90, of Walkersville, Maryland, returned to his Lord on Friday, November 1, 2019.

Born on April 3, 1929, in Boonsboro, MD, he was the son of the late Ralph Steinman Byers and Mable Dorothy (Sigmund) Byers.

He was a veteran of the Korean War, Calvary United Methodist Church and the Woodsboro American Legion. He taught at Elm Street Middle School in Frederick, Thomas Johnson High School, Catoctin High School and loved to play golf.

Lion Bob was a member of the Glade Valley Lions Club for 57 years, becoming a Lion in 1962.

He is survived by his two sons, Robert Adam Byers and his wife, Lucia Byers and Andrew M. Byers and his wife, Teri Byers; brother, Roy Byers of Hagerstown, MD. He is also survived by many cousins.



Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the family at StaufferFuneralHome.com.



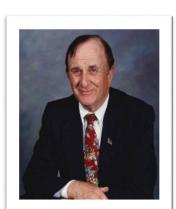


**Lion Josephine "Jo" Elizabeth Minturn**, of Finksburg, MD and formerly of Nutley, NJ, beloved wife for 62 years of the late John Francis Minturn; devoted mother of Victoria Minturn Mahr and her husband Bob, of Finksburg, MD and Dana Minturn Munch and her husband Bob, of Tinton Falls, NJ; cherished grandmother of Anna, Beth and Clare Mahr. Also survived by her treasured and spoiled grand dogs that brought her much joy; Rooney, Zita, and Finley, the late Max, Christie, and Mandy.

Jo was a member of Nutley Jr. Womens Club, Glen Ridge Country Club, and the **Roaring Run Lions Club**. She was an avid tennis and golf player well into her 70's and enjoyed afternoons of lunch and cards with "the girls" at the club. Jo was famous for her dinner parties, Italian cooking, and sense of personal style and decorating her home. Most importantly, Jo loved caring for her family. Her love and joy of time spent with her granddaughters will forever be imprinted on their hearts. Her generous heart loved to serve others by helping the Covenant House (NYC), decorating the Shepherd's Staff Festival of Trees, and making Christmas special for those in need.

A funeral Mass was held at the Sacred Heart Glyndon on Monday, November 25th, 2019, followed by a Funeral Mass at 2 pm. An additional Celebration of Life will occur in New Jersey, in the near future. Interment will be private at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Carroll Hospice, 292 Stoner Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157 or www.carrollhospice.org or Keller's Cause (a 501c3 promoting the adoption of special needs dogs), (please mention Josephine Minturn in the memo) and mailed to 160 Funk Road, Port Deposit, MD 21904 or online at www.kellerscause.com.

Online condolences may be made at www.elinefuneralhome.com



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#### **LVRF SUMMIT**\

#### Submitted by Lion Pam Burton

If you missed the LVRF rally, you missed an excellent event. The morning began with coffee, pastries, and socializing followed by stimulating presentations. Dr. McDonnell, Director of Wilmer Eye Institute, spoke on the State of the Institute and Lions Low Vision Center (LVC) chief, Dr. Judy Goldstein, gave an update on the fellowship program. Assistant Professor Ashley Deemer (previously a fellowship recipient) spoke on the latest research being conducted at Wilmer. We were also introduced to the current fellow, Dr. Micaela Gobeille. It goes without saying, the patient testimonial of Thomas Lenhart left no doubt in anyone's mind as to the life-changing services provided by the Lions LVC.

A highpoint of the program was the Fireside Chat with former Senator Barbara Mikulski. Senator Mikulski lavished praised on the

efforts of the MD22 Lions and the cooperative relationship between Wilmer and the Lions. She reminisced on her friendship with the esteemed Dr. Patz and provided a little history on his role in bringing Lions and Wilmer together. (Dr. Patz's family was also in attendance).

# LVRF Chair PDG Larry Burton, Mrs. Arnall Patz, Senator Barbara Mikulski, and

## Dr. Judy Goldstein pose immediately after the Summit for Sight Program

In keeping with the theme of the program, "Summit for Sight" PDG John Shwed donned his mountain-climbing gear to present an overview of the LVRF. Club and personal donations were presented resulting in \$44,352.40 for LVRF to be used for operating funds, the Fellowship Endowment and associated programs.

LVRF Chair Larry Burton reminded the Lions of his three goals for LVRF.

To raise \$100,000 by the end of the Lions year for the endowment

To submit at least one grant for funding

To obtain donations from 100% of all clubs in MD22



The LVRF Trustees realize how far funds are stretched in some of the smaller clubs; however, a show of 100% support by the clubs in MD22 goes a long way in impressing grantors. As we near the halfway point in the Lions year, LVRF Trustees will be contacting those clubs who have not yet donated to solicit their support. Your club's donation, no matter how small, goes a long way in helping LVRF achieve its goals.



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#### **DISTRICT 22W PEACE POSTER CONTEST**

Submitted by Lion William Strauss

Every year Lions from around the world sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Children from around the world are invited to submit a poster expressing their view of peace. Over four million children from nearly 100 countries participate in this contest using a variety of mediums from pencils to paint to express their theme. The posters are judged by individual clubs. Club winning posters are then sent for judging at the district level then to the multiple district and finally to Lions Clubs International for final judging for the Grand Prize of \$5,000 plus a trip to the United Nations on Lions Clubs' day at the United Nations. 23 merit award winners receive \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Lioness Lesley Smith of the Chewsville club, chairperson of the District 22W peace poster contest, announced the winners on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Myersville VFD Banquet Hall following the judging. The first-place winner was Mikaru Plankenhorn an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Middletown Middle School. Her entry was submitted by the Middletown Lions Club and will compete with the other 4 sub-districts of Multiple District 22 which includes all of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. Should her poster win at this level, it will be sent to Lions International for competition for the Grand Prize.

The second-place winner was Anish Shrestha, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student from the Banner School. Her poster was submitted by the Frederick Lions Club. The third prize winner was Marie Smith, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at St. Johns School, whose entry was also submitted by the Frederick Lions Club. Jane Orellana, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Thomas Johnson Middle School was the Honorable Mention winner. Her entry was also submitted by the Frederick Lions Club.

### 2019 - 2020 Peace Poster Winners



FIRST PRIZE
Mikaru Plankenhorn 8th Grade
Middletown Middle School
Sponsored by Middletown Lions Club



SECOND PRIZE

Anish Shrestha 8th Grade
Banner School

Sponsored by Frederick Lions Club



THIRD PRIZE

Marie Smith 7th Grade
St. John Regional Catholic School
Sponsored by Frederick Lions Club



HONORABLE MENTION

Jane Orellana 8h Grade

Thomas Johnson Middle School

Sponsored by Frederick Lions Club



Shown above is thee first-place winner, Mikaru Plankenhorn an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Middletown Middle School . She is shown receiving congratulations from District Governor Evan Gillett and Peace Poster Chair Lion Lesley Smith. Lions Clubs Inter-

national has sponsored this program for over 30 years to encourage young people worldwide to express their visions of peace.

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#### **NINETY YEARS & GOING STRONG!**

Submitted by Lion President Joyce Anthony

On Tuesday, October 22nd, the Thurmont Lions Club celebrated its 90th Anniversary with dinner at Shamrock Restaurant. With 70 members and guests, we had a wonderful evening of celebration and honored many members. 2nd VDG Charlie presented to the club a certificate in recognition of 90 years of service from District Governor Evan Gillett. Past International Directors Ted Reiver and Richard Liebo greeted the audience with a few words. 2nd VDG Charlie Croft gave us greetings from the District.

2nd VDG Charlie presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor John Kinnaird for all he does for the Thurmont Lions Club and the Thurmont community. Mayor John presented two proclamations to the club: one from the Town of Thurmont and the other from the State of Maryland. What an honor!!

We honored Lion Dianne McLean (right) with a Melvin Jones Fellow, and Lion Doug Favorite received a Life Membership; two of our well-deserved members receiving awards. CONGRATULATIONS!!





Left-L (Pictured L-R: President Joyce Anthony, Lion Doug Favorite, receiving a Life Membership, 2nd VDG Charlie Croft)

In addition, we recognized four chevron members: Lions Joyce Anthony and George Bolling – 20 years and Lions Joann Miller

and Kim Grimm – 10 years. The committee recognized the past presidents and those members with 30+ years of service. Lion Bob Meunier leads the list with 53 years of service.

Our necrology service remembered our Lions Cindy Wantz, John Hart and John Brown.

Of course the evening would not be complete without presenting a special treat to 2nd VDG Charlie. We could not go through the evening without making sure he knows that he holds a special place in our heart -- and, a blueberry pie to take home and enjoy.

### LIBERTYTOWN UNIONVILLE LIONS WELCOME DISTRICT 22W GOVERNOR

Submitted by Lion Bill Strauss

October 1st was the occasion of District Governor Evan Gillett's official visit to our club. With him was Cabinet Secretary Martin Bonura who, after dinner, was introduced by Lion President Bob Flaherty. CS Martin then introduced the district governor noting that unlike most previous DGs, DG Evan never gave the same official visit talk!

The governor gave us an inspiring message all the time stressing his primary goal for all in Lionism, and that was "SERVICE". In fact, his first question of president Bob was, "Tell me about your club's service projects!"

Following his talk to the club, the district governor recognized two of our members by presenting them Melvin Jones Fellowships. Honored were Lions Cindy Trout and Robert Hensley. Now it can be told: Lion Cindy had been scheduled to receive her award at the Joint Charter Night last spring. Your secretary called Lion Kelly Schulz thinking she would like to be there; Lion Kelly quickly changed hats and became Secretary Kelly and said she'd like to honor Cindy with a Proclamation. Needless to say, things did not work out as planned and Cin-

dy was presented Secretary of Commerce Kelly Schulz's Proclamation by DG Gillett.

Pictured right is Lion Cindy receiving the Maryland State Secretary of Commerce Proclamation from DG Evan Gillett.



Pictured below left to right: CS Martin Bonura, Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients Lions Cindy Trout and Robert Hersley, Lion President Bob Flaherty and DG Evan Gillett.



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#### **REGION III/ALL ZONE MEETING**

The 1<sup>ST</sup> REGION III ALL ZONE MEETING was held on October 29, 2019, at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, Maryland. It was graciously hosted by Thurmont Lions Club and was represented by President Lion Joyce Anthony and Club Secretary Lion Dianne McClean.

Past Cabinet Secretary & Global Service Team Coordinator Susan Cox presented "Roar Like a Lion". Region III is very excited to participate in Roar Like a Lion. The 19 attendees were provided information to share with their clubs. In addition, Zone Chairs & Region Chair were provided a hard copy of the slide presentation.

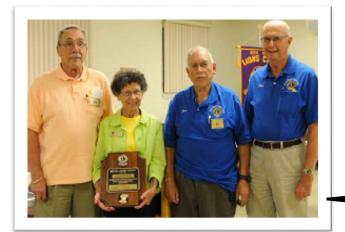
Zone Chairs Mo Bonde, Sue Ensor & Leroy Watkins and I are meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss how best to move forward with educating Region III clubs and ascertain which clubs would be interested. Our goal is to give Lion Susan our plan prior to the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet meeting. It is an amazing program and I know our clubs will be very excited to participate!

Club Presidents spoke enthusiastically about events their clubs are sponsoring. It was a great evening of fellowship and learning. My hope is that each Region III club will have representation at the next Region III/All Zone meeting November 25th. It will be hosted by Middletown Lions Club at the Amvets. Please look for the flier in the weekly updates.

Club Secretaries are to have their Club reports to their Zone Chairs by November 12th so I can send them forward to Cabinet Secretary Martin Bonura on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Nadja Muchow, Region III Chair



#### **DEER PARK LIONS EVENTS**

Submitted by Lion Turdy Landry

With school back in session we were very busy with Preschool Vision Screening. In October we contacted 6 schools and referred 18 of the 220 children we screened. We screen the children for Lazy eye, nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, difference in the eyes and depth perception. If the numbers indicate a weakness in any of these, the child is referred to see an eye specialist. If lazy eye is detected before age 6, and steps taken to repair by age 7, it can be fixed. Lazy eye is when the brain tells on eye to work and ignores the other eye. If corrective action is taken for issues with the other sight functions, it's proven the children will do better in school. This is a great service we provide, and I thank all the Lions that have helped. The schools are extremely thankful to us for offering this service.

Speaking of being thankful, Lion Hop delivered the hygiene products to Carroll Community College and they were very thankful for all the products we donated and stated it was very timely. Thanks to all who helped with this donation.

Our current initiative is coats for the homeless. We are off to a good start. I know of at least 16 coats that have been donated to help the homeless this winter.

Speaking of being busy, with 5 Tuesdays this month the CCFS team was very busy. They stocked shelves, packed grocery bags and handed out groceries to over 500 clients. Thanks to all those Lions that are there every Tuesday to make sure those in need get their groceries.

We have a nice assortment of fruit to sell this year! Oranges, Grapefruit, Mandarins, Apples, Pears and they come in varied assortments.

**New Meeting Time** – **6:30pm**—Effective July 1, 2019, DPLC has moved to a new 6:30pm meeting time for all club dinner and board meetings. Dinner meetings will start with a speaker at 6:30, followed by dinner and meeting. This will allow our Lion Tamers to hear the speaker rather than cleaning up after dinner. 6:30pm .

Awards were given out to members of the club.

Pictured left to right: Lion Wally Balls Progressive Award recipient, Lion Grace Liebno Melvin Jones recipient, Gene Myers Progressive Award recipient and PID Dick Liebno.

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# AMERICAN HERITAGE, PRESERVATION AND PATRIOTISM ESSAY PROGRAM

Dear Lions and Lionesses,

Last year's Essay Contest Chair, Sandy Moore pointed out that in 1967, District Governor J. Franklin Shank started the American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism Essay Contest and that Lion Dennis N. Yingling from the Westminster Lions Club was the first district chairman. I have participated in a half dozen of these contests and have enjoyed it more each time. This year, DG Evan asked me to chair this event and I am honored to present this years' rules and topics.

Within District 22-W there are more than 100,000 students in public, private, charter, parochial or home school programs. This program provides an excellent opportunity to engage with the youth of your area and to expand their horizons with respect to creative writing skills and history. Each club president is requested to appoint a Lion/Lioness to coordinate this program and to forward the name of the essay coordinator to your zone chair.

You can generate interest in this program by providing information regarding this contest to the schools in your area and by sending news releases to your local media. Also, please encourage your Lions/Lioness club members to participate in this contest by discussing the program at your club's meetings and by including information in your club's newsletter.

The guidelines and timeframe for submission are in the Essay Program Rules sheet .

I am available to assist in promoting the program or to answer any questions.

Yours in Lionism,

**Doug Favorite** 



#### THURMONT REPORT!

Submitted by Lion President Joyce Anthony

This year Colorfest was amazing and outstanding. Breakfast was so busy that over 700 eggs were prepared. The lines were very long, but we managed to keep them moving in a working timeframe. It was unbelievable that the club made a profit of \$8,500. WHAT A RECORD! The Leo's were especially helpful this year, and it is hard to imagine how we managed other years without them. Thank you to everyone who helped and especially to those who worked many shifts.

A Thurmont Commissioner's Candidate Forum was held on October 17th. Our 2nd VP George planned and organized the event. Lion Mark Long served as moderator, and it was a great success. All five of the candidates gave great responses to the questions asked by Lion Mark and the audience. The candidates had broad coverage in the newspapers and the event was broadcasted on Channel 99. A large audience was welcomed.

The month of October came to a close with our 90th Charter Night celebration. Our special celebration was held at the Shamrock Restaurant on October 22nd. The atmosphere and food were exceptional. I want to proudly thank Lion Susan for chairing such a special occasion and her Charter Night committee. We were honored by having two International Past Director's Ted Reiver and Richard Liebno, PDG Paul Cannada and notable guests. Several members received Chevrons for their years of service. A Life Membership was awarded to Lion Doug Favorite, and a Melvin Jones Fellow to Lion Dianne McLean. Lastly, the 2nd VDG Charlie Croft re-dedicated the Thurmont Lions Club and Leo Clubs Charters.

Lion Marci is leading our Make a Difference Day project. She is promoting a coat drive to collect coats for children in the elementary and middle schools and for the Rescue Mission to help the less fortunate in need of coats with the cold weather coming soon. The coat drive will run through November 30th, so please support Lion Marci to have an outstanding coat drive to help keep everyone warm.

There are two important programs coming up in November. On November 13th we will be honoring our Veterans. On November 27th, we will enjoy a conversation with a senior member Lion Glenn Rickard as he shares his life's story.

"Together Everyone Achieves More" (TEAM), and as always "It is Better to Give than to Receive"



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#### **OPERATION SECOND CHANCE**

Submitted by Lion President Joyce Anthony

Our guest speaker for a recent evening was Cindy McGrew who talked about Operation Second Chance (OSC). OSC began in 2004 and is a 501(c)3 organization composed of patriotic citizens committed to serving our wounded, injured and ill combat veterans. They support veterans and their families while they recover in military hospitals, building relationships and identifying and supporting immediate needs and interests. They are dedicated to promoting public awareness of the many sacrifices made by our Armed Forces. Their goal is to provide support for the soldiers and marines while they are at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and then to further assist them when they transition either back to duty or back to civilian life.



Pictured L-R: 2nd VP George Bolling, Cindy McGrew, President Joyce Anthony

Cindy McGrew decided to leverage her business knowledge to provide some much needed financial relief to the families of American service members injured in combat. For the past 14 years, the non-profit organization she started has provided financial assistance and cold hard cash for everything from rent, groceries, to childcare, to mortgage payments and even fishing trips. Operation Second Chance is a national organization with chapters in Montana, Colorado, Texas, New York, Florida and many other states. By the end of the summer, OSC has provided six million dollars in cold hard cash.



It was an honor and privilege to have Cindy McGrew as our speaker on the anniversary of 9/11. She received a standing ovation and was given a donation to support her work for our veterans.

## THURMONT LIONS CLUB PROGRAM "CIVITAN YOUTH KARAOKE"

Submitted by Lion President Joyce Anthony

On October 9th the Thurmont Lions Club hosted Camille Kim, with Karaoke Buddies, an all-volunteer organization providing individuals with disabilities a safe social setting to gather with their friends to dine, sing, dance and not be judged by anyone.

Camille has a disabled granddaughter, Taylor, who likes to do all of these activities. So, Camille started Karaoke Buddies five years ago in September. She developed the idea after she saw Taylor come out of her shell singing karaoke.

Karaoke Buddies is a monthly get together which fills the First Baptist Church of Frederick gymnasium with **nearly 500 people**. The last Friday of every month, the event includes a free hot meal, a disc jockey's entertainment and karaoke to people of all ages with a variety of disabilities.

The cost for food and supplies comes to about \$1,000 a month. Camille is always out in the public fundraising. She has many volunteers who show up each month to help with the logistics. Everything is free to the individuals with disabilities. The hours and money it takes could make one question how she keeps going – she gives so much financially, labor support and love.

Camille said "My parents taught me to love these children who are God's special chosen ones. I have loved them all my life, especially my granddaughter, Taylor". "My heart bursts with love for her".

Taylor entertained the audience with a song by Carrie Underwood, her favorite country artist. What an extraordinary voice! After her performance, she was given a gift by Lion Don Ely. Taylor cried and hugged the bear with all her heart, she was so happy. What an amazing lady!!

Pictured are Camille and her granddaughter, Taylor.



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#### .TOYS FOR CHILDREN

Submitted by Lion Donald Champ

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, members of the Freedom District Lions Club delivered 306 toys to Sinai Hospital in Baltimore The service club does this regularly throughout the year for children receiving cancer treatment on an outpatient basis but this delivery also included some toys for the "Santa Shop" at the hospital.

Parents of a child in the hospital on Christmas day can select a toy from the "Santa Shop for their hospitalized child.

Pictured are: Front row (I-r) Sinai Hospital child care employees Angela Finelli, Adina Levitan and Kelly Beck. Back row (I-r) Freedom District Lions Don Champ, Ann Kramb, Barbara Brimigion, Diane Torockio, Gary Peltier and Viki Peltier.





#### **AVOID THIS GENETIC TESTING SCAM**

medicare.gov - Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmell

Have you heard about the latest scam? Scammers are offering "free" genetic tests and claiming Medicare will cover it—so they can get your Medicare Number and use it to commit fraud and identity theft. They're targeting people through telemarketing calls, health fairs, and even knocking on doors.

Only a doctor you know and trust should order and approve any requests for genetic testing. If Medicare is billed for a test or screening that wasn't medically necessary and/or wasn't ordered by your doctor, the claim could be denied. That means you could be responsible for the entire cost of the test, which could be thousands of dollars.

Here's how to protect yourself:

**Don't** share your Medicare Number, Social Security Number, or other personal information with anyone who offers to give you a "free" in-person genetic screening or cheek swab, or a DNA testing kit in the mail.

If you get a genetic testing kit in the mail, refuse the delivery or return to sender unless your doctor ordered it.

#### **LAVALE LIONS HONOR TWO LIONS**

Submitted by PDG Steve Finger

At a recent meeting in LaVale two Lions were honored. Bellow is a picture of DG Evan Gillet inducting new Lion Jo An Condry. She has been a frequent sight during the club BBQs. She was sponsored by Lion Scott Yonce. Lion Condry retired as an Amtrak engineer who drove the Capitol Limited train from Cumberland to Washington D.C. or to Chicago . See the picture below.

The picture left shows DG Evan Gillette and Lion Robert "Bob" May. DG Gillet is presenting Lion May with a 50 year Service Chevron.



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#### **DISTRICT NEWS**

### FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Compiled by Lion Gary Bennett & Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmell

Frederick County 2018 Human Needs Assessment Conducted by Community Foundation of Frederick County Core Priority Areas for County:

#### Supporting Families with Children

*Needs*: access to quality childcare and out of school activities, reduced fees for childcare, increased funding for school instruction, more affordable housing, reduction in student debt

Solutions: Focus support and efforts on working poor with grants, advocacy, financial help with unexplained circumstances, provide for basic needs and transportation, help obtain affordable childcare, and aid in navigating systems already in place.

FSK Lions response: School supplies to NFES, Food bank donations, Little league sponsorship, Vision checks, Pay for eyeglasses, Salvation Army bell ringing, LOVRNET, Coat donations

#### Preparing for an Aging Population

*Needs*: transportation, assistance for aging in place, access to geriatric medical providers, treatment for substance use disorder, help with saving enough to support the cost of retirement

Solutions: Supply grants, advocacy and collaboration for housing modification work, door-to-door transportation, in-home services, education, respite care, opportunities for socializing and recreation services, health and nutrition services

FSK Lions response: Montevue cards and gifts, Recycling used eyeglasses and hearing aids, Food bank donations, Vision checks, Pay for eyeglasses, Salvation Army bell ringing, LOVRNET, Coat donations

#### Substance Use Disorder

Needs: Increased support for Drug Court and first responders carrying Narcan, increased medical and mental health services such as residential treatment facility and no free-standing detox facility, encouraging SUD practitioners to accept Medicaid, transportation to treatment, a 'stabilization center' for opioid use

Solutions: Supply grants, advocacy, and collaboration to fill gaps in services such as mobile crisis responses and satellite services to help people where they are located, comprehensive and integrative services, crisis stabilization, substance specific education and risk assessment evaluations, and the collection and sharing of meaningful data.

FSK Lions response: None at this time

The Foundation's Forever Frederick Campaign has a goal to raise \$20 million over the next three years with money going into an endowment fund to provide grants and to fund services. www.ForeverFrederickCounty.org

Lions Global Causes: Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, Childhood Cancer

A single act of caring creates an endless ripple.

### MIKARU PLANKENHORN WINS MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Bobby Curtis

Mikaru Plankenhorn, pictured below with Lion Bobby Curtis and President Nancy Keller-Bonde, is an eighth grade student at Middletown Middle School. She was selected as the winner of the Middletown Lion's Club annual Peace Poster Contest. Mika's poster was then sent on to be judged at the District level. Mika's poster was selected as the First Place Winner at the District Judging held Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Myersville Fire Department.

Mika is a student in Ms. Alyssa Pilarcik's art class at MMS. Mika received the winner's certificate and \$100 award at the Lions Club Meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Attending the meeting to see Mika receive her award were her parents, Emiko and Ben, her sister Shion and her brother Troy.

The Lions Club also selects four Honorable Mention posters. Each Honorable Mention receives a certificate and \$25 award. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Skilyar Clift, McKenna

Dunn, Maddy Harshman and Iliana Melin.

The theme for the contest this year was "A Journey of Peace".
Posters are judged on Originality, Artistic Merit and Interpretation of the Theme



"A Journey of Peace". The posters are judged by a committee of the Lions Club. The Peace Poster Contest is sponsored by Lions Club International and is held across the United States, Europe and Asia.

#### **PRESCHOOL EYE TESTING**

Lion Larry Allen shows a preschooler the "Magic Book" which tests 3-D ability of the eyes. (Picture on right) Lion Terry Doub helps a child stay still while Lion Larry May uses a camera to test both eyes to identify eyesight problems.





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#### **DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **WILLIAMSPORT LIONS GET IN CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

Submitted by Lion Richard Nye

Williamsport Lions decorate their tree entry on November 23rd at the Springfield Barn in Williamsport, Maryland. About 100 trees will be on display in December for residents to enjoy the Christmas Spirit.

Lions Sharon Cook, Jodi Ramsey, Irene Clopper and Georgia Barton decorating our entry for the town's annual Charlie Brown Christmas event.

Lion Larry Miller helped with the tree lights earlier; and Lion Newsletter Editor Dick got to help a little too.





Lion Chair Irene puts some final touches on the tree.





## WILLIAMSPORT LIONESS LIONS LEARN ABOUT SAFE HAVEN FOR HORSES

Submitted by: Lion Richard Nye

Volunteer Crissy Yesko (left below with King Lion John Smith) told the club that Limestone Hill's purpose is to provide a safe haven and care of large animals for the remainder of their lives. Otherwise these animals would normally have been sent to slaughter, or put down by owners unable or unwilling to continual to care for them. They also seek new owners to adopt the horses and care for them.

They showed the club members some pictures of the horses available to adopt...on Facebook search for : <u>Limestonehill Animal Rescue'</u> for more information.



#### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE & BANNER -**

Submitted by PDG Susan Bonura

The South Carroll Lioness Lions Club invites you to remember a loved one with their Holiday Memorial Tree and Banner Display. A lighted Memory Tree and Memorial Banner will be on display from December 6, 2019 until January 6, 2020 at the Christmas display at 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg, MD 21048.

Send your name and address as well as the names of those to be remembered along with your \$5.00 donation for each person (couples count as two people) you wish to remember during this holiday season along with the list of names to: South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Inc., °/<sub>o</sub> PDG Susan Bonura, 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg, MD 21048. Questions? 443-745-1281, pdg-susanbonura@gmail.com.

**Donations will be accepted through December 31, 2019.** Your tax-deductible donation should be made payable to the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Inc. See Upcoming District 22-W Events

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#### **SMITHSBURG – SERVICE PROJECT**

Submitted by Lion Barbara Weaver

The Smithsburg Lions Club recently conducted a service project at the Blue Mountain Senior Center for the participants. The event was organized by Lion Frank Schaller and the center's director, Eleanor Vanhoozer. The Club provided a meal for the group, which was organized by Lion Jack Wenthe and was catered by the Smithsburg Market.

Following the meal, Dawn Lovejoy a pharmacist from the Smithsburg Pharmacy gave a presentation regarding medications. She explained how medicines can deplete nutrients from our bodies and she gave repletion suggestions. Dawn explained how patients should be pro-active and exercise preventive measures for good health and to always consult your physician.

The Smithsburg Lions Club serves the Smithsburg and surrounding communities.

**HALLOWEEN GIVE AWAY:** Trick or Treat was postponed until November 2 due to the bad weather. Lion Barbara Weaver reported approximately 325 bags or hand-full of candy were given out and 10 non-candy treats. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated candy.

**TRAIN SHOW:** The next Train Show will be November 30 at the Washington County Ag Center. Lion Jack Wenthe has obtained the health permit and has a good inventory from the last show.

**ZONE MEETING:** The next Zone Meeting will Be December 3 at Chewsville Lions Club. The cost is \$9.00 each.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: We will participate in the** Smithsburg Community Children's Party will be December 7 on the Second Floor at Town Hall.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The annual Christmas Party will be December 11. The Club will be collecting Toys for Tots at our meeting. Toys are needed for boys ages 9 12 years old.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The next blood drive will be December 23 at the Smithsburg Fire Department.

**MICAH'S BACKPACK:** The Club will donate \$250.00 to Micah's Backpack Program.

**CABINET MEETING:** The third Cabinet Meeting will be January 11 at Mountain Gate in Thurmont, MD. The cost is \$16.00 per person. The Kiss A Pig Contest will be held at this meeting. The Club will donate \$200.00 in the name of Regional Chair Dave Kaplan. Reservations need to be made by January 2.



#### **TAWNEYTOWN LIONS**

Submitted by Lion Barbara Heltebridle

In place of our monthly meeting we hosted the Zone Meeting. Pres. Charlie introduced Region IV Chairman, Ron Kafchinski, who presided over the meeting.

**SERVICE PROJECT – Lion Debby Granahan** reported she turned in 13 coats to the **Human Services Program** of **Carroll County**.

**50/50 RAFFLE** – The **Fundraising Committee** is holding a **50/50 Raffle** from now until **September 8, 2020**. The tickets are 1 for **\$2.00** or **3** for **\$5.00**. All members are asked to help with this fundraiser. Please see **Lion Donald Lawyer** for tickets.

QUARTERLY DRAWING – The Quarterly Drawing will be held December 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Taneytown Activities Building. FRUIT SALES – The Fruit Sales will take place December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the shopping center.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Our annual Christmas Party will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a social hour starting at 5:30 pm followed by a dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dressing, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, dessert and coffee at 6:30 pm for the price of \$12.00 per person. Entertainment will be provided by Forever Young.

CAR RAFFLE TICKETS – PDG Kent says the Car Raffle tickets went very well. We sold 1360 tickets for a profit of \$1127.00. Thank you to all for helping make this successful.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT LORIEN – Lorien has requested our help with their Christmas Party for the residents and their families on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Lions Jennifer and Marge will be in charge of music, Lion Barb will coordinate cookie donations and there will also be a visit from Santa.

**TRIP COMMITTEE** – The **Trip Committee** is planning a **3-night** trip for the spring of **2020**, which will include the **Ark Encounter**. All information will be presented at our next meeting.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES – Pres. Charlie reported that all food collected until the last meeting of this year will be used for the Christmas Food Boxes. Please remember to bring food items appropriate for a Christmas dinner, such as instant potatoes, canned green beans, corn, peas, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, gravy, etc. The boxes will be delivered on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

NICKEL BINGO – PP Paul is starting a Nickel Bingo for the residents at Lorien. The first one will be January  $10^{th}$  at 6:00 pm.

Pictured: from left to right, Lion Frank Schaller, Smithsburg Pharmacist Dawn Lovejoy, Lion President Richard Hembrock and Lion Jack Wenthe. Page 16 District 22 -W Newsletter

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### MD22 Lions Institute February 28 - March 1, 2020



#### MD22 Regional Lions Institute for 2020

Friday, February 28, 2020 Saturday, February 29, 2020, & Sunday, March 1, 2020

Best Western Plus Ocean City 6007 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842 410-524-6100

The \$50.00 registration fee covers the cost of training, materials and meals. It does not cover hotel costs. The rate for Thursday, February 27 is \$59.95 plus 11% tax (6% state and 5% county). The rate for Friday, February 28 and Saturday, February 29 is \$79.95 plus 11% tax (6% state and 5% county). Rates are based on one – two adults per room. Each additional adult is \$10 extra per adult per night. Breakfast is included in the group rate to each registered adult each day. Breakfast includes one breakfast entrée, one coffee, and one juice. Each person should call the hotel directly at 410-524-6100 and ask for the Lions Institute room block. or book online with the following link, https://www.bestwestern.com/en US/book/hotelrooms.21062.html?groupId=1B4FI9G3. Book your hotel room by January 31, 2020.

Register for the Institute by returning the completed registration form and \$50 registration fee to MD22 Lions Institute, 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg, MD 21048. Make checks payable to MD22 Lions Institute. The Institute is open to the first 30 Lions to register!

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute is designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- Encourage club members to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities.
- Familiarize club leaders with the operations, issues, and opportunities of their clubs.
- Promote leadership skills critical to the success of their position.
- Foster a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

#### MD 22 Lions Institute Courses

Lions Fundamentals – Identify significant events in LCI history; apply the Lions Mission Statement, Code of Ethics, and Purposes; Recognize the structure of the association; Describe the benefits of Lions membership

Working in Teams – Identify the four characteristics of effective teams; Recognize the four stages of team development; Utilize a variety of strategies to move your team to a level of high performance

Diversity – Define diversity as it applies to Lions Clubs International; Identify the dimensions of diversity; Recognize the benefits of a culture of diversity; Develop strategies to effectively overcome the challenges of diversity in our clubs and districts; Create a climate that supports diversity in our clubs and districts

Local Issues and Opportunities – Retention – The only way to increase membership is to recruit more members than we lose. Learn tools to retain members by identifying their satisfaction, why they leave, and what we can do to keep them as successful Lions.

Public Speaking and Presentation – Prepare a speech outline; Implement techniques of effective speech delivery

Time Management - Describe the importance of time management; Recognize common obstacles to effective time management; Identify strategies for achieving effective time management

Personal Mission Statement – Write your own personal mission statement

Member Motivation – Identify the levels of needs that affect human motivation; Recognize the stimulators and obstacles that influence motivation; Create an action plan for motivating Lions club members

Goal Setting – Recognize the value of setting goals; Identify the characteristics of an effective goal statement; Set and prioritize goals; Develop an action plan for goal achievement

> Questions? Contact PDG Susan Bonura 443-745-1281 pdgsusanbonura@gmail.com

Register Now – Deadline January 31, 2020 The Institute is open to the first 30 Lions to register!

THE REGISTRATION FORM IS ON NEXT PAGE

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### MD22 Lions Institute February 28 - March 1, 2020



Registration fee is \$50 for each participant, not including hotel costs.

Name:	Name on name tag:
District 22- Member of	Lions Club
Years a Lion	Member #Your club Secretary has your number
Address:	City:
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Highest office/position held in Club:	
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## HANCOCK LIONESS LIONS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Submitted by Lion Jeanne Ward

The Club continues candy sales and has 20 more boxes of candy to sell.

We have packed 45 backpacks for Micah's backpack program.

The paint night at the log cabin was a big success. The club raised \$649 for the Emergency Fund to assist the Hancock seniors with fuel costs for the winter.

More than 92 pairs of glasses have been collected..

The Lions decorated a parking meter for the Hancock Christmas event. And handed out popcorn and a treat bag to all the children attending the Hancock Christmas tree lighting.



May your troubles be less,

May you r blessings be more,

May nothing but happiness

Come through your door.

#### **DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **WILLIAMSPORT LIONS**

Submitted by Lion Richard Nye

Club members worked hard cleaning the area after which they enjoyed a picnic at Lion Terry Doub's house.. There was lots of food and conversation followed by more clean up,

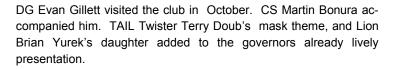




Lion Dick Nye and Brian Yurek helped prune, trim and remove dead trees that didn't survive the summer/

Williamsport Lions hosted the free Thursday Shepherd's Table meal Open to town residents each week.

Lion Bent Taylor chairs this service..



The governor stressed that "everything we do will impact us in the future." He suggested that multiple clubs getting together to do multiple projects is a way of putting comradery and service together.





### THANKFUL THANKSGIVING—HAGERSTOWN LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Jack Byers

Lion Pastor Tom Perry was our speaker for our "Thankful Thanksgiving" Club meeting on November 26th.

As the traditional Thanksgiving changes, it needs to be brought to our attention how early the holiday shopping and decorating season begins. The retail world is taking over.

Lion Perry reminded us that November should be a time of preparation for the ever so important Thanksgiving. Many families are losing what the meaning of Thanksgiving is all about.

What better time to be helping our community, the world, and each other? Help your neighbor. Be with family and friends. Be there for others. The Christmas rush, hustle, and bustle shouldn't be our focus. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year in itself.

Lion Pastor Tom Perry also wishes everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you, Lion Pastor Tom, for reminding us of the history of Thanksgiving and why it is so very important.



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#### **LEO NEWS**

## CHS LEOS HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER, GET READY TO PLANT TREES

Contributed by Lion Bob Kells

The Catoctin High School LEO Club is off to a good start with new members, a Halloween fundraiser for the club, and plans for community service. We have about eight new members this year, which will be formally inducted into the club at either our November or December meeting.

The Club decided to hold a fundraiser at the school by selling "Halloween-o-grams" during lunch hours. These simple treats are made by wrapping a lollipop with a piece of Kleenex to create a ghostly treat. Club members sold these "Spooktacular" delicacies at the three separate lunch hours the two weeks leading up to Halloween. The funds will go into the Club treasury for future disbursement to local charitable groups.

Another development during October was the annual Charter Night dinner, (SEE BELOW) which was held at the Shamrock Restaurant on Tuesday, October 22. This dinner is a celebration of the chartering of the Thurmont Lions Club along with the two LEO Clubs at Thurmont Middle School and Catoctin High School. This was the 10th year for the CHS LEO Club, which was chartered in 2009. The CHS LEOs were well represented by Club President Jean Pembroke.



The CHS LEOs will be assisting the Town of Thurmont by planting trees at Eyler Road Park on Saturday, November 2. The town has 40 indigenous trees that need to be planted. The trees will help provide shade around the sports fields at the Park and will improve the overall appearance of the area. Several LEOs have signed up to help with this project, and we look forward to getting our hands our hands dirty for a good cause.



CHS LEO Club President Jean Pembroke stands with the TMS LEO Club rep and Thurmont Lions club President Joyce Anthony at Charter Night 2019. This is the 10th anniversary of the CHS LEO Club's Charter.

CHS and TMS LEO Club charters are presented during Charter Night, October 22, 2019

# TMS LEOS START SCHOOL YEAR WITH NEW ADVISOR, OFFICERS & VOLUNTEERS AT COLORFEST

Contributed by Lion Lis Ruppel

Although the new school year got off to a slightly delayed start for the Thurmont Middle School LEOs due to the first day of school being after Labor Day, we're off to a great start now. Lion Lis Ruppel is the new TMS LEOs advisor. The TMS LEOs officers for the 2019-2020 school year are:

President: LEO Everett McCullough Vice President: LEO Hunter Hurley Secretary/PR: LEO Alex Potter Treasurer: LEO Lucas Stinnett

We had a great showing of LEOs volunteering as runners at Colorfest this year. Thanks to all the LEOs who came and helped – we couldn't have done it without you.

The TMS LEOs are also participating in the Thurmont Lions Club's Coat Drive for Make a Difference Day, and are running a Halloween costume contest at their school as a fundraiser. For \$2, students can buy a sticker that entitles them to wear a costume to school on Halloween, and the best costume from each grade wins an Amazon gift card. This was very popular with the students last year, so we're hoping for good results this year as well.

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#### LEO CLUB AT LINGANORE HIGH SCHOOL

Submitted by Lion Jack Niemiec

For many years our club has discussed the possibility of starting a Leo Club at Linganore High School. Now the idea is becoming a reality. Over the years, members of the Libertytown Unionville club have mentioned this idea. But when Harry Swope was Region Chair last year, he asked our club to make it a priority. I thought - no way!. We are a small club and it would be difficult for us to staff up to support a club with 20 teenagers. But, Lion Lynwood Browning of the New Market District Lions club asked us to start a club to support the Leo's who graduated from New Market Middle School and went on to Linganore HS. Since I cannot say no to nonagenarians, I agreed if we could jointly sponsor the Leo Club.

On June 25th, 2019, we met with Nancy Doll, principal of Linganore HS and described what a Leo club is, what it does and what is required to establish it. She said we could start a club if she could find a faculty advisor for the Leo's. Present at that initial meeting was New Market Lions: Lynwood Browning, Marge Shiflett, and Suzan McGowan, along with Jack Niemiec, President of Libertytown Lions Club and Pauline Rosier, Leo Chairperson for Lions District 22W.

Unbeknownst to me, Lion Eric Anderson of our club, had met with Nancy Doll right before we did and urged her to start a Leo Club to accept the Leo's coming from New Market MS including his own daughter. Although, Ms. Doll knew little about Lions and less about Leo's, she knew many people in the community were pushing for the establishment of a Leo Club. By September she had a faculty advisor, Leslie Parente who was willing to help guide the Leo's.

The first meeting of the Linganore HS Leo Club was held on October 11th. Four members of the club were in attendance. They were all natural leaders. It is invigorating to be around them. We were also able to interest at least two other students to join. There are at least twelve Leo's from the New Market Middle School who were not in attendance. So I am optimistic that we will get the twenty students needed to start the club. The next meeting is on November 1st at Linganore. I will give an update on that meeting at our meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>



#### **LEO NEWS**

# INDUCTION SPEECH GIVEN BY LEO PRESIDENT SOPHIE LOUIS OF THE LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB AT THE INDUCTION CEREMONY:

<u>Leadership. Experience. Opportunity</u>. This is what the acronym "Leo" stands for, and I can tell you the club truly encompasses these characteristics.

Leo club provides many leadership opportunities not only through the board members who organize the various projects, but also through what we call project leads. For each project there are usually 2-3 projects leads who help to organize the specific project and encourage other members of the club to attend this project. Any member in the club can volunteer to be a project lead and thus gains invaluable leadership skills.

The club also provides a variety of experiences in helping others both in our local community and the outside world through a wide-range of engaging projects. This past summer, the club bought and donated school supplies to give to elementary schools in our local area. These supplies were then given to kids who struggle to afford basic items needed to aid them in their education. This coming year we plan on delivering food to families in the Thanksgiving Project, as well as buying, wrapping, and giving Christmas gifts in the Christmas Project, in order to help out less-fortunate families in the community. Additionally, we are continuing the canned food drive where canned food is donated to Carroll County Food Sunday to give to those in need, as well as the Mother's Day Project where flowers are

handed out to residents in a local nursing home. In the spring we plan to participate in Project Linus, where the club makes knotted blankets to donate to children in hospitals, and Level the Playing Field where sports supplies are donated to youth sports programs for children in underprivileged communities. We are also looking forward to Rise Against Hunger where thousands of nutritious meals are made in only a couple hours to give to families who struggle to provide their children food for lunch at school. These projects give members of the club a lot of experience in helping others.

Lastly, Leo club works to give members the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. One of my favorite memories from being a part of Leo club has been delivering food to families during the Thanksgiving Project. One year, as a couple of my friends and I were bringing one of the large boxes of food to a family, we were invited into the apartment. I thought this was very nice of the family to invite complete strangers into their private home. As we gave the family the food, the family was so appreciative that they gave my friends and I a hug. This opportunity to do something nice for someone and to see the real impact my actions have, has stayed with me to this day. It is very humbling to see that others struggle with basic necessities that I often take for granted, such as food, and it is very empowering to see that I can make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Leo club provides members with invaluable leadership skills, experience in helping others, and opportunities to make a very real impact in this world. Thank you to all the new members and families for joining us tonight, and for taking a step in leave a lasting, positive impact on the lives of others.



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#### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **ONGOING FUNDRAISERS**

\*Rada Cutlery Fundraiser – The Brunswick Lions Club is sponsoring an ongoing-online fundraiser with Rada Cutlery. They receive 40% of the retail total with proceeds to benefit Leader Dog. Make sure to choose Brunswick Lions when ordering. See Upcoming District 22-W Events for this ongoing fundraiser

\*Cedar Ridge Soaps — The Francis Scott Key Lions Club is sponsoring an ongoing fundraiser with Cedar Ridge Soaps; they receive 40% of the retail total; proceeds benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). See Upcoming District 22-W Events for this ongoing fundraiser

\*Candy and Nut Fundraiser – The South Carroll Lioness Lions Club and Terri Lynn Cares ongoing Candy and Nut Fundraiser in which the club receives 20% of all sales. The online store is always open at <a href="https://SCLLC.terrilynncares.com">https://SCLLC.terrilynncares.com</a>. See Upcoming District 22-W Events for this ongoing fundraiser

\*2020 Discount Card Fundraiser — The Greater Carroll Lions Club is selling their 2020 Discount Card through February 2020. See Upcoming District 22-W Events for this ongoing fundraiser

\*Deep Creek Lake Lions Club Boat Bounty Program — The annual auction of donated boats and other recreational gear is Deep Creek Lake Lions Clubs biggest fundraiser and they want to cut other clubs into the program

\*Texas Roadhouse — The Deer Park Lions Club is holding a fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse at 21 South Cranberry Road, Westminster, MD on December 8, 2019. The club is also selling gift cards for Texas Roadhouse. See Upcoming District 22-W Events

\*Christmas Extravaganza — Lions Doug Favorite & Don Keeney are hosting an open house-style (come & go as you please) tour and dinner at their home on Saturday, January 4th, 2020 from 4-8pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Address is 15000 Roddy Road, Thurmont MD 21788. Doug & Don decorate with more than 150 trees at Christmas from 1.25 inches to 12.5 ft. Many themed trees with several new trees added each year. See Upcoming District 22-W Events





District 22-W Region II Region wide Zone Meeting Tue sday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 6:30 PM



Hosted by the Chewsville Lions Club Chewsville Community Center 11735 White Hall Road Smithsburg, MD 21783

#### Program

Lion Bob Martin will be presenting a program about the need for recycling used eye glasses, and what Lions Clubs are doing to help with these efforts.

#### Food

Cost:

\$9.00 Per Person Stuffed Chicken Breast Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Green Beans Rolls and Butter Coffee, Tea, and Water Dessert

This meeting is open to everyone, but Club Presidents, 1st and 2sd Vice President Secretaries, and Service Chairs are encouraged to attend.

Name

Club

RSVP By: 11/25/2019 by calling Lion Nathan Pfister @ (717) 623-7992 or by email to upfister@smail.com
Checks Payable: Chewsville Lions Club
Send to: Lion Nathan Pfister
18 Carriage Hill Drive

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### **COMING EVENTS**



### THIRD CABINET MEETING

**DATE:** January 11

**LOCATION:** Mountain Gate in Thurmont, MD. **COST**: \$16.00 per person.

### Kiss A Pig Contest

will be held at this meeting.

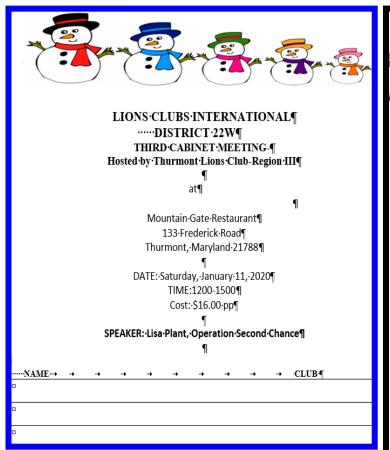
The Club will donate \$200.00 in the name of
Regional Chair Dave Kaplan.

Reservations need to be made by January 2

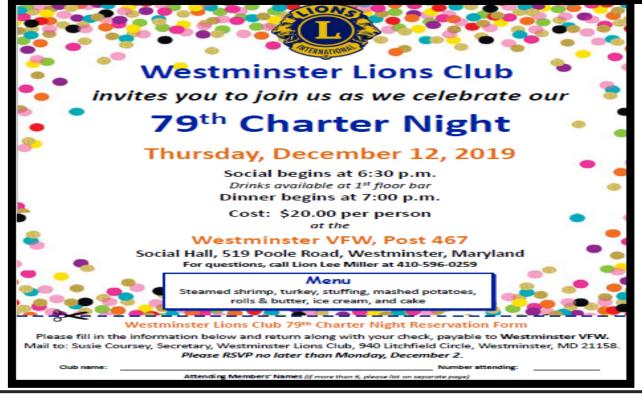




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A lighted Memory Tree and Memorial Banner will be on display from December 6, 2019 until January 6, 2020 at the Christmas display at 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg, MD 21048.

Print your name and address as well as the names of those to be remembered on the back of this sheet. Send your \$5.00 donation for each person (couples count as two people) you wish to remember during this holiday season along with the list of names to

South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Inc. c/o PDG Susan Bonura 1743 Deer Park Road Finksburg, MD 21048

Questions? 443-745-1281, pdgsusanbonura@gmail.com

Donations will be accepted through December 31, 2019 Your tax-deductible donation should be made payable to the South Carnoll Lioness Lions Club, Inc.

Contributions to the South Carroll Lieness Liens Club, Inc. are deductible under secti 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. We are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code.

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#### THE SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS LIONS CLUB ANNOUNCES A NEW CANDY AND NUT FUNDRAISER WITH

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### **SAVE THE DATE:**

## Enjoy a Christmas Extravaganza



# Benefiting LCIF & the Mobile Screening Van through the District 22 W Foundation

Lions Doug Favorite & Don Keeney are hosting an open house-style (come & go as you please) tour and dinner at their home on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January</u> 4<sup>th</sup>, <u>2020 from 4-8pm</u>,

Cost is \$20.00 per person.

Address is 15000 Roddy Road, Thurmont MD 21788

Doug & Don decorate with more than 150 trees at Christmas from 1.25 inches to 12.5 ft. Many themed trees with several new trees added each year.

A full buffet meal is included with this event!

Enjoy the sights, the sound and the tastes of Christmas as you celebrate the spirit of the season.

ALL Proceeds from this event will benefit LCIF & the Mobile Screening Van.

ENJOY THIS CHRISTMAS TRADITION OR START A NEW ONE!

RSVP to Lion Doug at 301-271-0558 or doug.favorite@gmail.com by Thursday, January 2nd, 2020.



If you can't attend on January 4th, an additional Christmas

Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, December 7th, 2019 to benefit
the Maryland Patriot Guard and the Frederick Chapter of the Sons of
the American Revolution. Same details apply—just let Doug know
which event you will be attending unless you'd like to attend both © !!!

#### **COMING EVENTS!**

#### MYERSVILLE LIONS COUNTRY BREAKFAST

LOCATION: Myersville Fire Hall DATE: DECEMBER 7th TIME: 7:00am-10:30am

PRICE: ADULTS: \$9 SENIOR CITIZENS \$8 Chil-

dren:\$5 Children 5 and under FREE

MENU: Blueberry pancakes, pancakes, French Toast, fried potatoes, potato O'Brien, sausage, sausage gravy, bacon, fruit salad, coffee, tea, OJ, muffins and sweet rolls, biscuits, puddin', scrapple

INCLUDES: **BOOK SALE & FARMERS SALE** 



## WESTMINSTER 79th CHARTER NIGHT

CELEBRATION DECEMBER 12th

**LOCATION: Westminster VFW** 

Social Begins at 6:30pm

DINNER: 7:00pm



MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER!

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# Are you looking for a Special Christmas Gift??

Contributed by Lion Patricia Miller

Maybe something for a friend or a family member who is a Thurmont History buff or a Thurmont Trolley Fan? Then these items are for you! The Thurmont Lions Club has "Memories of By Gone Days" booklets, artist prints and regular prints for sell. The cost is as follows:

"Memories of By Gone Days" Booklets - \$10.00 plus tax. "Memories of By Gone Days" Artist Prints - \$75.00 plus tax or Regular Prints - \$50.00 plus tax.

The design was made by our very own Lion member
Rebecca Pearl to celebrate the Thurmont Lions Club
90th Anniversary and in memory of Lion Nancy S. Dutterer. If you are interested in purchasing any of these
items, please contact either Lion Joann Miller, Lion
Susan Favorite or Lion Albie Little.



Please RSVP to the Lion who invited vo

to PDG Bob Miller at 410-795-0920.

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