

LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS



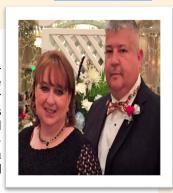
SERVICE WITH 2020 VISION FOR THE FUTURE

JANUARY

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Lions:

Happy New Year! It is a wonderful time of year when we get to reflect on our accomplishments of the past 12 months and make plans, promises and resolutions for the next year. These are usually minor changes to our personal behavior; to do more of this or less of that. Many of us will make a New Year's Resolution, but by February, most of us will have broken our resolution. Here are three strategies that will help you be successful in your promise to yourself: 1) set positive tasks that can be accomplishments not a negative restriction which is hard to verify. For example, "I will eat one apple and one orange a week" rather than "I will not eat fried foods". 2) Write down your task on a "to do" list and post it somewhere you can see it. Post it on social media so that others can see it as well. This will serve as a reminder until you complete the task. 3) When you complete the task



cross it off of your list and post your success on social media. When you mark it off your list, you will get an extra boost of satisfaction. You will also get positive reinforcement when your friends Like or comment on your post.

Here are a few positive Lion's related resolutions examples for the new year:

SERVICE: "I am going to plan and lead a new service project in my club". Some easy projects to help get you started are recycle old pill bottles, a food drive at the grocery store, or set up a vision day event. I can provide more details on these or other ideas, please contact me. Another piece of advice is to keep it simple; a small accomplishment is much better than a large flop.

Many Clubs are preparing to participate in a new service project this year, "Roar Like a Lion." This is an amazing chance for Lions to work with people in their community on service projects. Region 3 and 4 will hold Roar Like A Lion on January 26th.

LEADERSHIP: every organization needs leaders at all levels. Lions clubs are no different, we need leaders from the club committee level all the way up to International President. A good resolution would be "**to attend a Lions training event.**" Attending a leadership training event does not mean you are signing up to become a District Governor, but it will provide you with great information about Lions. The next leadership event is the MD 22 Lions Leadership Institute, February 28th thru March 1st. Contact PDG Susan Bonura at 443-745-1281 <u>pdgsusanbonura@gmail.com</u> for details and registration. The District is offering \$75 leadership scholarship to help cover the cost of training. If you do not want to travel, you can change this resolution to "I will take a Lions training course online." The Lions Learning Center is an awesome resource for training that is free and can be done on your own time from home.

A resolution to make a cash **Donation** to a charity or project that we want to support. "I will fill a jar with nickels for Leader Dog" or "I will collect \$25 in dimes for LVRF". This is an idea that I am recycling from Lion Sandy Parker and others. **Step one:** pick a charity or project you like: LVRF, LCIF, or Leader Dog are all good examples. You should also pick a coin to collect, pennies, nickels, or dimes all add up quickly. **Step 2**: label a jar or bottle with the name of the charity or project. **Step 3**: when the jar is full, give the money to the charity or at a banquet.

Whatever resolution you make, make it **positive** and **write** it down. You are more likely to accomplish it. When you complete it enjoy the good feelings and share your accomplishment with your friends. I look forward to hearing your resolutions at the cabinet meeting on January 11th. Have a **Happy New Year!**

District Governor Evan and Lion Bonnie



Evan Gillett
22W DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Are you a person who makes a personal resolution every New Year's Day? Why not make a Lions resolution this year? Pledge to help your club to increase its membership by inviting your friends, neighbors and family to club events. Make a pledge to bring new vitality to your club by taking on a leadership role if you have never done so. Brainstorm with your club members to design new innovative service projects to keep your club members interested, motivated and retained.

It is not too soon to begin thinking about honoring deserving Lions in your club who are always ready to volunteer for service projects and fundraisers and who gets the jobs done. They may show leadership qualities by being an officer and they are an inspiration to other Lions in your club. The **District 22W Honor Roll** recognizes individual accomplishments and bestows honors on these deserving Lions. We all have them in our clubs, but they must be nominated by your club. Deadline for submitting the nominations for the District 22W Honor Roll is April 15th. Send your club's nominations to FVDG Barbara by email (<u>barbarabrimigion@comcast.net</u>) or US mail postmarked no later than April 15th.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming 3rd Cabinet Meeting on January 11th in Thurmont at the Mountain Gate Restaurant. We are averaging about 50% in attendance. If your club has not been attending, now is the time to come and check it out. I also hope to see many of you during my travels throughout the District in the upcoming months.

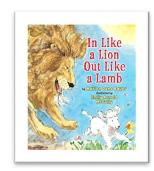
The District 22-D Social in December at the Harrington Casino in Delaware was a wonderful event with good food, a great speaker and lots of Lion camaraderie. I look forward to attending the remaining district socials in the upcoming months. These events are informative and provide great networking opportunities. If you have the chance to attend the 22B and 22C socials in the upcoming months you will hear motivating speakers who will inspire you. I am sure that you will enjoy them.

I am seeking volunteers to fill positions in next year's cabinet. I need to find region chairs, zone chairs, and committee chairs. Please consider taking on a new leadership role next year and contact me to volunteer to join our cabinet. I ask past district governors to recommend Lions for one of our positions.

I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Productive New Year!

FVDG Barb Brimigion

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2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

■ Greetings Lions,

Here we are, the beginning of a new year – a time of new beginnings, fresh hope and a strong desire to improve ourselves and the lives of others. It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the current Lions' year. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season with an opportunity to bring joy to others through Lions' service. I always look forward to January, not only for the promise that comes with a fresh start but also for the opportunity to enjoy winter weather and the opportunity to be indoors being with others.

Speaking of opportunities of being with others, we have the <u>third cabinet meeting</u> on Saturday,

January 11 hosted by the Thurmont Lions Club, and, **Roar Like a Lion** in Regions two, three,
and four on January 26. Considering the likelihood of inclement weather in late January Region

One will be holding the region **Roar Like a Lion** event in April. I have been working closely with

Region Chair Lion Sue Beachy in arranging for the use of the libraries in both counties and will be
contacting the Region clubs to determine their level of involvement in preparation for the April
event.

I would like to encourage District Lions to attend the MD22 Lions Institute, February 28 through
 March 1 at the Best Western Plus in Ocean City. Registration is \$50.00 which covers the cost of
 training, materials and meals. The institute is open to the first 30 Lions who register so, don't de-lay, mail in your registration as soon as possible. Deadline is January 31
 I would also recommend that clubs consider providing financial sponsorship for their club vice presidents or other
 Interested Lions to attend this training.

Another leadership training option is the Lions University program offered by the USA/Canada

Lions Leadership Forum as suggested by MD22 Council Chair/District GLT Chair PDG Brian

Cox. The bachelors program is directed to club officers whereas the masters' program to District

officers. I strongly encourage current and aspiring club officers and other Lions to complete the

bachelors program. I recently completed the ten required courses along with five elective classes

and learned a few things even after serving as club secretary, vice president, and club president.

My club president, Lion Ken Ward, also completed the bachelors program and found it very help
ful. I plan on pursuing the masters' program and suggest that anyone currently serving as a District officer, especially zone and region chairs, or anyone considering advancing their Lions career on the District level complete that curriculum. You can check out the course information by

going on-line to lionsuniversity.org. One of the best features of this leadership training option is

that there is no cost to you other than your time. So, while you are housebound this winter consider spending time improving your Lions leadership skills and knowledge.

Yours in Service,

CHARLES CROFT, Jr.

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Ridgeley, WV 26753

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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



CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE -Submitted by DS Martin Bonura

All Lions Clubs should secure a certificate of insurance from Lions Clubs International for each service and fundraising project. It is part of your dues and is free to each club.

Lions Clubs may submit forms for certificates of insurance using one of the methods listed below.

- <u>2019-2020 US Certificate of Insurance Printable ONLINE</u> (Added 8/18/2019)
- US Certificate of Insurance Request Form (Revised 4/15)
- Canadian Certificate of Insurance Request Form (Revised 4/15)
- Outside United States and Canada Certificate of Insurance Request Form (Revised 4/15)
- 1. Go to https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/certificate-of-insurance

HOME RESOURCE CENTER CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

- 2. Click on 2019-2020 US Certificate of Insurance Printable ONLINE (Added 8/18/2019)
- 3. Chose a type of certificate and complete the form
- 4. After you submit the request click the link Click here to view and print your file.
- 5. View the document and print as normal



Contributed by Lion Tony Sager from the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club

Well, I tried to get 8 Lions to pull my sleigh, but they were all busy SERVING their communities, so that's why I use reindeer!

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LAVALE LION KEN MAY passed away on December 16, 2019 at Western Maryland Regional Medical Center. Lion Ken May reunited with Betty, his wife of 61 years. Lion Ken lived a wonderful life of 91 years serving his community with the Independent Hose Company in Frederick, MD, the LaVale Volunteer Fire Company and the LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad. He was a member of the Smithsburg Lions club, and later the LaVale Lions Club, serving as past president.

He was recognized for his services as a Lion during his Lions career as: the Lion of the Year, Lions Vision Research Foundation Knights of the Blind, Lions District 22-W Honor Roll Inductee, and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Ken will be cremated and buried with his wife at the Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery. There will be a memorial service at the LaVale Volunteer Fire Department after the holidays..

LION JACK ELLSWORTH COE, age 79, died peacefully Thursday, December 26, 2019, surrounded by his family at Frederick Memorial Hospital. Born November 3, 1940 in New Windsor, he was the son of the late R. Ellsworth "Bub" Coe and Mildred Curfman Coe. He was the husband of Judy Koontz Coe, his wife of 47 years.

Jack was a 1958 graduate of New Windsor High School and attended Frederick Community College. He served in the US Army from 1963 to 1965, including a tour in Vietnam. He was the owner and master plumber for DP Smelser and Son, Inc., New Windsor and later opened JC Printing, a printing company with his wife. He had over 60 years of service to the Town of New Windsor, overseeing their water and waste water operations.



Jack was a life member of the New Windsor Fire and Hose Co. #1 and served in various offices that include assistant chief, EMS captain and served as the department treasurer for more than 52 years. He was instrumental in several fire department accomplishments including serving on the new building committee. He was installed in the CCVESA Hall of Fame in 2001 and received the Leon W. Hayes Lifetime Excellence in EMS Award in 2008. He was also a life member of the VFW Post 8806, Union Bridge.

Jack was past president of the New Windsor Lions Club and a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award in 2010. He was a member and past chairman of the Pipe Creek Cemetery Board and was inducted into the New Windsor Hall of Fame in 2014.

He enjoyed being with his family. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Thomas E. Coe and wife Wendy and David A. Coe, all of New Windsor; grandchildren, Natalie G. and Ryan E. Coe; sister, Barbara E. Six and husband Stuart of New Windsor; and several nieces and nephews. The family received friends at Windsor Station, 101 High St., New Windsor on Sunday, December 29 where a Lions Club memorial service was held followed by a Fire Department memorial service.

The family also received friends at Windsor Station on Monday, Dec. 30 from 9 to 11 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11 am. Deacon Charles Barnhart, pastor of Keysville Evangelical Lutheran Church, officiated. Military interment followed in Pipe Creek Cemetery, Union Bridge.



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LION DALE GRAY, , 82, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019 at home. He was a member of the New Windsor Lions Club for 26 years. Born August 31, 1937 in Columbus, Ohio, he was the son of the late William H. and Floretta Bruckelmeyer Gray. He was the husband of Judith Karen Gray (nee Bluhm). They had been married for 56 years.

Dale had retired from Bell-Atlantic after 26 years service as a phone systems designer. He had a Bachelors of Science degree from Bowling Green State University. He was an officer in the U.S. Navy. Dale was very active in life after the phone company. After retirement he started an alternative septic system company named INOVA. He was the zoning administrator for the town of New Windsor. Dale was also a



Member of the New Windsor Lions Club, York Rite, Scottish Rite and Boumi Temple. He was also active in the Freedom Masonic Lodge, #112 having served as master of the lodge in 1992 and currently as lodge treasurer. Dale was also a member of St. Luke's (Winters) Lutheran Church where he served as property chairman and sang in the church choir.

In addition to his wife Judi, Dale is survived by daughter and son-in-law Tracey DeAnne and James Frank, brother Dana Gray and wife Beverly and grandchildren Bryn and Ryan Frank. Funeral services were held Friday, 12 Noon at St. Luke's (Winters) Lutheran Church, 701 Green Valley Road, New Windsor, MD 21776. Internment was in the church cemetery with military honors. The family received friends Thursday from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the Jeffrey N. Zumbrun Funeral Home, 6028 Sykesville Road, Eldersburg, MD. The Masonic Lodge conducted a memorial service, and the Lions Memorial service was also conducted. In lieu of flowers, sympathies may be expressed in the form of contributions to Shriners Hospital For Children, http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org. Online condolences may be offered at www.inzumbrunfuneralhome.com.



INTERNATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JUDGE HAYNES H. TOWNSEND passed away. Judge Townsend was a capable man, a humble man, a man who believed in the power of kindness to help and to heal.

He was a judge who presided over his courtroom with integrity and heart, knowing that lives and destinies hung in the balance. He was a leader who believed that big ideas should drive us but that compassion should guide us.

And above all, he was a Lion. For 40 years, Judge Townsend served. He was an active member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club in his home of Dalton, Georgia. He believed that acts of kindness, both big and small, could change lives, and that's just what he did as a Lion.



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CALENDAR



Jan. 1: NEW YEARS DAY!

Jan 1: MYERSVILLE BREAKFAST... SEE COMING

EVENTS

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

ING EVENTS

Jan. 11: MIDDLETOWN LIONS COUNTRY BREAK-

FAST...SEE COMING EVENTS

Jan. 11: THIRD CABINET MEETING—KISS A PIG CANCELLED—THURMONT :LIONS CLUB...SEE COMING EVENTS

Jan. 14: CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION UNION BRIDGE RSVP 1/5/2020...SEE COMING EVENTS

Jan.21: DEER PARK FUNDRAISER AT OSCARS from 11:00am-4:00pm CLOSE

Jan.22: **REGION II ZONE MEETING**—The Smithburg Lions will host the Region II all Zone meeting at the South Mountain Rod and Gun Club, 23523 Foxville Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783 at 6:30 P.M. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, pie and drinks. The cost is \$10.00 per person. RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 11, 2020. SEE UPCOMING DISTRICT 22-W EVENTS

Jan.22: REGION IV ZONE III MEETING:

Jan. 25: FSK 60th ANNIVERSARY...

– The Francis Scott Key Lions Club will celebrate its 60th anniversary at a 12 o'clock luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7226 Corporate Court, Frederick, Maryland. The speaker will be John Fieseler, Executive Director of Visit Frederick. The cost is \$40 per person with checks payable to the FSK Lions Club; RSVP to FSK Lions Club, P.O. Box 3932, Frederick, MD 21705-3932 by Saturday, JANUARY 11, 2020. SEE UPCOMING DISTRICT 22-W EVENTS

Jan. 26: **DEER PARK ROAR LIKE A LION** Jan. 27: **GREATER CARROLL CHARTER NIGHT**

Jan. 31: APPLICATIONS DUE for Multiple District

22 Lions Institute on Feb. 28-March 1, 2020

A single act of caring creates an endless ripple.



Feb. 1: MYERSVILLE BREAK-FAST... SEE COMING EVENTS



Feb. 2: GROUND HOG DAY

Feb. 12: VALENTINE DINNER SMITHSBURG

Feb. 14: VALENTINE DAY

Feb. 17: WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Feb. 24: BLOOD DRIVE—SMITHSBURG LI-ONS

Feb. 27:GREATER CARROLL CHARTER NIGHT

Feb. 29-March 1: An institute will be held at the Best Western Plus Ocean City, 6007 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842. The registration fee is \$50.00.

ROAR LIKE A LION DAY OF SERVICE:

Submitted by 1st VDG Barbara Brimigion

On Sunday, **January 26**, **2020**, we will be holding this

event again in conjunction with the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club and our two Leo Clubs at the Eldersburg Library from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We will be providing opportunities for kids and adults to help with service projects at the county's public libraries. Lion Matt King stated he is exploring additional craft activities that FDLC might want to lead that afternoon.

Lion Bob Bastress is the liaison to the Century Leos and Liberty Leos who also will be conducting craft activities that day at the library. The students will earn community service hours. We need more volunteers so consider signing up.





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LSKS FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW KIDS **VISION VOUCHERS PROGRAM**

Submitted by Lion Ron Kafichinski

The mission of the Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation of Multiple District 22 is to promote the detection and correction of conditions leading to preventable blindness in children. In support of the mission to promote the detection of vision problems, the foundation has provided matching grants to MD22 Lions clubs for the purchase of vision screening equipment since 2015. Now, to support the correction of vision problems, the foundation has announced the creation of Kids Vision Vouchers.

These vouchers are intended to assist in the funding of eye examinations and the purchase of corrective glasses for children who have vision problems. The vouchers are issued through clubs who have received requests for financial support from parents or quardians of children referred through the vision screening program. As it assumes the club or the screening sponsor can validate that financial need exists, no supporting documentation of that need is required.

The amount of the voucher is \$75. It can be used for eye examinations and/or glasses purchases. The voucher can be made payable to the vendor of these items or to the club itself if payment for the purchase has taken place at the time the voucher is submitted.

Voucher requests may be submitted for any screenings that have taken place since the beginning of the current Lions year (2019-2020). Requests for a voucher should be submitted through a District 22C trustee of LSKSF; currently, PDG Don Beeson and PDG Gary Burdette. The information needed to complete the voucher request is:

Child's Name Vision screening site, Screening date, Lions Club doing screening, Lions Club address, Lions Club representative signature, and

Make check payable to:

As a reminder, these vouchers are intended only for children who have been referred as a result of a vision screening performed by a Lions club of MD22. Any other requests for financial assistance cannot be considered through this program.

Contact your LSKSF representative with any comments or questions.

FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS LEARN LAWS **REGARDING INSURANCE**

Submitted by Lion Don Champ

Al Redmer, State of Maryland 's Insurance Commissioner was introduced as guest speaker at the November 13, 2019 meeting of the Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) by Delegate Susan Krebs, who is also a member of the local service club.

The dinner meeting was held in Celebration Hall, Messiah Lutheran Church in Berrett. Before making his informative presentation. Redmer complemented the members on being one of the largest and most active Lions clubs in the State and thanked them for the service they render to Marylanders.

He explained the role of the Maryland Insurance Commission in enforcing the laws of the State in regards to insurance companies conducting business in Maryland . They also receive and review complaints from policy holders to insure the terms of the policy are followed and provide information to Marylanders about insurance issues.

Pictured (left - right) are: Rvan Hensler, Chief of Staff for the Maryland Insurance Commission: Delegate Susan Krebs; Al Redmer, State of Maryland Insurance Commissioner; and Jim Moore, FDLC President.



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OPERATION SECOND CHANCE

operationsecondchance.org

We are patriotic citizens committed to serving our wounded, injured and ill Veterans. We support Veterans and their families by building relationships and identifying and supporting immediate needs and interests. **Retreats** are open to wounded, injured, and ill veterans and service members with a 70% or higher VA Rating and their families. Veterans returning home from a "normal" tour in a warzone will tell you that returning to everyday life is not easy. Returning can be even more difficult for family members who are struggling to understand the changes that have occurred and continue to occur in their loved ones after a combat deployment. In the end, reintegration between warfighters and their families is very difficult.

The OSC Scholarship Program seeks to further the organization's mission of support for wounded, injured, and ill service members/veterans and their families through need-based dependent financial assistance grants to aid in the pursuit of higher education. During each academic period, OSC will award grants of \$2,500 or more to a select number of dependent children (unmarried, 23 years and younger) and spouses of Qualifying Military Sponsors.

Resources: Operation Second Chance also helps maintain resources to help assist veterans and their families with their numerous health, employment and financial needs. Helpful resources are provided in the following areas: health, employment, housing, education and general.

Featured Heroes: Aguilar has served in the National Guard for 13 years. Her husband, and now caregiver, also serves in the National Guard. She became ill while serving overseas two years ago. Currently, she is receiving treatment at Walter Reed with her husband and two children by her side.

Support and Assistance: Operation Second Chance offers an unparalleled range of services guided by the founding principle that we treat wounded warriors and their loved ones as if they were our own family. We believe in providing assistance to our troops and their families on the ground where the greatest need exists and where OSC's support will have the greatest impact. Our ability to quickly assist with these needs is why the staff from our military hospitals reach out to us for help daily. We assist countless families. Our assistance includes everything from airline tickets to daily family support such as a baby stroller or diapers and formula. Whatever the need, we do what we can to help wounded warriors and their families as if they were our own. you are at the hospital. If you need something that is unavailable at the hospital or need assistance off base/post, we might be able to help.

Please go to the website to read more about their beginnings, the Board, Community Partners, event schedule and staff.



Dear Paul E. Cannada.

This is your quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification. Your charity, Lions Clubs International Foundation, recently received a quarterly donation of \$627.86 thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com.

To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of:

- \$8,662.35 to Lions Clubs International Foundation
- \$156,109,909.51 to all charities

Thank you for supporting Lions Clubs International Foundation by shopping at smile.amazon.com. You can track your impact throughout the year at your My Impact page.

AmazonSmile is also available in the Amazon Shopping App on Android. See how to activate here.

Go to smile.amazon.com

This notification reflects the charity you were supporting as of November 24th.

FRANCES SCOTT KEY LIONS PROGRAM

Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmel

Middletown Lion, Betsy Estilow told the real Clara Barton story including her work with the Missing Soldiers Office

where she received 63,182 letters. She identified over 22,000 missing soldiers and answered over 40,000 letters.

Pictured Lion Betsy Estilow & Lion Paul Gray



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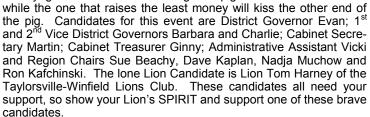
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KISS A PIG CONTEST CANCELLED

Submitted by Co-Chair Donna Jackman

We have postponed the Kiss-A-Pig Contest until the fourth Cabinet Meeting. Many clubs have felt overwhelmed with the multitude of Christmas Projects in their communities and service areas and felt they have not devoted the time and energy to support this program.

I encourage each club and individual Lions to make a contribution to support one of this year's candidates. The officer that raises the most money gets the honor of kissing the pig's nose



All funds raised in this project go 100% to research to find a cure for diabetes which shows no respect for age, gender, race or any other factor. Lion Tom Harney and I are both available to put on programs for your clubs, organizations in your community and at special events being held to promote awareness of diabetes and the severe consequences it can cause in one's body who is afflicted with this disease.

Tom and I both have programs scheduled for after the first of the year. If either of us can be of service to your club or a community event to create awareness of the signs, symptoms, and devastation that diabetes may cause in one's body, please let us know, and we will help in any way possible to promote awareness of the signs of diabetes in one's body. Early detection is the main objective to help avoid the serious problems if can cause in its victim's body. This disease is often referred to as "The Silent Killer" as individuals are afflicted with the disease and are unaware that they have diabetes.



ROARING LIKE A LION PRESENTATION TO HAGERSTOWN LIONS



DG Evan Gillet's Signature Service Project started in Region 4 (Carroll County). *He hopes to extend the project to all Clubs in the District*. The Service Project involves Clubs and community people working together to complete a service project on a Sunday afternoon. The date is the Sunday between the NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl (when there are few outside distractions), and the place is a community room in a public library. Clubs are invited to choose their own projects or to select from a list of prepared by Region 4 participants: thank you bags for first responders, friendship rocks, birthday boxes for foster children, and several other suggestions.

The Hagerstown Club has reserved two large meeting rooms in the County Library for a Sunday with NO GAME! The Board has applied for participation, a committee is being formed and a project suggested.

WESTMINSTER LIONS "MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET"

Submitted by Lion Diana Fraser

For the tenth consecutive year, the Westminster (Maryland) Lions Club partnered with the Westminster City Department of Recreation and Parks to distribute "Santa's Treat" to children during the city's Miracle on Main Street event.

After watching the Holiday Electric Light Parade and Tree Lighting, families are welcomed into the Westminster Public Library to warm up and meet Santa Claus. The Westminster Lions provided apples, oranges, and candy canes to about 200 children as part of Santa's Treat.

Westminster Lions Club members serving "Santa's Treat" (from left): Lions Bob Coursey, Jenny Morris, Lee Miller, Susie Coursey, Karen Bullock, Richard Hosfeld, and Charles Hedges



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FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Compiled by Lion Gar Bennett—Conducted by the Community
Foundation of Frederick County

CORE PROJECT AREAS:

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.

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: Increased support for Drug Court and first responders carrying Narcan, increased medical and mental health services such as residential treatment facility and no freestanding 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 a mobile crisis responses and satellite services to help people where they are located, comprehensive and integrative services, crisis stabilizations, substance specific education and risk assessment, evaluations, and the collection and sharing of meaningful data.



NEWS FROM HAGERSTOWN LIONS

Submitted by Lion Dave Kapland

Hagerstown Lions distribute books to area elementary schools. On December 5th we distributed 470 books (total is now 9,400) to students from Kindergarten through grade 5. Even before they left the cafeteria distribution center, most were diving into their new literary acquisitions. Below is a picture of the students from Paramount School. They are holding up the books they received from the Hagerstown Lions Club at the December 5th distribution.



Hagerstown Lions are still ringing bells for Salvation Army to assist with that organization's seasonal fundraiser to provide Christmas gifts for needy children. On December 9 and 16 we rang bells at the entrance to JC Penny's at the Valley Mall.

Muscular Hagerstown Lion bell ringers (seen below) prepare for their challenging task on December 9th at the Valley Mall. Pictured are Lions Bernie Lesky, Dave Kaplan and Dave Moats.



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TAWNEYTOWN LIONS HOLD CHRISTMAS DINNER

Submitted by Lion Barbara Heltebridle

Our last meeting was our Christmas Dinner. We had a very nice group and everyone had a good time. We were entertained by the musical group, Forever Young, who sang a mixture of gospel, country and Christmas songs.

A Big Thank You to Forever Young for generously donating half of the money, \$150.00, paid to them back to the club, Lion Liz for providing the table favors and Lion Debbie Carl for giving each member an ornament. 1st VP "Santa" Larry handed out a few gifts to some special Lions. Sec. Ken received a CD of "Kenny Nelson's" 16 Biggest Hits for dressing up as Willie Nelson at Halloween, Lion Roy received a Cheeseburger Hat to wear when he cooks in the food trailer and Pres. "Cool Whip" Charlie received a tub of Cool Whip and homemade gingerbread made by Mrs. Claus because he loves Cool Whip so much. Everyone had a great laugh about this.

We ended the evening wishing everyone a very **Merry Christmas** and with the reminder of what the season is really about. (SEE pictures below)



Sec. Ken as "Kenny Nelson"



Lion Roy with his Cheeseburger Hat

YELLOW SPRINGS LIONS

Submitted by Lion Joann Bannon

The Yellow Springs Lions celebrated the groups they support. Pictured below are the groups acknowledged and supported (LtoR):

Lions Youth Foundation- representative PDG Lion Buck Fisher

Daybreak Adult Daycare Services-representative: Christine Forbes

Salvation Army- representative: Lt. Chris Raymer Community Living-representative: Mike Planz

Karaoke Buddies- representative: Camile Kime & Taylor Kime

Coats on the Creek-representative: Regina Clark (gently used coats were also presented)

Yellow Springs Lions Club President: Lion Roger Wastler Camp Merrick-representative: Diabetes Chair Lion Donna Jackman

Frederick Babe Ruth Baseball- representatives: John Harris & son John A Harris

Building Veterans-representative: Sheriff Chuck Jenkins (not shown)



On November 3rd the club celebrated a Halloween with Community Living and served snacks, pizza, and Halloween treats.

DISTRICT 22W SERVICE CHALLENGE: Submitted by 1st VDG Barbara Brimigion

A special thanks to all the club members who contributed coats and jackets to the District 22W for the Coat drive.

Our club donated 44 coats and 11 jackets for a total of 55 items to Sheppard Staff in Westminster for the homeless adults. Our district was told that the coats only last an average of 35-40 days when worn 24/7 by the homeless.



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ROARING RUN ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

Submitted by Lion David Brauning

We held our annual Christmas Party at the Den in early December. The social period began at 6:30 p.m. and King Lion Tim welcomed all at 7:00 p.m. for dinner. The evening included our famous Gift Exchange.

Donations for our two families for Christmas were brought that evening.

During the meeting of November 20th - King Lion Tim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Veterans were introduced and presented an American Flag and Pin and thanked for their Service.

Ed Singer, Carroll County Health Officer was our speaker. Ed has 32 years in the health field. Ed spoke of the many services provided by the Health Department. Helping people to do the right thing and educating them is the main focus.

Substance abuse is a disease and we need to help and support those individuals and families with information and services. A new positive mentoring program and Mobil Crisis Team has been introduced.

Ed spent 27 years in the Army and retired as a Major and saw several tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. He told some of his experiences and thanked our Veterans for their Service. Lions Wayne Sherfey and Charles Spielman were visiting from Taneytown.

District Governor Evan presented 35 year Chevrons to Lions Wayne Scull and Tommy Bryant. A Key membership award was presented to Governor Evan by King Lion Tim from Lions Clubs International. RAK's were given to Lions Scull and Class. Lion Pat Edwards won the 50/50.

King Lion Tim reminded everyone of our participation in Wreaths across America at the Smallwood Cemetery. Also, on this day we have the food concession at the Agriculture Center.

PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENINGS:

Submitted by 1st VDG Barbara Brimigion

Committee Chair Lion Diane Torockio announced that the committee has conducted vision screenings at Wesley Freedom's Young Children Learning Center; Wards Chapel UMC Preschool; and Liberty High School.

A total of 156 children have been screened with 145 passing, 3 referred, and 8 unable to be screened. Lions Ron Audlin, Joe Wisniewski, Gordon Huggins, Bob Hodgkiss, and Frank Torockio had volunteered at the vision screenings.



DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM



The Hagerstown Lions Club has an extensive inventory of hundreds of items of durable medical equipment for loan to individuals during a period of disability. The equipment inventory includes wheelchairs, transport chair, walkers, walkers with seat, Rollator, potty chairs, potty seats, canes, quad canes, crutches, knee scooters, shower transfer

benches, wheeled shower chair, grabbers, bed rail, and more. There is no charge for the use of equipment on loan. Donations are accepted.

To inquire about current availability of a needed appliance and the location for pick up, call our Help Line at 301-393-9333. Leave your name and phone number and a Lion member will contact t you, or you can mail a message to hagerstownlions@gmail. .





HANCOCK LIONESS LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lioness Jeanne Ward

The Club had a very busy month. Our Club focuses on the welfare of all people. We serve and we do it well! I am proud to be a Lion and have witnessed the difference we make in our community and in the world. I wish you health, happiness, and a fulfilling year, And, as tiny Tim said, "God Bless Us Everyone!"

The Club has accomplished the following:

- -Sold 12 boxes of Gardner candy bars
- -Packed 48 backpacks for Micah's Back Packs.
- -Handed out apples and oranges to the residents at the Monterrey House and held a sing-along for all to enjoy.
- -Gave away reading glasses in town for those in need.
 - -Made cookies for Christmas for others.
- -Served 400 free dinners at the American Legion for Christmas.

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HAGERSTOWN LIONS ACTIVITIES

DAV OFFICIAL SPEAKS: The Commander of the Disabled American Veterans local Chapter 14, spoke to the club. The presentation was primarily about the military experience, including the First Calvary Division during the Vietnam War.

DuBrown is a life member of DAV Chapter 14. He was formerly a member of the Sharpsburg Lions.

The Commander said that the annual Forget-Me-Not Day fundraiser aids disabled veterans and their families. He also said the local chapter has 545 members who are combat veterans.

SAN MAR IS NO LONGER A CHILDREN'S HOME

Terri Siefert, (pictured to the right) a member of the development team at San Mar Family and Community Services, stated that the facility is no longer a children's home. Their mission is now focused on placing troubled children with local families.

The speaker related her family's experiences with the troubled youth they took in with the task of providing a new lifestyle to help them shape a better future. More volunteer families are needed to respond to the experience of guiding and "loving a chid who cannot love back."



Siefert said San Mar's Bester community program is making a difference in the children's school functioning.

Club members were thanked for their assistance with the annual San Mar bicycle ride over the past twenty years.



PANCAKE DAY

Our Pancake Day customers passing through the door in November totaled 1,043 welcomed customers who were taking advantage of the best deal in town at our 68th Annual Pancake Day.

Ticket takers at the door commented that door sales of tickets were in excess of advanced sale tickets presented indicating that we may be falling short on member ticket sales this year. To assist us in making this another successful year of consistent earnings, members are encouraged to purchase unsold tickets as a donation to the club. Checks in any amount for unsold tickets for which no value was received may be made payable to the Hagerstown Lions Foundation to qualify as a tax deductible contribution.

Thanks to the Hagerstown Lioness Club ladies who cleared \$530 from their bake sale. They again contributed the proceeds to our Pancake Day net income.

A hearty Thank-You to all club members and helpers who did a fantastic job working at Pancake Day, some for long hours. Great job! And hats off to 1st VP Lion Jim Clem who chaired the event. Since Lion Jim will be president of the club next year and the 2nd VP seat is vacant a chair person (or co-chair) is needed for next year's pancake day.

Our major fundraiser is officially known as <u>The John Harrison Moore Pancake Day</u> in tribute to Lion John Moore, now deceased, who sold over 1,000 pancake tickets every year, an accomplishment that will probably never be equaled. A January proclamation honoring Lion John has been written.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN: As a continuation of our Books for Kids project, Lion Brooks McBurney reported that 140 books were given out to children during Pancake Day.

PANCAKE DAY PICTURES

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LIONS HONOR JOHN HARRISON MOORE

OUN HARRISON MOOR PANCAIKE DAY

The Hagerstown Lions honored John Harrison Moore by naming the annual Lions Pancake Day as the John Harrison Moore Pancake Day. At a ceremony on January 2nd at the Venice Inn, John Harrison Moore was recognized for his contributions to this event and to the community for almost half of a century.

Lions Club President Clyde Tate presented a certificate from the Hagerstown Lions Club to Lion John honoring his dedicated service to the club in regard to the annual Pancake Day and naming the future events "The John Harrison Moore Pancake Day". This followed a decision for such action by the Lions Club Board of Directors as a tribute to Lion John's untiring efforts over the years in support of this major fund raising event.

Robert Kline, the Mayor of Funkstown, attended the ceremony. Lou Scully, radio announcer at station WJEJ was also present. His wife, Lioness Henrietta (Hon) Moore, who is also a strong promoter of the event, accompanied John Harrison Moore. The club enthusiastically congratulated Lion John at the award ceremony.

For as many years as the Pancake Day event has been held, John Harrison Moore has been an outstanding salesman and has generated approximately 30 percent of the total ticket sales by door to door promotion and through his strong ties in the community and with service and business organizations. In addition to his sales prowess, John Harrison Moore is the official hospitality Chairman and Greeter for the Hagerstown Lions Club, a service that he undertakes with a genuinely sincere smile and patented handshake.

John Moore's record setting sales are based on reciprocity with other clubs, selling products and tickets for their projects and events in return for their purchasing and marketing Hagerstown Lions paneake tickets. He enthusiastically sells fruiteake, tickets to ham and oyster dinners, steak feeds and other special projects for other clubs. Lion Moore keeps and maintains extensive lists of local businesses who purchase blocks of tickets from him and who then distribute them to their employees or customers.

For many years, Lion Moore has kept detailed records of local citizens' birthdays and wedding anniversaries. He calls and congratulates them on their special day every year; quite often early in the morning so he's the first to wish them Happy Birthday or Anniversary. Most days of the year, he's on the phone making numerous calls of greeting. His lists are used by radio and TV personality Lou Scully to announce well known citizens' birthdays on the radio.

SUMMIT FOR SIGHT AT THE WILMER EYE INSTITUTE:

The Lions of Multiple District 22 hosted its annual rally event on Saturday, November 16th at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. This event was free and open to the public. Lunch and tours were available afterwards to the guests. The event featured presentations from key leaders and staff from the Lions Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center, which has received tremendous support from the Lions over the past several decades.

Senator Barbara Mikulski was a guest speaker.

What is the significance of the Wilmer Eye Institute?

The Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute is the largest department of ophthalmology in the United States and is an internationally recognized research enterprise. Through the Lions Low Vision Center (LVC), the Lions Vision Research Foundation and Wilmer are committed to supporting low vision research and rehabilitation to minimize the disability caused by low vision and blindness. The Center's professional staff includes physicians, optometrists, research scientists, rehabilitation therapists, and ophthalmic technicians. Together they have created a low vision rehabilitation program that has become a model for clinics elsewhere. The LVC has three integrated missions: research and development, education, and patient care in low vision (uncorrectable vision loss). All three missions brought to bear on the search for an understanding of the causes of low vision, better management of patients, and, ultimately, effective treatments.

How can you help LVRF?

Have you considered making a tax-deductible donation to the Lions Vision Research Foundation, a qualified 501 (c) 3 organization?

LVRF can accept cash, stocks, bonds, qualified retirement plans such as 410K, 403B, real estate such as homes, vacation homes, undeveloped property etc. Distributions must be made directly to the charity. All checks need to be payable to the charity or they will be counted as taxable distributions.

Another way is to donate IRA assets to the LVRF through your estate after you pass away by naming LVRF as the designated beneficiary of your IRA.

Consult your tax professional and financial advisor regarding your charitable donations.

Source: PDG Susan Bonura in the MD22 Lions Vision Newsletter The latest count of glasses and hearing aids that was taken at the FDLC medical building on November 11th: Eyeglasses 137 Eyeglass Cases 77 Sun Glasses 23 Hearing Aids 3

FDLC members have collected a total of 1,155 used eyeglasses and 5 hearing aids for recycling since the beginning of this Lions year on July 1, 2019.

Submitted by Chair Lion Patty Buchman

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LIBERTYTOWN UNIONVILLE

Submitted by Lion William Strauss

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT: The Libertytown/ Unionville Lions Club has requested from the Department of Social Services for the names of three adults from the community who in all likelihood would not have Christmas without our members shopping for them. Such items as dryer sheets, detergent, and canned food will be packed and delivered to Social Services for delivery to those people in need. The club has stepped up with a generous budget of \$150 for each to help the three adults have a nice holiday.

This is a project that spreads wide in our community supported by different service organizations and the Lions Club is happy to participate "We Serve."

SPEAKER: Our speaker, pictured right, for the November 5th meeting was Lori Swerda, author of "Star Spangled Scandal." She told us about her research of the Key and Sickles families and how this led her to write this book. Her research found that there was an anonymous letter received by Representa-Daniel Sickles about his wife, Teresa's, affair with attorney Philip Barton Key, which led



to Sickles murdering Key, the youngest son of Francis Scott Key. Who was the anonymous letter writer? And Sickles was the first person to be acquitted with a defense of temporary insanity! Many Lions purchased her book to read more about this intriguing mystery story.

PRESENTATION; See picture at right...Kriste Hartman Kidd, of Oasis Senior Advisors, and Rich Frizzell, of Amada Senior Care, made a joint presentation to our club concerning:

- * Differences of medical and financial qualifications for assisted living and nursing homes
- * Differences of Medicare and Medicaid in terms of what services are covered and/or not covered.
- *Veterans Aid & Attendance, a program offering home care services for veterans.

Kriste and Rich emphasized that most of their clients are in a "crisis" mode because of a sudden change in the health to someone close to them if not themselves. Their firms give advice and help at no charge.

After the presentation both answered many questions from the members of the club.

HOW CAN I HELP THE LIONS LOW VISION REHABILITATION NETWORK FOUNDATION (LOVRNET)?

Submitted by 1st VDG Barbara Brimigion

The foundation is a community-based healthcare program that addresses the current shortage and distribution of low vision rehabilitation services. It helps those who are living with incurable low vision which is especially prevalent among seniors, the most in need and with the least access to help.

To donate, press ctrl and click on the following link https://www.gofundme.com/f/lions-lovrnet

Do you have some time to donate? The foundation is recruiting, training, and supervising Lion volunteers who conduct computer-assisted telephone interviews of Lions LOVRNET patients before their visit to the low vision clinician and again after the patient has been discharged from low vision rehabilitation care. Volunteers also visit the homes of low vision patients enrolled in LOVRNET to assist them to put into place organizational processes and safety measurers to allow them to function more freely and improve their quality of life. For more information about volunteering, go to https://www.lovrnet.org





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CHEWSVILLE LIONS HAVE BUSY DECEMBER

Submitted by Lion Joan Bachtell

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SMITHSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – We were supplied with a list of "needs" and "wants" for 4 families (total of nine children). Several members went shopping and selected everything from clothes, snow boots, winter coats and toys. On Monday, December 16th the wrapped packages were delivered to the school counselor. It was a heartwarming experience to fulfill the needs of others during the Christmas season. The Chewsville Lions Club continues to help those in need.

RINGING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY – President George chose the Salvation Army as one of the Club projects this year. Several Lions signed up for a time slot at the entrance to The Pennsylvania Dutch Market giving of their time once again to serve the community. It was noted that the generosity of the people putting money into the red bucket was overwhelming. Many thanks to those who participated

CHEWSVILLE CHRISTMAS PARTY – This gathering of club members and their guests was certainly a fun evening. President George started us off with the blessing of the meal and the gathering of friends. Good food, good fellowship, a great deal of laughing and playing games was the joy of everyone. Lions Nate, Abby and Tonya provided us with some "challenging games", guessing the number of items in jars, door prizes and favors for everyone. The winners of the games were Lions Logan, Amanda, Brenda, Lisa, Jim and Sharon. Thank you to President George for putting this special event together for our club. A brief meeting was held by President George with some updates provided by Zone Chair, Lion Nate.

CHRISTMAS IN TERRA RUBRA

Submitted by Lion Wayne Weeks

The Club Christmas Party was held at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont. The food was great as usual, and everyone had a small gift to take home. We had a magician as our entertainment for the evening. Our Christmas Party Committee did a wonderful job with their planning.

On December 14th Santa Claus made his annual visit to our Activities Building to see the children of our community. We had 17 children come out along with parents and grandparents for the event. Santa had a treat bag and a candy cane for each child. We also had light refreshments for everyone in attendance. Below are some of the pictures that were taken and given to parents as a complementary gift.



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WILLIAMSPORT LIONS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Submitted by Lion Richard Nye

Williamsport Lions Club enjoyed a special dinner by Red Men Chef John. Then they celebrated the season with Ugly Sweater contests, singing, and completing our Holly Place and Mitten Trees projects. (See below)

Jessica, who coordinates our dinners for the Red Men, was thanked for her work with a cash gift (see left).





PEACE POSTER MADNESS - MOTHER SETON SCHOOL!

Contributed by Lion Nadja Munchow

As Peace Poster Chair for Thurmont Lions Club, I presented the club with an idea I had about adding an additional recognition to our usual club meeting where we recognize the winner of the Peace Poster contest. Upon recognizing that the remaining participants are never acknowledged, I discussed my plan with Kathleen Myers, Mother Seton's Art Teacher. We were approved to spend lunch with the art students! President Joyce Anthony and I brought pizza for 12 growing girls (try finding gluten free pizza) while the school provided paper products, dessert and drinks. After acknowledging our winners, Faith Collins and Dixie Bruner, we spoke to all the participants about how their participation in the contest was very much appreciated. The students enjoyed their pizza while President Joyce and I talked about the Peace Poster contest, Lions Club International, Leos Clubs and service to our community. The girls were very attentive and asked more questions than we anticipated. Of course, we had to take multiple pictures! After the girls went to their next class, President Joyce and I spent time speaking with Mrs. Myers. I suggested that next year the Peace Poster Chair should come to the first Art Club meeting in September to present the Peace Poster project rather than relying on the Principal and Art teacher.





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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Submitted by President TLC Joyce Anthony

This year the VofY Committee received five nominations: Paul Echard (volunteer work with the town center and Hobbs Hardware Store, Renae Coolidge (volunteer with the ambulance company and boy scouts), Kyra Fry (volunteer with Thurmont Primary and Thurmont Elementary schools PTA), Donald Ely (volunteer work with the Thurmont Food Bank) and Rachel Mosiychuk (volunteer with Thurmont Elementary school). The 2019 Volunteer of the Year, Donald Ely was announced at the town meeting: He received a gift certificate to the Shamrock restaurant and a \$400 donation for the charity of his choice which was the Thurmont Food Bank.

Pictured L-R first row: President Joyce Anthony, Lion Julie El-Taber, Donald Ely, Paul Eckhardt, Renae Coolidge. Second row: Commissioners Bill Buehrer, Rayne Hooper, Mayor John Kinnard, Commissioners Wes Hamrick and Marty Burns.-



SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS/LIONS ACTIVITIES

Submitted by PDG Susan Bonura

The club held its annual Christmas party for the residents of Oakland Manor on December 12th. Kay F. and Judy F. organized the party.

Afterward the residents sang Christmas carols and played bingo with the residents.



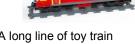


Refreshments were served followed by a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus who provided stockings filled with gifts for each resident.

The next visit to Oakland Manor will be on Thursday, January 9, 2020. The team led by Ursula, consists of Marilyn, Carol, Rochelle, Paula, Janet, Martin and Sue Mykyulyn.



A WORD FROM DPLC KING LION RON DEER PARK



While the numbers are not in yet, it appears we had another successful train show!! A long line of toy train enthusiast formed in the rain waiting for the doors to open while the vendors, the Lions kitchen staff and American Flyer personnel were getting ready for the crowd.

I spoke to a number of vendors who were very enthusiastic about the crowd and several said this was their favorite train show. It was evident by the number of bags and boxes being carried by the attendees, that the vendors had to be very pleased.

It takes a lot of work to put on an event like this. Not including all the planning and prep, I estimate we put in about 260 Lion hours on Saturday and Sunday. We had 15 Lions on Saturday for set up and 20 Lions on Sunday. Plus, several non-Lions who were a HUGE help on both days. Thank you all for being so involved in our largest fundraiser and a special thanks to PID Dick Liebno for all the time he puts in to pull this together. In the short time I've been involved I believe we've always sold all 200 tables.

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LEO NEWS

Hello Lions & LEOS of District 22W,

I would like to share some exciting news with you. The Leos & Lions of California are hosting the 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum on July 22nd to 26th, 2020 at the Wyndham Visalia. Registration is now OPEN! This 2020 Leo Leadership Forum will bring Leos together from across North America and the Caribbean. During the course of the week, we have seminars in various areas of leadership and community-organizing as part of our core curriculum toward the HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE earned during this Forum experience. We also have elective seminars prepared by Leos. It's our goal to also empower our Leos to educate each other in areas of interest to them related to leadership. At the conclusion of every seminar, the facilitator offers a guiz on the subject. The passing of this seminar guiz will give the Leo the credits needed to graduate our program. All seminars are reviewed by our Dean of the High School Program and its committee members.

At every Leo Leadership Forum, we invite an international officer as our guest speaker. This gives our Leos the opportunity to ask questions, learn more about our association and the legacy that our Founder Melvin Jones left for the world. Leos also get the opportunity to network and bond with other Lions, Leos and LCI Staff Members. We provide a full day of fun touring the host city area and a day of community service planned by the Leo Host Committee. We have an Opening Ceremony/Dinner together with a Closing Night Dinner Gala that includes the presentation of diplomas and concludes with an entertaining night of dancing. Our Leos return home more knowledgeable about our Association, the Leo Club Program, ways to continue building up their own clubs while bringing bright new ideas for service projects and fundraisers. This Leo Forum will help Leos become great leaders ready to serve their community and continue to grow as an individual while feeling proud to be a Leo. We welcome Leo Club Advisors, Lions and parents to attend the Forum. We want this to be a learning experience for all.

Please share this email with your Leos or Lions interested in learning more about the Leo Club Program. If your Leo Club is school-based, our team is happy to speak to Principals or Faculty Advisors to better explain our Leo Forum or answer any question. Our contact information is listed below. Take a look at our video with highlights of our 2nd Leo Leadership Forum. We look forward to welcoming all Leos and Lions to the Golden State.

Yours In Lionism, William Vanlandingham District Governor 4-A2 Host Co-Chair. 4th USACLLF

Kevin PatelPast District Governor 4-A2
Host Co-Chair, 4th USACLLF

AN UPDATE OF OUR LEOS

The Leo Induction Ceremony was held on October 28th at Liberty High School. There were approximately 25 new members in the Liberty High Leo Club. There were 50 new members in the Century High Leo Club.

The Century High Leo Club has been conducting a fundraiser by selling a strip of Panera Bread coupons for \$10.00.

<u>FDLC/Leos Thanksgiving Meals Project:</u> Seven FDLC Lions and 12 parents served as drivers for the 46 Leos as they delivered the Thanksgiving meals to 27 needy families in the Sykesville/Eldersburg area on November 27th.

FDLC/Leos Christmas Gifts Project: FDLC is planning with the Century High and Liberty High Leo Clubs to purchase Christmas toys and clothes for approximately 50-60 needy children on <u>December 14th at Walmart.</u>

<u>The gift wrapping</u> will take place at 11:00am at Liberty High School in the media center. Lions are needed to volunteer for both events.

Our club provides funding for Thanksgiving meals, but the need at Christmas is always greater. Lion Bob Bastress is asking members to support this year's "FDLC/Leos Christmas Gifts Project" with monetary donations. You may bring a check made payable to the FDLC Foundation to our Christmas Party on December 11th.

What Do Lions Celebrate in December?

On December 5th, Lions and Leos will be celebrating International Leo Day which commemorates the chartering of the first Leo club on December 5, 1957. More than 60 years later, Leos continue to build on a tradition of service to meet emerging local and global needs. Lions and Leos are encouraged to raise awareness of Leo Clubs, and share information about this important youth development program.

Did you know that there is a USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation which is excited to announce that the 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum will take place from July 22nd to July 26th, 2020 in Visalia, California. Attendance at these events has increased from 16 in 2017 to 28 in 2019.

Lion Michelle Sciacchitano (left) and Roderick Brown (right) place coats they donated on tables at Liberty High School to be added to the Christmas gifts purchased on the morning of December 14, 2019 that will be given later that day to the parents for their children to make their Christmas a more joyful one



Lion Joe Wisniewski, under the watchful eye of Lion Fran Wisniewski (left) and Lion Michelle Sciacchitano (right) wraps Christmas gifts for



LEO NEWS

LEOS HELP ASSURE CHRISTMAS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Submitted by Lion Don Champ

Members of the Century High School Leo Club, Liberty High School Leo Club and the Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) were busy, as usual, this holiday season with two of their annual community service projects.

First, on November 27, 2019, Leos and Lions gathered at Salerno 's Restaurant in Eldersburg to pick up and deliver a fully cooked Thanksgiving dinner to each of 27 families (consisting of 137 people) in the Sykesville/Eldersburg area. The local restaurant prepares and packages the dinners each year at the request of the local service clubs.

Volunteers from the three service clubs assembled at the Walmart in Eldersburg on Saturday morning (December 14, 2019) and the Leos shopped for gifts for 64 children. When the shopping was completed, the gifts were taken to Liberty High School where they were wrapped by Lions and Leos and bagged by family for afternoon pickup by the parents.

In addition, Lion Michelle Sciacchitano and Roderick Brown donated coats for the children. Lion Bob Bastress, Chairman of the FDLC Youth Outreach Committee coordinated both of these projects.

After the giftss are wrapped, they are placed in large bags for each family of the selected area children. Waiting for the parents to arrive are:

Front row (left – right): Leos Chidima Ahulamibe, Michelle Lopez, Kaylee Sim and Linnette Hemingway. Back row (I-r): Leo Emme Jordan, Leo Sam Heinz, Leo Durienne Saum, Lion Bob Bastress, Leo Sadie Simon, Leo River Meyer and Leo Kelechukwa Ahulamibe



Leos from Century
High and Liberty High
Leo Clubs along with
members of the Freedom District Lions
Club assemble at the
Eldersburg Walmart
on December 14,
2019 before dividing
into shopping teams to
purchase gifts for area
children



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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 https://scllc.terrilynncares.com. 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

*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



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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 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.

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 © !!!



Come To our Breakfast Saturday, January 11

7:30 am - 11:00 am

Middletown Fire Company Activities Building

401 Fireman's Lane off of Franklin Street

Pancakes, French toast, Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits, Fruit,
Coffee, Juice, Milk,
Sausage and Chipped Beef Gravy

Adults: \$9.00, Seniors: \$8.00 Children 6-11 years: \$5.00 5 & under: Free

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Middletown Food Bank, Middletown Valley People Helping People,
High School Scholarships, Boys and Girls Scouts, Diabetes Research,
Leader Dog for Blind, Medical Eye Bank of MD, Children's Eye Screening,
Sheriff's Junior Deputy Program,
Pediatric Cancer Middletown, Maryland





We'd love to have YOU JOIN US!





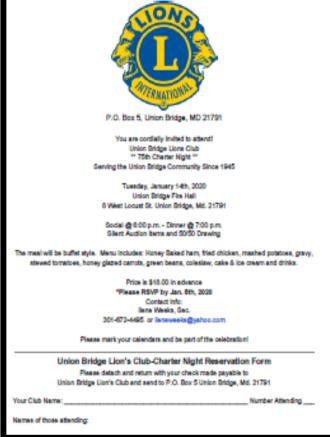


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THE SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS LIONS CLUB ANNOUNCES A NEW CANDY AND NUT FUNDRAISER WITH

TERRI LYNN CARES
OUR ON-LINE STORE IS OPEN!
https:LLC.terrilynncares.com

We are taking orders now!
The Club receives 20% of all sales!
The South Carroll Lioness Lions Club
Announces a New Candy and Nut Fundraiser with
Terri Lynn Cares

VISIT THE WEB SITE & PLACE YOUR ORDER!

QUESTIONS? Contact IPDG Susan Bonura pdgsusanbonura@gmail.com or call 443-745-1281



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MYERSVILLE LIONS COUNTRY BREAKFAST

LOCATION: Myersville Fire Hall DATE: JANUARY 4 TIME: 7:00am-10:30am

PRICE; ADULTS: \$9 SENIOR CITIZENS \$8 Children: \$5 Children 5 and under FREE

MENU: Blueberry pancakes, pancakes, French Toast, fried potatoes, potato

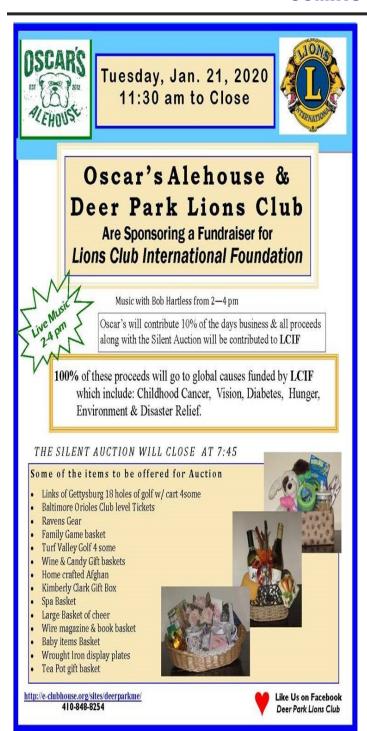
O'Brien, sausage, sausage gravy, bacon, fruit salad, coffee, tea, OJ, muffins and sweet rolls, biscuits, puddin', scrapple

SPECIAL SALE:

FARMERS MARKET



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FRANCIS SCOTT KEY LIONS CLUB 60TH ANNIVERSARY

January 25, 2020 Hilton Garden Inn 7226 Corporate Court Frederick, MD 21703

Special Guest Speaker John Fieseler, Executive Director Tourism Council of Frederick County

Social 11:30 AM Mediterranean Buffet 12:00 Noon Cash Bar (beer and wine only) Cost \$40.00 per person

Reservations to FSK Lions Club
PO Box 3932, Frederick, MD 21705
Checks payable to FSK Lions Club/Payment due by January 11, 2020

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