

LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS



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FEBRUARY

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Lions:

Congratulation to the Lions and Leos of Region Three and Four for their awesome participation in Roar Like A Lion on January 26th. Our Lions demonstrated what they do best, leading community members in service for others; by making cards for veterans, shutins, and the sick, putting together homeless kits and thank your bags for first responders, and making scarfs, blankets and hats for the cold. The public was able to see what we are all about at 8 locations. I look forward to seeing what new twist the Lions in Region One and Two put on this exciting project. Remember that this project is being made possible in part by the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) and the District and Club Impact Grant that was approved.



All clubs that participated in Roar Like A Lion are requested to report their service using the MyLion application. All clubs are requested to report all of their service activities. To date we, as a district, have less that 45% of clubs reporting any service projects in MyLion. Reporting the good work that we do, the hours volunteered, the cost of our service, and the people impacted is very important to our international association. Lions Club International uses this information to publicize Lions and establishing new partnerships with other organizations. Reporting of service using the MyLion application will be used for end of the year awards and contest. **Please report your clubs service in MyLion**.

There are several ongoing and upcoming activities: the **American Heritage and Patriotism essay contest** is underway. Clubs should be selecting their winners and forwarding them to the Zone Chairs, please see the weekly update for more details. The **Kiss-A-Pig** contest has been extended until the 4th cabinet meeting. Please send your checks to Diabetes co-chair Donna Jackman. I need your help because I don't want to kiss the Bacon again this year. Each Region will be holding a **Leader Dog banquet** between March 30th and April 2nd. And last but not least, the Multiple District Convention will be held May 11th—14th, in Ocean City.

As we entire the cold winter month of February, I encourage clubs to start thinking of and planning for next year. It is time to make nominations for club officers and start planning major club projects. It is a good time to make committee assignments and encourage newer Lions to take the lead in some areas. Do not confuse planning for next year with ending this year. We still have five months to make positive impacts on our communities. **GO LIONS!**

District Governor Evan and Lion Bonnie



Evan Gillett
22W DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Our district has finished its first District Service Challenge. We had 18 clubs that participated, donating a total of 547 coats which were targeted for the homeless population. I want to thank the following clubs for their support and participation: Deer Park Lions Club, Freedom District Lions Club, FSK Lions Club, Funkstown Lions Club, Glade Valley Lions Club, Grantsville Lions Club, Hancock Lioness Lions Club, LaVale Lions Club, Lonaconing Lions Club, Greater Carroll Lions Club, New Market Lions Club, North Branch Lions Club, Roaring Run Lions Club, South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Taneytown Lions Club, Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club, Thurmont Lions Club and the Westminster Lions Club. Thurmont collected 83 coats and won the challenge!

Our **Second Service Challenge** is demonstrating **acts of kindness to veterans and active duty service personnel**. Go online to our District 22W website to download the form (in the "Projects" section of the website to record your service projects that are geared to showing support for our veterans and active servicemen. Additional examples are provided, but you are free to design your own. Complete the form, recording the service projects since the start of our Lions Fiscal Year (July 2019) and send it to me no later than June 15th. **Now is the time to start an annual service project for these brave men!**

It was exciting to attend the **Roar Like a Lion** event in Region 3 at the Urbana Regional Library in Frederick which was conducted for the first time by the Monocacy Community Lions Club and the New Market Lions Club. I also attended the event in Region 4 at the Mt Airy Library with the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club and the Eldersburg Library with the Freedom District Lions Club and the South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club as they were preparing for the event. They were a "**Roaring Success**". What an innovative way to show the public what Lionism is all about! Some Leos in both Region 3 and Region 4 participated and students in the communities not only received community service hours but learned that volunteering can be fun and impactful in the community. By working with the Lions, the Leos are learning to become future Lions and the students in the neighborhood are seeing Leos in action. For those clubs who have not participated yet, just come to one of the libraries next year to observe and see what you have missed. You will get caught up in the excitement and may want to join again the following year.

I will be attending the Mid-Winter Conference in Annapolis on February 8th at which time PDG Andy DeMario Sr., the Council of Governors and other Lions will be discussing their plans for the upcoming 98th MD22 Convention in Ocean City. They are working hard to make this convention an informative and fun event with a good variety of interesting seminars to inspire our Lions. Please consider attending the Multiple District Convention in Ocean City from **May 11th to 14th** or just for the day. Check the District 22W website for the MD22 Convention brochure for information and to make a reservation. I hope to see many of you there.

I am still **seeking volunteers to fill positions in next year's cabinet,** especially in Region 1. I need to find one region chair, 5 zone chairs, and some 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 will be attending the District Governor-E Training in Illinois from February 10th – 14th. I would appreciate a few prayers that it doesn't snow!



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2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings Lions,

Now that we are well into winter I hope that you are weathering the season well. I keep wondering when we will see
 some real snow – all we have had here in region one has been a couple of events with a little snow and/or ice. For me,
 there is nothing prettier than a mantle of white covering the ground. The bright side of a mild winter is that we can be
 out and about doing what Lions do best – serving others.

■ Congratulations to RC Nadja Muchow and the members of the Thurmont Lions Club for a great cabinet meeting on
 ■ January 11. I especially enjoyed hearing the *Operation Second Chance program* presented by Lisa Plant who I discovered is from the Cumberland area where I grew up and who is very familiar with the LaVale Lions Club. I would
 ■ also like to commend the various committees for the work completed thus far and to the clubs for all that they have
 ■ been able to accomplish in their respective communities. The list of completed service projects and those being
 ■ planned is astonishing.

■ I also want to congratulate those Lions in regions three and four who planned, organized and coordinated an outstand■ ing Roar Like A Lion event in Frederick and Carroll counties. I had the opportunity to attend the event in Thurmont
■ and Taneytown. I came away very impressed with the project itself, the individual service activities, the level of support
■ from the various clubs, and the interaction with the general public. It was wonderful to witness the cooperative spirit
■ demonstrated by Lions working together in service. Regions one and two will be looking to carry on the spirit and suc■ cess of what regions three and four accomplished during their event in April.

■ Speaking of the upcoming RLAL event in Region 1, I met with ZC Chris Nichols (Deep Creek Lions Club), Lion President Bill Lohr and Lion Secretary Sandy Bell, of the Deer Park – Swanton Lions Club, to talk about the service projects that they will be including in the Garrett County libraries. At the region wide, all zone meeting in February we will be determining the level of club participation and identifying the projects that the clubs will be doing. Region Chair Sue Beachy has been working diligently lining up organizations that will be receiving the completed projects.

■ I hope that your club will be sending either current or upcoming club officers to the MD 22 Lions Institute **February 28** ■ ■ **March 1.** This is such a great opportunity for our Lions to hone their leadership skills. A second opportunity is to take ■ the bachelor's program classes offered by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. The bachelor's program is ■ geared to the club level and there is a host of great information that can be gleaned from that program. Check out the ■ course information by logging on to: *lionsuniversity.org*.

Looking ahead, it won't be long before the spring flowers will be showing and we will begin thinking about Leader Dog and, before you know it, the fourth cabinet meeting and the MD22 Convention

Yours in Service,

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MEMORIALS

WILLIAM HAROLD "GREENIE" GREEN, 70, of Westminster, passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at Select Specialty Hospital in York, Pennsylvania. Born April 3, 1949 in Baltimore he was the son of the late George William and Edna May (Weden) Green. He was the loving husband of Wanda Green.

Greenie worked at Black and Decker as a machinist before opening his lawn service, "Greenie's Lawn and Garden Service". He was currently employed as a bus driver for Rill's Bus Service. He was a dedicated... member of the Westminster Lions Club, where he actively participated in numerous events and was a "Melvin Jones Fellows" recipient. Greenie enjoyed watching NASCAR and was a member of Church of the Open Door.

Surviving in addition to his wife are children Nicole Pritchard and husband Timothy, Kendra Greene, Desiree Green, Shawnta Green, Quintton Green, and Martyce Jackson; 13 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; sister Betty Jane Thomas; brother Wayne Green; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



The family received friends at Pritts Funeral Home and Chapel, 412 Washington Rd., Westminster. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 6th at the funeral home. Interment was in Meadow Branch Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions to defray funeral expenses be sent to Pritts Funeral Home and Chapel, 412 Washington Rd., Westminster MD 21157.

Chaplin of Westminster Lions, Mark Fraser, gives eulogy for "Greenie"... Everybody knew Greenie. Let me say that again – absolutely EVERYBODY knew Greenie. I remember riding with him in Ron Brewer's Mustang convertible in the Westminster Memorial Day parade. My wife Diana and I were sitting up in the back, where everybody could see us. Greenie was sitting in the passenger seat. People young and old kept running up to the car and shouting and waving at us. I was flattered, until I realized that they weren't waving and shouting at us. It was exclusively for Greenie. HE was the celebrity.

Lion Greenie was a Lion for 15 years. He was just recognized by District Governor Evan Gillette for his service at our 2019 Charter Night. He was in the hospital that night and couldn't attend, but we made sure that he received his 15-year pin. I know that meant a lot to him.

It's not just his years of service that made Greenie so special to the Lions Club, though. You know, he never actually signed up to volunteer at any of our events... but he was always there to help out, every single time. He never really offered to help with fundraising either... but remarkably, he always ended up among the highest ticket sellers for our fundraisers. Lion Greenie was a bit of a prankster and, well, sometimes he caused a ruckus in our meetings... but he served on our Board for years and he was elected and served as President of the Westminster Lions Club during the 2010-2011 year.

Lion Ron Brewer, who managed the Lions Food Tent at the 4-H and FFA Fair, passed away in 2012. Before he died, he asked Lion Greenie to take over the Food Tent. It was a huge undertaking; no one would have blamed him if he'd said no. But he said yes, and ran himself ragged managing the Food Tent for the whole week of the Fair. He was truly dedicated to the Lions' mission of service to our community. Even this past fall, when Greenie was struggling with his illness, he still came to our meetings and helped out when he could. In November, when the kind people at Southern States Co-op in Westminster asked him where they could donate all the canned food they expected to collect over the holiday season, Greenie didn't hesitate to say the Lions Club would make sure it went to people in need. He died before he could see the results of the food drive, but this past Friday, we went over to Southern States and picked up an incredible 650 food items for the food pantry at the Westminster Church of the Brethren.

Greenie had a big heart and he would do his best to help out the Lions and help the community. In recognition of his efforts, he was honored with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the Lions Club's highest honor, in 2013. Greenie was one of a kind. I am proud to have known him, to have served with him in the Lions Club, and to have been among his many friends. I know that when he got to Heaven, of course everybody there already knew him. Oh, and I'm pretty sure Greenie sold them all a few dozen raffle tickets!

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CALENDAR

Feb. 1: MYERSVILLE BREAKFAST... SEE COMING

EVENTS

Feb. 2: GROUND HOG DAY

Feb. 5: REGION I Zone Meeting

Feb. 7: ENTRIES FOR ESSAY CONTEST

DUE...SEE COMING EVENTS

Feb. 9: FRANCES SCOTT KEY MALL Wine Tasting FRANCIS SCOTT KEY LIONS- \$15 with reser-

vation & \$20 at the door Contact any FSK Lion to pay in advance by cash or check; credit card payments will be accepted at the door. Checks payable to FSK Lions Club may be mailed to Treasurer Toni Gray, P. O. Box 3932,

Frederick, MD 21705-3932, with the names of the

persons participating . SEE COMING EVENTS

Feb. 11: DPLC PANCAKE SUPPER...SEE COMING EVENTS

Feb. 12: VALENTINE DINNER SMITHSBURG

Feb. 14: VALENTINE DAY

Feb. 15: SPAGHETTI DINNER: POTOMAC VAL-

LEY LIONS...SEE COMING EVENTS

Feb. 16: DAYTONA PARTY

Feb. 17: WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

FEB. 21: POTATO BAR...SEE COMING EVENTS

Feb. 24: BLOOD DRIVE—SMITHSBURG LIONS

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. The registration fee covers the cost of training, materials and meals. It does not cover hotel costs. 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 District is offering a scholarship for this program. See Upcoming District 22-W Events

Feb. 29: MIDDLETOWN LIONS BREAKFAST...SEE COMING EVENTS

March 30—April 2: Leader Dog Banquets April 30: Club Officer's Report Due (PU-101)

May 11-14: MD22 Convention—Ocean City



Mar. 7: MYERSVILLE BREAKFAST & FARM-ERS' MARKET... SEE COMING EVENTS

Mar. 7: CANINES ON THE CREEK: SEE COMING EVENTS

Mar. 7: UNITED NATIONS DAY IN NEW YORK

Mar. 9: MIDDLETOWN LIONS CHARTER NIGHT

Mar. 21: DEER PARK SURF & TURF...SEE COMING EVENTS

Mar. 21: HAGERSTOWN CHARTER
NIGHT: 46 W Washington St., Academy
Theater...cost \$25....SEE COMING
EVENTS

Mar.28: WESTMINSTER LIONS WILL HOLD ALL MONEY BINGO At the Reese Fire Department Social Hall at 1745 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster, Maryland

Mar. 31: LEADER DOG BANQUET REGION II...SEE COMING EVENTS



A single act of caring creates an endless ripple.

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES





ROAR LIKE A LION

Following are excerpts taken from "The Carroll County Times" on the Lions 22W

Roar Like a Lion Day in Carroll County.

Hundreds of people turned out for last year's Roar Like a Lion Day. For the second year Lions participated in "Roar Like a LION" on Jan. 26. Lions Clubs throughout Carroll County teamed up to hold their second annual Roar Like a Lion Day at every public library in Carroll County, offering multiple opportunities for children and adults to offer their service to the community through a myriad of activities. This is a great activity for all ages.

Roaring Run Lions Club and Deer Park Lions were at the Finksburg branch library. Lion Vicki Mahr was the coordinator. The Westminster Lions Club and Greater Carroll Lions Club were located at the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Public Library. The Thurmont Lions were located at the Thurmont Library.

The Lions Clubs had activities set up at tables throughout the library. Lion Susie Coursey is chairperson of the Westminster library event and the secretary for the Westminster Lions Club. She said they had a full house during the entire three hours of last year's event. "I think it's important for kids to learn the value of giving back to people," Coursey said. "This event is so great because students can earn service hours and give back to the community, while having fun with their friends."

Some of the projects included: making warm scarves and blankets for those in need, making dog toys out of old T-shirts for the Humane Society of Carroll County, creating Valentine's cards to be sent to those serving in the military, and painting glass jars to brighten the day of assisted living residents. Volunteers helped fill first-responder appreciation bags for local firefighters and police. "We have 300 mugs to be painted with paints and permanent markers to be given out to those in recovery, the homeless, and others in need,"Lion Linda Auerback said. "They will have messages on them like, 'Be Kind to Yourself' and other anti-stigma messages

The Lions collected new toys for kids with cancer. Attendees are encouraged — but not required — to bring new items to donate, such as Lego sets, Matchbox/Hot Wheels, coloring books and crayons, board games, craft kits, dolls and doll clothes, pop-up books, Play-Doh, rattles and teething rings, playing cards, musical/light-up toys, gift cards, or cash. "They were taken to pediatric cancer patients at local hospitals in the Baltimore area," Coursey said.

"We serve' ... the Lions motto ... two simple words that have such a wide ripple effect," Lion Mahr said. "People want and need to serve others. It is proven that individuals and communities that 'serve' thrive and are healthier. It may be a cold Sunday in January, but these acts of service will warm the hearts and hands of the server as well as the recipient."

SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT "ROAR LIKE A LION" - YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Submitted by: PDG Paul Cannada District 22 W LCIF Coordinator

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the primary funding source for Lions' projects worldwide. LCIF has enabled Lions and clubs to exponentially expand their service and carry out more life-altering missions globally.

Recent research reveals fewer than 10% of Lions supplement their club dues and financial gifts to their clubs with direct donations to LCIF. Did you know that in many parts of the world, LCIF provides more in grants than it receives in donations from Lions and clubs there? (My note: The United States is one of the countries that receives more in grants than it donates to LCIF.)

Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service is a comprehensive capital campaign raising money to expand Lions' ability to help those in need today and for the next 100 years. While the campaign's *financial* goal is US\$300 million, the *ultimate* goal is Lions' ability to serve hundreds of millions of people by:

- Increasing our impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts.
- Fighting the global epidemic of diabetes.
- Expanding efforts in childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

The above was taken from an email from LCIF to all LCIF District Coordinators. It tells of all the good LCIF does around the world.

District 22 W has always been the leader for donations in MD 22 for: Leader Dog, Low Vision Research Foundation, Lions Saving Kids Sight, Lions Youth Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation. So far this year District 22 W has fallen behind District 22 D by \$15,000 in donations to LCIF. As most of you know 22 D has fewer members and fewer clubs than 22 W. Now I ask the members of 22 W, are we less caring about helping our international neighbors and our neighbors in the USA? I don't think so! I believe by the end of this Lions year we will surpass 22 D and continue to be the leader for MD 22. Don't forget about helping the people of Australia with the devastation that the wild fires have caused. So much death of human life, death of animal life and the destruction of more land than than the state of Ohio.

Any club that would like a presentation of Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service please contact me. 301-271-2924 or paulcanna-da@comcast.net



MILESTONE CHEVRON AWARDS

Submitted by Lion Julie Fritsch

The Chevron Award Program recognizes Lions for their long-term service and dedication, beginning at year 10 and continuing in 5 year increments, until 75 years of service.

There are two types of Chevrons that vary slightly in appearance: The **Charter Monarch Chevron**, that is **available to founding club members only**, and The **Monarch Chevron** for years of service.

Letters of recognition from International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, along with corresponding Chevrons have been received and recognized for the following Hagerstown Lions:

Charter Monarch Chevron – Lion PCC Clare Newcomer. Founding Club Member Antietam Lioness Club.

Monarch Chevrons:

Lion Charles G. Eichelberger – 10 years Lion David Lee Moats, Sr. – 20 years Lion James E. Fritsch – 25 years Lion Robert Vincent Tantillo – 25 years Lion Stephen G. Hull – 30 years Lion Richard L. Hershey – 30 years Lion Roger Golden Abraham – 35 years Lion Gerald D. House – 40 years Lion Bernard P. Lesky – 45 years

Congratulations to all! Awards will be presented at Club meetings through Feb. 11 when the recipient is present. Any remaining awards will be mailed to the recipient's home address.

LIONS GUEST SPEAKER ON LIFE INSURANCE NEEDS

The Lions Club of Frederick recently welcomed guest speaker Bob Carmack who spoke to the club about evaluating life insurance needs in your 50s, 60s, and beyond. It was a noteworthy presentation speaking on life insurance, long-term insurance, and alternatives. The bottom line is that everyone should review their own needs and plan accordingly.



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WESTMINSTER LIONS CLUB AND SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE TEAM UP FOR HOLIDAY FOOD DONATION

Submitted by Lion Diana Fraser

Several Westminster businesses and community organizations got into the holiday spirit in a big way, working together to make sure local families in need have enough to eat. Between November and the end of the year, Southern States Cooperative employees Darlene Jones, Robin Dull, and Patricia Nusbaum ran their annual holiday food drive at the store on John Street in Westminster. Promoted by signs in front of the Southern States store and by Santa, Mrs. Claus, and two elves who waved at passing cars, a record 650 food items were collected.



Robin Dull also collected \$140 in gift cards and cash, which were donated by some of the bikers who frequent the Denny's restaurant in Westminster.

Bill "Greenie" Green, a member of the Westminster Lions Club and a frequent visitor to the Southern States store, volunteered the Lions Club to take the donated food to the food pantry at the Westminster Church of the Brethren. Unfortunately, Lion Greenie passed away on December 29, but Lee Miller, president of the Westminster Lions Club, and Ted Burnett, a Lions Club member,

stepped in and delivered the food to the food pantry on Jan. 3.

Rolland Kiracofe, who chairs the Church of the Brethren's Loaves and SOUTHERN STATES DELIVERS!
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Fishes ministry and manages the food pantry, was on hand to receive the harvest of food items and gift cards. The donated items included hundreds of cans of food, as well as granola bars, noodles, rice, cereal, and crackers.

Three or four times a year, the Lions Club members serve a hot lunch at the Loaves and Fishes program at the Westminster Church of the Brethren and regularly contribute to the church's food pantry. However, thanks to the folks at Southern States, this donation was the largest ever by the Lions Club.

THURMONT LIONS CELEBRATE 90th YEAR

When the Thurmont Lions celebrated its 90th anniversary, SVDG Charlie Croft presented to the club a certificate in recognition of 90 years of service from District Governor Evan Gillet. Past International Directors Ted Reiver and Richard Liebno greeted the audience. SVDG Croft presented an International President's Certificate of appreciation to the mayor of Thurmont, John Kinnaird, for all he does for the Thurmont Lions club and the Thurmont community. Mayor Kinnaird presented two proclamations to the club: one from the town of Thurmont and the other from the State of Maryland (pictured left).



Lion Dianne McLean received a Melvin Jones Fellow award and Lion Doug Favorite (Pictured right) received a Life Membership. In addition, four chevron members were recognized: Lions Joyce Anthony and George Bolling—20 years; Lions Joann Miller and Kim Grimm—10 years. The past presidents were also recognized as were those members with 30 plus years of service



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OPERATION SECOND CHANCE

Yours in Lionism, Nadja Muchow, Zone Chair Region III

On January 11, 2020, Lions Clubs International, District 22W, was honored by Lisa Plant, Operation Second Chance volunteer, to speak to sixty-one Lions at our Third Cabinet Meeting. I am extremely proud of our Lions who were present. Without being asked, they voluntarily passed a basket and collected \$325.00 to be given to Operation Second Chance.

Operation Second Chance is a 501 (c)3 organization, who supports wounded service members during their recovery and assists them as they transition back to duty or civilian life. It began in 2004 when President and Founder, Cindy McGrew learned of seven soldiers that were injured and in route to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She immediately sent emails to the families to offer her support and assistance.

Operation Second Chance, *Helping Heroes, Move On:* "We are patriotic citizens committed to serving our wounded injured and ill combat veterans. We support Veterans and their families by building relationships and identifying and supporting immediate needs and interests. We are dedicated to promoting public awareness of the many sacrifices made by our Armed Forces."

Please visit <u>operationsecondchance.org</u> to learn how you can help the Veterans and their families so they can be home enjoying life with their families! Pictured below DG Evan Gillett and Lisa Plant Second Chance Volunteer.



YELLOW SPRINGS LIONS BRING CHRISTMAS TO NURSING HOMES

Submitted by Lion Joann Bannon

The Club held Christmas Parties at Montevue and Citizens Assisted Living which were a huge success. Each resident received gifts presented by Santa Claus. LOINS Sandy Baisey and Terry Lambert provided the gifts. The volunteers enjoyed seeing the joy and appreciation the faces of the residents.

Volunteers are pictured blow: Barbara Kemp, Lion Terry Lambert, Lion Sandy Baisey, Lion Joann Bannon, Bob Carmack, Shannon Hope, Lion Tony O'Toole, Ruth Smith and RJ Smith. Montevue volunteers are: Lion Roger Wastler, Lion Holly Wastler, Lion Will



LAVALE LIONS PARTICIPATE IN ROBOTIC EVENT

Submitted by PDG Steve Finger

LaVale Lions Mark Kyle and John Lewis logged 17 volunteer hours at the Allegany County React LEGO Robotics League Event. It was held on Saturday, January 11th. There were twenty teams of around ten kids on each team. See picture below.





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FREEDOM DISTRICT NEWS

Submitted by lion Don Champ

New Lion Michele Sciacchitano was formally inducted into the Freedom District Lions Club) and Lions Clubs International (LCI) by First Vice District Governor, District 22-W, LCI Barbara Brimigion during the club's January 8, 2020.



Sciacchi-Lion tano joined the local service club in August, 2019 and has actively been participating in the activities of the club since that time but due to a business travel commitment. she could not make previously scheduled

duction ceremony. Pictured (I r): Jim **FDLC** Moore, President, Sciacchitano and **Brimigion**

Dean Brewer from the Carroll County State Attorney's Ofthe fice was guest speaker

at the January 8th meeting of the Freedom District Lions Club. He discussed scams that are perpetrated on people daily in Carroll County and elsewhere in an attempt to steal our money. He provided the members with information and advice on how not to fall victim to these schemes and how to report scams to the Federal Trade Commission. He also discussed identity theft. . Pictured (I - r) are: Bob Hodgkiss Sr., FDLC Program Chairman; Brewer; and Jim Moore, FDLC President

LIBERTYTOWN UNIONVILLE NEWS Submitted by Lion William Strauss

Christmas Poinsettias: Lion Jim Ensor reports that 49 poinsettias were distributed to the elderly and sick in our community on the weekend of December 6-7. He thanks those who helped, Lions Bob Flaherty, Robert Hensley, Sue Ensor, Jack Niemiec and Bill Strauss. Pictured below is Catherine Anderman, widow of Lion Bill Anderman who now resides in Homewood of Williamsport after receiving her poinsettia.

Christmas Party

The Trout group presented their version of "Family Feud". The partner with the most active job was Jimmy Trout who prepared the tote board where the questions were listed and then posted the answers as they were



answered correctly. We were divided into two families, the Libertytown family and the Unionville family, Lion Cindy interviewed the contestants and asked the guestions. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the game! A slide show of the event was emailed to all members and is available on face book.

The Christmas party was a great success thanks to the committee who planned it, Lions Cindy Trout, Harriet Brown and Josie Swope. We were well fed and enjoyed playing two games. The first crafted by the Swope puzzle experts was a sheet of 10 unrelated and obscure questions such as how many ridges are on a dime! We were paired into teams and asked to pick the correct multiple choice answer. The winning team members with 7 correct answers were Sue Ensor & Robert Hensley

Before heading home after an evening of fun and enjoyment. we gathered for a **group picture which is shown** below.



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FSK LIONS CLUB STEPS IN WITH MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmell



In August 2019 when Frederick nonprofit Federated Charities announced their intention of shuttering their free used medical equipment program (<u>Local Lions Clubs fill void, July 11, 2019</u>), some newer members of the Francis Scott Key Lions Club knew they had to help.

"With a motto of 'We Serve,' there was never a question of our club not stepping up and helping out," said Gary Bennett, an FSK Lions Club member who saw the Federated Charities announcement in the News-Post and took up the charge. "This is a needed program that just had to continue in some shape or form."

As the July 11 news article reported, several other Lions Clubs in the county and surrounding area also provide free medical equipment to all who ask, but none of the three clubs serving the greater Frederick area had participated to this point. "The need is there," according to Gary's wife, Ellen Bennett, who is a retired hospice and long-term care nurse and fellow FSK Lion. "Many folks in our community just can't afford the medical equipment they need, and they fall through the cracks because their health insurance won't cover this needed equipment. We'll lend it for free." She will serve as program manager for the FSK Lions program. "We will serve as a conduit for those with medical equipment to share to get it into the hands of those who need it. It's really not much different from a lending library," said Ellen. We will ensure that all equipment is clean, disinfected, and in good working order when it is picked up."

The FSK Lions used medical equipment program will provide wheelchairs, knee scooters, walkers, rollators, bedside commodes, shower chairs, crutches, and canes. Those with equipment no longer needed can contact the Bennetts through the club's website (www.fsklions.org or email medequip@fsklions.org)

or the regional Lions Clubs website at https://mdlions22w.org/. Just find the tab "Medical Equipment" and then FSK Lions Club. Citizens needing equipment can use the same web address to get help.

For the time being, the FSK program will operate out of the Bennetts' garage in the Frederick area. "Trying to find an appropriate and permanent home for such a needed program is more difficult that you might imagine," according to Gary. "I've contacted numerous storage facilities and other likely targets such as other nonprofits to no avail. I know the Frederick community wants to help so if any of your readers know of a facility or can provide one of their own, we would like to hear about it. We need about 300 square feet. We don't mind giving up our garage for such a worthy cause, but it's not a good long-term solution for us or the Lions."

Securing an appropriate storage facility for the medical equipment is what has caused many Lions Clubs, including the Frederick and Yellow Springs clubs, to not participate. "Lions Clubs serving smaller communities that tend to have their own buildings are more able to provide a service like this," said FSK Lions Club president Duane Voitel. "We are proud of the Bennetts for stepping up but we need the community to also help us. We don't mind putting in the volunteer hours to coordinate something like this, but we just don't have the funds or land to set our own storage facility on. We'd certainly like to have something more centrally located in downtown Frederick so we can best serve the folks who need it the most. Lions Club International does provide its own insurance."

According to Gary Bennett, anyone needing equipment can contact them through the FSK Lions Club and have it the next day. Recipients are expected to pick up the equipment themselves, but in certain situations, the Lions can help with that. Recipients can use the equipment for as long as they need but are expected to eventually return it so the Lions can lend it again.

"Elin Ross with Federated Charities has been invaluable in helping us set up this program," said Gary. "They've provided valuable consultation, advice, and a waiver document that we are using. We also thank Lions Jim Ensor with the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club and Dennis Ahalt with the Mount Airy Lions Club for helping us build our inventory and Frederick's Senior Services Division and Frederick Health Hospice who are helping to spread the word about this program."



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HAGERSTOWN LIONS SHARE CHRISTMAS GIFT MEMORIES WITH FELLOW LIONS

On Jan. 7, members with unusual, sorrowful, or funny experiences during the holidays shared their memories with the club, a tradition at this time of year. Four Lions were on the meeting agenda to tell their stories:

Lion Joe Wolf had a tale of woe, reciting a litany of residential ordeals that started with 3" of water from a plumbing leak in a rental property that will require tearing up the hardwood floor and replacement of the underfloor and the hardwood. NEXT, his overhead door operator would not operate, so they had to use the seldom-used front door to enter the house, EXCEPT the key would not open the lock. The only available locksmith was called and quoted \$100 for holiday service to which Lion Joe agreed. (One club member quipped that the cost of glass would be less if Joe broke into his own home.) Unable to get the front door open, they went to the back door, where the locksmith stuck his finger into an opening and opened the door. The locksmith

thought the front door may have a rusted cylinder, which he remedied with a shot of WD-4. And, poor Joe still had to have the overhead door operator fixed. We hope Lion Joe has a happier holiday next year.

Lion Rev. Tom Perry donned an *ill-fitting garment* to tell his story about a gathering of numerous family members to exchange gifts. Lion Tom got odd looks followed by laughter when he opened his gift. He didn't know what was so funny, but a 4th grade granddaughter was the first to recognize that Lion Tom's gift was a lady's bathrobe, or as Tom called it, "a female robe." There were five men present and all received the same gift. While laughter prevailed, **Lioness Linda**, who had ordered the robes online, was shocked that her online shopping had gone awry. The Perry's daughters are handling the returns.

Lion Bill Nairn shared the story of being asked to keep a Christmas gift dog overnight to keep it a secret from the recipient. The dog let it be known in no uncertain terms that it didn't want to be in a dog crate, so Bill left the dog out and it became settled on a rug. Before going to bed, they put the dog back in the crate, to which the dog objected. They took the dog into the back yard to do

what dogs do, as Bill described it they brought the dog back into the house and put it into the crate for the night. Unable to sleep with the dog creating a ruckus in the crate, it was let out to stop the whining. The next morning, when Lion Bill entered the living room and got a whiff of a very unpleasant odor, a large pile of dog you-know-what was found behind the sofa. Lion Bill vows and declares that he will no longer book overnight dog guests.

Lion Rev. Dave Kaplan, with several hard acts to follow, was left with telling us of two gifts he received. A Cracker Barrel gift card that was on the verge of being unused that became useful when an out-of-town friend called and suggested meeting Dave at Cracker Barrel. Another gift that Lion Dave received was a Jeopardy Day-to Day Desk Calendar that will muddle his memory cells for an entire year.

FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS' CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

Submitted by Lion DS Barb Brimigion

A total of 48 attendees (44 Lions and guests and 4 children) came to Oscar's Alehouse in Eldersburg on December 11th to celebrate the holidays. We had a private room to enjoy the camaraderie of our Lions friends and to enjoy our delicious meal.

We munched on salad, fried calamari and hummus with pita bread. We had our choice of jambalaya with pasta, grilled salmon or grilled teriyaki chicken entrees. We ended our meal with cake. Alcoholic drinks were reasonably priced that night and service was efficient.



Jeff Lion Zumbrun did great job in organizing enjoyable night for us away from our usual meeting place! Connie Zumbrun decorated

the tables with poinsettias. Lion Jeff made our holiday party a special event this year! Eight lucky Lions walked away with a poinsettia for their home.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmel

The Francis Scott Key Lions Club participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army on December 7th. Pictured below are bell ringers Lions Paul Gray and Will Rice. They were stationed at the K-Mart in Frederick.



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$MEMORIAL \cdot DAY \cdot PARADE \P$



Lion·Leaders, PR·Chairs, Lions, LEOs and Guests;

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Yes! "The Lions of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia are again invited to participate in the National Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2020. "This will be the 13th consecutive year in which we have done so. \"

Our Float is always decorated with the current Lions Logos/Themes. We also invite Lion Dignitaries and Local Dignitaries to join us on the Float.

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We are seen by over 300,000 people lining the parade route which extends from 7th Street to 18th Street along Washington's famous Constitution Avenue. We are seen by millions on several cable networks and streaming on websites. Those of you who have marched in previous years will remember that there were many onlookers who waved and cheered for us as we passed by and many received miniature flags from marching Lions who left the ranks to present them. To say this is the greatest Lions PR event of the year on the east coast is an understatement. Who wouldn't want to participate?

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And it is a solemn honor to participate in honoring all those who have given their lives for their country, along with all who are still serving (retired or Active). "You will have goose pimples as you march down that great, historic Constitution Avenue passing the Washington Monument and the White House; you will never forget it. "Even more unforgettable is when all the noise and music and cheering suddenly stops at 3 pm—it is early quiet—and then you hear the sound of a single bugle playing taps. "Again, you'll never forget it!"

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It does not take much from each club to participate: just 1 or 2 Lions to carry their club banner and a space on the float for those who cannot march. Those clubs sponsoring LEO clubs, please make every effort to get them involved. LEOs who have marched in previous parades have had a great time.

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Since 2015 we have had to honor of hosting Miss America, Miss USA & Miss Teen USA on our Lions Float. This has served to give the Lions Extra time at the Reviewing Stand and focuses special attention on Lions. We anticipate that this will continue in 2020.

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To cap it off, all parade participants are invited to a fantastic BBQ at the Virginia home of PDG "Woody" Woodard, located in northern Virginia and easily and quickly reached from the parade route. This is the Parade Committee's "Thank You" Celebration. Registration Form and an Agreement of Release will be distributed as soon as they are received. Please put us on your calendar and plan to participate.

All club presidents and club secretaries are urged to forward this email to all of their club members and to bring this up at their next club meeting so that all Lions have an opportunity to march with us down Constitution Avenue in our Nations' Capital on May 25^{th} .

MD PR Chair and Districts PR Chairs you can have this as your District PR Program. Just get Lions together, come to the District. We would also ask for your support in any way possible. We need Funds, Snacks, Water, Sports Drinks, etc., so please help if you can.

Yours in Service: Ed Woody Woodard woodywoodard@cox Cell 703-314-0889

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WHAT IS HAPPENING FROM JANUARY 13th-JANUARY 17th

Submitted by DS Barb Brimigion

Every day Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) works to fulfill our mission. "To support the efforts of Lions Clubs and partners in service communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants." The vast majority of grant funding is made possible by donations from Lions Clubs and individual members worldwide. LCIF does not receive any portion of Lions membership dues. Gifts from foundations, corporations, governments, non-lions, and interest earned on investments also provide funding.



Clubs throughout our district are encouraged to review their planned commitment to LCIF during this week and to begin considering potential Melvin Jones Award Nominees.

GREAT CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Submitted by Lion Don Favorite

Thurmont Lions Doug and Don hosted their Christmas house tour/dinner to benefit the Maryland Patriot Guard, Operation Second Chance and Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

At the first event 80 people attended and were treated to a tour of approximately 180 trees, including new trees. Guests capped off the evening with lots of food, including many appetizers, a full buffet of roast beef, Italian chicken, Frisco potatoes, Harvard beets, candied carrots, spiced peaches, lots of tasty desserts, and numerous drinks including our famous Christmas punch and snow cocoa.

The fundraiser generated a total of \$1,750 (\$300 for Operation Second Chance, \$600 for the Patriot Guard, and \$850 for the Sons of the American Revolution).

Special thanks to those who helped, including Lions Bob and Cartha Johnson, for their famous and very popular cheese ball, Lion Susan Favorite for the numerous desserts, Lion Don's Mom, Virginia, and her husband Jeff for the chocolates, and Lion Don's dad, Don Sr., and Lion Doug's brother, Kenny, for helping with parking. Also thanks to those who donated items for the Patriot Guard which were delivered to them that evening.

FREEDOM DISTRICT—ACTS OF KINDESS ETC.

Submitted by CS Barb Brimigion

On December 10th our Social Services Committee with Ellen Dix, Gary Peltier and Viki Peltier stuffed about 90 Christmas stockings for three nursing homes. Buttercup at Springfield Hospital and Shoemaker at Springfield Hospital.

One of our citrus fruit buyers donated two boxes of citrus fruit for our needy family. We added money for food and gifts for the family. New children's coats were purchased for the Leo/Lion Joint Christmas project.

A FDLC Lion member donated 30 boxes of fruit which was donated to 30 families as part of the Leo/Lion Joint Christmas Project.

CITRUS FRUIT SALES: Our citrus fruit was delivered on December 6th. Our customers picked up their fruit orders at the Lions Building on December 7th and 8th. Chair Ann Kramb reported that we sold 960 boxes of fruit.

Although there were less buyers this year, more Lion members stepped up to buy fruit. The profits should be similar to last year.

We received \$500 in donations which were used to purchase 20 boxes of fruit which were donated to Feed My Sheep at Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church and to Carroll Food on Sunday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Lion Jerry Apicella and Chair Ann Krramb delivered the fruit on December 11th. The picture below shows our faithful Lion Workers.



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ESSAY CONTEST DEADLINE

Submitted by Lion Bill Strass

The deadlines for the American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism Essay Contest are approaching. Essays in each category are to be judged by the sponsoring club. Winners should be recognized by your club once the essays have been judged at the club level and a suitable prize and certificate given to the winner.

Each club's winning essays in each category (elementary, middle, high and adult) are to be submitted to the zone chairman by **February 7, 2020.** The Zone Chair will evaluate the essays and submit one winning essay in each category to the Region Chair by February 21, 2020. The Region Chair will evaluate the essays, as submitted by their Zone Chairs, and will submit one essay in each category to the District Chair, Doug Favorite by February 28, 2020.

Winners at the district level will be requested to read their essays at the fourth cabinet meeting on April 4th, 2020. District winners will be presented with a U.S. flag and a \$100 cash award



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 - attached.

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

Yours in Lionism,

Doug Favorite



American Heritage, Preservation & Patriotism Essay Contest 2019-2020



Topics for this year are as follows:

Elementary Grades: If I had ridden with Paul Revere...

Middle School: Why I'm Proud to be an American

High School: How did the American home front support the war effort during WWII?

Adult: It's 1917, the US has entered WWI and the first Lions Club has started. How did each change the world?

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UNION BRIDGE 75TH CHARTER NIGHT

Submitted by Lion Ilene Weeks

On Jan. 14th our club celebrated our 75th Charter night at the Union Bridge Fire Hall with 25 of our club members and 45 additional guests.



Our guest speaker was 1st VDG Barbara Brimigion who rededicated the Charter, which was signed by Melvin Jones.

The first photo (left) shows the daughter of one of our original Charter members Lion Gretchen Kraft, 1st VDG Barbara Brimigion, Jeremy Bair, Grandson of an original charter member of our sponsoring

club Westminster Lions, and our President Charlene Johns.

The second photo shows 1st VDG Barbara and Lion Tom Tarpley receiving his chevron for 30 years service, also receiving



this award was Lion Lee Ogle.

The third photo (left) shows Lion Jose Flores and Lion Ilene Weeks who both were awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships, presented by PDG Marian Carmack.

The last photo includes our members from left to right. Lions Dennis Weeks, Rob Doan, Toni Eckenrode, Don, Elliott, Paul ,Lynch, Penny ,Larson, Nathan, Brown, Marcia Bubel, Tom Tarpley, Brenda Tarpley, Gesil Woelper, Mike Lippy, Charlene Johns, Sue Shafer, Joe Linthicum, Jacob Altvater, Bill Shafer, Cookie Sauble, Jose Flores, Gretchen Kraft, John Laudermilch, ,Mayor Perry Jones, Archer Jones, Ilene Weeks, John Sauble



HAGERSTOWN LION NEWS-TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME:

Submitted by Lion Julie Fritsch

On January 14th our club welcomed the Hagerstown

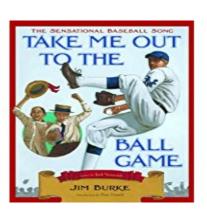
our meeting. Speaking to us were (from left to right) Travis Painter, General Manager, Time McDuliin, President of the Hagerstown Suns, Ross Jones,

Suns Staff to



head of marketing, and Johnny Castle, head of ticket sales and promotions.

Travis thanked us wholeheartedly for our service in the community and nationwide. He very enthusiastically spoke about The Suns 40th year here in Hagerstown and how the staff and team are working hard keeping baseball in Hagerstown. He explained that on average for a family of four, a night at the ballpark costs \$69including: tickets, food, and drinks. He went on to say that when we think about family time opportunities, and good quality togetherness, that often times a great game in the ballpark isn't the first to come to mind. He encourages all of us, and anyone of any age, to attend some great baseball this year at the suns Stadium and that one of the major improvements that they have made for this season is in their concessions. Listening to you, the fans, they expanded and improved their fried food section so the wait is eliminated and fans can order, get their food and get back to their seats. OPEN-ING DAY IS APRIL 16th.



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SOUTH CARROLL NEWS

Submitted by PDG Susan Bonura

POT LUCK DINNER MEETING: The meetings in February and March are potluck dinners. Please, if you are visiting the club during that period be advised that our meals are POTLUCK!

SOCIAL SERVICES: In February the club will collect new socks and underwear (especially for women and children) for Shepard's Staff. In March we will collect new or gently used books for young adults and children for our literacy program.

AMISH QUILT RAFFLE: Ticket sales continue for the quilt until our Charter Night in October. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets are available from Lion Sue Mykulyn.



FREEDOM LIONS HOST MEETING

Submitted by: Lion Don Champ

The Freedom District Lions Club hosted the other clubs in their Zone (Deer Park, Greater Carroll, Roaring Run, South Carroll Lioness and Taylorsville-Winfield Lions clubs) at their January 22, 2020 dinner meeting.

Zone Chairman Jeremy Bair, (pictured) from the Greater Carroll Lions Club, presided over the meeting. Each of the club presidents reported on recent service projects and fundraising activities as well as upcoming activities their respective club will be undertaking in the next three months. Region Chairman Ron Kafchinski and Zone Chairman Bair also gave reports.



SMITHSBURG LIONS CLUB EVENTS

Submitted by Lion Barbara Weaver

PROGRAM: Past District Governor Paul Cannada gave a presentation on Lions Clubs International Foundation and the need for more money to be donated and the different ways this can be accomplished. He reported on the goals and where the money goes and how the foundation is administered.

Lion Barbara Weaver introduced Deborah Wray who is the recipient of the Club's scholarship to Hagerstown Community College. She gave the Club information on her accomplishments during her high school years and what she is doing now at Hagerstown Community College and what her goals are for the future.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Smithsburg Community Children's Party was held on December 7 at Town Hall. There were approximately 400 people in attendance, and it was very crowded.

TOYS FOR TOTS: Lion Jack Wenthe reported that he delivered 54 toys and the organization was very appreciative of the donation.

BLOOD DRIVE: The blood drive was held on December 23 at the Smithsburg Fire Department. The goal was 19 units and 20 units were collected. There will be blood drives on February 24 and April 20 at the Smithsburg Fire Department.

TRAIN SHOW: The Club held a Train Show on November 30 at the Washington County Ag Center. President Richard Hembrock announced that the morning crowd was sparse as far as customers causing the vendors to close up early. The next Train Show will be February 8. We will be needing additional help. Lion Brian Dawson will be checking with the Scouts to determine whether any will be able to assist for service hours. Lion Elisa Sharpe suggested we have some folks come in from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 or 12:30 p.m. to assist with the lunch crowd.

VALENTINE DINNER: The Valentine Dinner will be February 12. The favors are ready, but door prizes are needed. Lion Barbara Weaver will contact Bob Martin to come and give a eyeglass recycling presentation.

LEADER DOG BANQUET: The District Leader Dog Banquet will be March 21 at the Chewsville Community Center. More details to come.

EASTER FLOWER SALE: The Easter Flower Sale will be April 10 and 11.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 11. Lion Jack Wenthe will reserve Lions Club Park. Lion Brian Dawson volunteered the Scouts to help hide the eggs.

ROAR LIKE A LION: There will be a District Day of Service – Roar Like a Lion on April 26. We will need a place as the Library is not open and will not be open on that day. Chewsville Lions Club will be participating. The community will be invited to participate as well.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Submitted by Lion Marcie Lynn Veronia

2020 SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHS GRADUATES

Submitted by Lion Bob Kells

Each year the Thurmont Lions Club awards scholarships to graduating Catoctin High school seniors. This year, the Lions club will offer \$4,000 in new scholarships to qualified students. The scholarships will be divided between seniors heading to college and those pursuing vocational training after high school.

Scholarship awardees are selected based on superior academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, community service, and demonstrated leadership skills. Announcements for the scholarships will be out by mid-January. The deadline for applications will be February 21. The scholarship Committee will review the applications and select the winners before the community awards are presented in May.

In addition to the \$4,000 in scholarships, another \$1,000 scholarship will be presented to Pablo Arriaga, las year's winner of the four-year Vic Jagow scholarship. Pablo will receive another \$1,000 after verifying he met the scholarship's criteria for another year, which includes:

Fulltime enrollment in a two-years or four-year college or university

Maintaining a 3.0 GPA

{Participation in at least one community service activity through a recognized service organization (such as the Lions Club) each year during the four-year period of the scholarship

These scholarships are made possible by the fundraising activities the club undertakes each year. Thanks to all the Club members who work hard during the year so that we can help some deserving students make their educational and vocational dreams come true.



Make a Difference Day was my first opportunity to head up an event for the Thurmont Lions Club. I am happy to report that through the support of club members, Thurmont Middle School, and Catoctin High school Leos, the Thurmont community, and a small group of friends and coworkers we collected 64 coats for children and 83 for adults.

The children's coats were delivered to Thurmont Middle School for distribution and the adult coats were given to the Frederick Recue Mission.

So much teamwork was involved. I would like to send a special thanks to Lisa Ruppel and Bob Kells from the Lions, Kelly Leigh Pizza at TMS, Eric Elliott, owner, Alter Ego Hair Salon and Thurmont Food Lion for helping me to coordinate everything.

We had a special donor who asked to remain anonymous but I must thank this person for paying to have all the coats drycleaned. As a team, I believe we made a difference.



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PREVENTING FALLS

Submitted by Lion Lynwood Browning, New Market Lions

THURMONT LIONS RECOGNIZE VOUNTEER POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Submitted by President Joyce Anthony

The Thurmont Lions Club held a food and clothing drive on Oct. 24 in recognition of Make a Difference Day. The food collected was provided to the Thurmont Food Bank while the clothing went to the Community Clothes Close Ministry operated by the Thurmont United Methodist Church.

As in past years, the Thurmont Lions Club used the Make a Difference Day event to recognize a Volunteer of the Year and Police Officer of the Year.

The 2020 Thurmont Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Joyce Anthony in recognition of her many hours of service to the Lewistown Methodist Church, JerMae Home Owners Association, Catoctin Community Medical Fund and other service organizations in the Thurmont area. The Thurmont Lions club will make a donation in Anthony's honor to the Catoctin Community Medical Fund. The club will also make donations to the charities selected by other nominees for the award who were Sherry and Rob Myers, George Bolling Odale Martin and David Place.

Officer 1st Class Jody Maybush of the Thurmont Police Department was recognized as the 2020 Police Officer of the Year. Maybush received a plaque and dinner for two at the Shamrock Restaurant, and the Thurmont Lions Club will make a donation in his name to the charity of his choosing.

_Among older adults, falls are the leading cause for emergency care. Falls can also lead to more severe injuries such as hip fractures and head trauma, which lead to reduced mobility or a hospital stay. Frederick Health Hospital Rehabilitation Center wants you to remain independent and mobile, so consider these tips to reduce the risk of falling in your home

HALLWAY: Remove throw rugs.

LIVING ROOM: Use chairs with armrests and remove throw rugs.

KITCHEN: Move items so they are easily within reach and do not clean with high gloss wax protector.

BEDROOM: Keep a light near your bed, sit down to get dressed, and keep loose items and clothing off the floor.

STAIRS: Use handrails, install anti-slip strips, and have a visual contrast on the edge of steps.

BATHROOM: Use a shower chair and handheld shower head, install grab bars near the toilet and shower, put a riser seat on toilet, and have a nightlight in the bathroom.

Move chords and other objects out of walkways and do not use chairs that spin or chairs that have wheels.

Above information provided by Frederick Health Hospital Rehabilitation Center. For more information, visit: fmh.org/rehabilitation.



2020 USA/CANADA FORUM Submitted by Lion Richard Hosfeld 3.dhhosfeld@gmail.com

Fellow Lions your 2020 USA/Canada Forum will be held this year in the beautiful city of Louisville Kentucky September 17-19. On line reservation can be made at registrar@lionsforum.org, Early bird cost until May 31 2020 at \$ 285 for all events remains a bargain for 4 banquets and 80 seminars. Speakers for the four banquets are highly paid motinivial professionals normally not available to grass roots Lions. The 80 seminars cover the gambit of Lion interest topics presented by fellow Lions, past and present officers with vast experience in their field. Many opportunities are available for Lions to interact and speak with current and past International Presidents, International Directors and International Office personal. If you have ideas or Lion program concerns The Forum is the place for dialogue with the headquarters personnel.

Feel free to call me to speak to your club or Zone meeting.

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Dear Lion,

We ask that you please visit our website and review the documents we are sending you. Please share with your Lions Club and Leo Club. Our Leo Council is working extremely hard to coordinate an awesome 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum in Visalia, California. We will have great motivational speakers, workshops for Leos and Lions, daily fun activities hosted by the Leo Council, a joint service project, and a fun but educational trip to Yosemite National Park. That is why we ask for the support of all Lion Leaders to promote and share our material with your clubs, Leos, and Parents. This is great educational and networking opportunity for Leos. I also invite you to watch the video below made by Leo Jemimah of Arizona that previews highlights of the 3rd Leo Leadership Forum held in Arizona.

If you have any questions about the 4th Leo Leadership Forum. Feel free to email or call us. We are here to help you with any questions you might have.

The USA/Canada Leo Advisory Council would like to wish a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Leo Fabian Maxwell

Chair, USA/Canada Leo Advisory Council

LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM

Leos are invited to register for the 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum to take place from **July 21st to July 26th, 2020** in California.

Leos will develop leadership skills while participating in workshops facilitated by Lions and Leos experts in various topics. There will be a Leo Advisor Workshop, Leo Advisor Round-table discussion with LCI staff, and Lions Seminar for Parents. After all workshops, our Leos will engage with Leos from all over the United States, Canada, and Multiple District 60 (Islands of the Caribbean) in fun activities during the week-long forum.

LEO NEWS

WALKERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB:

The WHS Leos helped to serve dinner, wash dishes, and clean up at the Soup Kitchen in downtown Frederick on December 11th. We are hoping to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. If you would like to go with us one Wednesday, let Lion Jennifer know (301-788-0526).

A great time was had by the WHS Leos at their bowling party on December 17th at the

Walkersville Bowling Center. A new member joined at the party!

The WHS Leos were joined by the WMS Leos, the WMS Chorus, and the New Midway Elementary School Chorus for a great time caroling to the residents of the Glade Valley Nursing Home on December 19th.

Lion Advisor Jennifer Smith and WHS Faculty Advisor Paul Hoffman would love to have another Glade Valley Lion to help to set up and attend the meetings and projects. The meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 10:20 – 10:55am. The meetings are held at the high school either in the auditorium or in Mr. Hoffman's room.

FREEDOM DISTRICT LEOS CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Fifteen Lions with and 50 LEOs from Century High & Liberty High Schools and five other volunteers purchased Christmas toys and clothes for approximately 64 needy children on December 14th at Walmart in Eldersburg.

The gift wrapping by Lions and Leos took place at 11:00am at Liberty High School in the media center after the shopping spree.

Lion Michelle Sciacchitano and Roderick Brown donated coats for some of the children.

Parents picked up the gift bags in the afternoon. The average amount spent on each of the 64 children was \$100.



LEO NEWS

CATOCTIN HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW LEOS

Submitted by Lion Bob Kells

The CHS LEOs have been hard at work this fall. In November, we welcomed nine new members to the club during our meeting on Thursday, November 14th.

New members and old alike have been hard at work raising funds for club projects. LEOs sold Christmas themed candies during lunch hours in the month of December. This followed a similar candy sale project around Halloween.

On December 14th, the LEOs helped out at the annual CHS Santa's Workshop. The Club had a table where children made

Christmas ornaments for their trees at home. We also ran a bowling alley where children tried to knock down empty plastic water bottles with a ball. Everyone received a prize no matter how many bottles they knocked down. After all, it is Christmas!

The CHS LEOs will be working on more community service projects in the new year. LEOs ROAR!



CHS LEO Club faculty advisor Trish Steele (above) was the head of the Santa Worship ornament table.





THURMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL LEOS

Submitted by Lion Lis Ruppel

The Thurmont Middle School LEO's have been very busy the past couple of months.

During October and November, TMS LEOs held a coat drive in conjunction with the Thurmont Lions Club Coat Drive for Make a Difference Day. The LEOs collected multiple boxes of coats which were combined with the other coats collected by Lion Marci Veronie and sent to be dry cleaned. Some of the coats were then distributed to kids and families in the TMS community who needed them with the help of TMS Community Outreach Coordinator.

For Halloween, the TMS LEOs held a Costume Contest Fundraiser. For a small fee, students wear their costume to

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school or Halloween.

A contest was held at lunch time with judging by the lunch staff and an Amazon gift card for the best costume for each grade level.

The TMS LEOs voted to use some of the money they raised to buy a Thanksgiving dinner for a family in need at TMS. Ms Ware spoke with both Food Lion and Weis and with their generous assistance were able to put together baskets with food for Thanksgiving dinner for two families. The baskets were distributed by Ms. Pizza.

In December the LEOs assisted the Language Arts Department with their Food Drive by collecting the donated food and loading it into Ms. Ware's car.



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 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



HAGERSTOWN-LIONS-CLUB¶

P.O.·Box·167¶

Hagerstown, · Maryland · 21741¶

You are cordially invited!

Hagerstown·Lions·Club¶ 97th-Anniversary-Charter-Night¶

Saturday, ·March · 21, · 2020¶

The · Abundant · Life · Building ¶ ·(formerly-Academy-Theatre)¶

58 · East · Washington · Street ¶ Hagerstown, ·MD··21740¶

Social·begins·at·6:00·PM;·Dinner·at·6:30·PM¶ Price: .. \$25 per person¶

RSVP·by·Thursday,·March·12,·2020¶

DEER PARK LIONS CLUB PRESENTS



Food, drink & homemade

desserts available

KING TUT - a chance to win a cash prize!

Saturday March 21st

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. -- Kitchen opens at 6 P.M. Bingo starts at 7 P.M.

Gamber Fire Department Social Hall

Route 32 and Niner Road, Gamber, MD





FICKETS & INFORMATION: CONTACT DAVE HOPKINS 443-257-5882 OR DAVRHOPKINS@GMAIL.COM

District 22-W Region I





Hosted by the Cumberland Lions Club Lion's Center, 901 Seton Drive, Cumberland, MD 21502 Menu: Lasagna Dinner-Cost is \$10.00

Program

by FVD Barbara Brimigion

who is District 22-W First Vice District Governor and the

Hearing, Preservation and Action Chair

Deadline for reservations is 2/2/2020

For more information contact Lion Jean White at 301-724-7976

Email: ejwhite256@gmail.com

Send reservations and check to:

Cumberland Lions Club

13200 Harvester Lane, NE

Cumberland, MD 21502

COMING EVENTS

We Serve

Deer Park - Swanton Lions

POTATO BAR!



Supporting Cindy's Fund is our club's primary mission! Call or text 301-501-7482 for information.

Eat-In or Take-Out! Friday, February 21st 4 PM until 6:30 PM (or sell-out)



Support your local **Lions Club**

Cindy's Fund

otatoes & Tortilla Shells

(White & Sweet Potatoes) Taco Seasoned Beef

Broccoli, Melted Cheddar, Bacon Bits, Butter, Sour Cream, Lettuce, Chopped Onions, Shredded Cheddar, Diced Tomatoes, Rolls, Tortilla Chips, Salad Dressings, Brown Sugar, Chunky Mild Salsa, Cinnamon Sugar & Dessert Beverages for Dine-In!

\$10.00/\$6.00 adults/kids

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* Dinner is all you can eat for those dinning in. No carry out containers.

Deer Park Community Center

100 Church Street - Deer Park, MD 21550



HICKEN-BULL DINNER

DAYTONA 500 PARTY

Sunday, February 16, 2020 Doors Open 11:30am until Race Ends

Menu 11:30-3:30pm: Fried & Steamed Shrimp, Fried Chicken, Beef, Hot Dogs & Kraut, Crab Soup, Baked Beans, Potatoes, Cheese, Chips, Slaw, Bologna, Pretzels, Rolls and Dessert, Beer, Soda, Etc.

(Hot Buffet Stops at 3:30pm - Enjoy Food & Drink until Race Ends)

(2) 8 ft. BIG SCREEN PROJECTOR TVs RACE POOLS - GAMES OF CHANCE DOOR PRIZES - SILENT ACTION - TIP-STRIPS - 50/50 - RAFFLES - GAMES

\$ 25.00 PER PERSON -ADVANCE SALE

\$30.00 - at the door (if space available)

Sponsored by and all proceeds Benefit Terra Rubra Lions Youth Programs & Lions Club Building Fund Party Held at 6300 Middleburg Road, Keymar, MD

To be a sponsor or contributor to this event or for ticket information contact Larry Stambaugh at 443-918-8566 or 410-202-4360

District 22-W Lions Clubs Rock!

Rock Painting on February 22 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pmat the Thurmont Library



Pet rocks to be provided to children who are hospitalized

All ages welcome to help us paint rocks for children in hospitals at the Thurmont Library Supplies provided

February 22, 2020 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Thurmont Regional Library 76 E Moser Rd #1807, Thurmont, MD 21788

Contact Julie El-Taher at 301-788-0855 for details



The Greater Carroll Lions

Cordially Invite You To Help Us Celebrate Our

15th Charter Anniversary

Thursday, February 27th, 2020 at the

VFW Social Hall

519 Poole Road, Westminster

Social/Cash Bar: 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm - \$ 20 / person





Guest Speaker from the Carroll County Sheriffs Office " Law Enforcement in Carroll County'

> Please RSVP Before February 19, Charter Chair - Irv Bohr

> > Call or Text 410-259-3836 Email ibohr@comcast.net

COMING EVENTS

Potomac Valley Lions Club



ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER



Italian style meat sauce with meat balls, served over pasta, with salad, roll and dessert. Drinks provided for dine in.

Cost is your donation • Dine in or Take out Call 301-729-0088 the day of the dinner.

Saturday February 15th

Saturday, February 15th starting at 4 PM

Rawling's United Methodist Church 18910 McMullen Hwy SW, Rawlings, MD 21557 Help support your local Lions Club

REGION II LEADER DOG BANQUET

HOSTED BY: Region II - Chewsville Lions Club

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2020

TIME: Social at 6 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM



LOCATION: Chewsville Community Center, 11735 White Hall Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783.

SPEAKER is Justin Sutton.

MENU :Cranberry salad, stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, succotash, rolls and butter, cake, beverages

COST: \$9.50 per person.





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COMING EVENTS



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

TERRI LYNN CARES
OUR ON-LINE STORE IS OPEN!
https://lc.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 OR-DER!

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



children with cancer and receive <u>TWO</u> free Early Bird Cards!



\$18.00 in advance; \$20.00 at the door

For ticket information, call Barb at 410-857-8461 Permit #20-027

All proceeds go to benefit our community!



MYERSVILLE LIONS COUNTRY BREAKFAST

LOCATION: Myersville Fire Hall DATE: FEBRUARY 1& March 7 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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COMING EVENTS!



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Event: Wine Tasting tobenefit FSK Lions Club Charities

Date: Sunday, February 9th

Tíme: 1:00 pm

<u>Place:</u> Spin the Bottle Wine Company 9 West Patrick St, Frederick

Admission: \$15.00 paid in advance; \$20.00 at the door

Light refreshments will be provided

Spin the Bottle

a sponsor of the tasting will donate a portion of wine purchase proceeds to FSK LIONS

> Event Sponsors: FSK Lions Club Spin the Bottle Wine Company



Francis Scott Key Lions Club

presents

CANINES ON THE CREEK

Dog Parade and St. Patrick's Day Costume Contest!

Dress up you and your pooch in your best St. Patrick's Day get up!
In conjunction with Downtown Frederick's First Saturday!
RAIN or SHINE!

Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Carroll Creek Linear Park Trellis and Amphitheater Area

Register by calling Lion Gary Bennett at 301-606-3012 or mail check to FSK Lions Club, ATTN: Canines on the Creek, P.O. Box 3932, Frederick, MD 21705-3932

> Advance Registration Fee: \$15 per Dog (2 dogs for \$25) Day of Event Fee: \$20 per Dog (2 dogs for \$35)

All proceeds benefit Lions Club Leader Dog ™ Program (Providing Leader Dogs ™ to blind and low-sight individuals)

Judging Categories:

- · Best owner and dog look-alikes
- · Best small breed costume
- Best large breed costume



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