



LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

DECEMBER



We have just celebrated Thanksgiving, an annual national holiday in the United States which once celebrated the harvest and other blessings of the past year. It has now become a time for families to come together and count their blessings. As Lions, we have a lot to be thankful for. I asked some Lions around our district to share what they have to be thankful for as a Lion. Here is what I have heard:



- *Thankful for the service that we provide for the community
- *Thankful for the opportunity to serve in a meaningful way
- *Thankful for the Lions that we have in our club
- *Thankful for having the chance to be useful and feel needed in the community instead of staying home and grieving after the loss of an only child.
- *Thankful for the opportunity to keep busy by helping people during my retirement years.
- *Thankful to be able to spread diabetes awareness throughout the community and encourage people to get tested
- *Thankful for the friendships that we have developed in our Lions Club
- *Thankful for the opportunity to make a difference in our community.
- *Thankful for the opportunity to enhance and use my leadership skills in my club
- *Thankful for the chance to make pediatric cancer patients smile.
- *Thankful for the chance to put food on the table for our club's needy family
- *Thankful for the opportunity to help people in need and to work with people who feel the same way that I do.
- *Thankful for the chance to help the homeless and the needy with supplies of blankets and pillows.
- *Thankful for the opportunity to improve the quality of life for people in our neighborhood
- *Thankful for making our community a better place in which to live
- *Thankful that our club was able to help the community during the pandemic by conducting a pop-up pantry for many weeks

I hope that you still had the chance to enjoy the holiday while your children and grandchildren were not with you this year. May we all have the chance to have a normal Thanksgiving next year. ***May the upcoming holiday season in December be a happy but safe one for you and your family.***



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FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

December Newsletter Article

Happy holidays to all of our district Lions and their families! Whether you observe Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa, may each of you be filled with the love of family and friends and the meaning and joy of the season. It is interesting to note that each of these celebrations are symbolized by light in some fashion, whether it be candle light or the lights from Christmas decorations. The seasonal lights are especially welcomed this year as we head into the long winter months with shorter days and longer nights. It seems that this winter could be even more bleak with COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of many of our traditional Lions holiday activities. However, we Lions need to step up our game and bring a little more light into the world. Here are several service ideas to consider as we answer International President Choi's theme of Kindness Matters during the pandemic.

1. Seek out club members who are especially vulnerable during the holidays. A simple phone call to determine a member's wellbeing can provide a valuable insight into whether additional assistance is needed. A home cooked meal or a plate of holiday goodies left at the door can brighten up the day.
2. Seek out non-Lion homebound community members who can use assistance. Offer to help with shopping or, again, provide a meal or holiday treat.
3. Find new creative service projects that minimize or eliminates human interaction. As an example, the members of the South Carroll Lioness Lions have replaced an existing service project that involved delivery of donated items with a new project to purchase toys for the children at the University of Maryland Medical Center's Children's Hospital. The toys are purchased on-line from Wal-Mart, Target or Amazon with the items delivered directly to the hospital on behalf of the club.
4. Participate in the second Vice District Governors Service Challenge by donating diapers, baby wipes and/or white socks for your home county homeless agencies. The need is on-going and our shelters appreciate any assistance. As a matter of fact, we recently learned that the Union Rescue Mission in Allegany County will accept any men's socks, white or non-white, new or slightly used. Such is the need! Once you have made the delivery please send the signed confirmation forms to either SVDG Nadja or me.

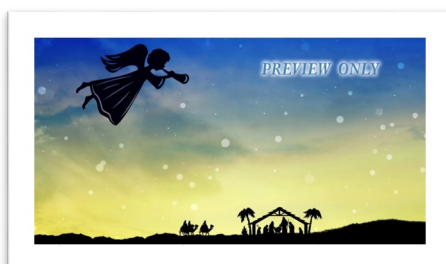
Speaking of the Vice District Governors' Service Challenge, SVDG Nadja and I want to thank those Lions and clubs that participated in the first challenge for the year – "Kindness in Action Blanket and Pillow Drive. We had 18 clubs donate 537 blankets and 304 pillows. Top club was the Hampstead Lions Club which has received \$100.00 in recognition for their efforts. Way to go Hampstead Lions!!

Finally, with the escalating number of positive COVID cases in our district, my outside Lions activities have been seriously curtailed. I was able to attend the second cabinet meeting, my home club meeting and District Governor Barb's official visit and charter rededication for the Oakland – Mt. Lake Park Lions Club. Congratulations to those Lions who celebrated eighty years serving the southern Garrett County community. I participated, via Zoom, in the Region 1 All Zone Meeting hosted by RC Bridgette Karalewitz, the LVRF Rally, the monthly GAT meeting and the DG/VDG monthly meeting.

Again, happy holidays. Let's hope that the new year brings a brighter future for our clubs and our district. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy!

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DISTRICT 22-W VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS' SERVICE CHALLENGE

"Kindness in Action"

Socks, Diapers & Baby Wipes for the Homeless

The agencies that provide services for the homeless in our five-county service district are in need of **new white socks, diapers and baby wipes** as they provide cold weather shelters for the upcoming winter season. For those shelters providing ongoing housing the need for socks and baby items is never ending. This is a great way to complete a simple act of kindness and instill a sense of service for our Lions members.

Lions can donate packages of new white socks and/or boxes/packages of diapers and baby wipes to our homeless shelters, get a signed receipt (page 2) for the number of items donated and submit the receipts to either FVDG Charlie or SVDG Nadja at or before the Third Cabinet Meeting on January 23. We have already contacted the various county agencies listed below and they are eager to accept what we donate. You may also use other facilities that will accept the requested items on behalf of the homeless. The club donating the most items will be recognized with a \$100.00 cash prize from the District.

Within our five counties there already exists a number of homeless and the number of persons seeking assistance is increasing each month. Winter is especially hard for those unable to secure shelter. The need is there – here is our opportunity to respond and serve.

You may use any facility in our district that will accept items for the homeless or any of the following agencies which will accept socks, diapers and baby wipes for the homeless:

Human Service Programs of Carroll County
10 Distillery Drive, Westminster, MD 21157
410-857-2999
Deliver items to Railroad Drive in Westminster – first floor

Frederick Rescue Mission in Frederick County
419 W. South Street, Frederick, MD
301-695-6633

Reach of Washington County
140 W. Franklin Street, Suite 300, Hagerstown, MD 21740
301-733-2371
Items accepted Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Union Rescue Mission of Western Maryland
(provides services for Allegany & Garrett Counties)
16 Queen City Pavement, Cumberland, MD 21502
301-724-1585

Date of Delivery: _____
Name of Club: _____
Place of Delivery: _____
Number of Diaper Packages: _____
Number of Baby Wipe Containers: _____
Number of Sock Packages: _____
Signature of Staff at the facility: _____

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SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Gratitude can Transform Common Days into Thanksgivings

District 22 W Lions. If you would enter my friend's house, right on the wall in front of you, there is a quote that is hanging on the wall. The quote reads, **"Gratitude is the best Attitude!"** I like reading it as I walk into the house every time I visit him. It always reminds me to be grateful for our friendship. Yes, it is always good to be grateful. But I am also aware that it can be really difficult to think of things you are grateful for when everything in your life seems to be going in the wrong direction – like this pandemic that doesn't seem to be going away any time soon.

As I continue to speak with Lions, attend meetings, and celebrate the holidays this year, I wanted to acknowledge that none of us imagined celebrating or meeting the way we are now. In my situation, I come to work every day and spend time with patients fighting for their lives, many who have lost their jobs, homes and worry about their next meal. My grandkids cannot go to school and enjoy the company of their friends. I cannot even begin to quantify the emotional and spiritual toll this situation is taking on Lions throughout the world.

While I cannot answer for you, I can tell you that I have one thing that I am grateful about. **I am grateful for all the District 22W Lions who continue to care for each other and their communities. You** are making a difference no matter whether you provide service from home or are physically out and about in your communities. You are making sure that needs are being met.

District 22 W, your commitment and dedication touches lives. Because of your decision to continue to think outside the box and find creative ways to provide service, you have made a difference. I know you do not do it to receive praise, but because you believe in Lionism you go above and beyond. That is why I am thankful for you. I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you, and this is what keeps this Lion going.

Lions, please take a moment and be grateful, for **Gratitude is the Best Attitude!**



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DISTRICT NEWS**COVID-19 AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLUBS**

As we move to December with the current rise in the Covid-19 numbers **please remember the following:**

Due to the directives of Governor Hogan and the state health officials, indoor gatherings of more than 25 people are discouraged. This would apply to indoor Lion events, including club meetings, charter nights, Lion holiday gatherings, region-wide meetings, zone meetings, and fundraisers. The district strongly advises that the clubs in our district follow this recommendation.

This will also affect our **next cabinet meeting** in January. I have already discussed this with Region Chair Leroy Watkins. If your indoor meetings, including the upcoming region-wide and zone meetings typically have more than 25 attendees, please change the format to a virtual meeting (Zoom), limit the attendance to a maximum of 25 or cancel the event. Visiting clubs should always call clubs to determine how they are meeting and whether the clubs can accept any visitors. Your safety is our primary concern.

In this challenging time with increased COVID-19 cases and more restrictions on our Lions events, the Lions in our district must help one another to keep all of us safe. **I am asking all Lions to notify your club if you become infected with the virus or you have been exposed to someone with the virus.**

Please follow the recommendations of the CDC and local health departments to avoid spreading it to your club members and other clubs too. Also, I encourage clubs to notify the district if you have any club members who have contracted the virus and to **avoid accepting Lions from other clubs for visitations** during the quarantine period. The district will acknowledge the name of the club only - not the Lion's name.

Please inquire whether the Lion had visited any other club at the time of the COVID diagnosis. **When Lions call the clubs to make a visitation, please ask whether there are any Lions with the virus.** I also prefer that upcoming DG official visits be held as a virtual meeting instead of an in-person meeting. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in honoring these requests.

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MEMORIALS



LION RONALD STANLEY MCKENNEY, 79, of Kitzmiller, died on Monday, November 2, 2020, at his home. Born on November 12, 1940, in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Robert Stanley and Vera (Cox) McKenney.

Ron was a mechanic by trade, a veteran of the United States Coast Guard, and was a dedicated member of the Kitzmiller Lions Club and Mine Rescue. He was Methodist by faith. In his spare time, he enjoyed wood working, reading and history. Ron was a loving husband and father, being "Dad" and "Pap" to many. He was a good neighbor to all and was always willing to help and give. Ron will be fondly remembered as a wonderful man who was very kind and had a good sense of humor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Barbara (Myers) McKenney; his children, Brian White and partner, Dedra Chaudron of Stewardstown, PA, and Donna Yglesias and husband Paul of Spring Grove, PA; grandchildren, McKayla Frankenfield, Kaitlyn Frankenfield, and Kiersten Morrell and husband Cameron; and great grandchildren, Nicole Morrell and Laken Hopkins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Mummert, and a sister, Yvonne McKenney.

Friends will be received at the C & S Fredlock Funeral Home, P.A., 710 Church St., Kitzmiller on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 11 AM with Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh officiating. Face masks and social distancing are required and, if you or a family member are feeling ill, we ask that you stay home and visit with the family at a later time.

Interment, with military honors accorded by the combined honor guard of the American Legion Proctor Kildow Post #71 and Deer Park VFW Post #10077, will follow in the Garrett County Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Garrett County, PO Box 271, Oakland, MD 21550. The C & S Fredlock Funeral Home, P.A., Kitzmiller is honored to be serving the McKenney family at this time.

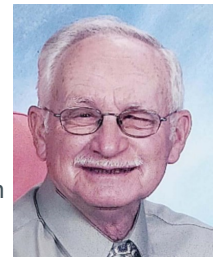


LION BRENDA I. FINCH, 81, Chewsville Lion, of Sabillasville, MD, passed away Sunday, September 27, 2020, at her home. She was born February 15, 1939 in Washington, D.C. She was a member of Smithsburg Valley Church, Chewsville Lions Club and Three Quilt Guilds. Sewing and quilting were her favorite pastimes; and she loved to do volunteer work for many different organizations. Brenda loved the club, and everyone loved her. She was always giving of her skills to help with any project without fanfare.

She retired from Montgomery County Board of Education as a computer repair technician. Brenda is survived by her husband of 34 years, Joseph Finch, whom she married January 4, 1986; sons, William Lemley and Joseph Lemley; brother-in-law, Jim and wife, Kathrine; sisters-in-law, Mary Finch (John) and Mary Finch; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Faustino Idian; one son, Rusty Lemley; one daughter, Carol Ann Riley; and one brother-in-law, John Finch.

Services were held Sunday, October 4, 2020, at J.L. Davis Funeral Home, Smithsburg, MD, with Pastor George Snyder and Pastor Clint Highfill officiating. Burial was private and at the convenience of the family in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, MD.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Brenda Finch to Chewsville Lions Club, c/o Lion Logan Doughtery, Treasurer, 103 Creekwood Drive, Greencastle, PA 17225 or to Smithsburg Valley Church, Refuge Missions, 12911 Bikle Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783. Online condolences may be offered at www.jldavisfh.com.



SELBY M. "BUDDY" BLACK, 86 of Union Bridge passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Thursday November 5th, 2020. Born December 22, 1933, he was the son of Monroe Vernon "Bill" & Charlotte (Keeney) Black. He was the husband of 62 years to Sara F. Geisbert Black, whom he married in 1958. He graduated from Frederick High School in 1953. He had a variety of jobs, including farming in his early years, owner of an insulation & barn painting business, construction, equipment mechanic and retiring from Martin Marietta at the age of 65. He proudly served on the Union Bridge Town Council. After retirement he worked for the Town of Union Bridge and cared for lawns. He was a member of both Libertytown & Union Bridge Lions Clubs, serving as president for each and served as the convalescent equipment coordinator for many years. He was also a member of the Taneytown Gun Club, Farm Bureau & Union Bridge Church of the Brethren.

Selby was an avid outdoorsman, especially enjoying hunting, fishing, boating, and gardening. He enjoyed family vacations and weekends at their cottage in West Virginia. He loved collecting John Deere lawn tractors, guns, and vintage cast fishing reels. He enjoyed photography, including wedding photography. He loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren and friends, playing cards, weekly breakfast club and hosting an annual Memorial Day picnic. He loved animals including his faithful beagle Max and cat Tommy.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by children Diane Brosius and husband Brad of Dover, PA, Loriane Black and husband Paul of Westminster, MD, and Sariane Condon and husband Michael of New Windsor, MD; grandchildren: Heather Callaghan and husband Brett, Ben Brosius and wife Shelley, Randee Black, Matthew Black and wife Aryn, Zachery Condon and Thomas Condon. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Union Bridge Lions Club, PO Box 5 Union Bridge, MD 21791, Libertytown Lions Club, PO Box 193 Libertytown, MD 21762 or Union Bridge Church of the Brethren, PO Box 518, Union Bridge, MD 21791.

MEMORIALS

LION DOLORES ILEANA (BEAN) CHABOT, 89, of Eckhart, passed away to be with her Lord, Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020. Born May 11, 1931, she is the daughter of the late Jesse Merrill and Mary (Keiling) Merrill. After her mother remarried, she was adopted by her stepfather, John Leo Bean, in 1937. The family resided in Frostburg until Dolores married Thomas Francis Chabot of Eckhart. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 65 years, Thomas Chabot; her parents; only sister, Patricia (Bean) Hawkins; and grandson, Shaun Evans.

Dolores graduated from Beall High School, in 1949, and obtained a teaching degree at Frostburg State Teachers College. She was a dedicated schoolteacher, often staying late after school to prepare for her students, until her retirement in 1992. Over her 36 years as a teacher, she taught at Flintstone, Oldtown, Ursuline Academy, Saints Peter and Paul, Barton, Lonaconing, Eckhart and Beall Elementary. She loved teaching, especially the years spent with first graders where reading was of utmost importance to her. After retiring, Dolores volunteered at elementary schools and helped with the summer lunch program. She additionally became a member of the Frostburg Lions Club and Frostburg American Legion Auxiliary 24.

Naturally artistic, she could draw, play the piano, dance, and sing with ease. Always active when her daughters were young, she taught them to swim, sew, crochet, and cook. Because family was most important, annual vacations and holidays were always spent celebrating with her children and grandchildren. Dolores enjoyed camping, plays, musicals, puzzles, card games and traveling with her loved ones.

Dolores is survived by her five daughters, Cynthia and husband, Larry Powers, Deborah and husband, Gary Evans, Cathy and fiancé, Doug Melson, Natalie and husband, Michael Spears, Shelley and husband, Bryan Cosner; grandchildren, Kevin Hill and wife, Jocelyn, Matthew Hill and wife, Tami Myers, Sierra Nixon, Stacey (Evans) and husband, Mike Fletcher, and Farren Smith; great-grandchildren, Landon Fletcher, Lyla Fletcher, Bennett Hill, Summer Hill, Caroline Hill and Thomas Hill.

Due to the pandemic, a celebration of her life is planned for the Spring of 2021 and will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation in her name to the Divine Mercy Parish at St. Michaels, 44 E. Main Street, Frostburg, MD 21532; or the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas TX, 75231. Words of comfort may be



GRANTSVILLE LION JAMES ALFRED CAREY, 91, passed away on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, at UPMC Western Maryland. Born Jan. 11, 1929, in Frostburg, he was the son of the late John Lawrence and Rose Ann (Smith) Carey. In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Agnes Marie (Wilhelm) Carey; sons, Douglas Carey and Roger Carey; brothers, Harry and Lawrence Carey; sisters, Grace Braskey, Alice Bevans, Mary Moffatt, Gladys Garlitz and Edna Knepp Rollo.

James was the fourth-generation farmer of ancestors that sailed from County Mayo, Ireland, who settled in eastern Garrett County. James married Agnes in 1949, and they set up residence on his namesake and grandfather, James', homestead on Old Frostburg Road. He was a man who was known throughout the area and was always held in the highest esteem by his neighbors and friends, noted for his hard work ethic, honesty and goodhearted nature. James was committed to his community throughout his years donating his time, energy, and support to many organizations in the county. He was one of the many dedicated fans who took part in obtaining and erecting the football scoreboard for the Northern Jr./Sr. High School and transported fans to the games on his school bus for years.

He was a lifetime member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church and has been a life-time member and past president of the Garrett County Farm Bureau. He was a member and past president of **Grantville Lions Club** and was given the Melvin Jones Fellow for Dedication to Humanitarian Services award, and member and past president of Route 40 Elementary School PTA. He also was a long-time member of Woodmen of the World and awarded, "Farming for the Future" Outstanding Conservationist Citation.

Jim had a love for farming, raising and working beside his dedicated sons, taking pride in raising beef cattle, hogs, growing crops and selling milk in the early years of his marriage. He farmed his first farm, his father-in-law, Julius Wilhelm's farm and his home place on Long Stretch, plus other ground. As most people know, to make ends meet, farmers must work multiple jobs and James worked in the woods cutting and hauling timber and also drove truck hauling coal for years. In 1960 he bought his first school bus and was owner/operator for 54 years being recognized for his Excellent Safety Record.

James was dedicated to the love of his life, Agnes, and they were known throughout the county for their love of dancing. James always had a smile to give everyone, enjoyed having fun and spending time with family and friends, making memories that he talked about many times. Another of his and Agnes' passions was bowling where he was a member of LaVale and Frostburg City Men's and Mixed Bowling Leagues. In 1973, he and teammate, Les Hunter, went to the Maryland State Bowling Championship and won first place.

James and Agnes passed down and sold their first farm in 1984 to their son, Julius, and moved back to James' home place on Long Stretch where he continued farming until his years caught up with him; and he finally handed over and sold his home place to his youngest son, Darin.

Surviving are children, Julius Carey and wife, Karmen, Susan Carey-Powell and husband, Billy, Darin Carey and Carrie Shaffer; grandsons, Chris Carey and Jessica, Tony Carey and Mandy, Ethan Carey and Miranda Rounds and Darius Carey; step grandson, Jesse Powell and Brittany; step granddaughter, Shanna Powell and Randy Collette, granddaughters, Lydia Powell and Sadie Powell; great-grandchildren, Allison Carey, Declan Carey, Laci, Isabell and Layla Carey; sister, Clara Swauger; and numerous nieces and nephews.

DISTRICT NEWS

Lions: Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts of less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the **e-Postcard** (also known as 990-N).

If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well. All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

*Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

***2019-2020 Tax Year* Form to File**

Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	Form 990-N
*Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	Form 990-EZ or 990
*Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	Form 990.

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, and the e-Postcard is due by November 15 each year. Please note that *an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.*

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. A club may **apply** for reinstatement of its tax exemption even if it originally fell under a group exemption.

Every club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an **EIN online**, by telephone (1-800-829-4933) or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that clubs and districts use the correct EIN for their annual filing.

For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, visit the **Lions Tax FAQ**. Visit www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and to sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, *EO Update*, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

Legal Division Lions Clubs International

*Prior to December 31, 2010, gross receipt limits for filing the 990-N was \$25,000.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Submitted by: Lion J. Lynn Stimmel District 22W Communications & Marketing Chairman jerlynstimmel@comcast.net

McKenzie Hargest, a seventh-grader at Middletown Middle School, was recently selected as the winner of the Lions District 22W Peace Poster contest. This year's contest theme was "Peace Through Service." McKenzie selected as her inspiration a quote about peace from Mother Teresa: "The fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace; and peace begins with a smile."

Four District 22W Lions Clubs sponsored a total of five entries: Lions Club of Frederick, two; Middletown Lions Club, one; New Market District Lions Club, one; and Roaring Run Lions Club (Carroll County), one.

Due to COVID restrictions, the judging was attended by representatives of the sponsoring clubs, Zone Chairs, District Governor Barbara Brimigion, and Second Vice District Governor Nadja Muchow, as well as the judges, Carroll Kehne and Debbie Winkles. Kehne retired from Frederick County Public Schools after 35 years' service, and Winkles retired from Frederick County Public Schools, after 27 years' service.

Other participants were: Arno Carrera, a seventh-grader at Friends Meeting School, sponsored by New Market District Lions Club, second place; Angela Arellano, a sixth-grader at Banner School, sponsored by the Lions Club of Frederick, third place; Sofia Krasta, a seventh-grader at New Life Christian School, sponsored by the Lions Club of Frederick, honorable mention; and Olivia Hutchinson, an eighth-grader with the Boys & Girls Club of Westminster, sponsored by Roaring Run Lions Club, certificate of appreciation for participation.

McKenzie's winning poster will go on to be judged at the Multiple District level; the winning poster from that judging will move on to the Lions Clubs International judging.

Lions Clubs around the world have sponsored Peace Poster contests for over 30 years to give children the opportunity to demonstrate through their art, their visions of peace for future generations.

There are over 50 Lions Clubs in District 22W, which covers Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington Counties. If you are interested in becoming a Lion and serving your community, please contact your local Lions Clubs or visit the District's website at mdlions22w.org.

Please view posters on the next page.....

***NEW* The FSK Lions Club will be meeting at Mexicali Cantina, 467 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD now through the end of November**

CALENDAR

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Governor Hogan and state health officials have issued a public health advisory on Tuesday, November 10th which strongly discourages indoor gatherings of more than 25 people. This would apply to indoor Lion events, including club meetings, charter nights, Lion holiday gatherings, region-wide meetings, zone meetings, service projects and fundraisers.

This may also affect our next cabinet meeting in January. The district strongly advises that the clubs in our district follow this recommendation. If your indoor meetings, including the upcoming region-wide and zone meetings typically have more than 25 attendees, either change the format to a virtual meeting (Zoom) or teleconference or limit the attendance to a maximum of 25.

This also includes any in-person DG Official Visit. We are able to conduct our DG Official Visits by Zoom. For those clubs with a free Zoom account with limited minutes, DG Barb can also host the Zoom meeting since she has a paid Zoom account with unlimited minutes. Please refer to the news for further information on the restrictions. Your safety is our primary concern.

DG Barb and VDG Charlie



December 5: INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY

December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY



January 1: FIRST DAY OF 2021

January 9: Mid-Winter Conference at Delta Hotel, 245 Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley, MD 21031

January 23: Third CABINET MEETING IN DISTRICT III.

APRIL 10, 2021: District 22-A Social will be at Columbia Gardens just east of Baltimore off Route 1. It will be a casual bull and shrimp roast for \$45 per person.

From DG Brimigion and FVDG Croft –

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Please inquire whether the Lion had visited any other club at the time of the COVID diagnosis. Please be advised that members of both the **New Windsor Lions Club and the Freedom District Lions Club** have tested positive for Covid19 in the last few weeks. Please be aware of these cases when planning visitations to the clubs. Club members who have been exposed to these Lions should refrain from making other club visitations or attending Lion events during a quarantine period. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in honoring this request. Please stay safe.

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DISTRICT NEWS

South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club, Inc. P.O. Box 1353 Sykesville, MD 21784

November 12, 2020

Dear District 22-W Lions:

The members of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club are pleased to present Lion Martin Bonura as a candidate for Second Vice District Governor for the Lions Year 2021-2022.

Lion Martin has been a Lion for 23 years and served in East Haddam, Connecticut with the East Haddam Community Lions; Clarksville, Maryland with the Clarksville Lions Club; Smallwood, Maryland, with the Deer Park Lions Club; and Sykesville, Maryland with the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club.

Lion Martin has met the requirements to be Second Vice District Governor as outlined in the District 22-W Constitution and By-Laws and the District 22-W Policies and Procedures Manual. Lion Martin has:

☐ Outlined his qualifications in writing and made this known in writing to the District Nominations chairperson and committee. He is:

(a) An active member in good standing of the South Carroll Lioness Lions club which is a club in good standing in District 22-W.

(b) Has served as:

(i) First Vice President and President of the Clarksville Lions Club of 22-A, Deer Park Lions Club and is currently the President of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club in addition to other club offices; and

(ii) A member of the district cabinet as Global Membership Team Coordinator in 2018-2019 and Cabinet Secretary in 2019-2020.

(iii) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

☐ Worked with various District Governors as the District 22-W Global Leadership Team coordinator in developing and implementing plans for leadership development.

☐ Worked with various District Governors as the District 22-W Global Membership Team coordinator in developing and implementing district-wide membership plans.

☐ Worked with the MD22 Council of Governors as the MD22 Global Leadership Team Coordinator, MD22 Lions Quest Chair, and as co-chair of the MD22 Membership Summit.

☐ Attended the last seven Multiple District 22 Candidate Schools held in District 22-B and was responsible for arranging and directing the school for five of those years. Lion Martin has taught courses at the school for six of the last seven years.

☐ Performed the following in previous and current positions:

a) Furthered the purposes of this association.

b) Performed administrative duties assigned by different district governors.

c) Participated in cabinet meetings and Council of Governor's meetings.

d) Reviewed the health and status of the clubs in the district and multiple district, the monthly financial report, and assisted different district governors in identifying and strengthening the existing and potential weak clubs.

e) Conducted club visitations in Maryland and Delaware.

f) Assisted with the MD22 and District 22-W LCIF Coordinators to achieve their goals

g) Worked with the District Information Technology chair in promoting the use of the District 22-W and LCI websites to assist clubs and members to obtain information, file reports, purchase club supplies, etc.

The members of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club endorse and support the candidacy of Lion Martin Bonura for the office of Second Vice District Governor and ask for your club's endorsement and support as well.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Ellen O'Malley

First Vice President ,

South Carroll Lioness Lions Club



DISTRICT NEWS



GREATER CARROLL LION JEREMY BAIR CANDIDATE FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



October 22, 2020

Dear Nominations Chair Past District Governor Clare Newcomer and 22W Lions,

I am proud to be voted on and endorsed by the Greater Carroll Lions Club as a candidate for Second Vice District Governor for the Lion year 2021-2022. I am honored to have a supportive club in which I have been able to sponsor eight active members whose average age is thirty five, allowing me to be in the top 1% of District Sponsors. With my club's support, it is my humble honor to run and promise to serve, promote and activate youth leadership and recruitment for District 22W. It has been my honor to serve 22W as Region IV Zone III Chair, Region IV Chair and NAMI New Member Chair. I have also received a Melvin Jones Fellowship and the Governors Commendation.

In unity and stability, we serve together and will continue to be our communities' promise of a better tomorrow. I have been out and present with the clubs in my region and other regions as they serve during the most challenging of times this year. As seen in my monthly videos as Region Chair, part of my philosophy is to honor the longtime Lions, lead the established Lions and inspire the new and perspective Lions. My eventual governorship would not only be a satisfying addition to the group, but will find me elected at the headline-grabbing age of 44.

I will dedicate my ingenuity to keep 22W Lions as a visible and active presence. It has been an amazing experience to make monthly videos with great Lions during America's Downtime to keep all Lions focused on their commitment to Lionism and community while our larger gatherings cannot be attended by all.

As a third generation Lion, I will always be reflective of the legacy that I represent. Engaging generational Lions will be one my main initiatives. I proudly accept by club's endorsement to the candidacy of Second Vice District Governor. God Bless America.

Yours in Lionism,

Jeremy Bair
Jeremy Bair

Greater Carroll Lions Charter Member

- 3-time Past President
- 3-time Secretary
- Sponsor to eleven active members
- Region IV Zone 3 Chair
- Region IV Chair
- NAMI New Member Chair
- Melvin Jones Fellow
- Governors Commendation Recipient
- Guiding Lion

- Education Services Chair & held assembly for 1,800 students on Healthy Life Choices
- Lions Coloring Book Creator for Youth
- Crab Feed & Discount Card Chair
- 5K Virtual 15th Walk in Westminster Chair
- Nominations Chair
- VFW Veteran Meals Delivery Chair
- Zone 3 Golf Chair
- Multi-Club Progressive Jackpot Raffle Chair
- Newsletter Editor

AWARDS ETC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS OF AWARD RECOGNITION OF THE FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SERVICE CHALLENGE

A total of 16 clubs submitted donation confirmations with 432 blankets and 252 pillows donated to the various homeless shelters in our district.

The top club was the Hampstead Lions with 110 blankets and 45 pillows followed closely by Libertytown-Unionville Lions with 86 blankets and 54 pillows.

Other participating clubs were Deer Park, Francis Scott Key, Freedom District, Glade Valley, Grantsville, Hancock Lioness Lions, LaVale, Lonaconing, Middletown, New Market District, New Windsor, South Carroll Lioness Lions, Taneytown, Taylorsville-Winfield and Yellow Springs. Thanks to those clubs that participated!

Clubs are asked to notify Lion Phyllis of those Lions who have received club awards. Let's join together to recognize our dedicated Lions who have exemplified the spirit of Lionism in our district.

TOP CLUBS FOR NEW MEMBERS – NET GAIN IN NOVEMBER:

Freedom District Lions Club (+ 6)
Frostburg State University Campus Club (+ 3)
Greater Carroll Lions Club (+3)
Lineboro-Manchester Lions Club (+3)
Clear Spring Lions Club (+2)
Hancock Lioness Lions Club (+2)
Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club (+2)

As of Nov. 23, 2020 the district has lost 90 members. I would like to recognize those clubs that have not dropped any members since July 1st:

Boonsboro, Brunswick, Clear Spring, Cumberland, Deer-Park Swanton, Emmitsburg, FSK, Frederick Fusion, Funks-town, Greater Carroll, Lonaconing, Middletown, Mt Airy 4 County, Monocacy, New Market, Potomac Valley, Sharpsburg, Silver Run - Union Mills, Smithsburg, Terra Rubra, Thurmont, Union Bridge.

**LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL**



WELCOME, NEW LIONS, TO DISTRICT 22W IN OCTOBER 2020

Lion Surani Peiris – Freedom District Lions Club
Lion Cathy Martin – Lineboro-Manchester Lions Club
Lion Linda Schindler – Lineboro-Manchester lions Club
Lion Renee Love – Valley Lions Club
Lion Tara Battaglia – Valley Lions Club
Lion Caitlin Sullivan – Valley Lions Club

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS OF AWARD RECOGNITION IN OUR DISTRICT:

Soar to New Adventures through Lionism Award – These Lions are first time officers at the club level or district level:

Lion Debbie McKee – Clear Spring Lions Club (Club Officer)
Lion Martin Potash – Glade Valley Lions Club (Club Officer)
Lion Robert Scott – Clear Spring Lions Club (Club Officer)
Lion Stephen Shockey – Oakland-Mountain Lake Park Lions Club (Club Officer)

DG Barb Brimigion – Gold Centennial Award - Freedom District Lions Club

Lion Faye Conley – Diamond Centennial Award - Hancock Lioness Lions Club

Lion Mary Hartman – Progressive Melvin Jones – Freedom District Lions Club

Lion Mark Krebs – Knights of the Blind Award - Freedom District Lions Club

Lion Jim Moore – Melvin Jones Fellow - Freedom District Lions Club

Lion Viki Peltier – DG Commendation Medal - Freedom District Lions Club

Lion Bobby Witt - Gold Centennial Award – Oakland Mt Lake Park Lions Club

DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT 22-W PEACE POSTERS FOR 2020-2021



McKenzie Hargest First Place 7th Grade
Middletown Middle School



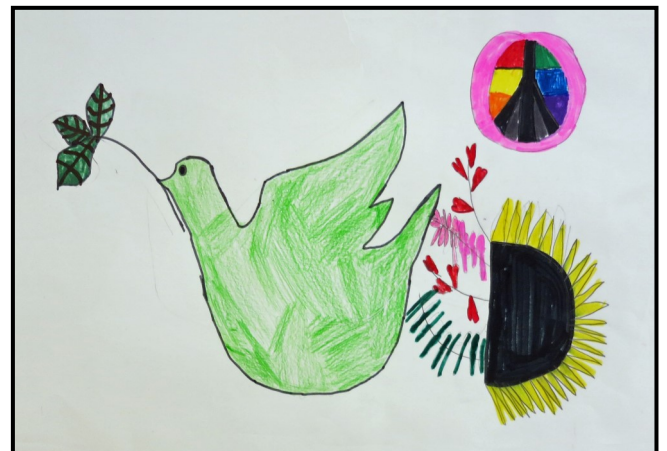
Arno Carrera Second Place 7th Grade
Friends Meeting School



Angela Arellano Third Place 6th Grade
Banner School



Sofia Krasta Honorable Mention 7th Grade
New Life Christian School
Sponsored by the Frederick Lions Club



Olivia Hutchinson Appreciation 8th Grade
Boys & Girls Club of Westminster
Sponsored by the Roaring Run Lions Club

DISTRICT NEWS

FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS RECOGNIZES MEMBERS

Submitted by Lion Don Champ

Freedom District Lions Club President Myron Horn announced two recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellow award at the club's membership meeting held in Legacy Hall, Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department on October 28, 2020. The first recipient announced was Lion Mary Hartmann who attended the presentation electronically from her home. Lion Hartmann was first recognized as a Melvin Jones Fellow when she was an active member of the former Freedom District Lioness Club and then her home club (South Carroll Lioness Lions Club) recognized her with a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. She is an active associate member of the Freedom District Lions Club and thus this club wanted to also honor her for her outstanding service.

The second recipient is Lion Jim Moore who joined the FDLC in 2012 and has been a very active member. He introduced a new fund raiser to the club – an annual golf tournament and has chaired the successful event every year. He also coordinated the club's pop-up food pantry that was open every Sunday for the past 6 months behind Eldersburg Commons. The free food distribution has helped between 45 and 60 families every week during the covid-19 pandemic. He also was the club's president during the past Lions year. Pictured holding his Melvin Jones Fellow award is Lion Jim Moore with his wife Jill (right) and their daughter Molly (left).



During her official visit to the Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) meeting held at Legacy Hall, Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department on October 28, 2020, Lions District 22-W Governor Barbara Brimigion rededicated the club's original Charter issued on September 13, 1947. The members, socially distancing and all wearing face coverings, recommitted to continue providing service to the communities they serve for the coming year. Pictured with the Charter are FDLC President Myron Horn (2nd from left) and the 3 longest serving Lions in the club – Lion Don Champ (left), Lion Joe Wisniewski (2nd from right) and Lion Roger Wolfe (right).



LINEBORO-MANCHESTER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

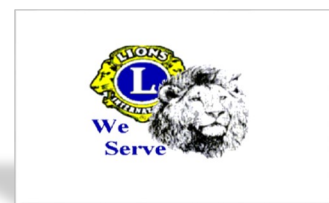
Submitted by Lion Christy Pope

Welcome to the Club's newest members pictured below: Macy Brooks and Lori Hoffman. They were installed by District Governor Barbara Brimigion during the Club's Charter Night held at Spargo's Restaurant.

Their sponsor is 2nd Vice President Christopher Tomlison.



Freedom District Lion honored: Lion Mark Krebs was honored by President Myron Horn for his many contributions during his tenure with the service club since joining in 2009. He has served as the club's Treasurer for many years. He was presented with a Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) pyramid. Pictured are Lion Mark Krebs, holding his LVRF pyramid, and his wife, Lion Susan Krebs.



DISTRICT NEWS



CAMPAIGN 100: LCIF EMPOWERING SERVICE

Submitted by PDG Brian Cox

Two and half years ago LCIF launched the most aggressive fundraising effort in LCIF history, **Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service** will span three years, with a goal of raising US\$300 million by June 30, 2021. Campaign 100 will empower Lions to serve 200+ million people each year. Campaign 100 was built to support the needs of a changing world, by expanding Lions' commitment to communities, with a focus on: Vision – LCIF will lead the global charge to eradicate blindness caused by infectious disease, reduce preventable blindness and visual impairment, and improve quality of life for those who are blind or visually impaired.

Youth – LCIF will serve youth through improved access to quality education, vital health services, inclusive social and recreational opportunities, and positive youth development.

Disaster Relief – LCIF will deeply engage in disaster relief efforts and in preparing for, and responding to, natural disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

Humanitarian Causes – LCIF will sponsor and deliver programs that address the distinct needs of at-risk and vulnerable populations such as the elderly, the disabled, orphans and others disproportionately impacted by social and economic factors.

Diabetes - LCIF's Campaign 100 will allow Lions to respond to the global epidemic of diabetes, by increasing public awareness, sponsoring diabetes screenings, emphasizing healthy lifestyles, and other comprehensive health initiatives designed to improve quality of life for those living with this disease.

Hunger – LCIF will work toward a world in which no one goes hungry, expanding resources and infrastructure needed to address food shortages worldwide.

Childhood Cancer – LCIF will help strengthen medical and social services, increasing life expectancy of children living with cancer, and enhancing quality of life for them and their families.

Environment – LCIF will protect the environmental health of our global communities, generating long-term, positive ecological impact.

A \$100 Donation:

- Provides immediate relief to four people in the wake of a natural disaster
- Provides the measles vaccination to 100 children
- Provides diabetes screenings for 18 at-risk individuals
- Gives access to clean water for 14 people
- Feeds 14 disabled, elderly, or low-income people
- Funds two cataract surgeries

Please consider a \$100 donation to your Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for everything you have done in the past to support Lions.



DISTRICT NEWS.

MANS' BEST FRIEND!

Myersville Lion, Mark Flynn, gave a wonderful presentation on "Man's Best Friend" at a recent Myersville Lions meeting. Major Mark Flynn began his career in the Military working at the dog academy in 1984 at Lackland AFB in Texas. He served for 11 years as a Military Working Dog Handler, Supervisor and K-09 Trainer. In 1995 he transitioned to the civilian world. He became a K-9 Handler for the Maryland DPSCS K-9 Unit.

The DPSCS K-9 Unit is a 40 person force of police officers that patrol the Maryland Prison systems, its grounds and surrounding areas, interdicting CDS explosives and contraband, providing armed response and Patrol dog assistance to emergencies, and providing tactical response in the event of escapes and inmate uprisings. (Pictured is Lion Mark and his "friend.")



Mark served as a prolific handler, front line supervisor, fulltime trainer, and assistant commander and now Unit Commander over the course of a 25-year career with the MD DPSCS K-9 Unit. He is currently a Maryland Police training commission Instructor and a United States Police Canine Association certified master trainer. Mark utilizes his 36 years' experience in the k-9 field as a dynamic and entertaining instructor and is frequently teaching at the Police, Correctional Canine academies in the Maryland and DC Metro area. He has appeared on various TV Programs and news channels, such as Nat-Geo (Big Bigger Biggest Prison addition), Beyond Scared Straight (Hagerstown edition) and numerous other programs.

In his talk to the Lions he explained that "Man's Best Friend" can have a funny way of communicating but almost everything your dog does has meaning. Whether it is barking, whining, jumping etc. your dog's actions are something you should pay attention to. A dog's behavior does have meaning. Learning about your dog's behavior will let you know if something is wrong! A dog is like a toddler. They are sensitive to your behavior toward them. Practice in dealing with them and obedience comes with respect. Use treats to encourage good behavior instead of smacks which will cause fear. Every dog has its own personality and characteristics. Instill in them trust toward you. Allow your dog to embrace its natural instincts as well as feeling loved by you.

Finally dogs are like toddlers and are sensitive to our behavior toward them. Violent enforcement isn't necessary. Allow him to trust you and to bond with you. They will be your friend for life!

AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE (NAMI)

Submitted by: Lion Martin Bonura, Team Leader

District Governor Barb has authorized the participation of District 22-W in the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI). There are four parts to the initiative with one being membership satisfaction. As club president our committee is surveying the following:

1. Is your club keeping track of members that miss meetings, service projects or fundraisers, or who are ill or injured?
2. Does your club send messages to them by email, phone, or card?

Only Chewsville, Frederick, Freedom District, Roaring Run, Smithsburg, South Carroll, Taylorsville-Winfield, and Williamsport indicated that they have a program to keep track of their members and contact those who miss meetings, service projects or fundraisers or who are ill or injured. Only one other club reported that they did not have a program in place.

The NAMI membership satisfaction committee will therefore prepare a process for clubs to use to help them to meet the welfare of their members.

Any ideas should be sent to the committee at this email: join22wlions@gmail.com.

FUDGE ANYONE?

Submitted by Loin Joyce Anthony

Thurmont Lions Club fudge fundraiser to support Thurmont community December 19th at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Six varieties of fudge: vanilla, chocolate, peanut butter, egg nog, maple, peppermint \$15/pound and \$8/one-half pound Please place orders no later than December 12th Pickup at the church 3-5 pm Fudge will make a delicious Christmas gift!

SEE THE ADVERTISEMENT AT THE BACK OF THE NEWSLETTER!



DISTRICT NEWS

WESTMINSTER LIONS HOLD COAT DRIVE

The Westminster Lion's Club held a coat drive recently at Boscov's in Westminster. We were able to deliver 66 brand new coats to Shepherd's Staff last week. Pictured below is Lion Bob Coursey with a staff member from Shepherd's Staff.



COVID-19- DISTRICT RECOMMENDATION:

In this challenging time with increased COVID-19 cases and more restrictions on our Lions events, the Lions in our district must help one another to keep all of us safe.

The District Governor and First Vice District Governor are asking all Lions to **notify the club if you have been tested positive with the virus or you have been exposed to someone with the virus.** Please follow the recommendations of the CDC and local health departments to avoid spreading it to your club members and other clubs too. Also, I **encourage clubs to notify the district if you have any club members who have contracted the virus and to avoid accepting Lions from other clubs for visitations during the quarantine period.** The district will acknowledge the name of the club only - not the Lion's name.

If you attend any Lions function or club event, please inquire whether any Lion had visited any other club at the time of their COVID diagnosis. **When Lions call the clubs to make a club visitation, please ask whether there are any Lions who have been diagnosed with the virus.**

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)



CHRISTMAS TIME

Composed by Hagerstown Lioness Judy Muncey

Christmas time is coming near, let's create our own Christmas Cheer

2020 has been a crazy year, bringing both sadness and fear .

Remembering others is what Lionesses do, spreading God's love and joy all Christmas through.

So please take a moment to give of YOUR time,

To someone or something that comes to your Mind!!!

2ND VDG SERVICE CHALLENGE- KINDNESS IN ACTION:

Seventeen clubs in our district participated in the First VDG Service Challenge with donations of 517 blankets and 304 pillows for the homeless. The Hampstead Lions Club was the winner and received a cash prize of \$100.00 from the district.

The Second VDG Service Challenge which ends on January 23rd will collect donations of diapers, baby wipes and new white socks for the homeless. With 77 club members, the second highest membership in our district out of 55 Lions clubs, we should be able to top our record. Our Club Service Chair Lion Matt King will be heading the project for our club. You may use any facility in our district that will accept items for the homeless. Lions should get a signed receipt for the number of items donated and submit the receipts to either FVDG Charlie or SVDG Nadja at or before the Third Cabinet Meeting on January 23. Contact Lion Matt King if you have any questions.

DISTRICT NEWS

THURMONT LIONS CHARTER NIGHT

Submitted by Lion Joyce Anthony

On Wednesday, October 28th, the Thurmont Lions Club celebrated its **91st anniversary**. The event was held at St. John's Lutheran Church with individual cupcakes and a drink served after the meeting. We had a wonderful evening of celebration and honored many members.

FVDG Charlie Croft rededicated the Thurmont Lions Club Charter and recertified the Leo Charters for the Thurmont Middle School and the Catoclin High School.

PID Richard Liebno presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion George Bolling for his dedication to the club and chairing many of the projects and accomplishments for the club. Congratulations Lion George.

FVDG Charlie Croft recognized five chevron members: Lion Russell Delauter, 50 years; Lion William Long, Jr., 30 years; Lion Doug Favorite and Ed Gills, 25 years; and Lion Donald Keeney, Jr., 20 years. The committee recognized the past presidents and presented a rose to each of the presidents.

President Susan introduced a new award this year to honor a new member for each of the past two years. A Rookie of the Year award was presented to Lion Marci Veronie (2018-2019) and Lion Susan Smith (2019-2020) for being a member for one year and their outstanding contributions. Congratulations to these outstanding members.

(Pictured L-R: Lion Marci Veronie and PP Julie El-Taher) →



Of course, the evening would not be complete without presenting a special treat to FVDG Charlie. We always want to make sure he knows that he holds a special place in our hearts – **blueberry** muffins to take home and enjoy.

← (Pictured L-R: Lion Susan Smith and IPP Joyce Anthony)



IPP Joyce Anthony presented to Thurmont's Mayor John Kinnaird the Veteran's banners we have received to date to be hung on the light posts throughout town. There are still approximately 29 banners to be coming in the next few weeks.

TERRA RUBRA NEWS

Submitted by Lion Wayne Weeks

PDG Evan Gillett had many District Award Certificates to present to our club and some officers of the club. He also presented Melvin Jones Awards to Lions Shelbe Stambaugh, Jim Zinkand, Charlie Mehning and Karen Mehning.

Past President Susan Cox made a presentation of a Progressive Melvin Jones Award from our club to PDG Evan. Under Health & Welfare, Joys & Concerns; Lion Wayne reported that Sharon was doing better after her fall at our October Crab Feed.

PDG Brian Cox had his update for LCIF Model Club payments for the current Lions Year of 2020-2021. He said that another \$190 had been added to our collected amount. We still had no new updates on the Veteran in Keymar needing a new ramp.

Lion Larry Stambaugh had the report for the October Crab Feed and thanked everyone for their help during the season. Lion Susan Cox reported on the upcoming Soup & Sandwich Sale for November 14th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will have a choice of Beef, Ham or Turkey Sandwiches and a choice of Chicken Corn or Crab Soup. All will be on a pre-order drive through pick-up. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th to turn in all orders and make final arrangements for the fundraiser.

Lion Linda Bowers told us that the blood drive at Keysville Lutheran Church on October 26th netted 32 units of blood. Lion Carroll Smith is working with and attending meetings for "Wreaths Across America" in preparation regarding our club participation in the event again this year for our two local cemeteries. The event is to take place on December 19th. He informed us that a Vietnam Veteran Welcome Home Pinning Ceremony and display trailer honoring Veterans would be at Babylon Vault Company. Our Lieutenant Governor for the state; Boyd K. Rutherford; is to be in attendance.

Lion Susan Cox had informed us of a family of a two-year-old with cancer needing support. The child is responding to chemo treatments. We had approved funds toward the purchase of a new washer & dryer. Darrell Myers has been in contact with the family and is working on getting the needed equipment.

COMING EVENTS

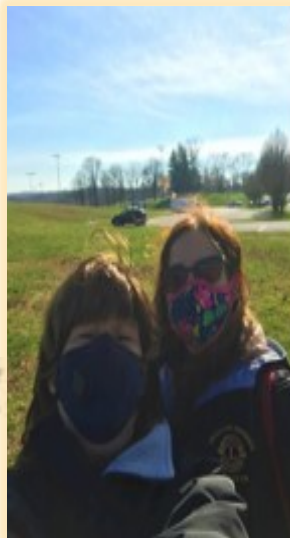
WORLD DIABETES DAY

Submitted by PDG Susan Bonura

Taylorsville-Winfield Lions and South Carroll Lions walking on World Diabetes Day.



Lion Viki Pletier sent this picture of two Lions from Freedom District who took part in the Diabetes Walk.



Freedom District Lions post signs Announcing "Diabetes Awareness."

WORLD DIABETES DAY

Submitted by Lion Gary Bennett

The Frances Scott Key Lions Club walked on Saturday by Carroll Creek in downtown Frederick for an hour. We also set up a little table with fliers that we manned for another hour. Lion Ellen Bennett, my wife, manned the table and is shown in the photo.



Ellen O'Malley, Terri Parkent, Susan Bonura, Pauline Fredritz with grandkids Tanner and Carla. Martin Bonura took the picture. The walk was in Krimgold



DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNICATION

Communications & Marketing Chairman J. Lynn Stimmel

The Marketing & Communication Committee used to be called Public Relations. The new title shows a wider reach.

The "marketing" part of Marketing & Communication Committee is to promote Lions Clubs to non-Lions, particularly prospective members, to help them learn more about our organization. The "communication" part, however, should not be solely an outreach into the community.

Communicate with your members. Keep them informed of the projects and events happening in your—and other—Lions clubs. Use your club newsletter and social platforms effectively to communicate with all your members, not just those who attend your in-person or virtual meetings.

How can we keep our members informed? Here are some ideas: Have an informative monthly club newsletter that lists not only information specific to your club, but also from and about other clubs, the district, and International. Include information about other clubs' events and fundraisers; by supporting other Lions clubs' fundraisers, we just help to make our overall organization stronger and more visible.

Check in with members who miss meetings; if sick, injured, recuperating, have recently suffered a loss, or had a positive recent event in their lives, have the club send an appropriate card.

Use email and social platforms to transmit information about projects and events to all members. For those without computers, have a member call them.

To keep meetings shorter and running more effectively, send the agenda and reports out to the members a day or so in advance; that way members know what to expect at the meeting.

You'll note that some of these tips sound like activities of your Membership Committee; that is true since committees need to work together, not in a vacuum, to keep our clubs running smoothly.

ANOTHER USEFUL MARKETING TOOL

Most clubs have some article of clothing to identify their members when doing a fundraiser or performing a service project – a vest, jacket, hat, shirt, ... during these times, face mask, ... etc. There's nothing in Lions rules that says those items can only be worn during a Lions event or function!

Lions apparel is not just for your meetings. Be LOUD and PROUD in your Lions apparel! Wear it when you're out and about doing your routine daily activities – shopping, mowing, going to work (if allowed), etc. Let the community see that you're a Lion, let them ask you questions about the organization...recruit new members! It's been said that the Lions Clubs are the best-kept secret in the world, even though we're the world's largest service organization. Wear your Lions apparel to help eliminate that perceived veil of secrecy.

This idea is nothing new ... Lion Bill Strauss preached it for many years. So this month's tip is an oldie but a goodie.

HAGERSTOWN LION ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Bulletin Chair Lion Jack Byers

Congratulations to Lion Jack Byers! He recently received his **sixth diamond** from LCIF for his personal contributions to the **Foundation**.

Lion Ed Distad has answered 188 calls that have come in on the **Hagerstown Lions Club Hotline** within the last three months. A huge thank you to him!

STEAM VIRTUAL EVENTS - During the month of October, students will take part in weekly educational activities related to science, technology, engineering, art, and math! There will not be any activities onsite at HCC this year due to COVID-19, however it will take place virtually. As a club we have donated \$2,500 toward this educational project. Activities will come in boxes that will be distributed to enrollees with an activity for them to do at home each week during the month of October. The boxes will have the **Hagerstown Lions Club Logo** on them and our club's donation will provide students hands-on learning experiences and broaden their education through **STEAM**. For more information just click on the link at the very bottom of the attached flyer and it will take you to HCC's website for further information. What a terrific project!

CANCELLED – The Pop-Up Pantry at Haven Lutheran Church scheduled for **Oct. 8** has been cancelled at this time. A new date has not yet been determined. **Lion Brooks McBurney** will keep us posted on updates. Thank you for all of those who volunteered and please be on the lookout for the new date.

During our Sept. 1 club meeting, we had the pleasure to listen to **Paul Ritchie, Senior Vice President and Financial Advisor for Orrstown Financial Advisors**, speak about how COVID-19 is effecting our economy. During his discussion on the economic impacts and what practical strategies that we should consider, he referenced Abraham Lincoln's 1864 approach to Financial Repression and Crisis: Resilience, Development, & Challenges.

Paul explained that unemployment numbers are coming down and the rate of unemployment is slowing which means consumer confidence is rising and the mindset of the consumer is more positive. According to Paul gross domestic products will revive in 2021, which makes for a very nice economic recovery. During this time of uncertainty, unemployment, and uncontrolled deficits, there are some key strategies Paul went over with us: 1. Always remember the market never actually moves in the right direction and there is always a measure of risk when investing. 2. Look at your investments carefully and measure the future growth. 3. Sell high and sell with a purpose. Do not sell when you are scared and do not be emotional. 4. Let goals dictate your strategy. 5. Remember the good times! Paul's last final bit of positive news for us was the fact that after an election year, the economy improves on average 10.65% from the year before! **Bring on November!**

DISTRICT NEWS

HAGERSTOWN LIONS CLUB MEETING

Bulletin Chair Lion Jack Byers

Please remember that Hagerstown Lions Club is not yet holding in-person meetings. All meetings are online at 12:15 PM through ZOOM which allows members to see each other and openly discuss issues that come before the Club. A ZOOM link to each meeting will be forwarded to all members a day or two before the meeting.

At the August 4 ZOOM meeting Hagerstown Lions were pleased to welcome two members of the **Washington County Board** who display these qualities, Board Vice President **Lion Stan Stouffer** (pictured—Williamsport Club) and Student Representative **Kevin Bokoum**, a junior at North Hagerstown High School. In introducing Kevin, Also pictured at the right.



Lion Stan gave a brief background of the Student Rep position. Although established in 1985, no one served in that office until the early 2000s.

Currently the Student Rep is elected by the membership of the Association of Student Councils for a one year term. The Rep attends all public sessions of the Board. Student opinions expressed by the Rep become part of the official minutes of the Board. Kevin understands himself in that position as "an educated student voice to make things happen." As such he hopes to make an impact on the community as a whole, through establishing relationships with as many students from different backgrounds as possible.



Specific goals are to be an advocate for students in distant learning (which includes all students this fall!) and to promote equity in the school system. His personal goals are to attend a four year university and major in public health with the distant thought of becoming an epidemiologist

NEW SERVICE PROJECT

With some assistance and prompting from **Lion Secretary Clare Newcomer**, our Service Projects Chair **Lion Brooks McBurney** introduced club members to a possible new service project called **Pop Up Pantry**.

Western Maryland Food Bank would supply the Club with fresh produce on flats which have been boxed for distribution on a drive through format to people in need. Anyone who shows up gets a box; minimal paper work (name, address and phone of recipient) is involved. The initial event is planned for **Wednesday, September 9 from 4-6 PM** (although participating Lions would need to arrive about 2:30) at **Haven Lutheran Church**, 1035 Haven Road (across from Rest Haven Cemetery).

Several Lions volunteered to help with the project; if **you are interested, please contact Lion Brooks**.

Continued Hagerstown Lions Club Service Project Committee Report- Service Project Chair Lion Brooks Mc Burney"

The following projects were completed between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020

Book Distribution, in conjunction with Horizon Goodwill : Eleven distributions totaling 2,110

Currently there is an inventory of approximately 2,000 books ready for distribution.

During this year the Club passed the 10,000 mark in total book distributions.

STEM Fest: In conjunction with Hagerstown Community College the Club donated \$2,500 for the event. Along with the financial donation several club members donated their time.

Club for the award this year.

Coat Collection: The Club collected 16 coats for the homeless.

Big Meal Machine: The Club continued its financial support of the WCPS Summer Feeding program with a donation of \$800. The Club also donated an additional \$1,000 to the WCPS for student feeding program while schools were closed due to the Pandemic.

In summary the Club had an active service project year. The Pandemic precluded the distribution of books at elementary schools for the last four months of the year. Otherwise the books distribution count would have been approximating 3,000.

These projects could not have been accomplished without the financial support of the Club and the consistent and energetic volunteering of Club Members.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Each recipient this year was granted a \$1,000 scholarship paid directly to the school (\$500 each semester). Because of conflicting work schedules only one of them, **Cameryn Eichelberger**, was able to meet with us. Daughter of **Lion Chuck Eichelberger**,

Cameryn is now in her second year at HCC where she is enrolled in the nursing program. She is a graduate of North Hagerstown High School and a second year recipient of the foundation scholarship. She's an avid runner, volunteers at Boys and Girls Club and has helped our Lions Club with Pancake Day



"Tis Christmas, so good cheer to give

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LIBERTYTOWN UNIONVILLE ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Lion William Strauss

Raffle Fundraiser: Lion Sue Ensor obtained the permits required so that we can have a cash raffle fundraiser to help supplant funding for the activities funding lost when the carnival and fair were cancelled. All members will be expected to participate 100% to assure success for this new fundraiser.

Tickets will cost five dollars each or five tickets for \$20. Prizes will be \$500, \$100, \$50 and two at \$25. Drawing date will be on 15 December at our Christmas meeting.

November 3rd Meeting : Our program will be Christy Dutrow, a 9-1-1 operator for Frederick County. She has answered calls to the emergency number, 911, at the Frederick County Police Department for many years and has accumulated an amazing collection of calls that will edge you to the front of your chair. She will share some of these "real life" stories and give us insight into how 9-1-1 works for us.

September 1st Meeting: The speaker at the September 1st meeting was Jonathan Switzer who brought to the attention of the club members the beginning of the Frederick County Goes Purple movement during the month of September. Switzer explained that this was a grassroots call to action to unify and educate the Frederick County community to reduce substance-related deaths and overdoses. He added that this observance takes place during National Recovery Month in September stressing ongoing training through-out the year.

"We want to support those in active addiction, those lucky to be in a recovery process, and of course, their loved ones," Switzer said. He said "the color purple was selected because National Recovery Month, celebrated in September, is associated with the color purple. The entire Frederick County community is being encouraged to 'go purple' and obtain training to bring awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders, and to celebrate those living in recovery." Switzer made his remarks with a purple lamp at his side and showed quilts that had been made from pieces of cloth that recorded messages and thoughts by many who wished to thank the many first responders who have helped them and put them on the road to a return to a normal life



THE TAWNEY LIONS NEWS

Submitted by Lion Barbara Heltebride

FILL THE TRUCK – 2nd VP Leonard reported beginning **November 7th** his business is once again **Filling the Truck** this year for the holiday season. Bring your new unwrapped toys, new clothing for children with the tags still on or canned goods to fill the truck located in the showroom of **Wantz Chevrolet**. All the items will stay in our community and he will donate as many of the canned goods the club needs to fill their **Christmas** food boxes. This is a great way for members to support the community and help to make some child's **Christmas** a memorable one.

GOURMET NUTS – Lion Don Lawyer reported the **Gourmet Nuts** and **Chocolate Delights** have been ordered and should arrive by the end of the month. Let's all get out and sell them.

GUN RAFFLE – Lions Bob and Brandi Bollinger reported that to date **85** tickets have been sold out of the **250** planned for sale. Originally scheduled for **May**, the **Gun Raffle** had to be postponed due to **COVID-19**. Sales of tickets have nearly stopped due to the uncertainty as to the date for the event. It was decided to go ahead and hold the raffle virtually on **February 2, 2021**. If you have tickets already sold see that **Lion Brandi** receives the stubs and money. If you have tickets get out and sell them or if you need tickets contact **Lion Brandi** at **Bollinger's Gun Shop** or at the next meeting. Let's get all **250** sold!

LCIF – PDG Kent reported that as of **October 8th**, club members have donated **\$2177.00** to **LCIF** this Lions year. Our pledge to be a model club is on track. With the recent hurricanes, **LCIF** will continue to need our donations.

FEED THE HUNGRY – Please bring in items for a holiday meal to fill our **Christmas** boxes. Items needed are canned white and sweet potatoes, boxes of potato mixes, boxes of stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned gravy or gravy packets, canned vegetables, such as corn, carrots, peas, green beans, sauerkraut, mixed vegetables and green beans. **IPP Charlie** said we may need to purchase food items this year due to reduced club donations from reduced meetings. It was also suggested we recruit some youth to help with the distribution since the boxes are heavy.



DISTRICT NEWS

HANCOCK LIONESS LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Susan Miller

November was a busy month for the Hancock Lioness Lions. We continued to meet at the Hancock American Legion where the second Cabinet Meeting was held. The food was outstanding. Many Lions complimented the facility and the food. Our club won some raffle tickets for having the most members present.

Hancock Town Manager, Joe Gilbert, was a guest speaker at our club meeting and gave us an update on the progress of our town's renovation.

On November 11th, several of our members, attended the Region II Zone meeting at the South Mountain Rod and Gun Club. We received awards for Feed the Hungry, Club Visitations, Membership Director, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Club President, and Club Newsletter editor. Lion Fay Conley was awarded a 3 diamond Centennial Award for 40 years of service.

We packed 38 backpacks with food for school children on November 13th.

On November 14th several Lions walked the streets of Hancock with signs, spreading the word about Diabetes Awareness. We handed out flyers and apples to all who stopped by our table in front of the Home center Pharmacy.

The Town of Hancock will be having a parking meter decorating contest again this year and our Lions are geared up to decorate one. The theme will be "Leader Dog Dollars for Dogs." We are going to hold a fundraiser to raise dollars to go toward sponsoring a leader dog. Lions Trudy, Kasey, Karen M. and Karen W. are the decorating committee. The finished meter will be a surprise to all.

Our club is collecting items for the Christmas Box that we will be sending to deployed soldiers.

We ordered 40 boxes of Gardner Candy Bars. A big thank you to the Home Center Pharmacy, Little Sandy's Truck stop, and the CNB bank for letting us sell our candy in their establishments.

We will be assisting the Hancock Lions with the community Christmas Dinner to be held on December 13th.

Due to the surge in COVID-19 cases and the changing restrictions, we are not meeting until the new year but that does not mean we will not be serving. The Hancock Lioness Lions are always serving and looking for ways to make our world a better place.



THANK YOU FREEDOM LIONS FROM SINAI HOSPITAL

The Pediatric Cancer Center at Sinai Hospital announced that items that our club bought on Amazon continue to arrive and they just wanted to say THANK YOU for all of the support we have provided to their children and teens at Sinai Hospital.

They say that the Freedom District Lions Club has been a tremendous support over the years and they are truly thankful. See below for a picture of Angela, their child life specialist in the HemOnc Clinic and Amber, one of their nurses. They are at the clinic treasure chest that is stocked with toys. Our next delivery of toys to Sinai Hospital is scheduled for December 11th.



Christmas

**Every time a hand
reaches out To help
another....that is**

Christmas

**Every time someone puts anger
aside And strives for understand-
ing That is Christmas**

**Every time people forget their dif-
ferences And realize their love for
each other That is Christmas
**May this Christmas bring us Clos-
er to the spirit of human under-
standing****

Closer to the blessing of peace!

DISTRICT NEWS

SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS-LIONS CLUB NAMES MELVIN JONES FELLOWS

Submitted by Susan Bonura, PDG

Lion Sue Mykulyn was named as the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club's latest Melvin Jones Fellow and Lions Kay Field and Ursula Shackelford were named as the club's latest Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows. The recognition was named for Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow has been previously named as a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lions Mykulyn and Field received their recognitions at the club's annual anniversary, also known as Charter Night, on Saturday, October 3 at a backyard luncheon at the home of Lion Mykulyn in Westminster. The recognitions were presented by District 22-W's District Governor Barbara Brimigion. Lion Shackelford received her recognition at her home in Sykesville on October 8.

The South Carroll Lioness Lions Club donated \$3,000 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation which will use these funds along with other funds donated by Lions club members and private citizens to assist communities around the world in times of natural disaster.

Lion Mykulyn serves as the club's second vice president, chair of the club's social services committee, chair of the ways and means committee and is a member of the club's board of directors. Lion Field is a past president of the club, serves as the chair of the club's youth committee, serves as Lion Tamer and is on the club's board of directors.

Lion Shackelford served for over 25 years as the chair of the club's ESCAPE Ministries lunch program and is a member of the club's youth committee.

Lions, who are both men and women, meet the needs of local communities and the world. The service of Lions reaches around the planet. Serving in over 200 countries and geographic areas, our 48,000 clubs and 1.4 million members are helping others and making communities better. When you join Lions, you join a global service network. So, at the same time you are doing local community service, you can also contribute to Lions volunteer efforts around the world!



Lion Martin Bonura (below right) President of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club presented Lion Ursula Shackelford with her Melvin Jones Fellow plaque and pin at her home in Sykesville .

Lion Martin Bonura (above left) President of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Barbara Brimigion, (second from left) District Governor, congratulate Lions Sue Mykulyn and Kay Field, the club's latest Melvin Jones Fellow and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, respectively. Not pictured is Lion Ursula Shackelford, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



TAYLORSVILLE-WINFIELD CLUB ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Lion Tony Sager

The Lions Club will be temporarily meeting once a month through the pandemic. Below is a list of some of our activities.

- American Warrior Care Packages: items or cash for postage.
- 1st VDG challenge: "Kindness in Action" – New or gently used Blankets, Pillows, and twin bed sheets for our Homeless. Deadline to participate is November 7, 2020
- Recycle your used cards for ARC (no need to tear apart)
- Recycle books or magazines for EUMC food pantry.
- Each month try to bring in 2 canned goods for EUMC food pantry.
- Next month we need candy donations for Fall Festival at WV Fire Hall.

Many new ideas were discussed at the last club meeting – and your new ideas are always welcomed!

Reminders:

+From the Secretary: Lion Jim will be collecting orders and checks for club shirts at the next meeting

+Bosco "Friends Helping Friends shopping

+ In a year like no other, we might be *socially distant* but the need for *service* to our community, local and worldwide, has never been greater.

+ Across the world Lions – as clubs, individuals, and through the LCIF - have risen to so many challenges:

+ COVID-19, natural disasters (like recent flooding in Japan, wildfires out West), and the ongoing Global Causes of Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, and Childhood Cancer.



**IT'S GREAT
TO BE A LION
"WE SERVE"**

DISTRICT NEWS

THURMONT LIONS MEETINGS PRESENT INTERESTING SPEAKERS

Contributed by Lion George

At our September 9th meeting, we enjoyed learning about Lions Camp Merrick from Diabetic Camp Nurse Jennifer Knauff. Jennifer and her parents, PDG Gerry Beachy and Lion Sue, drove all the way from Cumberland to join us. Jennifer's informative slide show revealed the beautiful setting of Lions Camp Merrick on the eastern bank of the Potomac River south of Washington, and her description of the history and day-to-day operations of the camp was most interesting. Jennifer left us with an important message: If you know someone who has a child who suffers with diabetes, please encourage them to take advantage of the opportunity to send that child to Lions Camp Merrick next summer.

Thanks to Lion Wes, our September 23rd meeting featured Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford visiting us virtually via Zoom. The Lieutenant Governor described Governor Hogan's strong and solid leadership in managing Maryland's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He spoke of Governor Hogan's willingness to listen to his medical experts in formulating and implementing the phased steps to enable return to normal operations as safely as possible. Mayor John Kinnaird joined us for this meeting, and, as usual, provided nice photographic coverage on his Facebook page.

As you know, we are still observing all of the rules and restrictions related to the COVID-19 virus. Our meetings are held at 6:30 pm at Saint John Lutheran Church and can be attended virtually if you don't feel comfortable attending in person. The link to attend virtually is forwarded with the agenda for each meeting.

On October 14th, our speaker was Ruben Moss, Curator and Vice President of the Hagerstown and Frederick Railway Historical Society. Ruben will present a slide show about the trolley system that connected Frederick and Hagerstown, including Thurmont, and how it evolved over the years. This program should prove to be an interesting supplement to what we as a Club have learned about the trolley trail and the actions we have taken and funded in preserving it.

Then, on October 21st, we hosted the House of Representatives District 8 Candidates' Forum at the Thurmont Town Office. Incumbent Democrat Jamie Raskin and Republican challenger Gregory Coll spoke about why we should vote for them and responded to questions concerning some of the several serious issues now facing our nation, as well as our district. Beginning at 6:45 pm, the Forum was live-streamed on both Thurmont Channel 99 and the Thurmont Lions Facebook page. Regrettably, COVID-19 social-distancing restrictions limits in-person attendance.

9/11 Community Tribute

(Contributed by Lion George, Chair, 9/11 Community Tribute)

We had a great turn out, about 200 people, for the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony honoring the memory of the nearly 3,000 Americans who lost their lives in the viscous attacks on the USA nearly two decades ago. The ceremony was held in the early evening of Friday, September 11th, at Memorial Park in Thurmont. Participants included Scout Troop 270, American Legion Post 168, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Father Collin Poston and the Gateway Brass Ensemble.

9/11 Community Tribute Continued

President Susan Favorite delivered a touching and thoughtful address, and Lion Carie Stafford did an excellent job as the "Drill Sergeant" for the combined color guard. We plan to sponsor this ceremony every year. Thanks to Lions Marci Veronie and Joyce Anthony for their excellent support.

This event was an example of how a community can come together to honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation. It was an awesome event, and we are grateful for the support from all of you who were able to attend.

Our speaker for Veterans Day was Elizabeth Fuss, author of "A Faithful Soldier Writes Home". Elizabeth shared with us some of her father's experiences during WWII in Europe, gleaned from letters he wrote to her mother.

USA/CANADA FORUM VIRTUAL MEETING:

Submitted by Lion Myron Horn

I thought I would share some ideas from this year's USA/Canada Forum. I attended most of the sessions broadcast from Louisville, KY. One of the sessions I **enjoyed most involved strategies for recruiting millennials**. As you probably know, the definition of a millennial is someone who was born between 1980 and 2000. This would be the youngsters just starting out, many of whom have very young families. They may have a greater understanding of technology but are likely to have some growing money concerns. Wouldn't it be great if we had more of them as members of our club?

The **first strategy** is to find some **common ground**. Ask them what their interests are and what they believe in. Some common ground may be where their children are attending school or how they would like to give to the community.

The **second strategy** is to **capitalize on their consumer habits**. Since they are known as the internet generation, they are very likely to be found surfing the web, posting on social media, and purchasing from sites such as Amazon. We could expect millennials to be innovative in their ideas and competitive in their makeup.

The **third strategy** is **how we can market** to the millennials. The session suggested that we should emphasize their community role and how we work together. Millennials are often loyal to the brand. One way to reach them is to have businesses partner with club in community events.

The **fourth strategy** is to emphasize their **experience**. They may be creative and offer new solutions. They often have a singular purpose such as People, planet, or profits. Finally, the session encouraged us to give millennials the ability to make decisions that affect others. We allow them to set schedules. We develop our trust in them. We help them pursue their dreams.

As club president, I **hereby empower you to try some of these strategies on the millennials** that you know. We might get lucky and find some good Lions.

DISTRICT NEWS**REPORT ON RALLY VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (LVRF)**

Submitted by DG Barbara Brimigion

The Lions of Multiple District 22 hosted its annual rally event on Saturday, November 21st on Zoom this year instead of an in-person event. FDLC President Myron Horn and DG Barb Brimigion represented our club. The virtual event featured a video tour of the Low Vision Center with an interview with a patient having low vision. There were speeches from the staff from the Lions Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center: Dr. Judith Goldstein gave an update of the clinic and fellowship, Dr. Dagnelie spoke about the Brain Stimulation Project and Dr. Nguyen spoke about being a FY2021 Lions Low Vision Fellow. The guest speaker was Robin Ingram, Alumni Relations for the School of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, who spoke about "Engagement in a Virtual Setting" with some clever ideas about a virtual birthday party and a virtual holiday affair.

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.

FDLC Donations:

Last year, our club donated \$500.00. From July 1st until November 4th, our club has donated a total of \$942.00

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.

The latest count of glasses and hearing aids that was taken at the FDLC medical building.

Eyeglasses 148 Eyeglass Cases 102 Sun Glasses 20

Hearing Aids

FDLC members have collected a total of 424 used eyeglasses and 2 hearing aids for recycling since the beginning of this Lions year on July 1, 2020.

Submitted by Chair Lion Patty Buchman

LEO NEWS

CATOCTIN HIGH SCHOOL LEOS: UNDAUNTED (Contributed by Lion Bob K.)

Working together under the current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions is a challenge, but the CHS LEOs are up to the task. The club has dwindled a bit in numbers since last year because we were not able to recruit in September as we have done in the past. Nevertheless, what we lack in numbers, we hope to make up for in serving this year.

Over the summer, we had three LEO's help out with the TLC pit sandwich sales. Each LEO worked a two-hour shift ensuring orders were filled and food given to the right customer. Thanks to Kyle Dutrow, Quinn Law-Knotts, and Nick Veronie for assisting with the sales during the busiest hours.

Plans are underway right now for our first virtual meeting of the year. Our intrepid CHS faculty advisor, Ms. Trish Steele, is with us for another year, and we look forward to her guidance and assistance.

Clubs at CHS will meet on Friday once a month. The agenda for our first meeting will be full, beginning with the election of Club officers for the year. We will also ask for volunteers to help with the last pit sandwich sale on October 10th, and for some assistance tidying up our garden spot on the Thurmont Trolley Trail.

The Thurmont Green Team has asked if we can help with tree planting at Eyler Park on November 7.

It's hard to say what the future holds for the Club beyond this, but if the past is any guide—and I'm sure it is—we will find some wonderful ways to contribute to our community this year as we have in years past.

FDLC HOLIDAY TREE:

Submitted by PCS Gary Buchman

The board of directors via email approved the motion for the Lions Club to decorate a holiday tree in the town of Sykesville. The town of Sykesville will provide a 9-10' tree in the town gazebo for the Lions Club to decorate. Sykesville is providing the lighting. Lion Melissa Turski is leading the decorating with Lion themed decorations, purple and gold colors. **This year, decorating will be done by Lions youth in a manner that is safe and socially distanced.** Next year, we may expand this project into a limited fundraiser to sell Lions-themed ornaments.



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY ON THANKSGIVING DAY:

Submitted by Chair Bob Bastress

On Wednesday, November 25th, 20 members of the Freedom District Lions Club, 17 members of the Century Leos, and 19 members of the Liberty Leos distributed Thanksgiving dinners to 28 families in the Sykesville/Eldersburg community. The dinners consisted of a full turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables and all the trimmings including pumpkin pie. This is the tenth year that our clubs have provided this service to the local community.

WHAT DO LIONS CELEBRATE IN DECEMBER?

Submitted by DG Barbara Brimigion

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** and recognizes the Leo clubs for their services in the community.

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. Youth programs such as the Leo Club help young people develop valuable leadership skills, network with key players in the community and realize the impact of their humanitarian efforts. International Leo Day also helps strengthen the relationship between Lions and Leos, encouraging Leos to continue their service as Lions.

DECEMBER 5th

INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY



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Coming live, straight from the North Pole...

SIGNING SANTA!

Zoom with Santa Claus himself in American Sign Language. Get your lists ready for the big day!

DECEMBER 12TH: 1PM - 5PM Eastern time DECEMBER 13TH : 1PM - 5PM Eastern time \$25 FOR EACH 10 MINUTE SLOT. ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT DCI'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND. You and your children can sign up for a 10 minute time slot on either day. Pick the time that works for you! Virtual visits will be held via Zoom. You will need access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone with a camera and a high-speed data connection. A Zoom account is not required. We will email the Zoom link to you on your chosen day! To register, visit: www.DeafCampsInc.org today!

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REMINDER
MULTIPLE DISTRICT
CONVENTION is scheduled for
April 15-18 in Gettysburg, PA.

ROARING RUN ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Lion Shilog Burtgis

Last meeting of November 4th-King Lion Tim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Den. King Lion Tim announced that the Club has made several donations and will sponsor another Puppy.

Roaring Run's Peace Poster contest entries were shown and Lion Michelle announced our winner was Olivia Hutchinson from the Boys & Girls Club in Westminster.

Lion Wayne reported that we still have visitations to complete and that several Clubs are meeting via Zoom. Lion Vicki explained Wreaths Across America and our participation and the Club will sponsor and participate in 2021.

Lion Vicki thanks all who participated in the No Sew Event at the Park and participation from the community.

Lion Ginger thanks all for the turnout at the Fall Fun Fest Yard Sale whereby a profit of over \$950.00 was realized. Fun was had by all and another is planned for next spring.

Quote from Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi. "All Lions are united by a common spirit-and we express it in our own unique way. Your experience, character and culture enhance the incredible work your club is able to accomplish every day."

TAWNEYTOWN LIONS

Submitted by Lion Barbara Heltribridle

LCIF – As of **November 1st**, club members have donated **\$3,077.00** to **LCIF** this Lions year. **PDG Kent** reported that **LCIF** has donated over **7 million dollars** in grants for assistance due to the many disasters this year. **December 1st** has been designated as a "giving" day for **LCIF** and club members are encouraged to make a donation of any amount on that day.

GUN RAFFLE – We will be holding our **Gun Raffle** on **February 2nd**, with a virtual raffle being held at **Bollinger Gun Shop**. The cost for each ticket is **\$40.00**. **Pres. Mike** reported there will be **2 extra guns** raffled off due to the fact we are unable to hold the event with a meal. Keep selling the raffle tickets.

QUARTERLY DRAWING – The next **Quarterly Drawing** will be held virtually on **December 15th**. A big **Thank You** to **Pres. Mike, 2nd VP Leonard, Treas. Kent, Sec. Ken, IPP Charlie, Lions Liz, Bobbie, Roy, and Paul** for taking time out on a **Saturday** to get the tickets ready for mailing.

NUT SALES – **Lion Don Lawyer** reported the nut sales are going very well. Please contact him if you need any.

FEED THE HUNGRY – We had **238** canned goods collected at our **November** meeting. Keep bringing them in. We are getting closer to meeting our goal for **2020**.

SUPPORT

COMING EVENTS

GoFundMe



Keep **LOVRNET** growing!
Share the link with your friends.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/Lions-LOVRNET>

Contributions may be made directly by sending a check made out to LOVRNET to PCC Clare Newcomer, 19605 Granada Court, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization!



Multiple District 22
will host the
**2027 Lions International Convention in
Washington D.C.**



PIP Clem Kusiak announced that Multiple District 22 has won the bid for the Lions International Convention to be held in 2027. More details will follow over the next few years as the Multiple District makes plans and organizes volunteer.



The New Windsor Lions Club is starting their 25/25 Club Drawing Weekly. The prize drawings (6 per week) start September 23rd thru March 10th. The final drawings on March 10th will be the grand prize winners. Take a chance, have some fun and support your local Lions Club to support your local community and Lions International with service needs local and National.

All the profits from the raffle goes to supporting the local and National Lions Clubs efforts to make our community more prosperous and to help the less fortunate have a more self-sustaining family. Where there is a need a Lions Club can help fill it.

For ticket availability contact,
Bobby Graham @ 410-848-1781
or **Fred Graham @ 443-398-4457**
also lionsclub167@yahoo.com

MELVIN JONES BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



On January 13, our founder
Melvin Jones – will be honored for the 142nd
anniversary of his birthday and we could not
be more excited to celebrate with Lions
around the world.

This year, we want to celebrate what it
means to be a Lion during Campaign 100,
with a LCIF Week **Melvin Jones photo
contest**. I am excited to share a first look at
the contest with you, as a Lion leader.

**Contest is open between October 22 –
December 31, 2020**

Voting and deadline for submission is
December 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm
(Central Time)

COMING EVENTS

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

***AMISH QUILT RAFFLE** from the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club – The club is holding a quilt raffle for an Amish handmade quilt from the Log Cabin Quilt Shop and Fabrics, Bird-in Hand, PA. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Contact PDG Susan Bonura at pdgsusanbonura@gmail.com

***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

***HAMPSTEAD LIONS Seven-day Caribbean** cruise for 2 aboard the Carnival Pride, leaving from Baltimore to Princess Cays, Nassau, and Freeport on 11/29. All taxes, fees, and port charges are included. \$5 each or 5 for \$20; drawing will be at the 2020 Hampstead Volunteer Fire Department Carnival. Proceeds benefit the Hampstead Lions Community Park Fund.

*** ALL MONEY BINGO -FOR INFORMATION** Call Barb Hayes at 410-596-1483. Next year's All Money Bingo is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2021.

Greater Carroll Lions Face Masks

Lion Wayne will be selling masks for the Greater Carroll Lions. Please reach out to Lion Wayne Martin at 410-596-2417 to acquire a Lions Mask for a \$10 donation.



Wares for Warriors



The Thurmont Lions Club along with the Maryland Patriot Guard are collecting items for the Washington D.C Veterans Community Referral Center (CRRC) to help homeless or formerly homeless veterans and their families along with wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center.

Needed items are listed below. Cash donations also accepted.

Please note that all items must be NEW

Personal items (clothing for men & women):

- New underwear, socks, undershirts, sweat shirts/pants (Size L, XL, 2XL)
- Winter wear-coats-men sizes L, XL, 2xl, 3XL, 4XL & women-sizes L, XL, 2XL, winter hats, gloves, long underwear, thick winter socks, long sleeved shirts/flannels

Home Goods:

- Quilts/blankets/sleeping bags (New w/tags)

Food/drink:


- Non-perishable canned fruits, vegetables, soups, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, instant oatmeal, etc. (canned items preferably w/pull tab open rather than one needing a can opener)
- Safeway grocery gift cards

**ME WALKING BACK
TO THE CAR**



**CAUSE I FORGOT
MY FREAKING MASK**

DISTRICT EVENTS





WE NOW **ROUNDUP APP**

ROUND UP AND DONATE

AND YOU CAN TOO

What if you had a penny for every time you made a difference? Well, now you do.

With RoundUp App, every cent counts towards making a difference for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Just download RoundUp App or click on our sign up link below to start donating your spare change today!



[Sign up online](#)

Want a bigger incentive to join RoundUp? If 50 people sign up during the month of September, Leader Dog will receive a \$1,000 donation from RoundUp!

Please feel free to share this information with your friends and family!

*With RoundUp there is no minimum or maximum donation amount – you can set the amount you're comfortable with!

FOLLOW THE LEADER 



**To benefit
the community"**

**PRIZES OF \$500, \$100, \$50 & \$25
(each)**

**Tickets on sale from now until
Drawing on December 15, 2020**

**Cost: \$5 each
5 tickets for \$20**

THURMONT LIONS CLUB

Fabulous Fudge Fundraiser



Choose from: Vanilla, Chocolate, Maple, Peppermint, Eggnog & Peanut Butter

Cost: \$15 a pound; \$8 a half pound

To order please call 410-206-1805 or email thurmontlionsclub@gmail.com

Place your order by Dec. 12 for pickup Dec 19.



TANEYTOWN LIONS BUS TRIP

Submitted by Lion Barbara Heltebridle

The Trip Committee has planned a day trip for **Saturday, December 5th** to the **American Music Theater** in **Lancaster, PA**. All precautions will be taken for your safety and social distancing. Due to the **COVID 19** we are only selling **40** seats on the bus, although this could change if things open up more. The cost for the trip is **\$110.00** per person and includes the bus, theater, buffet and driver trip. The cutoff date for club members is **September 8th** after which it will be open to the public. The itinerary is as follows:

8:00 am - Depart from the Taneytown Shopping Center
10:30 am to 1:00 pm - Deck the Halls at the American Music Theater
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Buffet lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord
3:15 pm to 4:15 pm - Kitchen Kettle Village
6:15 pm - Arrive back in Taneytown

**10% in 2020 Discount Card**

With a \$10 donation to the Greater Carroll Lions Club, you can receive a 10% discount every visit during the 2020 calendar year at the following local businesses:

The Stables
Rafael's
Ledo Pizza
Mediterraneo
IHOP Westminster
Lone Star BBQ
Jiffy Lube
Coffey Music
Life is Pizza
Classico Pizzeria
Giulianova Groceria
Firehouse Subs
Rita's Westminster

Paradiso Ristorante
Maryland Mallet
SweetFrog
Illiano's J & P Restaurant
Vocelli's Pizza
C.Y. Custom Fit Tailors
Westminster Car Wash
Players Amusement
Blue Bistro & Catering
Tim Thai Restaurant
Ying Thai Cuisine
Genova To Go

Please contact: Zone 3 Chair Jeremy Bair at jebar2000@hotmail.com or 410-596-2917

*\$10 Donation. All proceeds benefit Lions Club Initiatives.

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COMING EVENTS

Save the Date
December 5th, 2020
Cost: \$21.50 pp



Carriage House



Social with Cash Bar begins at 12:30 pm



Plated Lunch served at 1:00pm Teriyaki Orange Salmon, Potato & Vegetable or



Chicken Marsala, Mushroom Wine Sauce & Penne

Program 1:45 pm to 3:00pm

This year's program is new & exciting.

It is one that you do not want to miss! So, place the date on your calendar and attend a sensational celebration with the Thurmont Lions Club. Signup sheet will be at next several membership meetings.

***The event will be adhering to the wearing of masks and social distancing**

COMING EVENTS!

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



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We are taking orders now!
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**VISIT THE WEB SITE & PLACE YOUR
ORDER!**

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



Help the Francis Scott Key Lions Club raise funds by placing an order with Cedar Ridge Soaps! The FSK Lions Club raises funds for various charitable causes such as eyeglasses for the needy, school supplies for elementary students, a Little League team, Leader Dog, Lions Saving Kids Sight and more. It's easy to help! Just visit www.cedarridgesoaps.com and enter the code **FSKLions** at checkout. This will earmark your order for the **Lions Club**. You'll receive your order by mail in a few days and the **Lions Club** will receive 40% of the retail price of your order. You can also place your order by calling 240-356-0222. Thanks for supporting the **FSK Lions Club**. You can learn more about them here: www.fsklions.org

Middletown Lions Club & *gotsneakers?* A Sneaker Recycling Organization

Sneaker Drive Fundraiser!

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Your old, wearable, sneakers will lessen your carbon footprint while helping your Middletown community.



It's Easy!

1. Clean out yours and your family's closets of all unwanted **PAIRED SNEAKERS** **ADULT SIZES 5 & UP**



2. Starting July 20, Drop off at-

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Middletown, Maryland
or call
240-422-9415



Only donate athletic footwear.

Please, no boots, heels, sandals, or dress shoes.

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