



LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS

FEBRUARY



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

February 2021 District Newsletter



Valentine's Day is coming soon on February 14th. When you read the history of this important date, you learn that it is an annual celebration which originated as a Western Christian feast day in honor of Saint Valentine. Over the years, it began to be recognized as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. It expanded to include the custom of sending cards, flowers, chocolates and other gifts to husbands, boyfriends, and even children. In Latin American countries, it is also common to see people performing acts of appreciation for their friends on this date. Why not take this opportunity to apply this to all the nurses, doctors, policemen, firemen, and teachers in our communities who are putting their own lives in danger every day to serve the public during this pandemic. Clubs can show their appreciation by donating snacks and beverages in bags printed with your club's name and the Lion logo to local hospitals for the night nurses on duty, to the fire departments for the firemen who are answering calls of burning houses, and to the policemen who protect us.

Add this service project as a new adventure in your Lion's life even if your club has already done this before. Make their Valentine's Day a special event to show your appreciation of them and to tell them that they are not forgotten. If your clubs have any members with children or grandchildren then have these kids design some cards. Adults love to receive handmade cards from children. These workers in turn will appreciate your club for the gesture and maybe you will get a new member out of it or a sponsor for one of your fundraisers. When the pandemic is over, then invite some of these workers to your clubs to recognize their hard work during the pandemic.

February is also LCI's Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Show that same Lion love and appreciation to the nurses at the local pediatric cancer centers at Sinai Hospital, J W Ruby Memorial Hospital in West Virginia, University of MD Medical Ctr Children's Hospital or Johns Hopkins Children's Hospital who all show dedication and love to children who are struggling with cancer and dying from it on a daily basis. Some homemade cards to these nurses will certainly be much appreciated, especially if there is a small gift card enclosed. There is a list of possible Childhood Cancer ideas in the district newsletter, but take the time to share your own childhood cancer ideas in the Weekly News.

Thank you to the clubs that are meeting this winter with virtual meetings or teleconference. Please contact your zone and region chairs if you need help and they will contact the district for further assistance.

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**The International Association of
Lions Clubs
District
22-W**

**Lion Barbara Brimigion
District Governor
July 2020 –
June 2021**



**Soar to New Adventure Through
Lionism**

Date: January 24, 2021

To: Club Presidents
To: Club Secretaries

RE: District Governor's Honorarium

Dear Lions,

Over the years, it had been customary to present the District Governor with an honorarium, a token of your appreciation for their year of dedication to District 22-W. Many clubs in our district presented a check for the DG Honorarium and the honorarium was then typically presented at the MD22 Convention. Many clubs had participated in this gesture in a time when clubs were meeting in person and successfully conducting fundraisers and service projects in their community. Lion members had more personal money to spend on their own personal expenses since the economy was stronger.

In this challenging time during the pandemic, clubs have had to either cancel some of their fundraisers or reinvent their fundraisers bringing in less money than usual for their service projects. Money in the club's administrative account may have now been used to help finance their projects. There are more important causes at this time because of the pandemic than to present the district governor with an honorarium. I announced at the 3rd Cabinet Meeting on January 23, 2021 that I have decided to decline the DG Honorarium and prefer that clubs use their budgeted amount to help the needy in their communities during the pandemic.

Thank you and best wishes for your club's continued success in servicing your communities safely during this pandemic.

District Governor Barbara Brimigion
District 22-W



FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

February Newsletter Article

As we flip the calendar from January to February, I become a bit more excited knowing that warmer weather is on the way along with slightly longer daylight hours. I have already been seeing robins in my daily walk as I trek around my neighborhood getting some fresh air and exercise. Longer hours of daylight and warmer temperatures herald a resurgence in renewed energy and activity not only in nature but also with Lions. Hopefully, as we progress from winter into spring we will be able to start meeting in person again and resume our service activities, thereby revitalizing our membership.

Despite the impact of COVID on our activities, our district Lions responded in grand fashion to the second Vice District Governor Service Challenge which featured the collection and donation of diapers, baby wipes and socks to the homeless shelters and other agencies serving our five county district. We had some new clubs join the effort which officially ended at the January 23 Cabinet meeting. Final results along with the name of the club collecting the most items will be announced in the weekly update from Cabinet Secretary Susan Bonura. It has been heartwarming to see the outpouring of inspiring service by our clubs. On a personal note, while recently delivering a load of diapers and baby wipes to the Union Rescue Mission of Allegany County, I received a "reality check" in witnessing the number of folks, including a number of young children, who were eating lunch at the mission. Obviously the need is great and, unfortunately, will never be ending. Thank you, Lions, for answering the call. Our third and final service challenge will again focus on the homeless and will include the collection and donation of hand towels and wash cloths along with more socks of all colors. That particular project will end at the fourth cabinet meeting on April 10.

As I announced in the January edition of the district newsletter, I am presently working on filling various cabinet positions such as region and zone chair as well as district committee chairs. I have been able to fill approximately 50% of the positions thus far and hope to have the majority filled by March 1. ***Volunteers are encouraged. Don't be shy; call me before I call you!***

Also, as required in my preparation for becoming District Governor, I am working on my goals for Lions fiscal year 2021/2022. LCI is asking all incoming district governors to focus, in concert with our 2020/2021 North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) efforts, on member and club growth with emphasis on member recruitment and retention, leadership development, club service reporting and financial support of LCIF. I hope to be able to share those goals with you during our sub-district meetings at our multiple district convention this spring.

Finally, I would like to remind our clubs that nominations for the District Honor Roll are due on or before March 15. To date, I have received four nominations and we are permitted up to ten. Consider recognizing those Lions who go above and beyond in their service to your communities.

In Lions Service,

CHARLES CROFT, Jr.

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WELFARE OF LIONS MEMBERS



Recommendations and templates regarding welfare of Lions members have been created by District 22-W North American Membership Initiative, Membership Satisfaction Team Sub Committee, which includes Chair Lion Martin Bonura, PCC Bob Muchow, Thurmont Club Secretary Joyce Anthony and me. Information was sent to all Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Zone Chairs and Region Chairs and posted in the weekly update.

Our main objective of fostering a welcoming club environment consists of four goals to increase member satisfaction. Those goals directed us to create the following action plans and templates to provide clubs guidance:

- Recognition: clubs provide appropriate and timely recognition
- Member talent survey: to assure members experience a feeling of family
- Sunshine Committee: personalized communication regarding wellness of members

Our last goal under welfare of Lions members and satisfaction is as follows: To ensure a free exchange of ideas by providing Lions Clubs with ways to be impartial as they address ideas and suggestions from members. We have decided that the action steps we would like to recommend to clubs would be difficult to implement during COVID pandemic (clubs not meeting, low attendance at Zoom meetings etc.). Therefore, we have decided to wait until later in the Spring to introduce a program regarding the free exchange of ideas.

We are planning a short training to demonstrate behaviors so Lions can feel comfortable in speaking up with their new suggestions and ideas.

Please stay tuned for more information.

Yours in Lionism,

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A letter from International President Choi:

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online.

This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies. Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world.

We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience and will share those with you as soon as they are ready. Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

Everyone's invited – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.

Registration fees – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date.

Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

Current registrants – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.

Elections – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically and voting procedures will be forthcoming.

Convention updates – Check our convention website **LCICon** for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service. We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world and ***thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.***

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President

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**Regards,
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February 15: INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY: LION AND LEO SUCCESS STORIES: Lions and Leos come together to share success stories in the childhood cancer global cause in honor of International Childhood Cancer Day 2021. We will learn from four Lions who have been successful in implementing Childhood Cancer Service Projects

CALENDAR

NEW* DIABETES AWARENESS SEMINARS

Here are the links for the two **DIABETES AWARENESS SEMINARS** prepared and presented by Lion John Monahan of District 22D.

Diabetes Awareness Seminar 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEK3UwmFViE&authuser=0>

Diabetes Awareness

Seminar 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obKjZ6N2fVo>

FREDERICK COUNTY "SHOTS"

If you are a resident of Frederick County, please visit the county's [online portal](#) to submit a [vaccination interest form](#).

The county will contact people directly who have submitted the form and in order of priority.

If you need assistance completing the form, please call 301-600-7900 for help in English or 301-600-7905 for help in Spanish.

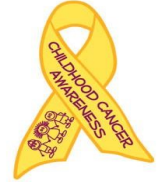
VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR SERVICE CHALLENGE

The vice district governors would like to thank the district Lions clubs that participated in the second "Kindness in Action" Vice District Governors' Diaper/Baby Wipe/Socks service challenge. As of the third Cabinet meeting held on January 23, seventeen clubs collected and donated approximately 8,000 diapers, 15,250 baby wipes and 1658 pairs of socks to the four agencies that provide services to the homeless in our five-county region. If your club has not yet submitted your donation information, please do so by emailing FVDG Charlie with your acknowledgments. Final results and the naming of the club donating the most items will be announced in the January 31 edition of the weekly update. A check in the amount of \$100.00 will be sent to that club.

The third and final "Kindness in Action" service challenge has begun, and we will be collecting and donating hand towels, wash cloths and new or slightly used socks. These are to be collected with your **acknowledgments submitted by April 10.**



CHILDHOOD CANCER IDEAS Submitted by DG Barb Brimigion



Not all of these will be able to be performed during the pandemic but keep them in mind for another year.

1. Provide craft materials, puzzles, new books & games to children receiving treatment.
2. Prepare meals for families with children undergoing treatment.
3. Donate gas, parking & food gift cards to families with children at the childhood cancer centers.
4. Provide cancer support books and magazines to your local schools.
5. Write cards full of well-wishes for the staff at the local cancer centers.
6. Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to children's cancer centers.
7. Coordinate travel arrangements to and from treatments for a family of a child with cancer.
8. Provide tutoring services to children with cancer and their siblings.
9. Organize a childhood cancer camp or sponsor a child to attend one.
10. Volunteer to assist a family in sharing their story through photography.
11. Sponsor an activity day for children with cancer.
12. Raise awareness through radio public service announcements or social media campaigns.
13. Provide children's entertainment at a hospital or treatment center for children with cancer.
14. Organize a weekend retreat for families with children in remission.
15. Form a support group for those affected by childhood cancer.
16. Volunteer at a housing facility serving children with cancer.
17. Monetary donations and gift cards for camps with programs for childhood cancer patients such as the one at Johns Hopkins Children's Hospital
18. Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for young people



DISTRICT NEWS



We Serve

Past District Governor

Lion Gerry Beachy

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We are cancelling the Leader Dog rallies to be held April 26-29, 2021 due to the pandemic. In the past, we had 100% of our clubs donating to Leader Dogs, and we hope that we can get 100% again this year.

There will be a virtual Leader Dog rally on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7 PM. A link will be sent from Leader Dogs that each club can use to access the ZOOM call. Please promote this event to each of the club members so we have a great attendance. For those Lions who do not use ZOOM, they can also make a phone call to join the rally. Each club is requested to take a picture of the check presentation, usually from the club treasurer to the president. The check should be sent to CT Forrest Hudspeth made out to District 22-W Foundation with Leader Dogs in the memo section. The picture, along with the name of the club, should then be sent to Beth Slade where a Powerpoint will be shown after the presentation by Leader Dog. Her email address is: beth.slade@leaderdog.org.

Another way to support Leader Dogs is to visit their website under ways to give: leaderdog.org and order something from their on-line store. Lions can also make a personal donation at that site.

Do not let the pandemic stop you from donating to Leader Dog. Remember, that thanks to our financial support, blind persons can go to their campus and get white cane training and a Leader Dog at no cost to the person. Please continue to support this great organization.

PDG Gerry and Lion Sue Beachy
Leader Dog co-chairs

HARNEY LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Virginia Fair

The February meeting of the Harney Lions Club will be a board meeting at Piney Creek Percherons (4722 Piney Creek Road), Feb. 8th 2021. All members are welcome; you must have a mask.

Harney Projects:

Memorial Tree Planting- In honor of Herbert Pletcher and Oliver Parish -the club is buying trees to be planted in at National Forest or National Park in their memory. So far eighty-five trees have been ordered in their memory. We have donated \$160.00 to purchase trees. We will be taking donations for memorial trees all year.

Firehouse support- The Harney Fire company is raffling off a fire truck. The Harney Lions Club has purchased 2 tickets to support Fire Company. Drawing on Jan. 11, 2021

Glasses collection box is at the Harney VFW. Please collect used glasses and place in box. If you have glasses, they can also be taken to Piney Creek Percherons to be turned into the district chairperson. (4722 Piney Creek Road).

Community Project- We are collecting new white socks for homeless families. Sizes can range from children to adult, for both men and women. Drop off your donations at Michelle's house (5726 Conover Road in Harney) or at Ginny Fair's house (4722 Piney Creek Road).

Live clean used Christmas trees will be recycled after Christmas- Contact Mike Vaughn (4432445575) for tree pickup or drop them off at Piney Creek Percherons (4722 Piney Creek Road) just leave them in front of

Lions Helping Lions:

Thank You to New Windsor Lions Club for their Financial support of the Harney Lions Club. Because of their support Harney will be able to pay their International dues. **WE CAN NEVER THANK THEM ENOUGH!!!!**



DISTRICT NEWS



WELCOME, NEW LIONS, TO DISTRICT 22W JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

Carol Ewan, Chewsville Lions Club
Raymond Ewan, Chewsville Lions Club
Jeff Pringle, Deep Creek Lake Lions Club
Nick Sanella, Deep Creek Lake Lions Club
Robbie Welle, Deep Creek Lake Lions Club
Woodrow Nightengale Sr, Lonaconing Lions Club
James Frisby, Westminster Lions Club

TOP CLUBS FOR NEW MEMBERS – NET GAIN AS OF JANUARY 20, 2021

Freedom District Lions Club (+7)
Frostburg Lions Club (+3)
Frostburg State University Campus Club (+3)
Greater Carroll Lions Club (+3)
Hancock Lioness Lions Club (+2)
Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club (+2)



Keep up the Good Work!

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:

Chris Myers, LaVale Lions Club (club level)

Mark Malone, LaVale Lions Club (club level)



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.

MEMORIALS

LION RICHARD "DICK" L. HERSHEY on Monday, November 23, 2020. Lion Dick joined the **Hagerstown Lions Club**, May 1, 1990. He served on the Board of Directors and was our Club President, 1998-99. He served as Club Secretary from 2000-01 through 2004-05. He then served for several years as Corresponding Secretary through June 2015. In 1999-00, he served as Region II Chairman. Lion Dick loved dogs and was thrilled to serve as District 22-W'S Leader Dog Chairman from 1995-96 through 1998-99 and then from 2001-02 through 2004-05. He was a Key Member and Hagerstown Lions Club recognized him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in April 2003. After moving to Ephrata, Pennsylvania in 2016, Lion Dick joined the Denver Lions Club and retained his membership in Hagerstown as an Associate Member. Lion Dick will be greatly missed by his Lions family.

Lion Dick's obituary is available online. https://www.heraldmillmedia.com/obituaries/richard-hershey-95/article_f4a6a058-d07f-5a2d-9d90-e4bba0c70c39.html

LION MALVERN DAWSON MOSELEY, JR., 95, of Winston-Salem, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at Trellis Supportive Care.

Malvern was born on August 28, 1925 in Richmond, VA to Malvern Dawson Moseley, Sr. and Isabelle Brent Moseley. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII from 1943 – 1946. After his discharge from the Navy he worked for 40+ years at Chevrolet dealerships in Washington, D.C. and Maryland, retiring from Criswell Chevrolet in Gaithersburg, MD as Service Manager in 1989. Belonging to the Boy Scout as a child, Malvern served as a Scout Leader as an adult, serving as Assistant Scout Master and Scout Master. He also enjoyed volunteering, and was involved with his local VFW, Elks Club, and Lions Club. In 1989, he and Jean retired to Garrett County, MD and lived there until 2016 when he and Jean moved to NC to live to his son and his wife. In addition to his parents, Malvern was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Roberson.

Malvern is survived by his beloved wife of 73 years, Jean Pitts Moseley; son, Glenn Moseley and wife Libby; grandchildren, Kyle Roberson, Lacey Roberson, Matthew Moseley, Gregory Moseley, and Sarah Moseley.

A celebration of Malvern's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org.



LION WILLIAM HERMAN "BILL" GREISE, 86, of Cumberland, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Born in Cumberland, on Aug. 3, 1934, he was the son of the late Herman S. and Frances Ann (Spicer) Greise. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alma (Winters) Greise; and sister, Alice Thomas.

Bill was a graduate of LaSalle High School, Cumberland. Bill served his country in the U.S. Army. After being discharged, he was employed by various businesses in Cumberland. Bill retired from Greise's Rain Soft Water where he was the owner and operator.

Bill was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Mountains Parish. He was a member of the South Cumberland Business and Civic Association, Cumberland Lions Club, where he served as past president, and American Legion Fort Cumberland Post 13 where he was a member of the Honor Guard.

Bill is survived by the mother of his children, Carol (Smith) Seal and her husband, Cecil; his children, William H. Greise and wife, Linda, Jeffrey F. Greise and wife, Debbie, Mary F. Clites and husband, LeRoy, Karen A. Wilson and husband, Jim, Cheryl M. Miller and Arte Ambrose, and Patrick A. Greise and Mary Welsh. Bill is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Dave Greise and wife, Frankie, and Frank Greise and wife, Teddy; sisters, Barbara Hagen and Laura Lee Feaster; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Shrine, 125 Fayette St., Cumberland, on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021. Burial is in Maryland State Veteran's Cemetery, Rocky Gap. Condolences may be left at www.ScarpelliFH.com.



MEMORIALS



LION G. PAUL LYNCH, age 95, near Uniontown, died Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Carroll Hospice Dove House. Born September 17, 1925 in Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Roger and Bernice Hicks Lynch. He was married to Judith Carnes Lynch for 58 years. Following graduation from Leominster High School, Paul enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served in World War II as an airplane armorer gunner. His plane was shot down over Germany and he was taken prisoner of war. He was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. After the war he attended and graduated from the University of Massachusetts, received his master's degree from the University of Idaho and earned his PhD from Cornell University. For 28 years he was a scientist in the Ruminant Nutrition Laboratory at the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. He especially enjoyed living and working on the family sheep farm as well as being with his family and looking forward to family gatherings. Paul was a member of Messiah United Methodist Church, Taneytown. He was a 30-year member of the Union Bridge Lions Club, was a past president and was honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow. He served on the Maryland Agricultural Commission and was a past president of the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association. For several years he chaired an art show for students in local elementary, middle and high schools. The shows were sponsored by five area Lions Clubs.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters, Laine Lucenti (Bob), Kathen Leonetti (Dave), Lori Eggleston (Dick) and Becky Lynch (Simon Key); 3 grandsons, Brock, Thomas and William; 2 great grandsons, Damien and Paul; brother, Bruce Lynch (Joyce) and sisters, Eleanor Smith and Marcia Fallon. He was predeceased by grandson, Damien Lucenti.

Due to the corona virus the family is unable to have a visitation or funeral service. A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family in the Methodist Cemetery, Uniontown. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Messiah United Methodist Church, 20 Middle St., Taneytown, MD 21787, the Union Bridge Lions Club, P.O. Box 5, Union Bridge, MD 21791 or to the Dove House, 292 Stoner Ave., Westminster, MD 21157. The family invites you to leave a message or memory on our "tribute wall" at www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com.



LION JACOB F. "JAKE" ALTVATER, age 89, of New Windsor and formerly of Union Bridge, died Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at his home after a brief illness. Born November 4, 1931 in Frederick, he was the son of the late Jacob F. Avater Sr. and Lydia Staub Altvater. He was the husband of Shirley Fox Altvater, his wife of 65 years.

Jake was a 1950 graduate of Walkersville High School and served as vice-president of his senior class. He was employed for 30+ years with Lehigh Portland Cement Co., Union Bridge and in the 1970's started his own brokerage, Jacob F. Altvater Real Estate. He served as cashier with auctioneer Austin Bohn of Johnsville for 43 years. He was dedicated to serving his community through numerous organizations: 37-year member of the Union Bridge Lions Club holding many offices, life member of the Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Co. having joined in 1950, 61-year member of Plymouth Lodge #143 A.F. & A.M., served on the board of directors at the Fahrney-Keeney Home and Village, Boonsboro, F & M Bank and later with the New Windsor State Bank from 1991-2002. He was a faithful member of the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren. Jake was an ultimate patriotic citizen and devoted untold hours to the creation of Profiles of Veterans, from World War I through the Gulf War and Desert Storm. He displayed these veterans on posters and shared them with the public at banks and other locations throughout the year, honoring their service to America.



In addition to his wife, he is survived by son, Dean Altvater of New York City and "daughter", Joyce Hibberd and husband Granville of New Windsor; nieces, Gloria Farver and husband Gene of Westminster, Lydia Sexton and husband Richard of Texas, Catherine Roop and husband Preston of Walkersville, Bonnie Clabaugh and husband Bob of Thurmont; and nephew, Paul Geisbert and wife Brenda of Missouri. He was predeceased by sons, Alan D. and David Altvater; sisters, Lydia Giesbert, Catherine Black and Charlotte Boone and brother, Richard Altvater.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 4, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 6 E. Broadway, Union Bridge, with Revs Scott and Britnee Linton, officiating. Interment followed in Pipe Creek Cemetery, near New Windsor.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren, P.O. Box 518, Union Bridge, MD 21791. The family invites you to leave a message or memory on our "tribute wall" at www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com.

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Lion, William Robert "Bob" Flickinger, 88, resident of Taneytown, Maryland, passed away on Friday morning, January 1, 2021 at Lorien Taneytown from complications of Covid pneumonia.

He was born on December 3, 1932 in Tyrone, Maryland, the son of the late William K. and Hilda M. (Zepp) Flickinger. He was married on June 30, 1957 to Fairy Louise (Frock) Flickinger, his loving and devoted wife of 63 years.

Bob served his country in the U.S. Army from 1955-58, and was in the Army Security Agency, Formosa. He had a 26-year career with Random House, Inc. in Westminster, retiring in 1993. Bob was a very active member of Grace U.C.C. in Taneytown and especially enjoyed helping with the Grace United Learning Center and was well known by the kids and staff as "Mr. Bob". Bob had a long history of service to his beloved community Taneytown. He served as Mayor of the City of Taneytown for three terms (78-79, 95-99 and 03-07), Taneytown City councilman for over 16 years, and was inducted into the Municipal League Hall of Fame in 1997 for having served more than 20 years in public office.

Bob was very active in the Taneytown Lions Club, serving twice (77-78, 96-97) as club president, was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, and most recently the District 22-W Honor Roll Award (46 years perfect attendance), and a life membership in Lions International. Bob was a former member of the Taneytown Jaycees, former member and chairman of the Carroll County Commission on Aging, Carroll County Parks and Recreation Council, Gettysburg Antique Car Association (1970 Mustang convertible and 1967 Ford Galaxy, where his prize cars), and Carroll County Historical Society.

For many years Bob headed up the mulching project in all of Taneytown City parks, assisting middle and high school students with their community service credits. Bob was also an associate with the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home beginning in 2003 with the then Skiles Funeral Home and could often be seen working the door at the Taneytown funeral home greeting friends and family of loved ones. He was fond of flower and vegetable gardening and enjoyed planting trees.

Surviving Bob in addition to his wife Fairy, are daughter, Judith Ann "Judy" Greenholt Roberts and husband Glenn of Bethany Beach, DE; son, Blaine Allen Flickinger and wife Karen of New Windsor; grandsons, Keith Greenholt and wife Julie of Pittsburgh, PA, Kyle Greenholt and wife Maryann of York, PA, and Sean Flickinger and wife Amanda, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps stationed in Hawaii; sisters, Doris Eckard of Littlestown, PA, and Jean Berwager of Taneytown. He is also survived by 5 step-grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and numerous step-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son-in-law, Jeffrey Greenholt.

Due to pandemic restrictions, a private funeral service for the family was held on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home in Taneytown. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the City of Taneytown c/o: "Robert Flickinger Fund" (designated for planting trees in Taneytown parks); Grace United Learning Center; or to Taneytown Lions Club. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.



FACE MASKS, HEARING LOSS AND HEARING AIDS
Contributed by Joy Victory, managing editor, Healthy Hearing
Last updated January 11, 2021

Face masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) help protect us from the coronavirus, but they add communication challenges for everyone, especially people with hearing impairments. That's because:

- Face masks lower the volume of a person's speech and slightly garble it.
- Face shields, social distancing and plastic barriers further muffle or reduce sound.
- Face mask ear loops may tug on your hearing aids and cause other problems.

You can't rely on lip reading clues and other facial movements that help you understand speech and emotion.

Tips for wearing hearing aids with a face mask

If you wear behind-the-ear [hearing aids](#), you may encounter problems trying to wear a standard face mask with elastic ear loops. The loops may tug at the wire or tube that goes from the body of the hearing aid down to your ear. You also may inadvertently pull your hearing aids out and lose them when removing your mask. What's a hearing aid wearer to do?

- Fabric ties may work better as they are adjustable and don't tug as much as elastic ear loops
- Mask holders or extenders can relieve your ears from the double (or triple!) duty of holding up your face mask, hearing aids, and eyeglasses
- Some masks clasp at the neck instead of the ears (similar to gaiters but shorter)

Always remove your mask carefully so you don't accidentally yank your hearing aids out

Because there are so many types of hearing aids and face masks, we recommend you reach out to your hearing care provider who may have solutions they've come up with from talking to other patients. We've seen lots of creative workarounds floating around out there, such as these suggestions from hearing loss advocates and nurses.

How to communicate when wearing a mask

Face masks lower the volume of a person's voice, and they muffle speech clarity. Follow these tips, especially when talking to someone with hearing loss, to improve communication:

- Reduce the room's noise and get the person's attention
- Ask if the person can hear you
- Speak slowly and clearly
- Do not shout
- Make sure hearing aid wearers are using them
- Consider using a portable hearing aid amplifier, especially if you're in a medical setting where communication is very important
- If you're not understood, try to rephrase what you said with different words
- Take turns while speaking
- Do not talk while walking or looking away

If obtainable, clear or transparent masks (such as this one) can help with lipreading and conveying emotions

"Speakers often naturally try to compensate by projecting, but a more effective approach is to speak more clearly, with greater enunciation," explains Nicole Marrone, PhD, associate professor in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at the University of Arizona.

When out in public, such as at a shopping trip, these tips can't always be followed. But, for example, if you and your spouse are both wearing masks, make sure your spouse is aware they must speak more slowly and clearly to you. And speak up for yourself when talking to strangers, letting them know you can't hear well and need them to speak more clearly and slowly.

If you're the one trying to speak to someone with hearing loss, "use some creativity to get your meaning conveyed, instead of repeating the same misunderstood phrases over and over again," recommends Dr. Mandy Mroz, AuD, president of Healthy Hearing. "Don't underestimate the power of body language, eye contact and slowing down speech to be clearer."

DISTRICT NEWS

LVRV VISION DAYS.

District 22W LVRV Trustee PDG Susan Timmons - Vision Day Committee

One club in District 22W has held a LVRV Vision Day collection event. This club will be receiving a rocker for the 2020-2021 year for their club banner and able to use the total donation toward the LVRV Recognition Program.

Vision Day collections can be designed to meet COVID-19 distancing requirements and other criteria using creativity.

One club has a Vision Day display in conjunction with other service or fund raising events such as Christmas decoration display or Community paper shredding opportunities.

It is possible to speak to store customers allowing for distancing by properly displaying Vision Day Posters and LVRV Brochures which individuals can retrieve on their own. Just speak loud enough and clear enough to be understood behind the mask.

Use a folding table, a donation collection see through plastic container, and seed money in the jar (Use \$5, \$10, or \$20 bill as an example for others to follow).

Prominently display LVRV Vision Days Posts. Be prepared to explain what Vision Days support and the LVRV mission to help those living with low vision.

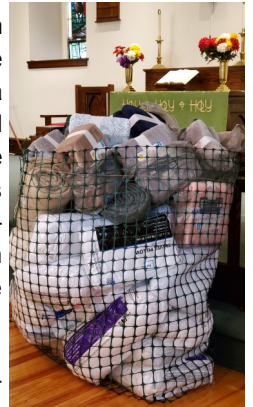
More suggestions and information on holding Vision Days is available at the LVRV Web-site, www.lionsvision.org under Programs from the Home Page.

THURMONT LIONS CLUB SERVICE CHALLENGE PROJECT

Submitted by Lion Joyce Anthony

The Thurmont Lions Club collected new pillows and new or gently used blankets during October and November in response to a District 22-W Kindness in Action service challenge sponsored by Vice District Governors Charles Croft and Nadja Muchow. The club delivered 85 blankets and 52 pillows to Camille Kime who founded the Karaoki Buddies. This organization serves over 600 handicapped people and other individuals in need of a place for shelter. Lion Nancy Echard chaired the service challenge project for the Thurmont Lions Club.

The club presently is responding to District 22-W's second Kindness in Action service challenge. They are collecting adult new white stockings, diapers and baby wipes



NEWS 2021 MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

THE ANNUAL 50/50 Grand Drawing to raise funds for the upcoming convention which is scheduled for **April 15-18, 2021 is still being held.**

The 1st drawing is 25%, 2nd drawing is 15% and the 3rd drawing is 10%. Donation of \$1.00 each or 10 for \$5.00 is requested. Stubs and money should either be sent to MD22 Convention Treasurer Sonia Wiggins, 5812 Rolling Drive, Derwood, MD 20855 or bring them to the Multiple Convention. DG Barb will hand out tickets to the clubs during the DG Official Visitations. Other clubs will receive them at the cabinet meetings or other district events. ***Please help the convention this year and purchase some tickets.***

CROSS-ADVERTISE YOUR PROJECT

Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmel -Communications & Marketing

Many Lions Clubs have more than one project or event happening at any given time. Cross-advertise your projects.

For example, say your club is running a broom sale and preparing for an upcoming dinner at the same time. When you deliver items from the one, attach a flyer about the other project. It spreads the word and may help you get a return customer.

To cross-advertise, you may need different versions or sizes of the event flyer. Sometimes a full-page flyer works better than a smaller one, sometimes the reverse is true.

It would take a minimal amount of effort to do this additional advertising and could possibly reap rewards for your club.



DISTRICT NEWS

ZOOM CHAT SCHEDULED FOR 22W

Submitted by Lois A. Conrad
District 22-W GLT

District 22-W will be holding a Zoom Chat at 6 pm on Sunday, February 21. This will be a **New Member Orientation**. Our targeted audience for this chat will be any Lions (and their sponsors) who have joined your club in the past few years but did not have orientation. We also would welcome representatives from clubs that do not have a formal New Member Orientation program and would like to learn how it is done.

The session will cover information about Lions Club International (inception to present time), District 22-W and Your Club. The meeting should not last more than an hour.

Please pass this along to your club members. Those who wish to attend should let me know (iconrad@matrix-logic.com) and I'll send them an invitation to the Zoom meeting. **The invitation will also be in the weekly announcements throughout February.**



VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR SERVICE CHALLENGE

The vice district governors would like to thank the district Lions clubs that participated in the second "Kindness in Action" Vice District Governors' Diaper/Baby Wipe/Socks service challenge.

As of the third Cabinet meeting held yesterday, January 23, seventeen clubs collected and donated approximately 8,000 diapers, 15,250 baby wipes and 1658 pairs of socks to the four agencies that provide services to the homeless in our five-county region.

If your club has not yet submitted your donation information, please do so by emailing FVDG Charlie with your acknowledgments. Final results and the naming of the club donating the most items will be announced in the January 31 edition of the weekly update. A check in the amount of \$100.00 will be sent to that club.

The **third and final "Kindness in Action" service challenge** has begun, and we will be collecting and donating **hand towels, wash cloths and new or slightly used socks.** These are to be collected with your acknowledgments submitted by April 10

LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

As of 2018, the Lions International Trading Pin Club is now awarding three Youth Scholarships of \$2,500.00 each to a graduating senior who is a child or grandchild of a Lion, Lioness or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue their education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Club International "WE SERVE". Since 2012 LITPC has provided 16 scholarships totaling \$40,000.00. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First". Selection of the scholarship recipient is based on academic achievements, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service and letters of recommendations. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman below by March 15, 2021.

IMPORTANT: All Scholarship Applications from Delaware, Maryland and Washington D.C. must submit their completed application to Lion James Minnich, Youth Scholarship Chairman, and **NOT TO** Lion Lana McCaulley as stated on the Scholarship Application. All graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions or Lioness clubs members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs are encouraged to participate in the LITPC Youth Scholarship program.

To obtain LITPC Youth Scholarship Information:

1. Go on the LITPC website: LITPC.org
2. Click on LITPC Scholarship Information
3. Click on Scholarship Application Form
4. Send completed application with all required information by March 15, 2021 to:
Lion James Minnich, PDG
228 Sandra Road
Wilmington, DE 19803
302-654-7326

JLMLION@AOL.COM

Applicants must have:

- a) Completed current 2020-2021 application with all five essay questions answered. Each essay response should not be more than 350 words in length.
- b) Three recommendations. One of the three must be from a Lion member.
- c) Certified, signed, and stamped high school transcript with all grades
- d) A list of extra-curricular activities and community activities



THURMONT LIONS CLUB MAKES FUDGE

Articles Submitted by Lion Joyce Anthony

The Thurmont Lions Club had another great opportunity to hold a fundraiser to help in giving back to the community to support local and charitable organizations during COVID.

The club conducted their first fudge fundraiser on December 19th just in time for the holidays. We sold vanilla, chocolate, peanut butter, maple, egg-nog and peppermint fudge. It was a big success with 145 pounds sold and a sizable profit for the club. Of course, peanut butter and chocolate were the best sellers, followed by maple. The club would like to thank the community in helping to make this a successful fundraiser. All the profit will go back to the community.

The Thurmont Lions Club meets at 6:30 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Due to COVID-19, the meetings are held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Church Street, Thurmont, MD or virtual. For more information visit www.thurmontlionsclub.com or call 301-271-4020.



(Pictured above L-R: Lion Don Keeney and Lion Doug Favorite)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Each December on National Wreaths across America Day, we remember, honor, and teaching, is carried out by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies across the 50 states. Our Veterans are devoted sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters who placed their lives on the line for our freedoms. These wreaths are laid in honor of or memory of an American hero. **This is the first year the Thurmont Lions Club has come together to remember the fallen, to honor those who served and their families, and to teach the next generation about the value of freedom, by participating in this National Wreaths across America Day.** Thurmont Lions Club has supported these American hero's by laying over 400 wreaths in the Weller and Blue Ridge cemeteries on the graves. The club held a ceremony at 12 noon on Saturday, December 19th to honor these Veteran's prior to laying of the wreaths. President Susan Favorite gave an admirable tribute to the Veterans. Scout Troop 270, Catoclin High School Leos and the public participated. A member from each branch of service laid a wreath, and a wreath was laid for the POW/MIA servicemen.

The Thurmont Lions Club purchased the wreaths while drivers, trucks and fuel were donated. The club plans to support Wreaths across America next year. Even though we had several inches of snow, we still honored our fallen Veterans.

WREATHS ACROSSED AMERICA



DISTRICT NEWS

Picture: 2nd from left, PDG Paul Cannada;
4th from left, Lion



NURSING HOME CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS PROJECT

The Thurmont Lions Club had the opportunity to give the residents at St. Joseph's Nursing Home a Christmas. During these difficult times, many nursing home residents do not have the opportunity to receive the love they normally would. So, the Thurmont Lions Club is giving them a chance by showing love during this COVID-19 Christmas.

In November, Santa deputized special elves to fill stockings and deliver them to the residents. Lions Marci Veronie, Gayle DiSalvo, Joyce Anthony Susan Favorite, Allison Hazen and PDG Paul Cannada answered the call. They scampered around town looking for treats to place in 72 stockings and delivered them in time for Christmas. It was a warm, fun time to spread a little Christmas cheer to folks who have had an early tough year and can't be with their families. On December 23rd, PDG Paul Cannada and Lion Joyce Anthony delivered the stockings to St. Joseph's Nursing Home. The staff was overwhelmed with generosity and so thankful for the kindness and thoughtfulness of the Thurmont Lions Club. Also, three large boxes of Russell Stover candy were delivered; a box for the nursing station on each floor.



DISTRICT NEWS

FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS PRESENT DONATION

Submitted by Lion Don Champ

On January 9, 2021, Immediate Past President Lion Jim Moore (left) on behalf of the Freedom District Lions Club presented a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to First Fruits Farm's officers Mr. Dan Millender, Vice President (center), and Mr. Richard Bernstein, President (right). First Fruits Farm located in Free-land, Maryland is a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to providing fresh, nutritious produce to those experiencing hunger in the Mid-Atlantic region. First Fruits Farm provided fresh vegetables for the weekly Pop-Up Food Pantry the club conducted for twenty-one Sundays through mid-October to aid those in need in the Sykesville/Eldersburg community.



FREEDOM DISTRICT NEWS

Submitted by Lion Don Champ

As a service project the Freedom District Lions Club decorated a beautiful Christmas tree in the Gazebo in downtown Sykesville. The project was coordinated by Lion Melissa Turski, assisted by Lion Scott Walthour and the children of both families. Pictured (left – right): Ezra, Lucas and Mira Walthour (children of Lion Scott Walthour) and Samantha and Mackenzie Barden (children of Lion Melissa Turski) pause for a picture after decorating a Christmas tree in the downtown Sykesville gazebo on Thursday, December 3, 2020



FREEDOM DISTRICT NEWS CITRUS SALE

Submitted by: Lion Don Champ

The Freedom District Lions Club was able to hold their annual citrus fruit sale this year despite the coronavirus pandemic.

They did make some modifications in their process to make the pick up of fruit as “contact less” as possible. Customers were asked to place their orders on a special website set up just for this sale and to pay by credit card at the time of the order.

Orders could also be placed by mailing an order form and check to the service club's post office box. Most orders were placed in one of these ways thus eliminating the need to exchange money at the time fruit was picked up by the customers.

The citrus fruit arrived on Friday, December 4th and was unloaded into the Freedom District Lions Club storage building behind the Sykesville Freedom District Firehouse.

Customers were invited to pick up their preordered fruit between 9 AM – 5 PM on December 5th and 6th but instead of parking and coming into the Lions storage building to pay for their preordered fruit and pick it up, they were directed to drive a path through the parking lot in a line. Customers stayed in their cars while a Lion verified their order and then other Lions placed the ordered fruit in their vehicle.

The entire process was as “contact less” and safe as possible. The Freedom District Lions Club thanks the community for their support, especially during this year when much of their fundraising was canceled because of the virus but the needs for services to the community are greater than normal. Pictured above: Lion Ann Krumb, Chair of the Citrus Fruit Sale at the table verifies a customers order as Lions wait to place the order in the customer's vehicle.



DISTRICT NEWS

SMITHSBURG – DIABETES DAY

Submitted by Lion Barbara Weaver

November 14 was National Diabetes Day and Lions International suggested that all Lions Clubs participate by walking in their neighborhoods. Lions members engaged the community by drawing attention to this national situation.

Lion Diane Wenthe is very involved in making the Community of Smithsburg aware of this problem. She has been a diabetic for 55 years. She understands what is needed in dealing with the situation, making the community aware of the need for a cure and ways to prevent diabetes.

The Smithsburg Lions Club serves the surrounding communities.

Pictured: from left to right, Lions Barbara Weaver, Jack Wenthe and Diane Wenthe.



SMITHSBURG – HALLOWEEN

Submitted by Lion Barbara Weaver

The Smithsburg Lions Club recently distributed bags of candy to the children of Smithsburg during Trick or Treating in October. The members of the Club provided candy and other treats as the children came in costumes.

The Smithsburg Lions Club serves the Smithsburg and surrounding communities.

Pictured: Julian Joaquin dressed as a lion stands beside the Smithsburg Lions Club sign.



FSK LIONS VOLUNTEER FOR SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Lions Gary and Ellen Bennett of the FSK Lions of Frederick participated in Salvation Army bell ringing on Saturday, Dec. 5 at Boscov's in Frederick, MD. They took in over \$250 to help those in need this Christmas season during their two hours of work,



LION ELLEN BENNETT SELLS PEANUTS ON CARROLL CREEK IN FREDERICK

In support of the latest FSK Lion fundraiser, Lion Ellen Bennett sold Texas Roadhouse peanuts on Carroll Creek during "First Saturday" on December 5. If any Lion would like to purchase this great stocking stuffer -- each 7-oz. bag costs \$3 and includes a free coupon for an appetizer at Texas Roadhouse -- please email us at gabennett01@comcast.net or 301-606-3012. *Special Offer!! For any Lion in Washington, Frederick, or Carroll counties who purchases at least 5 bags for \$15, we deliver them to your home for FREE*



DISTRICT NEWS

PEACE POSTER WINNER



Pictured Lion Pam Riner, winner McKenzie Hargest, and Middletown Lions President Jim Colaianne.

McKenzie Hargest, a seventh-grader at Middletown Middle School, was selected as the winner of the Middletown Lion's Club annual peace poster contest. This year's theme was "Peace through Service."

The Lions Club president, James Colaianne, presented McKenzie a certificate and \$100 award at their meeting on Oct. 26. Honorable mentions were awarded to Kayla Knapp, Mairead Hoyt, Alayna Hu and Bella Thomas, who each received a certificate and \$25.

McKenzie's poster advanced to District level judging, which was held Oct. 31. The Lions Club thanks the middle school art teachers, Alyssa Pilarcik and Carrie Schuckers-Mattingly, for helping with the contest. It was a challenging project this year because of COVID-19. Middletown Lions meet the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Middletown AMVETS on Green Street.

SMITHSBURG – VISION DAYS

The Smithsburg Lions Club conducted their annual Vision Days promotion recently in Smithsburg, MD. Members collected donations for the Wilmer Eye Institute located at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

The Wilmer Eye Institute has long been recognized for bring together ophthalmologists consistently ranked by their peers as among the finest internationally, with a specially trained and highly experienced team of nurses. Many of researchers are involved in developing new treatment for eye diseases diagnosis and treatment. Eye services are comprehensive and include cataract removal, strabismus repair, glaucoma correction, etc. Complete pre-operative and post-operative care and patient education are provided.

The Smithsburg Lions Club serves the surrounding communities.



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Submitted by PDG Paul Cannada

There's no doubt what our tiny puppies want to be when they grow up, but they need your help. As a volunteer puppy raiser, you'll be the foundation a puppy needs to become a Leader Dog. And together, you'll help someone who is blind or visually impaired live a life of freedom, safety and happiness.

Experience giving the gift of a lifetime

- Get expert support from Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Grow your circle of friends by meeting other puppy raisers

Puppy raisers come from everywhere and from all walks of life to become the foundation every puppy needs to become a guide dog. Share this message with a friend who may want to participate in this unique volunteer experience!

Pictured: from left to right, Lion Brian Dawson, Troop 14 Eagle Scout Ian Dawson and Lion President Jeff Weaver collection donations for the Wilmer Eye Institute.



DISTRICT NEWS

WESTMINSTER LIONS

Submitted by Lion Diana Fraser

The Club sold Maryland crab soup, ham and bean soup, vegetable soup and also chicken salad for drive-through pick up in the VFW parking lot .

We have "adopted" two families for Christmas this year – a single father with three kids (ages 6, 5, and 2) and a couple with two sons (12 and 4). The change that we collected in our Christmas jars from last year brought in over \$400 for ADOPT-A-FAMILY and the Club will make up the difference (if any) so that we have at least \$500 to buy items for the families.

The Giving Basket – Wish List December 2020: This month we're collecting cleaning supplies, and personal care items: • Hand sanitizers • Disinfectant wipes • Lysol spray • Shampoo • Deodorant • Toothbrushes & toothpaste • Shaving cream • Disposable razors. **The Giving Basket supports:** Free Stuff for Vets 365, New Life for Girls, Safe Haven Homeless Shelter.

The **Sober Truth Eagle Scout** applicant Dante Tapia Pujals from Troop 380 in Hampstead has been working with the Lions to collect items for CHILDREN WITH CANCER at Sinai Hospital and University of Maryland Medical Center Children's Hospital. Our Club donated \$200 to the effort. He has collected an incredible 1,855 toys and games! Dante will be quarantining the toys for 2 weeks before delivering them to ensure they are safe from the coronavirus. He will be delivering the toys to the hospitals on Friday, December 11.

The **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE** at the Southern States Cooperative, in Westminster continues through January. The donations will be given to the Lions Club again this year! Please let all your friends and family know about this great food drive!

We set up a tree and our LIONS DEN donation box to benefit Veterans again at Walmart this year. Club members donated 33 new coats for our WINTER COAT DRIVE and gathered another 33 new coats from donations at Boscov's. All 66 coats were delivered to the Shepherd's Staff. Lions Bob and Susie Coursey won the drawing for members who donated new coats and received a Bullock's gift certificate, donated by the "Sunshine Club."

Thanks to everyone who helped to put together and deliver food bags to the residents at the low-income, senior housing at TIMBER RIDGE/RIDGE RESIDENCES. The Club assembled 179 bags of groceries that we purchased or were donated. We received donations from Aldi, Walmart, Utz Foods, and Coca-Cola.

Toy Delivery for Children with Cancer: Eagle Scout candidate Dante Pujals, Lion Kathy Rixham, and Lion Bob Coursey delivered the thousands of toys and books collected for children with cancer. The items were delivered to the University of Maryland Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital at Sinai Hospital. To assist, contact Lion Barb Hayes.

Super Soup Supper – Saturday, January 9 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Westminster VFW We will be selling Maryland crab soup, ham and bean soup, vegetable soup and also chicken salad for drive-through pick up in the VFW parking lot. To assist, or to place an order, contact Lion Susie Coursey.

ROARING RUN LIONS ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Lion Shiloh Bartgis

Report on meeting of January 6th - All special conditions were practiced and King Lion Tim presided. A visitation from Greater Carroll made an appearance and Cub Vince reported on his participation in various events.

Several awards for the Centennial Membership Campaign were presented to Lion Vicki, Diamond Award and Gold Award to PDG Lion Evan.

Lion Vicki reported that 14 wreaths for Veterans were placed at Western Chapel Cemetery. Lion Ginger reported that the residents of Country Acres were surprised by a visit from Santa (Lion Tim) and enjoyed their gifts.

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King Lion Tim reported a profit of \$ 570.00 from the recent flea market at the Ag Center. Roaring Run will be having the food stand at the Ag Center on January 30th and help is needed. Please let King Lion Tim know if You can help or provide some goodies. This is tentative pending the Covid rules, etc

16TH ANNUAL 5K WALK IN WESTMINSTER

OUR ANNUAL 5K WALK IS A GO!

TO BENEFIT

DIABETES AWARENESS & CAMP MERRICK

Depending on conditions, this may become an individual walk challenge with a donation for a t-shirt.

Information will be given out as able for the May Event.

Get your friends & family ready to walk. We had a record amount of participants last year. **Let's break that record!!**



DISTRICT NEWS.

GRANTSVILLE LIONS CLUB PARTNERS WITH CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS

The Grantsville Lions Club recently presented a check to the Grantsville Rotary Club for the Rotary Clubs of Garrett County Christmas Program. Tags are placed on Christmas trees around the county with a specific gift request for a needy child.

The Grantsville Lions Club purchased gifts for 8 children and budgeted \$300 for the program. Any money left over is presented as a check to the Rotary Clubs of Garrett County to purchase food for needy families.

All money raised through fund raisers done by the Grantsville Lions Club is returned to the community in the form of donations, especially to provide eyeglasses and/or exams for the needy. Many of the club fund raisers have been canceled due to Covid-19 but the club is still able to continue with many donations.

Each year the Grantsville ROTARY partners with Civic organizations, businesses, and their patrons to ensure children and seniors within our community have a memorable Christmas through the distribution of presents and gift cards respectively. With the challenges of 2020 it is even more important to give the gifts of Peace, Joy and Hope.

A special thank you goes out to the Grantsville Rotarians, Grantsville Lions, Diehl's Ford Sales, Penn Alps, Total Biz, Woodmen Life, Somerset Trust, Dollar General, members of our community and visitors who selflessly donated to make a difference in so many lives.



WESTMINSTER LIONS HAVE BUSY MONTH

Lion Wendy Beares reports that the REGION IV LIONS CLUB RAFFLE raised \$225 for the Administrative Fund and \$480 for the Activity Fund. Unfortunately, none of the winners were from tickets sold by Westminster Lions Club.

ADOPT A FAMILY update! We "adopted" two families for Christmas this year – a single father with three kids (ages 6, 5, and 2) and a couple with two sons (12 and 4). Donations came pouring in, and our elves shopped for what we still needed. Thanks to Lions Barb Hayes, Karen Bullock, and Wendy Beares who delivered all the gifts on December 19.

Our LIONS DEN donation box to benefit Veterans at Walmart collected 649 items so far. The donations have been delivered to Free Stuff for Vets 365 and the Carroll County Bureau of Aging.

WE SERVED! AT THE SOUP KITCHEN at the Church of the Brethren on Saturday, December 5, and provided about 75 carryout meals.

THE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE at the Southern States Cooperative collected 650 food items and they will be given to the Lions Club again this year! Lion Ted Burnett will coordinate picking up the donations and getting them to the food pantry at the Westminster Church of the Brethren.

EAGLE SCOUT APPLICANT Dante Tapia Pujals from Troop 380 delivered 1,855 toys and games for CHILDREN WITH CANCER to Sinai Hospital and University of Maryland Medical Center Children's Hospital.

MARK YOUR 2021 CALENDAR! The next DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT will be on Saturday, April 24, from 9:00 until 11:00 at the VFW parking lot.

THE GIVING BASKET collects different "Wish List" items each month for local community organizations. We collected 15 items for the Giving Basket in December. Tail Twister Lion Wendy is also collecting empty aluminum/metal cans (clean and dried please) for Veterans. **Note** that Lion Wendy will be happy to pick up any cans or Giving Basket items from you, so give her a call at 410- 857-9242.

DISTRICT NEWS

Westminster Lions Club delivers groceries to Timber Ridge



Kenny Carlisle and Floyd Freyman of the Westminster Lions Club load groceries in a trailer Nov. 9.



Westminster Lions Club members get to work Nov. 9.



Members of the Westminster Lions Club filled the social hall of the Westminster VFW with groceries Monday morning. In a ballet that was carefully staged and choreographed, volunteers donated countless hours and filled 179 bags of groceries.



The Westminster Lions Club delivered bags of groceries to residents of Timber Ridge in Westminster on Nov. 9.



KEVIN DAYHOF PHOTOS

Bob Coursey and Karen Bullock load groceries onto a cart to be loaded on a trailer.

The Westminster Lions Club, celebrating its 80th year, delivered 179 bags of groceries to Timber Ridge Apartments in Westminster on a recent Monday afternoon.

The weather was warm and the sun was out as food and good cheer were delivered by the trailer-load. The effort was possible thanks to a CARES grant from Carroll County government and a helping hand from Walmart, Utr potato chips, Coca Cola and ALDI's, along with countless volunteer hours from the Westminster Lions.

DISTRICT NEWS

OAKLAND LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Leon Cardiff

Ryan Wolf gave us an update on the Broadford Park Christmas light display put on by Southern High School. Presently the school collected more than \$16,000 in donations and there may still be a check yet. Our club utilized funds from our Queen of Hearts game to purchase light displays near pavilion 5. Also members of our club, Memorial Gardens, Clear Mountain Bank and 1st United Bank also donated to this holiday project for Southern High School which had more than 50 displays in the park. He has received many comments from interested parties of participating with more displays next year. One heck of a haul, but a lot of people wanted to get out of their houses this year and support Southern High School as well as view something different in our community this holiday season.

With our club being the Charter Sponsor for the Boy Scout Troop the requirements nationally are that we have an individual from our club maintain an active interest. King Chuck and Lion Ryan Wolf have completed the online Charter Sponsor for this year. This requirement will be completed by the new King Lion each year upon their induction.

The Sunshine Committee, which handles coordination for viewings and funeral notifications of members or immediate Lions family members. Lion Terry Helbig has found that he is a one man busy show and as such Lion Bubba with the Secretary (Triple L) assistance this will be accomplished until the club begins interacting other than virtual or telephonically.

King Chuck said he would be getting with Lion Ed Panther to discuss White Canes possibilities in February as well as May. This is predicated all on present and future health concerns both within the county and state parameters.

For those married who received the Secret Santa's coffee/tea mugs with chocolate candies we did not hear of wives disagreements or injuries over who got the candy the mug, one or the both. Thank you Secret Santa for doing that.

We will be only having **ONE** virtual meeting a month until we are cleared by multiple rules, agencies **AND** wives. Our club does not want to endanger or put at risk a Lion or their family with catching or spreading any infections. I will continue to publish the newsletter to keep members advised and entertained. If need be I will go to my reference humorous joke books on my book shelf for content.

**HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH**

Submitted by DG Barb Brimigion

January 2021 is Hunger Awareness Month as recognized by Lions Clubs International. Hunger has been a chronic problem worldwide before and during the pandemic.

Hunger is also a problem here in the United States. Since the pandemic started, many parents who receive unemployment benefits are facing the loss of their housing and food supply.

Food banks have seen record increases even as donations have dwindled. Lions International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi encourages clubs to plan a hunger project.

- Contact your local department of public health, or similar organization, to learn about the needs in your community and which populations are at greatest risk of hunger and malnutrition.
- Meet with organizations and local churches which are already working on hunger to discuss how you might support, expand upon, or compliment their ongoing work to enhance local impact.
- Contact local food banks to determine their needs and make
- Keep all your Lions active regardless of their age and medical condition by asking those Lions who are not participating in hands-on projects to donate food items. Have Lions in the club come to pick-up their items.
- Partner with local supermarkets to collect food items from shoppers outside their stores.
- Organize food pantries in your community. • Contact the elderly in your community and deliver food at their doorstep.

Remember to practice social distancing and wear a facial mask as you distribute the food.



DISTRICT NEWS

TANEYTOWN NEWS

Submitted By Lion Barbara

Our last meeting was the **District Governor's** official visit. **Cabinet Secretary Susan Bonura** introduced **DG Barbara Brimigion**.

DG Barb has been a Lion since **1996**, a member of numerous Lions clubs, held many District offices, a three time **Melvin Jones Fellow** and has traveled to **62** countries.



Her platform for the year is **Soar to New Adventures** by taking on new roles within our club. She emphasized we need to remember we are members of the district and multiple district Lions and should attend **Zone** and **District Meetings**. By doing so, access is given to what other clubs are doing and this can be reported back to our club. We are also to promote leadership, retention of members, take on new fundraisers and community service projects and serve in leadership roles at the club and district levels.

She praised our club for all we do.

DG Barb presented a pin to **PDG Kent** for being **LCIF** chair and gave out service awards to those members for **10** or more years of service. **Secretary Ken** accepted a pin and award for **3rd VP Bob** for **Soaring to New Adventures** by stepping up in a leadership position.

THANK YOU – A big **Thank You** to **Lion Liz** for the favors at the meeting and **Lion Debbie** for the candy canes filled with M&M's. It's nice to have some **Santas** in our club.

CHRISTMAS CARD KINDNESS PROJECT – **Service Chair Liz** distributed **Christmas** cards, including envelopes, she made to those present at the meeting. As had been done last year, **Lion Liz** encouraged each member place either a gift card or money into the envelope and hand it to someone to brighten their day. At the next meeting, members will be asked to share how they gave out the card. It's important during these times to help others and bring some joy to their lives.

NUT SALES – **Lion Don Lawyer** reported the nut sales are going very well and had **one** can left at the meeting. If you are in need of any please call him and he will see if any member has some cans available.

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QUARTERLY DRAWING – The next **Quarterly Drawing** will be held virtually on **December 15th, 6:00 pm** at our clubhouse. **Pres. Mike** plans to get the **March** drawing tickets out by the second week of **January**.

FEED THE HUNGRY – We had **238** canned goods collected at our **November** meeting. Keep bringing them in as there is always a need. Along with the canned goods each box will contain a canned ham. **Thank you** to **Lion Debbie** who donated toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex which were included in each box.

Lion Barb wrapped the boxes (see below) and helped **Lions Debbie** and **Danny Carl** to fill them. Meet at the clubhouse on **December 19th at 9:00 am** to help distribute the **15** food boxes throughout the community this holiday season. The more members who help deliver, the sooner the job is done.



FRUIT SALES – **1st VP Charlie** reported **90** cases of fruit were sold the first weekend and **90** more were ordered for **Saturday, December 12th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm** and **Sunday, December 13th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**.

GUN RAFFLE – We will be holding the **Gun Raffle** on **February 2nd** at **Bollinger's 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 and turn them in to **3rd VP Bob**.

LCIF – As of **December 1st** our club has donated **\$3677.00** to **LCIF** this Lions year.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT RAFFLE – **Lions Multiple District 22** is holding a **50/50 Raffle**. Tickets will be available from **Secretary Ken** at the next meeting if you are interested in purchasing.

Lions Multiple District 22
50-50 Grand Drawing
98th Multiple District 22 Convention
April 15 - April 18, 2021

1st Drawing - 25%
2nd Drawing - 15%
3rd Drawing - 10%
Sunday, April 18, 2021
Donation \$1.00 each • 10 for \$5.00

DISTRICT NEWS

JANUARY IS GLAUCOMA AWARENESS

Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmell

From glaucoma.org Glaucoma is a very misunderstood disease. Often, people don't realize the severity or who is affected. Four Key Facts About Glaucoma

1. Glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness Glaucoma can cause blindness if it is left untreated. Unfortunately, approximately 10% of people with glaucoma who receive proper treatment still experience loss of vision.
2. There is no cure (yet) for glaucoma . Glaucoma is not curable, and vision lost cannot be regained. With medication and/or surgery, it is possible to halt further loss of vision. Since open-angle glaucoma is a chronic condition, it must be monitored for life. Diagnosis is the first step to preserving your vision.
3. Everyone is at risk for glaucoma Everyone is at risk for glaucoma from babies to senior citizens. Older people are at a higher risk for glaucoma but babies can be born with glaucoma (approximately 1 of every 10,000 babies born in the United States). Young adults can get glaucoma, too. African Americans in particular are susceptible at a younger age.
4. There may be no symptoms to warn you With open-angle glaucoma, the most common form, there are virtually no symptoms. Usually, no pain is associated with increased eye pressure. Vision loss begins with peripheral or side vision. You may compensate for this unconsciously by turning your head to the side, and may not notice anything until significant vision is lost. The best way to protect your sight from glaucoma is to get tested. If you have glaucoma, treatment can begin immediately.

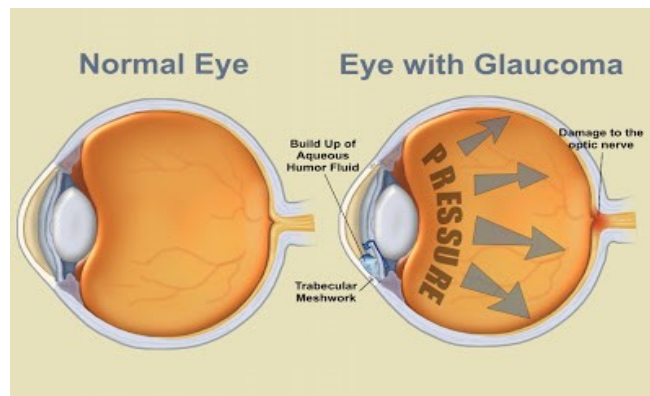
Some Statistics About Glaucoma It is estimated that over 3 million Americans have glaucoma but only half of those know they have it. In the U. S., more than 120,000 are blind from glaucoma, accounting for 9% to 12% of all cases of blindness. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization. After cataracts, glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness among African Americans. Blindness from glaucoma is 6 to 8 times more common in African Americans than Caucasians. African Americans are 15 times more likely to be visually impaired from glaucoma than Caucasians. The most common form, openangle glaucoma, accounts for 19% of all blindness among African Americans compared to 6% in Caucasians. Other high-risk groups include: people over 60, family members of those already diagnosed, diabetics, and people who are severely near-sighted. Estimates put the total number of suspected cases of glaucoma at over 60 million worldwide. **Public Awareness and Attitudes** A survey done for Glaucoma Research Foundation found that: 74% of over 1,000 people interviewed said they have their eyes examined at least every two years. 61% of those (less than half of all adult Americans) are receiving a dilated eye exam

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(the best and most effective way to detect glaucoma). 16% of African Americans were unfamiliar with glaucoma. 9% of Caucasians were unfamiliar with glaucoma.

A 2002 Prevent Blindness America Survey found that: Blindness ranked third (after cancer and heart disease) as people's major fear. 20% of people knew that glaucoma was related to elevated pressure within the eye. Most of them mistakenly thought people could tell if they had glaucoma due to symptoms, or that it was easily cured, or that it did not lead to blindness. 50% had heard of glaucoma, but weren't sure what it was. 30% had never heard of glaucoma.

Economic Impact Glaucoma accounts for over 10 million visits to physicians each year. In terms of Social Security benefits, lost income tax revenues, and health care expenditures, the cost to the U. S. government is estimated to be over \$1.5 billion annually.



LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

PCC Dee Hawkins, LVRF Vice Chair Fellow Lions, Many of you have come to know, and perhaps have interacted with, Dr. Bob Massof. It is with mixed emotions that Chair Wayne and I share with you that he has decided to retire as Director of the MD22 Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute as of the end of this year. We will miss his active role in forging a path to understanding and addressing low vision needs, as well as his active support in encouraging Lions to meet those needs. We also hope that, as Dr. Bob moves into his retirement years, he will find the time to enjoy personal pursuits and continue to be a mentor to others in his field and to Lions.

Dr. Judy Goldstein will be taking over the leadership role of the Center with the assistance of Dr. Gislin Dagnelie on the research side. Both individuals have been an integral part of the LVRR for many years. The Lions of MD22 look forward to continuing to partner with them in our mission of helping patients with vision loss and to carry forward the work of Dr. Patz and Dr. Massof. Dr. Goldstein has shared that there will be an occasion to celebrate Dr. Massof's accomplishments and to congratulate him on his retirement, once we can all come together in person - a Zoom get-together just is not the right vehicle for the recognition he deserves.

DISTRICT NEWS

COATS FOR KIDS - 35TH ANNUAL COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION AT MALL ENDS

With the generous assistance of Valley Mall, the Williamsport Lions collected (from Nov. 23rd to Jan. 4th) donations of coats, hats, gloves, etc. for infants through adults in a wagon placed near the JC Penney entrance.;

Lions donated many hours, led by Chair Jodi Ramsey and Lion Irene Clopper. They picked up, sorted, counted, washed/dry cleaned and distributed coats to Potomac Case Management Services, Inc. They are a not-for-profit human services agency serving Washington, Frederick, Carroll and Allegany Counties. A total of 145 coats were collected; 47 new and 98 used/slightly worn and other items.

Lion Jodi offered special thanks to Lions Irene Clopper, Larry Miller, Dick Nye, Lois Conrad, and Stan Stouffer. But especially to Lion Irene for her willingness and ability to repair items when needed; and to others who helped pick up and drop off items.

NEW* NAMI MEMBER SATISFACTION COMMITTEE

We are asking clubs that do not have a process for tracking and responding to the welfare of their members to appoint a Member Satisfaction Committee to keep track of members and help them feel like they are an important and valued part of the club. Clubs with a process may want to incorporate elements of this process into their program. The one or more members of the Membership Satisfaction Committee should be appointed by the President during December and begin tracking in January 2021. Each President is asked to inform the District that they have appointed the committee by emailing md22membership@gmail.com.

The committee will contact the member who has an unexpected lack of attendance at a meeting, service project, or fundraiser or notice of illness or other issues to let them know they were missed and offer the club's moral support. The Membership Satisfaction Committee looks after the wellness of our members. Some clubs will be able to do this with flowers and fruit baskets, some will only be able to send emails and cards. The committee will keep track of those members that miss a number of meetings and may be asked to contact them to find out their status and inform the President if there is an issue that needs to be addressed. The committee informs the club of ill or deceased members or their family members and sends the appropriate correspondence to those ill members or the families of the deceased members.

Thank you for participating in the program. The North American Membership Initiative Members Satisfaction Committee includes Lion Martin Bonura, SVDG Nadja Muchow, PCC Bob Muchow, Lion Joyce Anthony, and Lion Leslie Smit

TIPS FOR MARKETING YOUR CLUB IN YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Submitted by PDG Susan Bonura - "We cannot solve tomorrow's problems if we don't solve today's!" Coach Bob Mahr

- + Send photos as jpg attachments (the larger file size, the better – it helps with reproduction quality).
- + Include full names and the order of everyone pictured in photos.
- + If more than one photo is sent, space limitations may require that only one will be published.
- + Include the date of the meeting or event and the location, if appropriate.
- + Spell out any abbreviations on first reference. Keep in mind that club members are familiar with abbreviations, but not the general public.
- + If the newspaper has questions about your submission, respond to them in a timely manner.
- + Generally, your news will be run in the order in which it was received by the paper.
- + Include information on upcoming fundraisers, drives, things that need RSVPs, etc.
- + Become familiar with your local newspaper and find out the best email address to use.
- + Reach out to the editor with story ideas and things you think should be covered

NEW EXCITING NEWS FOR MD 22W PEACE POSTER



Lion Nancy Keller-Bonde
MD 22W Peace Poster Chair

Word was received Sunday, December 13, that the Peace Poster submitted by MD22W has won the Multiple 22 Peace Poster Competition.

To quote Council Chair M. Charles Taylor, "This poster demonstrates an ideal world where community service, taking care of our world and farming the land promote peace.

As the illustrator suggested, "the fruit of love is service" through demonstrating and taking care of what is ours.

Peace through service is evident throughout the poster as one world bringing about a message of love."

Congratulations to McKenzie Hargest of Middletown Middle School. McKenzie's poster now goes on to Lions Club International to compete with other student's posters from around the world. Good luck to McKenzie.

DISTRICT NEWS

ROARING RUN LIONS

Submitted by Lion Editor Gerry Bracy, PDG

We will be having a virtual Cash Drawing on Oct. 17th. Tickets are \$25 each (same cost as our original Cash Drawing), but there will be no dinner and higher cash prizes. You should have received tickets to sell by now, and if not you can get them from Lions Paul, Blake or Ron.

Lions through our District 22W have had difficulty meeting and having their normal fund raisers. Grantsville Lions have missed the Confluence Lions Chain Saw Festival, Grantsville Days, the G.C. Fair and the Truck Show (which was cancelled before the virus).

We did have a successful National Pike Festival/Yard Sale chicken BBQ/Kettle Corn sales. Our last event raised over \$1,000. We did meet and adjusted our annual budget to handle our reduction in revenue. Unlike many other clubs, we have a healthy Activities Fund which allows us to keep many of our usual donations. The results of our last Chicken BBQ and Kettle Corn sales: Chicken Dinners Net Profit: \$947.03; Kettle Corn net Profit: \$388.22; Total Net Profit: \$1,335.25.

This was not bad for a day fund raiser. The Oakland-Mt. Lake Park Lions also had a chicken dinner fund raiser.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF) INFORMATION

Submitted by Lion Ann Kramb, LCIF Chair

Every personal donation is used for the causes you specify and you get points for your donation; 1 point for every dollar you donate. Those points are added to your personal account at LCIF, under your member number.

At any time, you may transfer your points to a Lions Club to use towards the club to nominate and award a Lion for a Melvin Jones Fellow award or when your point balance reaches 1,000, you have several choices available to you. Those choices include: You can use your 1,000 points and call/write LCIF and ask them to award you with a Melvin Jones Fellow award, ask LCIF to award the Melvin Jones Fellow award to another named Lion or any one else you choose (the award does not have to be given to a Lion) or you may let the points accumulate in your account.

If you would like to transfer your points to the club, to use towards other Lions nominated for Melvin Jones Fellow awards, you will need to fill out the Transfer Request form and return it to our LCIF Chair Ann Kramb. Please note, that the decision to transfer your points or not is totally up to YOU. It's just an option that if you don't plan to use your points for your own Melvin Jones Fellow award for yourself or for someone else, in specific, that you might want to transfer them to our club so they can be used to nominate and award another deserving Lion.

FDLC HERO'S PROJECT

Our club has started a new service project to provide support and a "Thank You" to the extremely hard-working staff at Carroll Hospital Center in Westminster with a focus on the night and weekend shifts.

We will provide "Thank You" bags to each person working at the hospital (350-400) with refreshments and snacks to the 4 main break rooms.

The **"Thank You" bags** will include a hand-written thank you note from local youth i.e Leos, a thank you note from the Lions Club, mini flashlight, sharpie pen, quick snacks, lip balm and other requested items.

The Break Room will feature "Grab and Go Snacks such as Gatorade, vitamin water, Chex-mix, nutria-bars and other snacks.

The project will start as a one-time event. However, with additional support and funding, we would like to replenish the snacks at set periods as we can through the Covid pandemic. We will evaluate and make adjustments to the frequency and specifics. **We hope to get other clubs in our region to join us in this worthwhile endeavor. Contact 1st VP Scott Walthour for more information.**

A MESSAGE TO THE FDLC YOUTH OUT- REACH COMMITTEE;

Submitted by Lion Viki Peltier

The childhood cancer committee would like to give a big **"THANK YOU" to the Youth Outreach Committee for thinking of the children at the pediatric cancer clinic at Sinai Hospital this past Christmas.**

They purchased gifts for their needy family project at Walmart and Kohl's. At Kohl's they received "Kohl's Cash" of over \$900. Laura Gillen, who was in charge of purchasing the gifts for their project, contacted Lion Viki about using the "Kohl's Cash" funds for the pediatric cancer children. Laura was able to purchase toiletries, toys and games with the money.

The people at the clinic, the nurses, child-life specialists, and social worker were very grateful for this donation. The clinic staff said that at Christmas the children are remembered by individuals and other organizations, **but we are the only organization that supplies toys, games, etc. for the children during the remainder of the year.** These gifts were delivered to the clinic with gifts purchased by the childhood cancer committee on Friday, January 22nd .
Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

LEO NEWS

WHS LEO NEWS:



Before the winter break, the Walkersville Leo Club met virtually on December 11th, during which the club discussed upcoming events and committees reported on their undertaking.

As **part of her Animal Rescue Committee**, Leo Katie plans to partner with Pet Smart to start a fund-raising campaign that supports local animal organizations.

Following updates and reports for Leos Bailey and Eliza, the **Tree Planting Committee** will expand their group's focus to encompass environmental issues as a whole.

Leo Willow, chairwoman of the **Homeless Committee**, completed her donation drive on December 23rd. The Committee collected around 13 trash bags full of new and used coats, gloves, hats, and other warm clothing. All donations were subsequently donated to the Frederick Community Action Agency Soup Kitchen in Downtown Frederick.

Trying to find ways to hold a **bake sale**, Leo Leah has contacted numerous local businesses, including Safeway, Lowes, and Walmart. However, Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines have stretched options thin.

If **Fire and Ice** is held in Downtown Frederick this year, the Committee plans on attempting to sell baked goods and hot chocolate then.



Leo Mason proposed a committee dedicated to cleaning up the community. The **Trash Pickup Committee** would visit various parks and public grounds to clean the area. Leos motioned and approved the committee unanimously. The Committee's first pick up will be on January 10th at Baker Park.



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DISTRICT NEWS

HOW DO WE START A NEWSLETTER?

Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmel

In previous articles and at the second Cabinet Meeting, clubs were urged to have a club newsletter, if for no other reason than as an internal communication among members. Perhaps your club doesn't have a newsletter and doesn't know where to start to have one. Here are a few tips:

Your newsletter should be published on a regular and consistent basis (monthly, quarterly, etc.) and in the format selected by your club (hard copy, electronically, or both).

Be proud of your publication: Clearly identify your club by name and location, including a listing of your leadership and their contact information. (For safety's sake, use telephone numbers and/or email addresses only.)

Distribution: All of your clubs' members and at least your district officers should receive your newsletter. Check the district roster book to see what distribution is required for the 100% Bulletin Editor contest. If you want to use it as a marketing and promotion tool, include community members who have helped your club or who have requested information about Lions.

Content: Use a mixture of business and entertaining articles, such as: timely information on projects and events about to occur and writeups of those that already have; members' achievements; member spotlights; calendar of upcoming events; news from other Lions entities (District, International, LCIF, etc.). To save time at meetings, you may want to publish your meeting minutes. Include something light-hearted or entertaining, such as a joke, a trivia quiz, a poem ... you know your members, so play to their interests.

If possible, use photographs; remember, "a picture is worth a thousand words."

Be kind to your editor. Comply with set deadlines. Remember, this is the club's publication, so do not expect the editor to be the only writer or photographer. Committees should write their own articles and provide photos or graphics as needed.

Your club newsletter can be in whatever format, however long or short, that works for your club. Make it informative and entertaining so that your members want to read it. If just starting out, try maybe one or two pages on a monthly basis; you can always add more pages as you go along. Be sure to get feedback from your members on what they like, don't like, and would like to see. It is for your members; tailor it to their preferences.

If you need help starting a newsletter, your District Communications & Marketing Chair Lynn Stimmel and MD-22 Marketing & Communication Chair PDG Susan Bonura are here to help.



LAVALE LIONS UPDATE

Submitted by PDG Steve Finger

UPDATE on the Vice District Governor Service Project

– Lion SVDG Charlie reports the LaVale Lions have contributed 293 diapers, 9 containers of Baby Wipes and 229 pairs of socks to the Union Rescue Mission, so far. The project is extended until January 21st. We have added new or used and clean coats to our collection list. You can stop by the Lions Den, Convalescent Equipment Building, around 9am or 3pm on Monday – Friday to drop off donations.

BBQ Committee - Lion John Warnick sent dates for the 2021 barbecues to John Holt of the LaVale Athletic Association so he can prevent scheduling field activities during our barbecues. Those dates are the first weekend in May, the second weekend in September, and the third weekend in October.

Calling All Lions – Lion Gary Llewellyn - This Lions service project last month around the holidays, involved eleven Lions, donating thirty hours of time to call 69 LaVale Lions. Our members were happy to receive the phone calls. Several messages were left on answering machines, while a couple of Lions were not able to be reached.

Marketing Communications Committee – Lion Steve Finger is looking for Lions who like to communicate to take up responsibilities in Facebook Administration, Facebook Editing, Website Administration, Website content delivery, and Newsletter editing. Our outward facing communication platforms, plus our inward facing newsletter, all need fresh content perspectives. If you want to help shape the message about our club this is your opportunity. Thank you to Lions Brian and Gene, newer members, who are already onboard.



FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

DINE FOR A CAUSE

To support Lion's Club International Foundation and the Foundation's efforts to help children in need, we are having a special dinner and entertainment event.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

8 AM - 8 PM

HUNTER LODGE

11111 11th St. N.E.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87111

TICKETS: \$10.00

Sponsorships and donations are welcome.

For more information, please contact:

Lion Steve Finger, PDG

Lion Gary Llewellyn, PDG

Lion John Warnick, PDG

Lion Susan Bonura, PDG

COMING EVENTS

2021 Discount Card

With a \$10 donation to the Greater Carroll Lions Club, you can receive a 10% discount every visit during the 2021 calendar year at the following local businesses:

The Stables	Paradiso Ristorante	Rafael's
Maryland Mallet	Ledo Pizza	Sweet Frog
Mediterrane		Jano's J & P
IHOP Westminster		Sergio's Restaurant
Vocelli's Pizza	Coffey Music	Jiffy Lube
C.Y. Custom Tailors	Westminster Car Wash	
Players Amusement	Life is Pizza	Blue Bistro
Classico Pizzeria	Tim Thai Restaurant	
Giulianova Groceria	Ying Thai Cuisine	
Firehouse Subs	Genova To Go	
Blue Point Crab House (\$5 off a dozen crabs)		

**Contact Lions Brian Roche, Irv Bohr
and Jeremy Bair**



22W MOBILE SCREENING UNIT
U. S. flags (3'x5') are available for
\$5 each
100% of the proceeds benefit the
MSU

**To order your flag(s), e-mail Lion Bob Johnson
 (rcyrilj@aol.com) identifying yourself, your club,
 and how many flags you want.**

**Do not send any funds until your order has been
 confirmed.**

Drawing Weekly.

The prize drawings (6 per week) start 9/23 through 3/10. The final drawings on 3/10 will be the grand prize winners. All profits support 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 240/405-8912 or Fred Graham 443/398-4457, or lionsclub167@yahoo.com.

SOUTH CARROLL LIONESSE LIONS The 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://CLLC.terrilynncares.com>

TANEYTOWN LIONS CLUB



Gun Raffle

If enough tickets are sold, a few additional prizes may be added.

WHEN: The drawing will be on Groundhog Day in February 2021

WHERE: At the gun shop.

The ticket lists the prizes and the gun shop where the guns will be available for pickup.

The cost for each ticket is \$40. Contact PDG Kent Eitemiller or any member of the Taneytown Lions Club. PDG Kent Eitemiller, 709 Plum Tree Lane, Hanover, PA 17331, 717/969-2041, cell 443/789-1742, keitemiller@yahoo.com

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!



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If you would like to learn more about registering your organization to receive AmazonSmile donations, go to org.amazon.com.

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to [http://smile.amazon.com/about](https://smile.amazon.com/about).



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
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**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.

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

*** 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

CEDAR RIDGE SOAPS

Promote Cedar Ridge Soaps

(www.cedarridgesoaps.com).

The Lions receive 40% of the pretax/pre-shipping order total, which will benefit LCIF.

Use coupon code FSKLIONS at checkout to help our fund make sure that the fundraiser appears on your list of purchases. Proceeds benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).



COMING EVENTS!

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