



LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

January



January 2021 District Newsletter

The holiday season will soon be over and we are all looking forward to a new year that promises a chance for Lions to return to happier times with face-to-face meetings, charter nights and holiday parties with all of our members instead of a handful to enjoy the camaraderie that introduced us to Lionism in the first place. We are all so anxious to be able to resume our annual large group fundraisers in order to mingle with the community, solicit new members and raise money for our club and our district foundations. We are very anxious to resume our in-person service projects such as pre-school vision screenings, hearing screenings and visitations to nursing facilities which have all been put on hold during the pandemic.



Starting on January 1st, many of us will generate a list of New Year resolutions for ourselves such as losing 10 pounds, quit smoking or walking 3 miles a week but let's not forget to create a list of resolutions for our clubs. We can all begin by writing a club membership plan on how to gain new members for 2021. As the district has lost a sizeable number of members compared to prior years, we all have to work together on creating strategies for increasing our club and district membership. We need to communicate with local organizations to create joint projects and hopefully get new members.

Clubs should include a resolution to make our Lions happy and productive members. Our NAMI Member Satisfaction Team has already distributed information in the district on ways for clubs to make their members feel valued and interested in remaining as Lions. Please check the Weekly News and District Newsletters for ideas from the NAMI Team or contact Member Satisfaction Team Leader Martin Bonura.

Clubs should include a resolution to be more visible in the district and an active participant in district events. We have only had about half of our clubs attending cabinet meetings before and during the pandemic. Our next cabinet meeting will be by Zoom on January 23rd so more Lions in our district could safely join us. If you have never participated in the VDG Service Challenge, why not start now? A special thanks to those who have. Check the Weekly News for more information. Now is the time to start a club newsletter to share your information with the district as well as your club members to keep everyone informed. You can get more district participation in your fundraisers by reporting your events in the district newsletter and increase membership by submitting articles in the local newspapers. Contact Lion Lynn Stimmel, Marketing and Communications Chair, for assistance.

Clubs should include a resolution for increasing the amount of service projects, making them safe, successful, needed and fun. January is Hunger Awareness month in LCI. The TV News often report that people continue to need food and supplies during this pandemic so clubs should continue to check the local food banks and homeless shelters. Devise ways to make all of your members participate in the service projects. If some can't participate in-person, they may be able to help in the creation, organization and implementation of the projects by email, phone or Zoom. Keep your members busy so they will want to continue being a Lion! Making club resolutions will improve your club, satisfy your members and retain club and district membership.

I want to extend my special thanks to all the clubs and members who have held meetings whether by in-person, Zoom or teleconference and have served their communities during the first half of our Lions year. Keep up the great work and good luck in creating and achieving both your personal and club resolutions!

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FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

January Newsletter Article

_HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Welcome to the start of another calendar year which we hope and pray will be better than the past one. We look forward to a fresh beginning with the hope that things will be better in the new year. Before launching in to my monthly message, I do want to recognize DG Barbara for her exemplary leadership during the first half of the year as District Governor. Needless to say, the current Lions' year has been challenging and anything but normal with the COVID cloud surrounding us with many events cancelled and clubs struggling to conduct meetings, fundraisers and service projects. We are still navigating through difficult waters but with DG Barbara at the helm we will steer a course to a successful completion of the year.

The change of the calendar also reminds me to begin assembling our district leadership team for 2021/2022. I will be contacting our district Lions over the next several weeks to fill various committee chair positions along with recruiting region and zone chairs. Please consider sharing your experience, talent and expertise with the district. We need you to step up and keep our district active and strong. I am certainly open to consider those who are willing to volunteer. Call me and we can discuss leadership opportunities that best suit your talents.

Second Vice District Nadja and I want to express our appreciation to those clubs that participated in the first Vice District Governor Service Challenge (see separate article for those results) and we encourage you to once again assist those in need with the donation of socks of any color, especially white, diapers and baby wipes. The need for these items is great and our response to the need can be relatively simple. Please drop off your items at those agencies identified in the service challenge flyer or any other agency of your choice and submit your signed acknowledgments via mail or email to Second Vice District Governor Nadja or myself before the next Cabinet meeting on January 23.

Finally, I want to remind clubs to submit nominations for the District Honor Roll. I have already received one nomination and am aware of two more that are forthcoming. Deadline for nominations is March 15 and may be either emailed or mailed to me. My contact information is in the district roster book. Recipients will be announced at the district business meeting held at our annual multiple district convention.

CHARLES CROFT, Jr.

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VDG SERVICE CHALLENGE BLANKET & PILLOW COLLECTION UPDATE

We are pleased to provide the final report of the first Vice District Governor “Kindness in Action” service challenge.

Eighteen (18) clubs participated in the service challenge with a total of 537 blankets and 304 pillows donated to local homeless shelters and other agencies that provide housing to at risk folks. The Hampstead Lions Club led the way with 110 blankets and 45 pillows and received a check for \$100.00.

We want to thank the following clubs for their participation in the project:

Deer Park, Francis Scott Key, Freedom District, Glade Valley, Grantsville, Hampstead, Hancock Lioness Lions, La-Vale, Libertytown-Unionville, Lonaconing, Middletown, New Market District, New Windsor, South Carroll Lioness Lions, Taneytown, Taylorsville-Winfield, Thurmont and Yellow Springs. The Thurmont collection effort of 85 blankets and 52 pillows was not included in our previous reports.



DISTRICT 22-W VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS' SERVICE CHALLENGE

"Kindness in Action"

Socks, Diapers & Baby Wipes for the Homeless

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF CABINET MEETING:

The third District 22W Cabinet Meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. Meeting hosted by Lion Mike Grenier, President of the New Market District Lions Club.

Topic: Lions District 22W Cabinet Meeting

Time: Jan 23, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (You can sign-in beginning at 9:45 a.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting -

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88682019195?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88682019195?pwd=NUxBVjNuYnJmUUZqNDZyOWxsMUwzUT09)

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DISTRICT NEWS

Welcome, New Lions, to District 22W in December 2020



**Hamid Reza – Freedom District Lions Club
Sakina Reza – Freedom District Lions Club
Richard Yankosky, Glade Valley Lions Club
Lion Brian Cathall – Hampstead Lions Club
Lion Sherye Sims – Hampstead Lions Club
Lion Nicholas Cathell – LaVale Lions Club**

Top Clubs for New Members – Net Gain in December: as of December 23th

**Freedom District Lions Club (+ 8)
Frostburg State University Campus Club (+ 3)
Greater Carroll Lions Club (+3)
Clear Spring Lions Club (+2)
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:**

Lion Robert Bollinger – Taneytown Lions Club (Club Officer)

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, WERNER FITSCHEN, age 91, of Sykesville and formerly of New Windsor, died Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Copper Ridge. Born November 16, 1928 in Heeslingen, Germany, he was the son of the late Hinrich and Maria Steffens Fitschen. He was the loving and kind husband of Jean C. Fitschen, his wife of 65 years, father, and Opa to his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

At the age of 16 Werner was a member of the German Army during World War II, became a POW under the British Army, came to America in 1951 and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952, serving in the 101st Airborne. He later worked in military intelligence at Fort Meade and then served in the 24th Division in Korea. Werner was employed as an assistant plant manager at Koontz Creamery in Baltimore for 10 years, then with Mrs. Filberts as a manufacturing manager and later was in research and development with Unilever Corporation, retiring in 1993. He was recalled until his final retirement in 1996. Werner was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, New Windsor, where he served on the Board of Trustees; the New Windsor Lions Club and their Board of Directors, overseeing the New Windsor Lions Town Park; the Town of New Windsor's Board of Zoning Appeals and served as a chief election judge. He was honored by the New Windsor Heritage Committee with induction into the Hall of Fame. Werner enjoyed hiking in the mountains, going to the beach with his family, woodworking and birdwatching.

In addition to his wife he is survived by children, Sharon K. Sanders and husband Jack T. of Ellicott City and Steven Werner Fitschen and wife Donna of Chesapeake, VA; 7 grandchildren, Andrea, Matthew and wife Alex, Daniel, and Beth Ann Fitschen; Lauren and husband Matt, Tracy and husband Kennon and Stephanie Sanders; 6 great grandchildren, Asher, Tessa, Titus, Charlie Kennon, James and Samantha; 2 brothers, Wilhelm Fitschen and wife Marlene of, Heeslingen Germany and Hermann Fitschen and wife Ingrid of Carmel, IN and sister-in-law, Anne Fitschen of Heeslingen. He was predeceased by a grandson, Michael; sister, Elfriede Budde and husband Wilfried and brother, Gerhard Fitschen.

A private funeral service will be held at Hartzler Funeral Home, New Windsor, with Rev. Shari McCourt, his pastor, officiating. This service will be livestreamed using the link found on Mr. Fitschen's "tribute wall" located on the funeral home website. Friends are invited to join the family for the military interment service at Lake View Memorial Park, Eldersburg at 12 noon on Wednesday, October 28 with attention to the wearing of masks.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 250, New Windsor, MD 21776 or to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 or to the National Legal Foundation, P.O. Box 64427, Virginia Beach, VA 23467.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory on the "tribute wall" at www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com

LION WILLIAM "BILL" CLEVELAND HUMPHREY JR., 71, of Hagerstown, MD, passed away at Meritus Medical Center on Sunday, November 22, 2020 after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer.

Born in Louisa, VA, on December 21, 1948, he was the son of Clara (Sprouse) Humphrey Beasley of Gordonsville, VA, and the late William Cleveland Humphrey Sr.

Bill served with the U.S. Army. He graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA, and Repperts School of Auctioneering in Decatur, IN.

He worked at Dentler Brothers in Hagerstown for many years, and J.J. Haines in Glen Burnie, MD. He was a member of and past president of Williamsport Lions Club. Bill was also a member of Williamsport Red Men Conococheague Tribe 84 and American Legion Post 10. He attended both the Williamsport United Methodist Church and Bedington United Methodist Church.

Bill cherished time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 42 years and mother of his children, Cathy Darnell Humphrey; one son, William "Trey" C. Humphrey III (wife, Vicky); two daughters, Amy Winn Gerhart (husband, Adam) and Megan Elizabeth Akram (husband, Haroun); five grandchildren, Braxton Humphrey, Spencer Humphrey, Aidan Gerhart, Avery Gerhart, and Olivia Akram; one sister, Linda Snead; and three brothers, Marvin Humphrey, Donald Humphrey, and Mark Beasley.

The Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020, with Rev. W. Scott Summers officiating, at Bedington United Methodist Church, 580 Bedington Road, Martinsburg, WV.

The family requests the omission of flowers. Arrangements made by Minnich Funeral Home, 415 E. Wilson Blvd, Hagerstown, MD 21740.



MEMORIALS

LION DAVID GRANT CLARK of Homewood at Crumland Farms, Frederick, passed away suddenly on Friday, December 11, 2020. A loving husband, father, grandfather and a friend to many, Dave was born November 7, 1933, in Hartford, Connecticut to the late Kenneth Grant and Dorothy Bidwell Clark. He was educated in the East Hartford school system where he was active in athletics and music.



Dave attended Trinity College (Hartford) where he played football and was a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He left after sophomore year to enlist in the Army, becoming a communications specialist and completing his tour of duty in Korea. Following his Army service, Dave returned to school, matriculating at Springfield College where he played football and graduated as a member of the class of 1958. He then received a Master's in Education from the University of Rochester.

On December 7, 1957, he married the former Mary-Jo Hugret at Center Congregational Church in Manchester, CT. Dave taught Physical Education at the University of Rochester, then accepted a teaching position at Frederick Community College (FCC). In addition to teaching, he served as Athletic Director before becoming the first Executive Director of the FCC Fund and subsequently Vice President of Institutional Development. Recognizing his fine work growing the FCC athletics program from 3 to 12 sports while Athletic Director, in 1989 Dave was named to the NJCAA Region XX Hall of Fame and in 2014 to the FCC Athletics Hall of Fame as part of the inaugural induction class. His development efforts raised over \$3 million for FCC, monies used to create many scholarships and expand the campus.

Dave was a founding member of the Middletown Valley Athletic Association where he helped start the football program and coached midget football; he was also instrumental in raising money to start the football program at Middletown High School. He was a member and former President of the Middletown Lion's Club; member and former President of the Rotary Club of Frederick; and member and former President of the Frederick Cotillion. Dave was a member of the Economic Community and Development Commission; a member of the Frederick City Recreation Commission; served on the Frederick Area Committee on Transportation - Chair of Local Roads Committee; and was a member of the Board of the Maryland Sheriff's Youth Ranch. He also was an active volunteer with Meals on Wheels. He liked being known as someone who "got it done" and proudly did so in Frederick County for over 50 years. A long-time member of Christ Reformed Church, Middletown, Dave was a member of the Senior Choir and, over the years, served as Elder, Deacon and Chairman of the Consistory, among many other positions.

Dave loved his family and friends; always enjoyed a good laugh, a bad joke, just about any sporting event and his children's and grandchildren's sports, events and shows; and especially enjoyed being on a beach or the water. He remembered birthdays (calling to sing happy birthday in his beautiful voice); kept up with many friends; and was mentally and physically strong to the end. He was the kind of person who made everyone around him happier and will be missed by all.

Predeceased by his wife, Mary-Jo, Dave is survived by his three sons, David G. Clark, Jr. and his partner Michael of Arlington, VA; Thomas S. Clark and his wife, Mary Beth, of Adamstown, MD; and John K. Clark and his wife, Lynne, of Meraux, LA. He also leaves six grandchildren. Dave will be remembered fondly by many friends, including special friend Sally Miller of Frederick.

Due to COVID restrictions, Dave will be interred at the Christ Reformed Church Cemetery at a private ceremony on December 19. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a future time and place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Christ Reformed Church; the [American Heart Association](#); Meals on Wheels; or the Rotary International Foundation.



MEMORIALS



LION ANTHONY P. O'TOOLE (TONY), 78, passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Born in Camden N.J. April 9, 1942. He was the son of Thomas F. O'Toole Sr. and Elizabeth Mullola O'Toole. He is survived by fiance Joann Bannon, his brother Timothy O'Toole (Patty). Nieces and nephew, Heather (John) Jeter, Kristin (Adam) Holter and Patrick (Maria) O'Toole. Former wife Susan S. O'Toole, daughters Tammy Lynn O'Toole and Karen (Robert) Gray. Also survived by in-laws: Judy Johns, Donna Bollinger, Russell Rice (Tina), Ellie Gilbert (Tom). He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas O'Toole & Elizabeth O'Toole, brother Thomas F. O'Toole, Jr., and niece Stefanie O'Toole.

A graduate of St. Johns Literary Institution and enjoyed the friendship and reunions with class of '61 classmates. He was a proud veteran of the US Airforce, serving at Langley AFB, Kadena, Okinawa with a side trip to Da Nang, Viet Nam. Work career started at Wayne Loan, Peoples Home Furnishings, Brunswick, Md. Finishing with 30 years at Fredericktown Bank & Trust as Assistant Vice President.

Tony has been a member of the Yellow Springs Lions Club for almost 50 years, serving as President several times. He was a member of the American Legion FSK Post 11, served on the baseball committee, called Bingo and enjoyed dancing there on Friday nights and Pen Mar Park with Joann. He also enjoyed all of the great people at Daybreak Adult Daycare Center, the weekly poker games there and long time friends; the Fisher family, at R.F. Bodyworks.

Tony loved racing his old Ford at the 75/80 Drag Strip, working on cars and watching NASCAR. He loved walking with Joann on the C & O Canal, almost walking the entire length, cruising and seeing new sites. He exercised at Promotion Fitness and was a member of the "Closers", at one time 30 strong, made many friends, held monthly birthday parties and had a wonderful time.

A special thank you for the great care given by the nurses and 4th floor staff at Frederick Health Hospital (FMH) and caregivers at Frederick Health Hospice. **"A personal message from Tony: None of the great life that I have had would have been possible if I had not quit smoking and most important of all the last 19 years with my friends in AA."**

Tony has donated his body to the Maryland Anatomical Body Donation Program. Due to COVID-19 a memorial service will be held at a later date for family and friends. Memorial donations may be made in Tony's honor to: Daybreak Adult Daycare, Attn: Christine Forbes, 7819 Rocky Springs Rd, Frederick, Md. 21702, Frederick Health Hospice, 1 Frederick Health Way, Frederick, Md. 21701 or to the [charity of your choice](#).





CALENDAR

January 1: FIRST DAY OF 2021

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

Jan 12: Zone Meeting at Pleasant Valley Fire Dept.

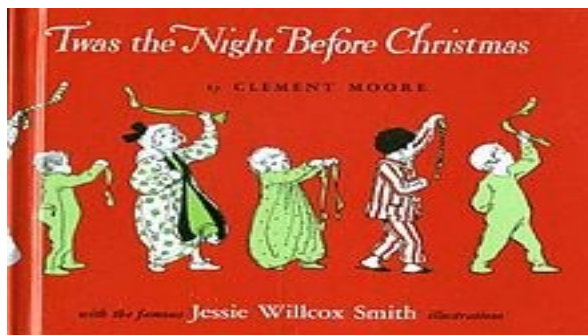
Jan 13: MELVIN JONES BIRTHDAY!!!!

Jan 23: Third CABINET MEETING IN DISTRICT III.

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

From DG Brimiglion and FVDG Croft - Governor Hogan and state health officials have issued a **public health advisory** on Tuesday, November 10th which strongly discourages indoor gatherings of more than 25 people. This would apply to indoor Lion events, including club meetings, charter nights, Lion holiday gatherings, region-wide meetings, zone meetings, service projects and fundraisers. This may also affect our next cabinet meeting in January. The district strongly advises that the clubs in our district follow this recommendation. If your indoor meetings, including the upcoming region-wide and zone meetings typically have more than 25 attendees, either change the format to a virtual meeting (Zoom) or teleconference or limit the attendance to a maximum of 25. **This also includes any in-person DG Official Visit.** We are able to conduct our DG Official Visits by Zoom.

For those clubs with a free Zoom account with limited minutes, DG Barb can also host the Zoom meeting since she has a paid Zoom account with unlimited minutes. Please refer to the news for further information on the restrictions. Your safety is our primary concern.



The Chaplain's Corner

(borrowed from Lion Bill Strauss' Newsletter)

"If you can't fly, then run, If you can't run, then walk, If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." -

Martin Luther King Jr.

"We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face...we must do that which we think we cannot." - Eleanor Roosevelt

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller

"NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

Twas the night of the Chewsville Lions December meeting
And everyone was waiting at home for President Tonya's greeting.
We couldn't meet in person because of the corona virus,
The dreaded pandemic was the culprit that denied us
From being together to celebrate the holiday season
And the ability to sing carols or hug, what an awful reason!
But we wanted to be safe and not catch this dreadful disease,
So, we stayed at home so everyone could be at ease.
Now there were the top officers led by Tonya, the 'Pres'
And Jim, Jennie, Sara, Logan and all of the rest.
We gathered to discuss the club's business, plans of the future
And how to help others who are in need, that's for sure!
So, with the modern technology of connecting by Zoom
We were able to see each other from our own living room.
Though it wasn't the same with Christmas food and festivity,
We were still able to wish each other our love with sensitivity
Of knowing each of us will have a Christmas as merry as can be
And be ready to be together when the virus is ended and we are free.

Composed by Joan Bachtell

DISTRICT NEWS

SCAM WARNINGS

Submitted by Taylorsville Winfield Club



Family/Friend Imposter Scams

Fraudsters call you pretending to be a family member, often a grandchild, and claim to be in urgent need of money to cover an emergency.

Warning Signs:

- A grandchild is in trouble and needs money immediately.
- They don't want their parents to be contacted because it would get them in trouble.
- Payments are requested by wire transfer, prepaid debit card or gift card.

Tech Support Scams

Scammers use pop-up messages, fake websites, or phone calls to trick you into thinking your computer has a serious problem. They obtain your money by having you pay for fake technical support, or steal your personal/financial information by gaining access to your computer.

Warning Signs:

- You are asked to pay for tech support or other services with a gift card, cash-reload card or wire transfer.
- The message contains bad grammar or misspelled words.
- Someone calls or emails you claiming to work for a brand-name tech company such as Microsoft or Apple.

Social Security Impersonation Scams

Scammers impersonate Social Security Administration employees to obtain your money or personal/financial information.

Warning Signs:

- The caller threatens to suspend your Social Security benefits.
- The caller tries to charge you for services the Social Security Administration provides for free.

AFFECTING OLDER ADULTS

Robocalls

Hackers change their caller ID to a number other than the one they are calling from and pose as representatives from your bank, credit card company or a government agency to obtain your personal information.

Warning Signs:

- The message says you owe money and face legal or financial consequences if you don't pay right away.
- A prerecorded message tells you to press "1" or some other key to be taken off a call list.

Romance Scams

Scammers create fake profiles on dating sites and social media, often using stolen photos, to obtain your money or personal/financial information.

Warning Signs:

- They ask you to start communicating by text or personal email, away from the original site you met on.
- After gaining your trust, they start telling you stories of bad luck or medical emergencies.
- They ask for money, gift cards, or funds to pay off credit cards.

CybercrimeSupport.org | FraudSupport.org

If you or someone you know has been affected by one of these scams, visit [Fraudsupport.org](https://www.fraudsupport.org) for reporting and recovery help.



DISTRICT NEWS

EXCITING NEWS FOR MD 22W PEACE POSTER

Submitted by Chairperson 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. The theme was "Peace Through Service." 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 compete with Lions Clubs in the multiple District. From there the winner will compete with posters from the International Lions Clubs. Four District 22W Lions Clubs sponsored a total of five entries: Lions Club of Frederick—two entries, New Market District Lions—one entry, Roaring Run Lions—one entry, Middletown Lions—one entry.

Participants included: Arno Carrera, a seventh grader at Friends Meeting School, sponsored by New Market Lions achieving second place; Angela Arellano, sixth grader at Banner school, sponsored by the Frederick Lions Club—third place; Sofia Krasta, New Life Christian school sponsored by Frederick Lions, honorable Mention; Olivia Hutchison, 8th grader at the Boys & Girls Club sponsored by Roaring Run Lions received a certificate of Appreciation.

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



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Serve. Motivate. Inspire. Lead.
Empower

CARDS FOR ABBY!

Submitted by PDG Susan Bonura

The South Carroll Lioness Lions Club requested birthday cards for Abby, a little girl from Eldersburg who has a brain tumor. Thanks to Lions and friends of Lions and Girl Scouts, Abby received 243 cards.

Abby is shown admiring her birthday card collection. The club has adopted Abby and provides financial support for her medical needs.

Shown are Kay Field, Abby and her mom, Katie, and Martin Bonura, (see below) on November 27, Abby's 5th birthday. The club presented the 243 birthday cards, gifts of books and Mikey and Minnie Mouse stuffed animals to Abby for her birthday. The club also presented Katie with a check for \$1,000.00 for Abby's medical needs.



LAVALE LIONS ON THE JOB!

Submitted by PDG Steve Finger

Once again LaVale Lions sell Christmas trees. The sale set-up started on December 2nd at 8am with sales starting at 11:00am.



DISTRICT NEWS

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Composed by Joan Bachtell

At Christmastime, no winter's chill is too cold, no distance is too great to keep kindred hearts from feeling love's blanket of warmth and care. the night of the Chewsville Lions December meeting And everyone was waiting at home for President Tonya's greeting. We couldn't meet in person because of the corona virus. The dreaded pandemic was the culprit that denied us From being together to celebrate the holiday season And the ability to sing carols or hug, what an awful reason! But we wanted to be safe and not catch this dreadful disease, So, we stayed at home so everyone could be at ease. Now there were the top officers led by Tonya, the 'Pres' And Jim, Jennie, Sara, Logan and all of the rest. We gathered to discuss the club's business, plans of the future And how to help others who are in need, that's for sure!

So, with the modern technology of connecting by Zoom We were able to see each other from our own living room. Though it wasn't the same with Christmas food and festivity, We were still able to wish each other our love with sensitivity Of knowing each of us will have a Christmas as merry as can be And be ready to be together when the virus is ended and we are free.



LCIF WEEK – JANUARY 11TH TO 18TH

Submitted by DG Barbara Brimigion
Why You Should Donate to Lions Clubs
International Foundation (LCIF):

Humanitarian service is at the heart of LCIF and Lions' work, transforming the lives of others.

Millions of people around the world, including the USA and Maryland, have benefited through more than 11,340 Foundation grants, which have totaled more than US\$826 million. That number continues to grow in part from gifts from foundations, corporations, governments and non-Lions. However, the vast majority of LCIF's funding comes through the generous donations from Lions clubs and individual Lion members.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides grant funding to assist Lions districts in developing and implementing large-scale humanitarian projects. These humanitarian grants help Lions expand their outreach and increase their impact within our local community as well as global communities to serve even more people in need around the world.

Our district Lions Quest Program which teaches young people life skills necessary for everyday success under the leadership of PCS Martin Bonura has received a grant from LCIF. Lions can become a Melvin Jones Fellow by making a donation of \$1,000.

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.***



REMINDER

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CONVENTION is scheduled for
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DISTRICT NEWS

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NEW FUNDRAISER

Submitted by Lion William Strauss

Lion Sue Baldwin reports that she has signed the club up to sell pizzas and funnel cakes in her community, *The Meadow In New Market*. The event will occur on the third Wednesday of the month which will run from May through October making six appearances for our food trailer. It is a short day of volunteer work starting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and ending at 8 o'clock in the evening.



VDGOV'S "KINDNESS IN ACTION" PROGRAM

Submitted by Lion William Strauss

The Libertytown Unionville Lions Club has been collecting new pillows and new or gently used blankets during the month of October in response to a District 22-W "Kindness in Action" service activity sponsored by Vice District Governors, Lions Charles Croft and Nadja Muchow.

Because cold weather was approaching, the club elected to deliver 7 pillows and 52 blankets which had been collected to the Frederick Rescue Mission on October 6th.

The drive continued and culminated on November 17th when the club set up a collection site at the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department and collected an additional 47 pillows and 34 blankets. The resulting 54 pillows and 86 blankets were delivered to the Frederick Rescue Mission on October 30th.

Thanks to all members of our community and the club for their generosity by donated not only the pillows and blankets but also 7 pillow slips and 6 pair of socks making this drive so successful!



Members who made the delivery to the Frederick Rescue Mission (L to R) Bill Strauss, Eric Anderson, Robert Hensley, Harry Swope with Teri Kwiatek, Frederick Rescue Mission Outreach Coordinator -On the Right, President Robert and Teri

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FRANCES SCOTT KEY LIONS PROGRAMS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM

Submitted by Lion Ellen Bennett

The Medical Equipment Program loaned out 7 pieces of equipment to 5 people during the month of October. Nine pieces of equipment were donated in addition to disposable briefs and bed pads as well as dressing supplies and special shoes/slippers for those with edematous feet or diabetes. The disposable briefs, bed pads, and shoes were subsequently donated to the Food Bank; the dressing supplies went to a wound care nurse who works with a doctor who serving the uninsured in the community.

CEDAR RIDGE SOAPS

Promote our ongoing fundraiser with Cedar Ridge Soaps (www.cedarridgesoaps.com). We receive 40% of the pre-tax/pre-shipping order total, which will benefit LCIF. **Use coupon code FSKLIONS** at checkout to help our fundraiser; make sure that the fundraiser appears on your list of purchases. Proceeds benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Flyers were emailed to the members on 10/28.

VISION SCREENINGS

Lion Lynn Stimmel has been assisting Emmitsburg Lions Club with vision screenings of Head Start students. Thus far, 46 students have been screened, with 7 referrals to an eye professional and 2 who were unable to be screened.

On 10/13, CS PDG Susan Bonura presented to the Lions Everhart the quilt they won in South Carroll Lioness Lions Club's recent raffle. Congratulations!

Also at that meeting, DG Barbara Brimigion presented a certificate to Lion Sharyn Dupont for being a first-time officer, a new adventure for her.



Lion Suzanne Everhart spoke about the Board of Child Care (www.boardofchildcare.org), a \$35-million faith-based nonprofit organization that provides youth and their families with education, mental health, and residential services across the Mid-Atlantic region. The organization's core values are safety, empathy, impact, and relationships.



BLANKETS & PILLOWS FOR THE HOMELESS

Submitted by Lion President Jim

Pictures of the Glade Valley Lions contribution of blankets and pillows for the Frederick Rescue Mission contributed by the Lions



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CLUB EMAIL ADDRESS: The club now has its own email address GladeValleyLions@gmail.com. Club correspondence can be sent to this address.

Virtual Meeting Attendance: The club will be conducting virtual meetings using the ZOOM platform. The club will send a "Zoom meeting invitation" for all meetings. If you do not get one, please contact Secretary Brooks at GladeValleyLions@gmail.com. All meetings will require a **Meeting ID**.

There are three ways to attend the meetings: 1) Download the ZOOM app to your computer, smart phone or tablet (you may create your own free account with ZOOM if you

wish, but it is not necessary). 2) Run ZOOM from a browser. 3) Call in on a Telephone. Audio may be via computer or telephone for items 1 & 2. If you have any questions, please contact

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LIBERTYTOWN NEWS

Submitted by Lion Bill Strauss

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

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STATUS OF SHACK:

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Pictured right: Libertytown Lions working on the shack.

NEWS CONTINUED

The club held a dinner meeting / Christmas party at the Red Horse Restaurant on December 15. Because of the pandemic, the attendance was limited. While we were limited to 25, we were way under that with 15 attendees.

After a delicious meal of either salmon, steak, or chicken, we were entertained by Reverend Tim Shatzer and his wife Jeannie with several Christmas songs.

In keeping with the tradition of serving others at Christ-mas time, the club members brought socks and under-wear to the meeting for the homeless of Frederick County. This is in support of the 2nd phase of the "Kindness in Action" service project organized by the vice District Governors. In the coming weeks we expect to add to the collection for delivery to the Frederick Rescue Mission towards the end of January.

Pictured gathered around the donated socks and under-wear are: from left to right, District 22W cabinet secretary Susan Bonura, District 22W Governor Barbara Brimigion and Lions Jim Ensor, Darlene Fogle, Sue Ensor, Marvin Curtis, Kelly Schulz, Robert Hensley, Josie Swope, Harry Swope, and Cindy Trout.



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OAKLAND -MT. LAKE PARK LIONS

Submitted by Lion Leon Cardiff

Normally at this time of year we would be spreading cheer and checks to several organizations with a contribution check and a photo op. As we are not doing that, several organizations have reached out to say "Thank You" to our club for what we have done. Among these we have received Christmas cards from: Sister Joanna & Sister Mary Ann from House of Hope, Richard Midcap President of Garrett.

Since July our club has provided purchase of exams and eye-glasses for 14 individuals. Last year (July 2019 – June 2020) we provided for a total of 20 individuals. Our only provider of services in this area has been Dr. Jones (Associate Lion Member of our Club - from Regional Eye Center) since Dr. Wolf has retired and closed his business.

Lion Ryan Wolf, his wife Ginger and his son (Honorary Lion) Mason worked on getting our club's display as well as other Christmas lighting displays for Southern High School activities and other businesses/organizations, set up in Broadford Park. The monetary donation of \$10 per car load will help tremendously. The display will be available until the beginning of January by entering through the Little League gate on Broadford Road. Come out and view as it is another way of our Lions giving since we missed the fall sports season.

Regina Gearhart with Garrett County Community Action Aging and Nutrition Staff sent a card and letters for the Meals on Wheels program. Our donations of food items and that due to the pandemic they have served 2 additional meals per week so the vulnerable could remain at home. This has worked out to serving more than 20,000 more meals this year than 2019. This is providing meals for 299 individuals of which 282 at nutritional risk. Meaning that they did not have the financial ability to purchase adequate food at less than two meals a day and had lost 10 pounds in the last six months. Of those 280 are of the highest priority as they are unable to cook and have no assistance with this task. We are also thankful for their Annual Autumn Glory Turkey Dinner Fundraiser for Meals on Wheels Program with our donation of 16 cases (6 cans per case of #10 can) of vegetables and fruits helping to make this their largest Autumn Glory Fundraiser to date.

Remember, it is not **ONE** Lion that has made a difference this year for these organizations but the **WHOLE PRIDE OF LIONS** that make up our club!



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Be safe not only with the current pandemic conditions but also with our winter weather now upon us. I ask that during the coming winter period that each of you reach out and talk with a fellow member of your crew whether those helping with childhood screening or concession stand set-up to help confirm that each member makes it through the coming months.

SUGGESTION TO KEEP THINGS INTERESTING!

What did help keep members interested in meetings was a game our club played called **Queen of Hearts**. Tickets were 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Deck of cards laid out.—3 chances per meeting; draw ticket - pick one card - if it is the Queen, you get half the pot. Drawn ticket goes in separate pile & removed from deck until there is a winner. Then you start all over. Keep building that pot. Club decides where it/money goes.



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ROARING RUN PROJECTS

All health protocols were practiced and the recent meeting at Roaring Run Lions was short. Roaring Run provided Thanksgiving for two families and two also families for Christmas were discussed.

Members will have gifts wrapped and delivered to King Lion Tim. Members have purchased various items as assigned and selected for the families. Also, the gifts for the Nursing Home was assigned and delivered to Ginger by December 18th.

Lion Vicki reported that 14 blankets were given to the Health Department. Vince Brusio was a guest and expects to become a Roaring Run Lion. The 50/50 was donated for the Nursing Home project.

December 19 is Wreaths Across America Day and Lion Vicki is coordinating Roaring Run's participation. Need information? Call Lion Vicki (410-292-5738) for more info.

A Flea Market is planned for Saturday (12/12) and is still a go as of this date..



TANEYTOWN LIONS WELCOME DG

Our last meeting was the **District Governor's** official visit. **Cabinet Sec. 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 **3 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. **Sec. Ken** accepted a pin and award for **3rd VP Bob** for **Soaring to New Adventures** by stepping up in a leadership position.

LIONS CHRISTMAS TREE – Please take time to look at our beautiful Lions club tree located at the **New Windsor Bank**. The tree was decorated by Matthew Parrish and paid for by a few members. It's a great way to bring holiday joy to the people in town and to let everyone know we are here.

HARNEY LIONS TANEYTOWN BUSY DURING THE SEASON

Submitted by Lion Virginia Fair

Mike Vaughn is coordinating the Harney Christmas tree. Please contact him to volunteer. There will not be a cookie exchange and Santa visit this year. If families want to add a Christmas ball to the tree, make a non-breakable ornament and go to the Lutheran Church in Harney and tie the ornaments to the tree.

There will not be a December or January meeting of Harney Lions. The VFW is closed because of COVID-19. Decisions about February will be made in January.

Projects

- **Memorial Tree Planting**- In honor of Herbert Pletcher and Oliver Parish the club is buying trees to be planted in a 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.**
- **Fund Raiser Lottery Raffle**- Thanksgiving Raffle (Nov. 25) If you have the winning ticket you must contact Michelle Vaughn by December 25, 2020 to collect your prize.
- **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)
- **Progressive Jackpot Raffle**- \$10.00 per ticket. Michelle Vaughn has tickets. We can earn money for selling tickets.
- **Christmas 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 (410-259-7738) for tree pickup or drop them off at Piney Creek Percherons (4722 Piney Creek Road) just leave them in front of the barn.

SAVE THE DATE

22W Social to be held May 14, 2021 at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant starting at six pm. More data later.

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, LION BILL STONESIFER WINS GRAND PRIZE IN JACKPOT RAFFLE PLEDGES \$1,000 DONATION TO LCIF CAMPAIGN 100

After a night of great excitement, Region IV Chair Jeremy Bair hand delivered six prizes to winners of the Region IV Multi-Club Progressive Jackpot Raffle on Friday morning, December 18. As Region IV Chair Jeremy approached Grand Prize Winner Lion Bill at the doorstep with a check, Bill's first words were a pledge of \$1,000 to LCIF Campaign 100! Also stated by Deer Park Lion Secretary Ron Kafchinski "Bill, who is celebrating his 47th year in Lionism this year and is a Charter Member of the Deer Park Club, has always been very generous with not only his time, but also his donations to Lions."

The Progressive Jackpots Raffle took place at the Westminster VFW on Thursday, December 17th during a regular club meeting of the Greater Carroll Lions. Ten clubs in Region IV joined together at their own pace and by their own means to continue to fund-raise for their "lionly" causes with this raffle. They also networked with the Westminster VFW Auxiliary to provide funds for veteran projects and the local Finish Sarcoma cancer awareness group. Together, they raised over \$4,100 to be put toward great Lion causes. These causes include local Lion ball parks and pools, Leader Dog, LCIF, Lion Camp Merrick and the 22W Vision Screening Unit.

On hand that night as raffle drum attendants were Greater Carroll Lions Club new member David Marshall, Greater Carroll Charter Member Larry Dietz and 40-year Lion Emerson Bair. Lion Ticket Drawers for the prizes included Union Bridge Secretary Ilene Weeks, Lineboro-Manchester Past District Governor Andy Demario Sr, Roaring Run President Lion Santa Tim Ganske, Lineboro Manchester Lion Andy DeMario Jr, Roaring Run Lion Christmas Elf Laura Ganske and Union Bridge Lion Dennis Weeks. A special thanks to Valley Lions Charter Member Harry Conover, Silver Run-Union Mills President Jeff Moody, Terra Rubra Past District Governor Brian Cox, Harney Lions President Michelle Vaughn, Deer Park President Dave Hopkins, Westminster Lion Wendy Beares for joining together to sell tickets.

In addition to Lion Bill's 1st prize, 2nd prize went to a Union Bridge Lions member, 3rd prize went to a Westminster VFW member, 4th prize went to the son of a Lion, 5th prize went to a local Carroll County man who donated 2/3 of his prize winners back to the Lions and 6th prize went a local business. Look for the January 2021 Region IV Video to highlight the Raffle Night.



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GENEROUS DONATION

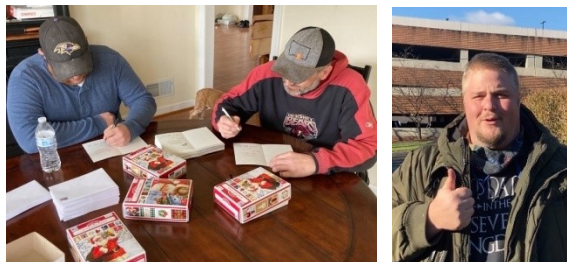
Submitted by Lion Jeremy Blair

A huge thanks to Sharon & Jim. After already having donated to our Veteran Weekly meals, Sharon contacted Lion Jeremy again with a donation of \$300 Aldi Gift Cards. The club motioned to add \$75 to a Veteran Christmas Basket service project. This led to 10 local Westminster VFW veterans receiving a Christmas Basket and coordination with David Bailey of "Free Stuff for Vets 365." for homeless veterans. Thanks to Lion Marcie for helping hand off the 10 baskets.



Service Project: 100 Christmas Cards to Local Veterans

Thanks to New Members Lions Mitch, John, Brian and Dave .



Wreaths Across America

At a semi-closed event, two lions went to Deer Park Church to help with Wreaths Across America and represent the club.

GRANTSVILLE LIONS SUPPORT ROTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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. The club is not meeting in December but will meet virtually on Zoom starting in January. If you would like to be a member of the Grantsville Lions Club, contact membership chair Lion Mike Downton at 301-895-3168 or call PDG Gerry Beachy at 301-707-7200.

Photo: left to right: PDG Gerry Beachy, Grantsville Lions Club Assistant Secretary; Greg Diehl, Grantsville Rotarian

TAYLORSVILLE-WINFIELD NEWS

Submitted by President Tom Harney, Jr.

Our club has done very well with gathering goods for the Food Bank, American Warriors, and Springfield Hospital projects. We should be proud of what we have accomplished during these hard times.

Do me a great favor and please continue to perform as well as we have after the holidays into next year. I have served as your President for quite a while and believe me, it has been my pleasure. I am very pleased with everything each of you has done and I would like to acknowledge some members that have gone beyond what is expected of them. I want to recognize Bob Garber for all he has done with the hospital equipment; Mindy Coates for all she has done with all the programs she has gotten our club involved with; Jim Lutz for a tremendous job he has done as our secretary; Julia and Terry Glendening for the tremendous amount of food items they bring to each meeting; and Forrest Hudspeth for his great work alongside District Governor Barbara Brimigion.

I want to commend all the members that attend our meetings as often as you can bringing in items for our projects. I realize the COVID-19 situation is a serious problem that probably affects your decision whether to get around a group of people and I completely understand. I was glad to hear that a number of you are going to do visitations to other clubs during these troubling times.

Mark Your Calendars • ...

January 11, 2021 TWLC General Mtg Ebenezer United Methodist Church 7PM

o Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed; no food allowed
o Entrance will be through the door on the North side of the building labeled Hall Entrance.

• **Be sure to schedule your visitation to other clubs – it's tougher than ever to synchronize visits!**

Current TWLC service projects:

- American Warrior Care Packages: items or cash for postage.
- Our next 1st VDG challenge is to collect white socks, disposable diapers, and baby wipes. More details will be announced at a later date.
- Recycle your used cards for ARC (no need to tear apart).
- Recycle books or magazines for EUMC food pantry.
- Each month try to bring in 2 canned goods for EUMC food pantry.

Update from our Club Service Chair: Lion Mindy Coates– Service Chair Coordinator

Lion Jim Lutz and I delivered 450 items to the Springfield Hospital Center. They were so very appreciative. Thank all of you so much for your kindness in donating items.

Our next collection is for the 2nd vice district governors challenge. Items include diapers and baby wipes, and any white or colored socks. These will be taken to the Cold Weather Shelter. A special "thank you" to Lion John McBride; he donated over 130 books to be split between Springfield and EUMC Rock of Hope Food Pantry.

The last day for the American Warrior Care Package items will be at our meeting in March. If you don't or can't get out to the Dollar Store, you can order coffee for the soldiers from Hahn's Pork and Beans (just mention that this goes to AWCPC and its Buy One, Get One Free and will be delivered to Ms. Dawn's home).

COMING EVENTS**DECEMBER 26TH COVID LUMINARIES AT BYRON PARK**

Beginning in early December, Lion Stan Stouffer had an idea, and worked with the Town of Williamsport to place luminaries along the road through Byron Park in honor of all those affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Lions at the Dec. 8th meeting offered support. . **On Wednesday, 23rd King Tom Gozora and Lions Stan Stouffer and Lois Conrad filled 300+ paper bags with sand in the Williamsport Town Hall. On a very cold Saturday afternoon, Lions Ken Kline, Georgia Barton, Larry Miller, Craig Koons, and Dick Nye joined them at the Park to place the bags 10 feet apart along both sides of the Byron Park Road. Once placed, a battery candle was turned on and put into each bag.**



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GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

Submitted by Lion Viki Peltier

Lions Ellen Dix, Viki Peltier and Gary Peltier of the Social Services Committee filled 153 Christmas stockings this year that will help brighten the holidays for people at the homeless shelter and two recovery centers.

UPDATE ON THE SEE MORE SUPPORT GROUP:

Submitted by Lion Ann Krumb, Chair

The See More Group of visually-impaired adults has been meeting virtually since September of this year. They had a virtual Christmas party on Monday, December 21st, including Lion Ann Krumb, Michele Sciacitano and Lion Diane Torockio.

They played Christmas Trivia, shared good holiday wishes with one another in the group and heard a Christmas carol, sung by two members of the group.

A CHRISTMAS VISIT TO SINAI HOSPITAL:

Submitted by Lion Viki Peltier

On Friday, December 11th, Pediatric Cancer Chair Viki Peltier, DG Barb Brimigion and Lion Gary Peltier delivered another load of toys to Sinai Hospital. There were 166 toys which were less than last year at this same time. The committee is collecting right now for a delivery in March. If any Lion would like to make a toy or a monetary donation, please contact Committee Chair Viki Peltier.

CITRUS FRUIT SALES:

Submitted by Lion Ann Krumb, Chair

We had a very good outcome from the sales of our fruit. To date, the profit from the sale is over \$10,200.00. We sold over 1,000 boxes of fruit this year! This would not have been possible without your help. This project is always a massive undertaking, needing lots of volunteers putting in a lot of volunteer hours. I am so grateful for everyone that had a part in pulling off this fundraiser this year.

This year, as an extension of the annual (and recently completed) Citrus Fruit Fundraiser, the Freedom District Lions Club is also selling Honey Bell Tangelos from now through January 22, 2021. See below. Anyone wishing to purchase these tangelos must order them online at the website FDLCfruitsale.com. There are no exceptions. The fruit will be delivered directly from Florida Indian River Groves to the recipient. The shipping cost is \$6.95 per box

2ND VDG SERVICE CHALLENGE-KINDNESS IN ACTION:

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

The Second VDG Service Challenge which ends on January 23rd will collect donations of diapers, baby wipes and new white socks for the homeless. With 78 club members, the second highest membership in our district out of 55 Lions clubs, we should be able to top our record. Our Club Service Chair Lion Matt King will be heading the project for our club.

Lion Melissa Turski has graciously volunteered to have a collection box for our donations at the family business, Down the Street IT. The shop is located at 2021 Liberty Road (Suite K) next to Captain Dan's restaurant in Eldersburg. They are open Monday-Thursday 12-6pm, Friday 12-5:30pm, Saturday 11-5pm, and Sunday 12-4pm.

We need your help. Let's make Lion Melissa have to empty that box multiple times over the next several weeks because we have donated so many items!!!

Lion Surani Peiris also volunteered to have a collection box at Mathnasium at 1207 Liberty Rd; #D-104 in Eldersburg.



WILLIAMSPORT LIONS BRING COATS FOR KIDS!

Below, left to right, are Lion Chair Jodi Ramsey, along with Lions Stan Stouffer, Larry Miller, Dick Nye, and Lois Conrad, were at Valley Mall November 28th bringing attention to our annual Coats for Kids

For Kids collection; and raising awareness of the Williamsport Lions Club, and Lions Clubs International.



DISTRICT NEWS

FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS SUPPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Lion Don Champ

At the beginning of the December 14, 2020 Board of Directors meeting of the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department, Myron Horn, President, Freedom District Lions Club presented a \$10,000 check to Kevin Shiloh, President of the volunteer fire department. In his remarks, Horn acknowledged the loss of several fire department fundraisers, e.g. carnival, BINGO. Loss of Legacy Hall rentals, due to the coronavirus pandemic, has put a financial strain on the fire department. He said that the Freedom District Lions Club Foundation (an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt foundation) that supports service projects of the Freedom District Lions Club, voted at their annual board of directors meeting to donate the funds to help the fire department - recognizing the vital emergency services they provide to the community and the outstanding relationship between our two community service organizations.

Pictured (l-r): Myron Horn, President, Freedom District Lions Club presented a check to Kevin Shiloh, President, Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department while John Dozsa, founding President and current Vice President of the Freedom District Lions Club Foundation looks on.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM

Submitted by: Lion Ellen Bennett

The Frances Scott Key Lions Medical Equipment Lending Program has been very active this month. We have loaned 14 pieces of equipment to 9 different people. Connections have been made with several local physical and occupational therapists who are referring people to the program for equipment.

We received a donation of 11 pieces of equipment and a large amount of personal care items from the family of a former Hospice patient. The personal care items were donated to the Food Bank.

We continue to receive requests for hospital beds and refer those to other Lions Clubs. Thanks to the Deer Park Lions Club for giving us 3 wheelchairs to add to our inventory.

FREEDOM DISTRICT HOLDS FRUIT 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.



Pictured above: Lion Ann Kramb, Chair of the Citrus Fruit Sale at the table verifies a customer's order as Lions wait to place the order in the customer's vehicle



DISTRICT NEWS

Lions Need to Feel Valued



Every Lion wants to be valued by their Lion family. We want you to track members who miss meetings, service projects, fundraisers, or who are ill or injured. We want them to know the club is concerned about their welfare by sending them a card, an email or calling them.

Our goal is to create a step-by-step standardized process that any club can follow. 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. 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. Clubs with a process may want to incorporate elements of this process into their existing program.

1. The Club President shall appoint one or more members to a Membership Satisfaction Committee during December and begin tracking in January 2021. Club members will have the opportunity at the beginning of each Lions year to volunteer to Chair the Membership Satisfaction Committee. This position is necessary in order to follow-up with club members to ensure their welfare.

2. The Membership Satisfaction Committee Chair may recruit other club members to the Membership Satisfaction Committee.

3. The Club President informs the District that a Membership Satisfaction Committee has been created by emailing md22membership@gmail.com by January 2021.

4. The Membership Satisfaction Committee looks after the wellness of our members. The Membership Satisfaction Committee Chair may delegate duties to the Secretary, Newsletter Editor, or other committee members. The committee uses the information received to let members feel important and that they are a valued part of the club.

a. The Secretary or club greeter will keep track of members, taking attendance, receiving notification of illness, and communicating with club members.

b. A member of the committee is assigned to 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. Some clubs will be able to do this with phone calls, emails, or visits.

c. While the Secretary will keep track of those members that miss a number of meetings, a member of the committee is assigned to contact them to find out their status and to inform the President if there is an issue that needs to be addressed.

d. The committee informs the club Secretary and President 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. For illness or deaths some clubs will send flowers President 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. For illness or deaths some clubs will send flowers or a fruit basket, some will send emails or a card.

The club Secretary or an assigned committee member keeps club members informed of the welfare of members via their email distribution list, telephone tree and club newsletter.

The club can create a line item in their administrative budget for the Membership Satisfaction Committee expenses or a fruit basket, some will send emails or a card.

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6. The club can create a line item in their administrative budget for the Membership Satisfaction Committee expenses.



AWARE OF YOUR MEMBERS

LET YOUR LIONS KNOW YOU MISS THEM

MAKE THEM FEEL VALUED



DISTRICT NEWS

THURMONT LIONS NEWS

Submitted by Lion Joyce Anthony

We are doing Christmas stockings for each of the 72 residents of the St Joseph's Nursing Facility in Emmitsburg. Many Thurmont citizens are residents there so it is a natural fit for us. But in this COVID year when nursing home residents cannot see their relatives - they need an extra boost, and we are giving it to them. We will be putting things like gripper socks and fingerless gloves, etc. in each stocking. We will make the delivery of the gifts a real party for the residents, involving the LEOs and music, etc. but that was pre-COVID plan. So plan to join in the December Lions fun. make someone's holiday brighter and, in the course - make yours brighter as well.

At a recent program, Libby spoke to us about her father's letters from the WWII European Theater to his new bride back home in West Virginia. Libby turned those letters into an excellent book "A Faithful Soldier Writes Home". An Army Chaplain's assistant, her dad provided a day-to-day account of his experiences, creating a realistic account of his many experiences in the war. Very unusual for a soldier in his specialty, he ended up in tough combat, winning the Combat Infantryman's badge and two Bronze Stars, one with Valor. Moreover, the book is a love story, one that describes vividly the longing for home and loved ones that many young soldiers experience when deployed. If you desire to buy her book, Libby sells them for \$19.95. Her phone number is 301-378-2134.

The new community tree was less specific as to the significance of the ornaments placed on the tree. After a few years, the community ornaments weren't as forthcoming. So, this year 2020, the club took a different approach. Since this tree is "A Community Christmas Tree", President Susan suggested it truly become such a tree. The club purchased ornaments, and Lion Sheri Kuhn painted a design on each ornament signifying businesses, organizations, churches, schools, etc.

The tree was decorated on November 28th by Lions Susan Favorite. As announced, we will not meeting again until 2021. Assuming we can continue meeting in January, we'll begin the year celebrating Melvin Jones' birthday on January 13th. For our January 27th meeting, I've invited Mayor John Kinnaird to talk to us about the State of the Town. As we have learned over the past few years, Mayor John is unfailingly entertaining and totally open as he describes what's going on in Thurmont currently and in the future. I'm also working on getting Country Executive Jan Gardner to visit and talk about the State of the County.



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Lion Nancy also collected 29 pairs of sneakers to support the Middletown Lions Club in their challenge to help the Middletown community.

North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) Update (Contributed by SVDG Nadja Muchow)

The NAMI committee met via Zoom, November 29, 7:00 pm. You might remember that Secretary Joyce, PCC Bob and myself are on the Membership Satisfaction sub-committee chaired by Lion Martin Bonura.

We created a standardized process for Membership Satisfaction Committee (aka Sunshine Committee) that addresses our first goal under membership welfare (i.e., missing meetings, illnesses etc.). We want to encourage every club regardless of size or budget to have a person/persons identified as the ones accountable for monitoring club members welfare.

Main Street Center Festival of Trees

(Contributed by Lion Joyce)

As always, Lions Doug and Don have placed and decorated the annual Thurmont Lions Club Christmas tree on display in the front window of the Thurmont Main Street building. Please stop by and check out the masterpiece. Thank you for showcasing our club. This is another great way to promote Lionism in the Thurmont community



LEO NEWS



Lion President:

As the holidays approach we are all looking forward to spending time with our families. Many of us will be celebrating with our children and grandchildren. We can all agree that our youth is an extremely valuable resource and that it our responsibility to help them grow into responsible adults. Good Leadership skills help everyone be more effective and successful in life.

The USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation does just that. The foundation sponsors the annual USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum held each summer. The fourth annual forum will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada from July 21- 25, 2021. The forum is open to all Leos from the USA, Canada and the Caribbean. Attendance has been in increasing year over year and our foundation would like to make the forum available to as many Leos as possible.

With your support we will be able to do just that. Your support will help the foundation keep the cost of attending the forum down so more Leos will be able to afford to participate. We are asking all Lions clubs and individual Lions to please be as generous as possible to help us teach our young people effective leadership skills.

A donation of **\$75 USD** or more will qualify you for your choice of a Banner patch or the 2021 Leo Forum Pin.

If you would like to learn more about the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation and the annual forums please visit our web site at www.leosforum.org

I am proud to be an Advisor to this foundation that is having such a powerful and positive influence on so many of our Leos. I hope you will join me in supporting this worthy cause. Click on the blue button below to open the donation form.

Yours in Lionism,

N. ALAN LUNDGREN

Past International Director
Member, USACLLF Advisory Board

LEO NEWS

WHS Leo News:

The WHS Leo Club held elections on Friday, October 30th virtually with 46 members voting. The new officers and Board are:

President: Claire Smith

Vice President: Julia Linn

Secretary: Hailey Davio

Assistant Secretary: Mason Carter

Treasurer: Melody Hutchins

Assistant Treasurer: Lauren Anderson

Parliamentarian: Willow Stewart

Board Members: Martina Tsimba, Abby Wambach, Aatikah

Bajwa, Jenna Miner



All but two officer positions were contested with multiple Leos running for most positions, including the Board positions. Each candidate posted a 2 minute informational video explaining their qualifications and why they should be elected that all Leos could access and watch. Each video was very creative – they were all amazing! The democratic process is alive and well in the WHS Leo Club!

The first meeting of the new Board will be held virtually on November 13th.

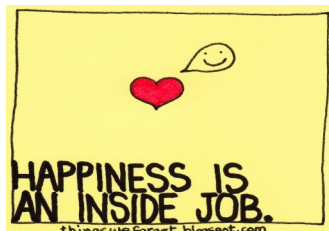
The next Leo Club meeting will be held virtually on November 20th.

Members that have ideas for clubs and community service are to make a slide presentation that the membership will view and vote on during regular meetings. They are expecting to vote on the formation of a Homelessness in Frederick County Committee and an Animal Awareness Committee at their upcoming meeting.

Members responded to a virtual poll indicating that they are very interested in forming random Teams of small groups to do community service projects as a competition for the total # of hours.

The Board will assign Teams. A list of many community service projects that can be done even during the pandemic has been posted to the Leo Club Schoology site.

The Club has approached the Glade Valley Lions Club about a \$100 donation to Mr. Van Bloem since they are prohibited from making a payment to a staff member. The Club would like this to be taken from the Lions Club's annual allocation to the Leo Club.



DECEMBER 5th

INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY

FREEDOM DISTRICT & LEOS FIGHT THE VIRUS!

Submitted by: Lion Don Champ

The coronavirus pandemic greatly affected the way that the Freedom District Lions Club and the Leo clubs from Century High School and Liberty High School carried out their annual Christmas presents for area children project this year. The service clubs didn't let the virus stop them.

Rather than the Leos shopping in a local store, most of the shopping was done on line to prevent possible community spread of COVID-19. Special thanks go to Lion Bob Bastress, Chairman of the club's Youth Outreach Committee for devising the altered project and Lion Laura Gillen for overseeing the purchases and buying gifts locally that did not get delivered thru the on-line ordering process.

Gifts for 72 needy children were assembled in the Freedom District Lions Club medical equipment storage building behind the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department, sorted by family and placed in large plastic bags – ready for the parents to pick up on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

Pictured (L – R) are: First row – Michele Sciacchitano, Melissa Turski, Steven Gonzalez and Elyse Seligman. Second row – Sabina Stanger, Samantha Mailhot, Emma Zepp and Bob Bastress. Standing in the back is Emma Santoro. Not pictured but helping with the gift pickup were Ann Krumb, Rebecca Urie, Renee Shephard and Lucy Plank. In front of them are plastic bags of gifts for 72 children ready for the parents to pick up.



LEO NEWS

THURMONT ADVENTURES!

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LEO NEWS: WHS LEOS CLUB

Submitted by Leo Mason

Throughout November, the WHS Leo Club Board has met three times, whereas the general membership has met once. In these meetings, Leos have brainstormed, prepared, and organized events that have strengthened the community through service.

Leos Katie and Stephanie began an Animal Rescue committee, which would donate to animal rescues, namely the Frederick County Humane Society, volunteer at animal shelters, and collect donations such as towels, blankets, crates, and leashes.

Leos Bailey and Eliza pitched a tree planting committee to the general membership to tackle the problems of deforestation and climate change. The committee would donate funds and work with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to plant trees near water to restore destroyed habitats.

Motions to approve both committees were raised and passed by the Parliamentarian. Leo Jenna presented an in-depth proposal for a Leo Club Service Group project-- aimed to encourage Leos to serve their communities in a fun way. The outline defined 'service,' explained how to record hours, and delegated responsibilities. If approved by the General Membership during the next meeting, the project will begin on December 11th and end on May 1st. A prize will be awarded to the team that accumulates the most service hours in the designated period.

The Homelessness committee, chaired by Leo Willow, organized a stocking stuffer drive from Monday, November 23rd through Friday, November 27th. Items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, tissues, baby food, and baby wipes were to be dropped off in a designated bin at the entrance of Walkersville Highschool.

After approaching the Glade Valley Lions Club, Leo Claire and Lion Jennifer sent a \$100 donation and "thank you" card to the Van Bloem family on behalf of the Walkersville Leo Club.

In addition, the Club created an official Twitter account ([LeoClubWHS](#)) and reviewed, altered, and verified the Club's constitution and bylaws. Leos have begun brainstorming future holiday plans, such as organizing a bake sale, which Leos Leah, Lea, and Martina will spearhead. The Club will carol in Downtown Frederick, though a date has not yet been finalized. The next general membership meeting will be held virtually on December 11.



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.

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

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

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



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

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TO THE CAR



CAUSE I FORGOT
MY FREAKING MASK

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