



District 22-W Newsletter December 2024



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DG Theme: Find Joy in Service

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DG Susan Cox's Monthly Message:

Dear Lions and Leos,

“December is a month of invitation to forget ourselves in the service of others.”
— Robert Louis Stevenson

December is the season of giving, and Lions and Leos truly embody this spirit through their dedication to serving others. Our recent Zone meetings have been inspiring as clubs highlighted the important service projects planned for the coming weeks. From Wreaths Across America to delivering baskets and gifts for shut-ins, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, spreading joy with Santa visits, filling stockings for veterans, and many other projects, each of these acts of kindness will make an important difference in our communities this month.

December is also a time to celebrate the important service we have provided throughout the year to our communities and the world. As Lions and Leos, we have been privileged with opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others. The greatest gift we receive is the honor of serving others. In every project and every act of kindness, we find joy in service, knowing we are making a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need.

As we reflect on the year behind us, be proud of our accomplishments as Lions and Leos. Whether it was supporting global initiatives, responding to local needs, or fostering leadership and growth within our clubs, each project, activity, and meeting has impacted our communities, clubs, and district. The holiday season is also a reminder to pause and extend kindness—not only through our service to others, but also to each other, our fellow Lions and Leos and to our families that serve along with us. We are grateful for these blessings.

As 2025 approaches, I look forward with hope and excitement to all that we will accomplish together. May this holiday season bring you peace, joy, and cherished time with loved ones. Thank you for all that you have done to make District 22W a light of goodness in our world.

Warm regards,
Lion Susan Cox
District Governor, 22W



On the Road Again! – Our District Governor’s Schedule for December:

Dec 2 - Kitzmiller Lions Club Official Visit
 Dec 4 - Terra Rubra Lions Club Christmas Party
 Dec 7 - District 22D Social
 Dec 8 - Council of Governors Meeting
 Dec 8 - New Member Orientation
 Dec.10 - Deep Creek Lake Lions Club OV
 Dec 12 - Emmitsburg Lions Club Official Visit
 Dec 25 - Merry Christmas to all!

Roar Like a Lion Day of Service:

Submitted by Lion Bonnie Gillett, Global Service Team Coordinator

The district is excited to be hosting this event again on February 1, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The following libraries will be hosting the event with Lions and Leos:

Eldersburg, Finksburg, Mount Airy at 705 Ridge Rd., North Carroll, Taneytown, Westminster, C Burr Artz, Thurmont, Emmitsburg, Walkersville, Mount Airy on Main Street, Myersville and Middletown.

Lion Bonnie Gillett has contacted clubs in our district to confirm whether they will be participating again.

The grant that was received last year was not fully used; therefore, we will not be applying for a grant this year. If your club needs assistance, please contact her directly.

Christmas Hurricane Helene:

Submitted by SVDG Leon Cardiff

I received a text message yesterday morning from CC George Suggs Sand Hill Lions Club (31L) concerning Christmas for children in his area.

What they are doing is creating a Christmas store where families that lost everything can come in and select presents for their children. He indicated that they were for 13-16 year old boys and girls.

Items could be purchased on Amazon and dropped shipped to his club for which he provided the info.

An alternate could be a check made out to Sand Hill Lions Club - with memo section: Toys.

See the message of SVDG Leon Cardiff on page 4.

Put these Lion Events on your Calendar:

On Dec. 7th - District 22D Social at Harrington Raceway & Casino

Dec. 8th – New Member Orientation (See page 14)

January 11, 2025 - 3rd Cabinet Mtg at the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Dept.

Feb. 1, 2025 – Roar Like a Lion Day of Service throughout the District

March 29, 2025 - 4th Cabinet Mtg

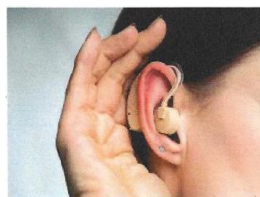
April 7-10, 2025 – Leader Dog Banquets

May 1-4, 2025 - MD22 Convention at Wisp – You can now register online. See page 37.



ARE YOU >55 YEARS OLD?

Participate in a Research Study on VISION & HEARING!



- **Eligibility:** Normal Vision and Hearing, or Vision and/or Hearing problems.
- **Survey conducted:** In-Person, over Zoom, or by Phone
- **Duration:** Approximately 2 hours
- **Compensation:** \$15 per hour
- **What is it about:** You will answer questions about how you use your vision & hearing in daily-life situations.

For more information, please call / text or email:

667 391 5245
pagra10@jh.edu

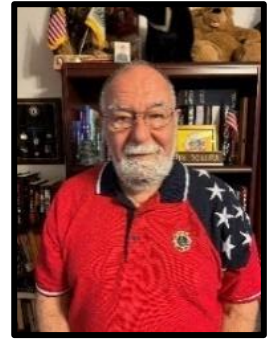
JHM-IRB protocol # IRB00399660 - Yingzi Xiong, Ph.D. - Principal Investigator

This flyer was distributed at the LVRV Vision Fest Rally on November 23rd at the Wilmer Eye Institute.

A Message from FVDG Martin Bonura:

Where are we? Such a simple question to ask, but one that should be asked often. As Lions we know that we have completed four months of this Lions year. We know that we had great ideas and some plans for growing our club, conducting service projects and fundraisers, and for having great joy for service.

The question is important because we are often overcome by unexpected events, by setbacks, or by life that distracts us from our goals. We each need to take the time to see if we are taking the actions necessary to grow our club, to conduct the service projects we want, to participate in the fundraising the club needs, and to have fun.



Our clubs are taking the actions needed to grow. Clubs have improved Lion satisfaction, held membership events, provided Lions at service projects and fundraising events to encourage membership to their clubs, and have spoken to friends and family inviting them to join them in service. The district is working on growing membership by using LionsMap2Grow <https://chatgpt.com/> and LionsMarket2Grow <https://chatgpt.com/g/g-Ft6quiuAC-lionsmarket2grow> both found at <https://www.lionsvirtual.org/>

We are using these artificial intelligence tools to identify areas in the district for potential new clubs or replacement clubs for those that no longer exist. These tools have identified areas of Frederick and Washington counties for extension. These tools recommended that we develop partnerships with local libraries, the local chamber of commerce, local medical services, local governments, and other non-profits. We have plans to attract young professionals and retirees; anyone with a passion for service that need to be acted upon.

Our clubs are taking the actions needed to provide service to meet community needs. We provided sheets, pillows, bed sets, and comforters to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, while some clubs helped to build the beds. Some are still helping. The Francis Scott Key Club in Frederick sponsored Canines on the Creek to provide a fun event for the community and to raise funds for Leader Dog. The Deep Creek Lions are preparing for Blind Skiers this winter and are helping to raise funds for an inclusive playground.

The district is working on our multi-club Roar Like a Lion service project where multiple clubs work with their communities' young students to perform meaningful service. The students make cards for veterans, Linus blankets, thank you bags, flag stands, and other crafts while earning service hours. The Lions, and any potential Lions they invite to participate in these service projects, guide the youth, encourage them, and ensure the items created receive a good home.

Many of our clubs are raising funds needed to meet community needs. LaVale has held its chicken BBQ and clubs have held their basket, Polish Pottery, or cash bingos. Raffles are being held, football pools are being conducted, as are sales of all kinds. The district assisted the Silver Run Lions in the corn roast at the Union Mills Homestead.

Our Governor's theme is the Joy of Service and we each know how our service impacts us. Look at what you are doing and see what actions are needed to make your goals a reality. It is a joyful experience to see a plan come together.

Submitted by Lion Martin Bonura
First Vice District Governor
December 2024

Note: FVDG Martin said that you may have to do a "copy & paste" to open up the websites.

A Message from SVDG Leon Cardiff:



Thanksgiving marks the time when family and friends gather or reach out to others less fortunate and in need. We do that as Lions during the year in many ways, a vision test for a child, a pair of eyeglasses for a senior who cannot afford them so they can read or enjoy the world around them, diabetes testing, a Christmas card to someone in a nursing home or a veteran, the local food pantry that we help out with. As Lions, we are all accountants, from the fundraisers at the fair, sandwich sales, bingo, train shows with the proceeds donated to LCIF, use of monies by our club for a local service project or helping others in many ways. Hurricanes Helene and Milton not only disrupted the daily lives and the world of many but also the upcoming Christmas season of not only adults but the children in those areas. Family and friends gone, their home, neighborhoods, parents out of work. Learning to live in a small trailer or a tent, it is difficult knowing and seeing what the holidays will be for parents, families and teenagers.

CC George Suggs from MD 31L (Western North Carolina), 5 districts, and I have talked with and texted several times since Hurricane Helene devastated their area. Sunday, he texted me and asked if my district, clubs or Lions would like to help families in his area that lost everything. He indicated they were establishing a Christmas store stocked with items that parents could come in and select a gift for boys and girls ages 13 – 16. These could be selected through Amazon and shipped directly to their club. He also indicated a check made out to the Sand Hill Lions Club with the Memo: Toys, would allow them to purchase appropriate gifts.

I talked with Chair Suggs this morning (Tuesday) and passed on a suggestion of creating a “Wish List” (or whatever) on Amazon. He indicated he would talk to his IT guy and send me the link if able to accomplish this. He was on his way up in the hills to deliver groceries.

We have all seen families affected by tragedies throughout the seasons of the year. Yet, in this case, it is whole towns, communities, professions and age groups. At the bottom, you will see the Sand Hills Lions Club address to utilize either for a check or to purchase a gift and have it drop shipped should you choose to help make a small sparkle for a teenager in North Carolina this year.

I have listed below the contact address and when I receive an Amazon link will do my best to get it out to everyone.

Sand Hill Lions Club
CC George Suggs
84 English Dr
Candler NC 28715

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/253C2IE2Q6W1F>

Memo: Toys

47th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations on March 21, 2025:

Join other Lions to discuss how Lions and Leos over 18 years are working together with the United Nations in New York to chart a new path forward for the future of service. Secure your spot today at these unforgettable events as LCI celebrates our global service and lasting partnership with the United Nations. Registration is required to attend the meeting at the United Nations. The deadline to register is March 7th. The registration fee of \$50.00 for Lions and \$30.00 for Leos will cover the cost of attendee giveaways which includes:

- Ticket to the LDUN program
- Printed souvenir program
- Lions International padfolio and pin
- Dynamic speakers, panel discussions and networking opportunities
- Entertainment



Additional LDUN activities: Lion Celebration Reception: US\$60 and Leo Celebration Reception: US\$15

Explore the United Nations headquarters where you can take a guided tour, view exhibits, and visit the bookstore and gift shop. <https://youtu.be/XhzHqG9BIDk>



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 22-W THIRD CABINET MTG, REG III
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025
HOSTED BY LIBERTYTOWN LIONS CLUB,
LIBERTYTOWN, MARYLAND

LIBERTYTOWN VOL FIRE DEPT HALL
12027 SOUTH ST
LIBERTYTOWN MD 21762

Menu:
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage,
Buttermilk Pancakes, Crispy
Breakfast Potatoes, Coffee & Juice.

Time – 10:00 am

Breakfast will be served after the opening

Cost - \$15.00 PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO LIBERTYTOWN LIONS CLUB

SEND RSVP AND CHECK TO REGION CHAIR JACK NIEMIEC
11798 FOX REST COURT
NEW MARKET MD 21774

LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 22-W THIRD CABINET
MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th, 2025, 10:00 AM
LIBERTYTOWN VOL. FIRE DEPT.

CLUB NAME: _____ TOTAL ATTENDNG _____ @ \$15.00 EACH: \$ _____

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2025

From the Desk of Lion Michelle Miller, Peace Poster Chair:

We had another stellar performance by our local artists this year!! Each of the winners will be invited to the January 11th Cabinet Meeting to be honored and awarded their certificates and prizes. Thanks to everyone that participated and voted at the cabinet meeting.

Our 1st place winner, Natalie Giffi, is sponsored by the Middletown Lions Club



Natalie Giffi
 Birthdate: 11/16/10
 Middletown Middle School
 Peace is the only battle worth waging. - Albert Camus

In my "Peace Without Limits" poster, "The Other Side of the Curtain", a young, rather disheveled boy is depicted pulling back a curtain, which is created from the world's flags, and revealing an 'infinite' display of peace. This poster represents the theme "Peace Without Limits" by showing an appearing "limitless" display of peace, despite what lies on the opposite side of the curtain, with diverse people holding hands to the succession of human-made landmarks, and every incorporation of united life inbetween. Peace appears to run abundant and eternal on this side of the curtain. However, on the left side, of which the boy appears to be 'coming from', war is imminent. With fires, destroyed buildings, battle, and death, this side depicts the depression and loss which is projected from war: Between having the 'graves' of religion side by side, a grieving mother, and a starving dog, the feeling of hopelessness is looming over the whole scene. A smaller detail of modern incorporation of war is that of the 'curtain cloth of countries' having the flags of countries that are currently in or suffering the effects of war facing that side, and being scathed in the crossfire. By having a mere child be the one who "pulls back the curtain", this art shows how not even the most young and innocent are spared from war and hate, while paradoxically showing that they can make the biggest difference of all.

Print or Type Name: Victoria GIFFI
 Parent Email: victoriamarie@gmail.com

2nd Place Winner, Ellie Carmody, is sponsored by the New Market Lions Club



Our 3rd place winner, Costello Makaylynn, is sponsored by the Hancock Lioness Lions Club



Help replenish school supplies for a local school.
Join the Lions VDG Challenge
November 9, 2024, to January 11, 2025



Drop off school supplies at the

Update on the 1st VDG Service Challenge:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a non-profit organization that builds and delivers beds to children and families in need. They believe that a bed is the basic need for a child’s physical, emotional and mental health. The organization was founded in 2012 in Twin Falls, Idaho. There are 325 chapters nationwide. There are 6 chapters in Maryland: Hagerstown, Frederick County, Hartford County, Howard County, Montgomery County and St. Mary’s County.

Preliminary List of Participating Lions Clubs: Boonsboro, Brunswick, Chewsville, Deer Park, Frederick Fusion, Freedom District, FSK, Glade Valley, Grantsville, Greater Carroll, Hagerstown, Hampstead, Kitzmiller, Hancock Lioness-Lions, LaVale, Libertytown-Unionville, Lineboro-Manchester, Middletown, Myersville, New Market, New Windsor, Oakland-Mountain Lake Park, Roaring Run, Smithsburg, South Carroll Lioness Lions, Taylorville-Winfield, Terra Rubra, Thurmont, Union Bridge, and Westminster.

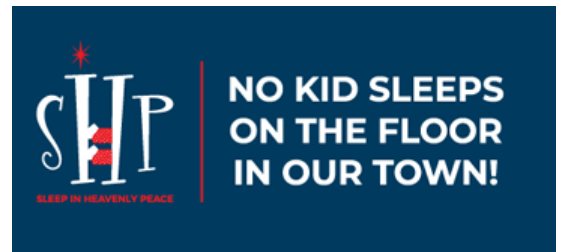
FVDG Martin Bonura reported that our clubs donated about \$2,000 to SHP and enough bedding to cover 180 beds for children in Frederick and Washington counties.

From Ernie Giancola, SHP Chapter President in Washington County:

A Special Thank You to All the Lions Clubs that participated in the bedding drive. These donations come at a perfect time as we are nearing the end of the year and winter season is approaching. We are blessed to have a great community partner as the Lion’s Club that is dedicated to working with us in our mission of “No Kid Sleeps on The Floor in Our Town”.



From the Hagerstown Chapter: Your generous donation has made a significant impact on our community, particularly for the children who now have the comfort of a bed to sleep in. Your support enables us to purchase essential materials like lumber and mattresses, providing a sense of security and peace for local children. We know there is still work to be done and your ongoing support is crucial in our mission to ensure that **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN**. We invite you to continue this journey with us, as your support plays a vital role in making dreams come true, one bed at a time.



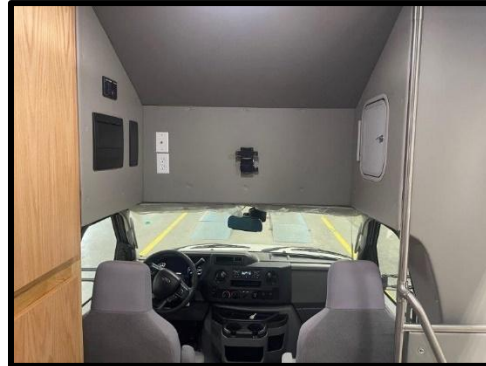
Update on the 22W Mobile Screening Unit:

Submitted by Lion Bob Johnson

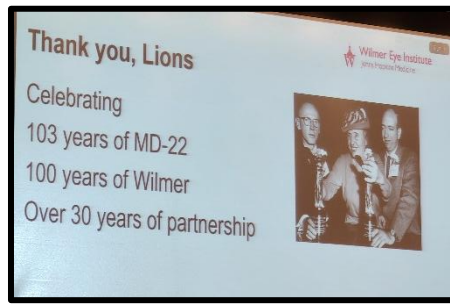
The Mobile Screening Unit will be delivered in November and then we will have to get it wrapped (graphics), equipped, policies and procedures finalized, etc. It will probably be late spring of 2025 before it will actually be placed in service. It will be available to all clubs in 22-W through a booking procedure (still being finalized) for conducting basic health screening services at public events, etc. Final package of screening capabilities still being developed - advances in technology may result in additional screenings being added beyond the original vision, BP / Pulse / blood oxygen level, hearing, and blood glucose proposal. We will only screen and recommend further medical tests - not diagnose.

The Mobile Screening Unit Advisory committee will provide training to clubs, but clubs will be responsible for staffing the unit at their events. There will be designated drivers from around the district who will move the unit from location to location.

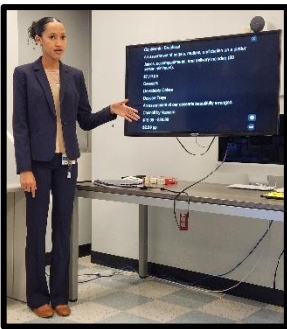
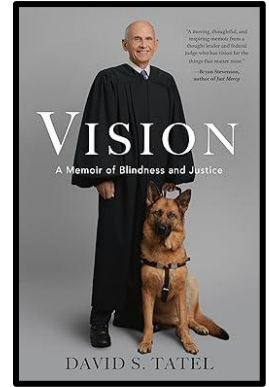
They changed the shelf above the driver due to lack of head room. Instead, they added a TV mount above the driver and outlet in case you wanted to use the TV inside. So the tv can be mounted on the inside above the driver or outside. They also added storage compartments above the passenger and driver.



Highlights from the LVRF VISION FEST RALLY:



Guest Speaker on Zoom: a Civil Rights Lawyer and Federal Judge Tatel (right) who retired from the bench earlier this year, after having spent 30 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He shared the challenges of living and working with a disability (genetic condition called retinitis pigmentosa which was diagnosed at the age of 15) by first denying his blindness and wouldn't talk about it for 60 years before accepting it with the help of his guide dog and the current technology on computers and smartphones which can create emails, read emails aloud to him, read aloud the news articles from websites etc so he can be more independent and doesn't have to rely on his family as much.



LVRV Chair Evan Gillett was the MC who introduced our Lion guests such as PIDs Dick Liebno, Ted Reiver & Joe Gaffigan and ID John Lawrence as well as Wilmer guests Dr. Judy Goldstein who was awarded a Melvin Jones Award (right) and Lion Dr. Gislin Dagnelie (see bottom right).



There were 96 registered guests and 2 walk-ins. The following clubs were represented: Deer Park, FSK, Glade Valley, Greater Carroll, LaVale, Libertytown-Unionville, Lineboro-Manchester, Middletown, New Windsor, Oakland-Mt Lake Pk, Roaring Run, South Carroll Lioness-Lions, Terra Rubra, TWLC, and Westminster. Hagerstown and Union Bridge mailed in their checks. **Total donations \$48,790.46 at Rally.**



Patient testimonial by Elizabeth Tomlinson (left), a patient since May 2024. A retired teacher with macular degeneration in both eyes. Couldn't read or drive. Life has changed for her with apps on her smartphone & computer. Thanks to Wilmer for introducing technology to her and making her more independent.



Leonardo, the Low Vision Lion, (SVDG Leon) accepted the checks from the donors.

Technology on smartphones and computers for the low vision patients:

- Magnifiers with and without speech
- Meta glasses with built in electronic magnifiers and prescription lenses.
- Apps embedded into the phone which identify objects, print emails from patient dictations, read texts aloud, provide descriptions of surroundings, allowing users to navigate daily tasks more easily.



Updates on Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF)

Submitted by LVRF Secretary, PDG Barb Brimigion

LVRF holds a **virtual meeting** by Zoom every two months. LVRF Chair Evan Gillett extends an invitation to any Lion who would like to attend the meetings to learn more about the operation of the Foundation. Contact LVRF Secretary Barbara Brimigion for the Zoom link at bbrimigion@gmail.com. Our next virtual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th at 9:30am. Meetings generally last about 1-1 ½ hours.

Clubs in our district hold fundraisers for LVRF throughout the year: **A Vision Days Project** is held every year at the **home of FVDG Martin & PDG Susan Bonura** on 1743 Deer Park Road; Finksburg, Md for the month of December and early January. Come see the Christmas decorations and make a donation! **Region 4 Zone 3 Golf Tournament** will be held on May 23rd at Oakmont Green Golf Course in Hampstead, raising money for LVRF among 2 others.

Learn more about Lion Vision Days on the **LVRF's website** <http://www.lionsvision.org> to download "How to Guide for Vision Days", stickers and the LVRF Brochure to print. Contact our District LVRF Trustees CC Evan Gillett, SVDG Leon Cardiff and LaVale Lion Sunhe Price for help.



The Hagerstown Lions Club held a **Lions Vision Days** at the Penn Avenue Meats store location. It was a beautiful day and pedestrian traffic in front of the store was very high. All of our shifts were completely filled with enthusiastic Lions who greeted every generous customer on their way into and out of the store. We did very well at this annual event and the Club is very thankful to the public for their support. Thanks also to our own PDG Susan and Lion President Rodney for setting things up and to all of the other Lion members who participated, including PDG Dave, and Lions Dave, Jerry, Jim C, Jim F, Jeff, Tony, Paul, Ed, Bill and Tim.

Source: Hagerstown Club Newsletter



District 22W Aim for Sight LVRF Fundraiser at Mayberry on October 12th raised over \$5,000 for LVRF.

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

SCAN ME

This is Chimney Rock, NC.
Bottom photo is before the flooding and the top photo is after.
So many mountain communities in North Carolina have been hard hit plus Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Ohio.

LCIF is already in action with disaster relief grants and aid. LCIF was there for 23A after our August 2024 floods so we could help and now other communities need our help!

Can you take a moment to donate to LCIF to the "Disaster Relief" fund so they can continue their support in goods and financial aid?
Scan the QR code above or click the link below to donate.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

Thank You! DG Eileen, LCIF Coordinators Lion Susan Etsy and PDG Mary Krogh

Emergency Grants provide up to US\$10,000 for districts impacted by a natural disaster. Lions' district governors may apply for Emergency Grants to help meet immediate needs such as food, water, clothing, and medical supplies. LCIF awards nearly US\$2 million in emergency grant funding each year.

LCIF Disaster Relief Grant News: As of September 1, 2024, any expenses previously covered under the Community Recovery Grant can now be funded through LCIF's Emergency Grant program. The Emergency Grants will continue to support Lions in disaster-affected areas by providing assistance for immediate and short-term recovery efforts. We appreciate the impact that Community Recovery Grants have made, and we look forward to seeing how Lions continue their vital work through the Emergency Grants program.

LYF Fundraiser sponsored by the Terra Rubra Lions Club:



On November 16th, Terra Rubra Lions Club conducted their annual LYF fundraiser at their Lions Building as they have done for many years. For \$15, the attendees had a delicious meal of fried chicken, hot dogs & kraut, chips, pickles, soft drinks, beer, and dessert. There were 31 drawings for cash prizes up to the \$500 Grand Prize; total guaranteed cash payout was \$1500. There were small games of chance, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. There were about **145** attendees with attendees from the following 22W clubs: Chewsville, Deer Park, Freedom District, Glade Valley, Harney, Libertytown-Unionville, Lineboro-Manchester, Middletown, New Windsor, Roaring Run, SC Lioness-Lions, Taneytown, Taylorsville-Winfield, Terra Rubra, and Thurmont. The attendance was much better than last year when they had about 100 attendees. This fundraiser raised **\$7100.00** for LYF which is celebrating 20 years of service. The Harney Lions Club donated \$565.00 back to the foundation. Most of the winners donated their winnings back to the foundation. LYF Treasurer Gary Buchman reported that between October 2021 and June 2024, 9 grants had been given out by the foundation. The following clubs in District 22W have received LYF grants since 2021: Hagerstown (2), Libertytown-Unionville (1), Thurmont (1) and Roaring Run (1).

What is the Kusiak Lions Youth Foundation?

It is commonly referred to the “Lions Youth Foundation”. The mission of the foundation is to empower young people to help themselves and others through activities supported by the Lions Clubs of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia and their communities.

The purpose of the foundation is manifold. They are to:

- Promote public awareness and support of the Foundation and its mission.
- Provide funding and services for results-oriented youth development initiatives.
- Recognize leadership in volunteer participation and financial support for youth development objectives.
- Encourage high standards in community youth services.

The objectives of the Foundation are to:

Develop, establish, promote and maintain a program of youth services to Multiple District through Lions Clubs of Multiple District 22.

Provide a responsible organization accountable for the administration of the finances of the Foundation for the purposes and objectives herein defined in order to achieve our stated mission.

Receive gifts, donations and legacies from any source approved by the Board, distribute them equitably or invest them wisely and use the earned income to accomplish the mission of youth service projects.

Make grants, gifts, loans and appropriations from its current operating budget and unrestricted monies in accomplishing the objectives and purposes of Lions Clubs International in the field of youth services.

To establish, administer and develop an Endowment Trust Fund that is large enough to underwrite the Foundation's annual operating budget and its service program.

To purchase, take, buy, hold, mortgage or otherwise lien real and/or personal property, and give, lease, sell, exchange, convey, transfer, or in any manner dispose of real and/or personal property of the Multiple District, for the purpose of generating revenue for the Foundation.

To encourage service-minded people to serve on youth service projects in their respective communities without personal financial compensation.

Source:

LYF Website



2025 US/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
 Submitted by Lion Bonnie Gillett,
 USA/Canada Leadership Forum Chair

Everything's under one BIG roof!!!! Harrah's Hotel, Waterfront Convention Center, seminar rooms, banquet facilities, casino, restaurants, entertainment. And, oh, that pool!



The mission of the USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas and support programs and goals of Lions International.

REGISTER TODAY at

www.lionsforum.org

Phone 605.723.4007

SEPTEMBER 18—20, 2025

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

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ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
 SEPT. 18-20, 2025

CALLING ALL LIONS:

The **USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM** will be here before we know it. Early registration is open now. We are researching transportation to and from the Forum, with stops in Cumberland, Frederick, Hagerstown and Westminster. Please contact her at bonniegillett@yahoo.com if you are interested. Hope to see you all there!



Join us in Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA for the 49th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. With a nod to New Jersey, the Garden State, our theme is all about "growing" your leadership.

We'll have over 90 seminars to choose from, including the very popular "Speed Learning" session on Thursday morning. Prepare to catch up with old friends, make new friends and **LEARN, GROW, LEAD.**



SEPTEMBER 18 – 20, 2025

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

THURSDAY EVENING

Dance the Night Away!

Live band!!!
Bring your dancing shoes and requests AND take lots of pics!!



FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Warren Morris, former LSU and Major League Baseball player.

Warren is most remembered for his 9th inning walk-off home run that won the 1996 College World Series for the LSU Tigers. Then, in Atlanta at the 1996 Olympic Games, Warren won a Bronze medal as a member of the U.S. national team. He played for several MLB teams and retired in 2005. You'll enjoy listening to his story, not just about baseball, but about family, work, coaching and life.



SATURDAY LUNCHEON

International President A. P. Singh

2025-26 Lions International President A. P. Singh shares his story, vision and goals as the leader of our Lions organization. He brings his broad and varied leadership experience to our amazing global service.



SATURDAY EVENING

BJ Blahnik and Leader Dog Jackson



BJ was diagnosed with RP, retinitis pigmentosa, at around age 10. Because of RP's progressive nature and BJ's vision loss, he evolved a business, Reach Forward, to assist special needs individuals. In 2006, BJ's life changed forever when he received his first Leader Dog. Hear BJ's journey of walking into the dim with the power of vision.



The 2025 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM in Atlantic City, New Jersey is an opportunity for Lions and LEOs to gather, share old ideas and take home new ones for their communities. When Lions meet, positive power and energy just seem to happen! Join us—embrace new ideas—take a little learning risk—and GROW.

Your Atlantic City Lions experience includes:

More than 90 seminar sessions to grow Lions leaders at all leadership levels

Service project with local impact

Strides Walk for diabetes awareness

Forum Store where Lions goodies live

Exhibits—the latest ideas and products

Meeting International Officers and Directors

Pre- and post-Forum tours = mini vacation!

New Member Orientation - Mark your Calendar:

Newly Inducted Members or members that have been with us for a while but unable to attend an orientation, please plan to join and learn more about what it is to be a Lion and our organization. This orientation complements club orientations and does not replace individual or club specific orientations.

Sunday, December 8 · 7:00 – 8:00pm

Time zone: America/New York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ees-xftc-aht>

Or dial:

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/ees-xftc-aht?pin=5935194058894>

A Special Welcome to our New Lions in the District:



LaVale Lion Matt Ramspott was inducted with his sponsors Lion Larry Brock and Brian Lang in November.

Middletown Lion Dr. Tony Philips (second from the left) joined in August but was recently inducted.



Middletown Lion David Rubino (3rd from the left) joined in August but was recently inducted as a new member.

Freedom District Lion Jack Evans (2nd from left) and Lion Beth James (4th from the left) were inducted at the Region 4 Zone 3 meeting on November 13th by PDG Barbara Brimigion



Boonsboro Lion Phil Roach with his sponsor, Lion Nelson Baker.



Thurmont Lion Joyce Anthony received the Thurmont President's Pride Award



Thurmont Lion Carie Stafford received the Lions Scouting Service Award as Scoutmaster of the Thurmont Troop 270 & Lion since 2019.

Congratulations to the Following Recipients of Rewards/Recognition from their Clubs or the District:



Freedom District Lion Myron Horn (left) was awarded a Progressive Melvin Jones.



Freedom District Lion Tony Decola (right) was presented with the Key Award for sponsoring 2 Lions.



Greater Carroll Lion Marci Brengle was presented a 2027 Lions International Convention Recognition Pin for her work with Lions Clubs in Carroll County who use the Westminster VFW for meetings & events.



Thurmont Lion Ruth Heaney received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for her amazing capacity for serving on the club administration level and activities level.



Thurmont Lions Diane McLean (left) and **Marci Veronie** (right) both received the District Governor Medal of Commendation.



Thurmont Lion Sean Young received the 2024 Rookie of the Year Award from his club at their charter night. He joined in 2023-2024 and is responsible for helping the club continue to do their sandwich sales. He put in 12 hour days at the sandwich sales.!



A Special Welcome to this New Lion in the District:

Taneytown Lion
Peggy Shade,
was sponsored
by Lion Peanut
Nusbaum.



Congratulations to the Following Recipient of Rewards/Recognition from their Clubs or the District:

DG Susan presented
Taneytown Lion Charlie
Spielman with the
well-deserved District 22W
Honor Roll Award.



Lions International
District 22-W Region III
All Zone Meeting
Saturday, January 21st, 2025
Hosted By:
Libertytown-Unionville
Lions Club

WHERE:
**Liberty Road Seafood & Steak
Restaurant
10524 Liberty Road
Frederick, MD 21701**

TIME: 6:30 PM

MENU: Fixed Menu Two Choices (TBD)

COST: Individual Checks, Pay the waitress or cashier

Send Number Attending from your Club **by January 17th** to:

Lion Jack Niemiec, Region III Chair
11798 Fox Rest Court
New Market, MD 21774
Phone 301-712-5552

=====by January 17th=====

**Lions International District 22-W Region All Zone Meeting
January 21st, 2025, 6:30 PM
Liberty Road Seafood & Steak Restaurant
10524 Liberty Road
Frederick, MD 21701**

Club Name: _____ Total Attending: _____

Members Attending: _____

MD-22 W Lions Partnering with Wreaths Across America:

Submitted by Lion Bonnie Gillett, Global Service Team Coordinator

National Wreaths Across America Day will be on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Many of our Clubs have partnered with Babylon Vault Company by adopting cemeteries to lay wreaths at the tombstone of our fallen heroes. If your Club has not or is unable to adopt a cemetery, the great news is that your Club can still support this cause, simply by attending the ceremony; sponsoring a wreath or serving coffee, hot chocolate and baked good are an excellent way to provide service.

You can find our Lions at the following cemeteries on December 14, 2024 at Noon.

Keysville Lutheran Church Cemetery, Keymar

Mt. Zion Haughs Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery, Keymar

Middleburg United Methodist Church Cemetery, Middleburg

Mount Union Lutheran Church Cemetery, Middleburg

New Windsor Presbyterian Church Cemetery, New Windsor

Sams Creek Church of the Brethren Cemetery, New Windsor

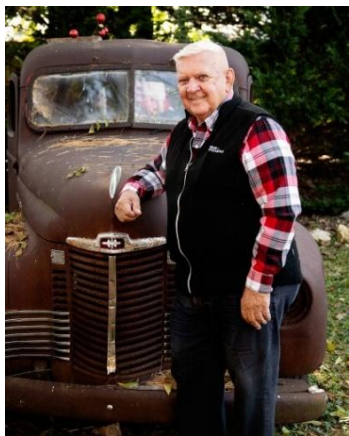
Grace United Church of Christ Cemetery, Taneytown

Springfield Cemetery Co., Inc.

Stone Chapel Cemetery, New Windsor

Ebenezer UMC Cemetery, Woodbine

In our Thoughts and Prayers:



Former Frederick Lion James Staley Grimes, 85, passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2024. He was a former mayor in the city of Frederick. He served in the US Army. He founded Grimes Truck Center in 1961 and went on to manage auto, truck, and farm machinery repairs from 1967-2006. His commitment to Frederick was evident in his civic involvement, serving as Mayor of the City of Frederick from 1994 to 2002. In addition to his public service, Mayor Grimes served on the boards of Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick County National Bank, Hood College, and other notable community organizations. He served as a Lion for 35 years from 1976 until 2011.



New Windsor Lion Kelly made her mark in the mortgage and banking industries, holding positions at Mercantile Mortgage Corporation, Fountainhead Mortgage/Old Kent Mortgage Company, Bankers First Mortgage Company, and BB&T Bank. She also served as the Marketing Director for both Masonry Homes, Inc. of Manchester, MD, and Sidney Willoughby Run of Gettysburg, PA.

A passionate philanthropist, Kelly gave tirelessly to her community. She served as the past president of both the Carroll Hospital Center Auxiliary and the Carroll Community College Foundation. Her generosity was recognized with numerous honors, including National Philanthropist of the Year in 2008, Local Philanthropist of the Year in 2010, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Carroll Community College in 2019. She had a deep love for the Baltimore Ravens and the music of Elton John. She attended St. Paul United Methodist Church and was generous with her time and talents in many areas. Kelly had been an active member of the New Windsor Lions Club since July 24, 2019.

Around the Regions and Zones so mark your calendar and support these clubs.

December 2024

- Dec. 1st** – Deadline for the District Governor to submit the winning 22W Peace Poster to Council Chair Evan Gillett
- Dec. 1st** – **Kitzmiller Lions** 3rd Annual Lions Light the Park Project
- Dec. 2nd** – **Smithsburg Lions Club** will host a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Smithsburg VFD
- Dec. 6,7,13,14** – **Taneytown Lions** annual fruit sale at Taneytown Shopping Center
- Dec. 7th** – **Christmas Breakfast** at the Myersville Fire Dept. from 7-10:30 am. See flyer on Pg 23.
- Dec. 7th** – **Taneytown Lions Club** Benefit Bus Trip to see “White Christmas” at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania (See the flyer on page 21)
- Dec. 7th** – **Thurmont Lions** Xmas Extravaganza. See Pg 20
- Dec. 9th** – **Westminster Lions** fundraiser at Bullocks. See flyer on page 25.
- Dec 10th** – **Libertytown-Unionville Lions** Xmas Party at Morgan American Grill in New Market. Open to all. Make a reservation by Dec. 6th. See page 21.
- Dec. 12th** – **Westminster Lions Club** will hold their Charter Night at the VFW in Westminster. See flyer pg 21.
- Dec. 13th** – **Multiple Lions Club Christmas Party** at Friendly Farms. See flyer on page 19.
- Dec. 13th** – **Harney Lions** Cash Bingo/50th Charter Night **has been cancelled.**
- Dec. 13th** – **Thurmont Lions** Cookie Contest 6-7:30pm
- Dec. 14th** – **Terra Rubra Lions Club** to host a Santa Visit at Middleburg Park from 1-3 pm with picture taken with Santa and light refreshments.
- Dec. 14th** – **FDLC** Deck the Tree Charity Challenge with Santa, face painting, food & Caroling at Freedom Park.
- Dec. 14th – **Clear Spring Lions** will be selling country ham sandwiches at “Christmas in Clear Spring”.
- Dec. 14th** – **Mt Airy Lions** Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus event. See flyer on page 23.
- Dec. 15th** – **Deer Park Lions** Texas Roadhouse fundraiser
- Dec. 17th** – **Taneytown Lions** 2nd Quarterly Drawing Fundraiser.
- Dec. 18th** – **Middletown Lions Joy to the World** Bus Trip

Dec 20th - **Hancock Lioness-Lions Club** will hold their Open Mic event – free event with light refreshments at the Hancock Community Center at 126 W. Hight Street in Hancock from 5-8 pm.

Dec. 21st – **Union Bridge Lions** will sponsor Santa comes to Union Bridge.

Dec. 21st – **Hancock Lions** will host a Community Christmas Dinner

Dec. 27th – **Union Bridge Lions** hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren.

January 2025

Jan. 4th – **Thurmont Lions** Xmas Extravaganza-See Pg 20

Jan 11th – **3rd Cabinet Meeting** at the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Dept., hosted by the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club.

Jan. 13th - **Zone 3 Meeting** at the Winfield Fire Dept, hosted by the Taylorsville-Winfield Fire Dept at 6:30 pm.

Jan. 18th – **Westminster Lions Club** Cabin Fever Fundraiser – Food will be supplied through Maryland Mallet at the VFW at 519 Poole RD in Westminster. See the flyer on page 24.

Jan. 20-22 & Jan 27-29 – **Deep Creek Lions** Blind Skier Program.

Jan 21st – **Region 3 Wide Mtg** at the Liberty Road Seafood and Steak Restaurant, hosted by the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club.

Jan. 25th – **Terra Rubra Lions** Bull, Shrimp, Oyster Feed at their Activities Bldg

February 2025

Feb 1st – **Roar Like a Lion** in the public libraries within the district.

Feb 3-5 & 10-12 – **Deep Creek Lions** Blind Skier Program.

Feb 10th – **Smithsburg Lions Club** Blood Drive at Smithsburg Fire Dept.

Feb. 16th – **Terra Rubra Lions Club** Daytona 500 Dinner Party and Race Viewing at their activities building.

Feb. 22nd – **Chewsville Lions Club** 70th Charter Night

Feb. 24th – **Westminster Lions Club** Fundraiser at Bullocks Restaurant. See page 25.

From 22W Cabinet Treasurer Guy Garey



2ND ANNUAL MULTIPLE LIONS CLUB
CHRISTMAS
Party

DECEMBER 13TH 2024
5:00- 9:00 PM

There will be an optional gift exchange with a \$15.00 limit just as last year. Bring a gift to get a gift!

**FRIENDLY FARMS
RESTURANT
17434 FORESTON
RD, UPPERCO, MD**

**COST
\$40 PER
PERSON**

**BUFFET STYLE MEAL
INCLUDING ROAST BEEF,
FRIED CHICKEN, SALAD,
FRUITS, VEGETABLES,
ROLLS, AND ICE CREAM**

RSVP and send payment to Manchester Lions Club by
November 30th, 2024
Atten: Andy DeMario
2809 DeMario Drive, Manchester MD, 21102

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Name: _____

Home Club: _____

of people attending: _____

Flyers from our Clubs

Enjoy a **Christmas Extravaganza !!**

December 7th, 2024

Benefiting a Lions cause to be named soon!

January 4th, 2025

Benefiting the Maryland Patriot Guard, Heroes Ridge and the Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution



Thurmont Lions, Doug Favorite & Don Keeney, are hosting an open house-style (come & go as you please) tour and dinner at their home **from 4-8pm on Saturday, December 7th, 2024 & Saturday, January 4th, 2025**

Cost is \$25.00 per person

Address is 15000 Roddy Road, Thurmont MD 21788

Doug & Don decorate with more than 150 trees at Christmas from 1.25 inches to 12.5 feet. Many themed trees with several new trees added each year.

A full buffet meal is included with this event!

Enjoy the sights, the sounds and the tastes of Christmas as you celebrate the spirit of the season

ENJOY THIS CHRISTMAS TRADITION OR START A NEW ONE!

To make sure we have enough food for everyone attending, we kindly request that you RSVP with a phone message at 301-271-0558 or email to doug.favorite@gmail.com no later than the Wednesday prior to the event! Thank You!!



South Carroll Lioness Lions Fundraiser:

The club is taking orders for Pampered Chef (kitchen tools, cookbooks, & food items) until Dec.7th. Contact Lion Vicki Hodges at 410-596-0084 or vlhodges@gmail.com

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/>



**Make
Holiday
Magic**



**Gifts for
everyone**

FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

➔ *Support* ←

Deer Park Lions Club
Sunday, December 15
 11am – 4pm

Flyers are not to be distributed on Texas Roadhouse property.

10%

DONATION NIGHT

Present this flyer at the Westminster, MD location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total purchases to the

Deer Park Lions Club



We Serve

TANEYTOWN LIONS CLUB

Annual Fruit Sale

2024

December 7th & 8th and December 14th & 15th

Saturdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sundays 10:00 to 4:00 pm

Pick up at Taneytown Shopping Center

Also

Holiday Market at Thunderhead Bowl (December 7th 9 am to 2 pm)

Full box = 4/5 bushel Half Box = 2/5 bushel

We also sell by dozen or single piece

Navel Oranges (Florida or California)

Red Grapefruit

Tangerines



Any questions contact

Charlie Spielman (443) 605-4333 or (410) 756-4039 or any Lions club member

Email us at lionsclub.taneytown@gmail.com

www.TaneytownLionsClub.com



**TANEYTOWN LIONS CLUB BENEFIT BUS TRIP
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

“White Christmas” at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

Get some gifts crossed off your holiday shopping list with a visit to **Christmas Tree Hill Mansion** in York, PA where you can browse a unique showcase of fine gifts, candles, collectibles, jewelry, holiday decorations, and home accessories for the holidays. Then, enjoy lunch & a holiday show at **Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre** in Lancaster. The 328-seat theatre provides an intimate yet elegant setting featuring a delicious buffet of classic American cuisine, top quality productions, and exceptional service. **“Irving Berlin’s White Christmas”** - Based on the beloved movie. Two male singers meet a sister duo and follow them to an inn in Vermont. They discover it’s owned by their old Army General who fell on hard times. The foursome decides to put on a show to save the inn. Hear your favorites **“Blue Skies,” “Sisters,” “Happy Holidays,”** and **“White Christmas.”**

Get in the holiday spirit on this fun-filled trip with the **Taneytown Lions Club!**

@ **\$135.00** p/person

(price includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, show, & driver tip)

Schedule:

8:30AM – Depart from Taneytown Shopping Ctr

10:00-11:00 – Christmas Tree Hill Mansion

11:30-3:30 – Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

5:15PM – Return to Taneytown

Please contact Barbara at (410) 984-0213 or Paul at (443) 812-6689 by **November 15th** to reserve your seats. (Limited space is available.)



You're invited to our
Annual Libertytown Lions Club

CHRISTMAS
party

Tuesday | **10** | December
6:30 PM | | 2024

Morgan’s American Grill
11717 Old National Pike
New Market, MD 21774

Order off Menu

Call Cindy Trout at
301-606-2556
for reservations

Westminster Lions Club

Cordially invites you to join us as we celebrate our

84th CHARTER NIGHT

On Thursday, December 12, 2024

Social begins at 6 pm with Cash bar

Dinner begins at 6:30 pm

Cost is \$25.00 per person

Westminster VFW, Post 467

Social Hall, 519 Poole Rd, Westminster, MD

Menu: Roast Beef, Fried Shrimp, Salad, Potatoes,
Green Beans, Dessert

RSVP by Monday Dec. 2 to Lion Barb Hayes at
410-596-1483

Help Us Reach Our
Fundraising Goal!

Every purchase of premium nuts, gourmet confections and sweet & savory snack mixes benefits our cause.

Terri Lynn offers an incredible assortment of premier products not available in retail stores—there’s something for everyone!

SHOP TO SUPPORT US NOW!

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Terri Lynn Fundraising Webstore
Supported by Terri Lynn

HAGERSTOWN LIONS CLUB

CITRUS FRUIT SALE



We are offering premium fruit from Florida Indian River Groves, hours off the tree, backed by a 100% satisfaction guarantee!

To place your order online, simply click on the link below:
shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1030162

To place an order by cash or check, contact any Hagerstown Lions Club Member or call 301-393-9333.

In Person and eCommerce Orders are due November 10, 2024 for Pick-Up after Thanksgiving.

eCommerce Orders for Ship to Recipient with Guaranteed Delivery by December 25 can be placed through December 15, 2024.

Gift a box of Sunshine this Holiday Season!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

South Carroll Lioness Lions Fundraiser:

Terri Lynn Candies and Nuts Sales – They are taking preorders for 1-pound bags of mammoth pecans (\$14) and chocolate covered pecans (\$12). Online sales continue throughout the year at <https://SCLLC.terrilynncares.com>. If you do not shop online, call PDG Susan Bonura to place your order.



FSK Ongoing Fundraiser:

The club continues to fundraise by promoting Cedar Ridge Soaps online at www.cedarridgesoaps.com.

This family-owned company has been making hand-crafted soaps and body care products since 2004.



Check the website for some Christmas ideas!

The Thurmont Lions Club Fundraiser:

The club continues to sell a variety of delicious, hand-made chocolate bars for \$4.00 each. They have added milk and dark chocolate candy bars with peanuts to the chocolate bar lineup. They are larger than a regular candy bar.

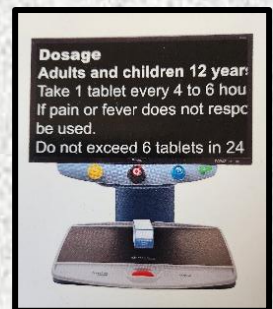
The Chocolate Bars are Going Strong and Remain Popular!



Looking for a New Home:

Free Video Magnifier Machine for someone with Macular Degeneration

Please contact PDG Barb Brimigion if you know of someone who could use it. 410-795-3167
 bbrimigion@gmail.com





THURMONT LIONS CLUB

CHRISTMAS COOKIE CONTEST

BRING 6 OF YOUR FINEST CHRISTMAS COOKIES ON A PAPER PLATE!

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

WHERE: DROP OFF COOKIES ON 12/13 AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH 15 NORTH CHURCH STREET THURMONT, MD 21788

TIME: DROP OFF COOKIES FROM 6:00PM - 7:30PM

COOKIES WILL BE JUDGED BASED UPON TASTE, APPEARANCE, TEXTURE, CREATIVITY, & CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

A \$10 ENTRY DONATION IS REQUIRED ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO LOCAL CHARITIES

PRIZES
 ADULT CATEGORY
 1ST PLACE = \$100, 2ND PLACE = \$75, 3RD PLACE = \$50, 4TH PLACE = \$25
 CHILDREN'S CATEGORY (AGES 15 AND UNDER)
 1ST PLACE = \$75, 2ND PLACE = \$50, 3RD PLACE = \$10

SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS LIONS CLUB RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER



Bridal Showers, Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, Christmas, or Just Because....Buy Rada Cutlery from us and support your community at the same time. While also getting wonderful products.



You will Absolutely LOVE them!
Easy Ordering – Click on the link below to place your order today!

[Rada Cutlery Fundraising Store | Shop Cutlery & Gifts \(radafundraising.com\)](#)
or Contact Lion Susan Bonura (443-745-1281) to place an order

*****SAVE THE DATE!*****

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus

Presented by the Mount Airy Lions Club

14 | 12PM - 4PM
DECEMBER | FLAT IRON BUILDING ON MAIN STREET

Save the date and bring your wish list!

Holiday Memorial Tree and Banner Display

The South Carroll Lioness Lions Club invites you to remember your loved ones. A lighted Memory Tree and Memorial Banner will be on display from December 6, 2024, until January 6, 2025, at the Christmas display at 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg, MD 21048.

Print your name and address as well as the names of those to be remembered on the back of this sheet. Send your \$5.00 donation for each person (couples count as two people) you wish to remember during this holiday season along with the list of names to:

South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Inc.
c/o PDG Susan Bonura
1743 Deer Park Road
Finksburg, MD 21048

Questions? 443-745-1281 or pdgsusanbonura@gmail.com

Donations will be accepted through December 31, 2024. Your tax-deductible donation should be made payable to the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Inc.

Contributions to the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Inc. are deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. We are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Federal EIN 52-1494659

Middletown & Myersville Lions Clubs

Christmas Breakfast

FEATURING Christmas Cookie PANCAKES

Saturday, December 7th
7:00 am - 10:30 am

Myersville Banquet & Event Center
Myersville Fire and Rescue Company
301 Main Street Myersville, Maryland

Adults: \$14.00 Seniors: \$13.00
Children 6-11 years: \$5.00 5 & under: Free

And, for your convenience and fun...
CRAFT TABLE FOR CHILDREN
MYERSVILLE INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

SUPPORT the MIDDLETOWN FOOD BANK with a DONATION of LOW ITEMS:
any variety of beans * canned tuna, chicken & ham * instant potatoes * pasta * pasta sauce * baking soda * pancake mix * bars of soap * liquid hand soap * paper towels

WE SERVE PROCEEDS BENEFIT MIDDLETOWN & MYERSVILLE COMMUNITIES

Greater Carroll Lions Club Stocking Stuffer



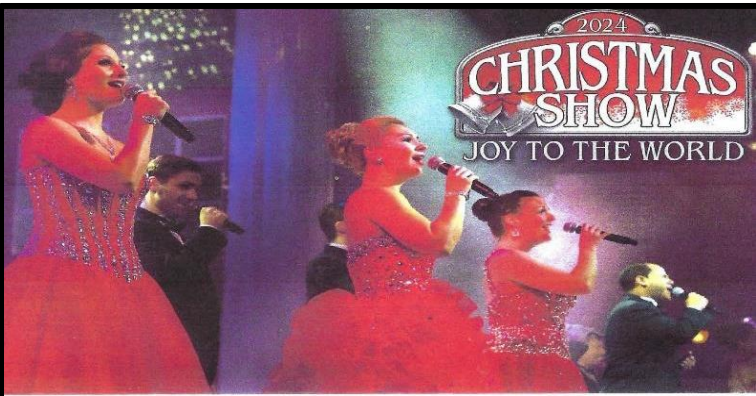
The Greater Carroll Lions Club will be working with local community members and local businesses to make Christmas Stockings for Westminster VFW Veterans this holiday season. If you would like to sponsor a Veteran Christmas Stocking for a \$25 donation, please contact IPDG Jeremy Bair.

Remember to support businesses that support the community & Lions this Holiday Season.

Loew Vineyard
Hoffman's Ice Cream
Pub Dog Brewery

[Loew Vineyard Website](#)
[Hoffman's Ice Cream Website](#)
[Pub Dog Brewery Website](#)





The ringing of church bells in a quaint town square set the scene for Joy to the World, AMT's newest holiday spectacular. Evoking the revered holiday nostalgia of hometowns all across the US, our stage will transform into a small-town winter carnival brimming with family and friends. Featuring scenes filled with entertaining elves, dramatic dancing, sensational singing, and grand moments galore.

The incredible AMT Singers, Dancers, and Orchestra will perform favorites such as "Away in a Manger," "Jingle Bells," "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing," "Let it Snow," and "Carol of the Bells" live on stage. Awe-inspiring music and dance, phenomenal voices, and light-hearted holiday humor are the ingredients for this season's all-new extravaganza.

Sponsored by the Middletown Lions Club
December 18, 2024

Total Cost \$120 per person. Payment due by November 3, 2024.

Depart from Safeway Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch at Noon at Miller's Smorgasbord, leave restaurant at 1:30

Be at American Music Theatre by 2 p.m. Show is at 3 p.m. and is over at 5 p.m.

We should be home by 7:30 p.m. Email Nancy at nancykb51@gmail.com to reserve seat.

Landon's Dream - help us build an all-inclusive playground in Garrett County, MD!

Submitted by Deep Creek Lake Lions Club

Help us build an all-inclusive playground! An inclusive playground is a comfortable, accessible play area accommodating kids with various physical, mental, and learning abilities. It's a welcoming and inviting space for every child, parent, and family. We are raising funds to build this playground at the McHenry Community Park and we need your help!

Support our GoFundMe Campaign



Inclusive playgrounds go beyond accessibility opportunities for physical challenges. They welcome and engage kids and adults with a wide range of abilities. For example, kids with visual or intellectual disabilities may find even an accessible playground to be geared primarily toward children who don't share their needs. Inclusive parks are designed with all users in mind, so no one should feel like the space is incompatible with their abilities and interests. This playground will be an addition to the community hub that is already developing at the park with a fenced dog park, disc golf course, bicycle pump track, local history and art center, 6 miles of trails and the other usual amenities of a public park.



Westminster Lions Club

presents

CABIN FEVER!

When the walls start closing in this winter

JOIN US FOR

GREAT FOOD & GREAT FUN

Saturday, January 18, 2025
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

at the
Westminster VFW
519 Poole Road, Westminster, Maryland
\$40 per person

To purchase tickets, contact
Jalna Brown
410-596-7883
Susie Coursey
443-974-0940



ALL PROFITS GO TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY!

Permit #2025-18

Taneytown Lions Club

Gourmet Nuts and Chocolates-ideal for gifts, family, businesses and employees

Price is \$25.00 per jar or tin.



The 2.25 lb jar includes an assortment of roasted & seasoned almonds, cashews, pecans, Brazil nuts & pistachios. No peanuts!

Delicious Delights: A 2-pound 9 inch tin with milk, dark & blended chocolate coated almonds, cashews, peanuts, raisins, cranberries & pretzels.





Freedom District Lion's Club
Presents

Deck the Tree Charity Challenge

Face painting
Meet Santa
Caroling
Food and More....




Vote for the
best
decorated
tree!

Saturday, December 14th, 3:00 pm - 6:00pm

All proceeds go towards Pediatric Cancer

Freedom Park, 100 Raincliffe Road,



Westminster Lions Club Coffee Fundraiser




LIONS CLUB

If you love to start the day with a cup of great coffee or artisan tea, life just got better. Giving Bean Coffee and Tea purchases now support Westminster Lions Club ...with every sip!



We've partnered with Giving Bean to help raise funds in this cool new way, and I'm reaching out to my coffee and tea drinking friends to ask them to steer their next coffee and tea purchases over this way to help us out.

Just order from the web site and treat yourself to artfully crafted coffee and tea (and delicious cookies) shipped right to your home or office.

Please visit them here and enjoy!
<https://www.givingbean.com/store/home.php?partner=f8b8a>

GIVING-BEAN^{com}
great coffee [and tea] for great causes

Westminster Lions Club Fun Pasta Fundraiser

LIONS CLUB





People love pasta! Fun pasta is all natural and made in the USA! There is a fun shape of everyone! Sports, holidays, and more! Fun pasta is healthy and makes a quick easy dinner! Shelf life is 24 months – so easy to stock up!

Fun pasta makes great gifts and brings lots of smiles to people! You can order online and ship anywhere in the continental US.

We've partnered with Fun Pasta to help raise funds in this cool new way, and I'm reaching out to my pasta loving friends to ask them to steer their next purchase over this way to help us out.

Just order from the web site and treat yourself to artfully crafted pasta shipped right to your home or office. They also offer soup and chili and gift sets.

Please visit them here and enjoy!
<https://my.funpastafundraising.com/2024.../kathy-giroux/>


Westminster Lions Club

JOIN US FOR GREAT FOOD TO BENEFIT A GREAT CAUSE!



Monday, December 9, 2024
3:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Dine-In or Carry-Out
Bullock's Restaurant
2020 Sykesville Road, Westminster, Maryland

Bullock's Restaurant is donating 10% of dinner sales to the Westminster Lions Club to benefit Our Community

NO FLYER REQUIRED TO ENSURE DONATION

FDLC Walking Club—Stepping Towards a Healthier ‘You’:

Eight members of the Freedom District Lions Club and 3 guests met at Freedom Park on Thursday, November 14th. The group walked about 2 miles. Everyone enjoyed an hour of healthy exercise and good conversation to get the day started. This was the largest turnout for the weekly walk hosted by the Lion’s club’s Diabetes Awareness Committee. The FDLC Walking Club meets every Thursday at various Carroll County Parks.



What great ideas for clubs in our district to adopt. You are never too old!

Dance for your Health Project:

The Freedom District Lions Club Diabetes Awareness Committee, in observation of November Diabetes Awareness Month, held the Dance for their Health Project which included one hour Salsa class and 3 hours of dancing. Dancing is one of the activities that lowers your risk of developing diabetes. This calorie burning exercise was aimed at the community and Leos. The dance was a success with a great community outreach. They had a total of 74 dancers. Pictured are dancers not only enjoying themselves but also helping to prevent the onset of diabetes as moderate exercise will help reduce the possibility of becoming a Type II Diabetic.



Improves mental health and overall health



Reduces stress and anxiety

South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club Makes “Giving Tuesday” with the Patch News:

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Giving Back in Eldersburg: Local Causes to Support This Season

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Submitted by FVDG Marting Bonura

Celebrate Giving Tuesday all season long by donating, volunteering and spreading the word about these amazing local organizations.

Giving Tuesday is a global movement that encourages people to give back to their communities, typically through charitable donations, volunteer work or acts of kindness. It takes place annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving in the U.S., right after Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While it's celebrated widely, the real impact happens when we do good right at home by supporting local businesses, causes and organizations working to uplift our own communities.

We've rounded up a list of some great organizations, causes and initiatives in the Eldersburg area. Please keep in mind, this is by no means an exhaustive list — just a starting point for discovering amazing local opportunities to give back, not only on Giving Tuesday but year-round! Be sure to contact each organization directly to find out about their hours or the best ways you can contribute.

The South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club supports local initiatives and offers aid to those in need. The club supports programs like Lions Saving Kids Sight, provides school supplies through the P.A.L. program, conducts food drives for the South Carroll Food Pantry and organizes environmental shred events, among other programs. New members are always welcome to join and support their wide array of community projects.

FSK Lions Club Annual Canines on the Creek Dog Parade:

A section of Carroll Creek Park in Frederick was occupied on Oct. 26th by dogs in costumes and the humans who dressed them. There was a canine Dorothy from “The Wizard of Oz” with a human dressed as the wicked witch. Another dog-human duo was a sheep with Little Bo Peep. Dogs were in costume as Wonder Woman, the pope, a squirrel, a bottle of root beer, a shark and Snoopy. There were a few spiders and several hot dogs, with humans as condiments or other foods.

The occasion was the annual Canines on the Creek doggy parade and Halloween costume contest. Prizes were awarded for the best owner and dog look-alikes and for best dog costume in the small, medium and large breed divisions.

The event was held by the Francis Scott Key Lions Club. Club member Gary Bennett, who helped organize the event, said it had a good turnout in its fifth year. They had about 100 dogs among the three dog breed divisions, plus 45 vendors and 10 sponsors and 45 vendors, and 300 or so spectators. It was their largest yet.



Most of the proceeds will go to Leader Dogs for the Blind, an organization that helps people who are blind or visually impaired.

Source: the Frederick Post by Andrew Schotz Editor



Info About our Clubs

Boonsboro Lions

The club donated 80 boxes of stuffing and 80 cans of cranberry sauce to the Trinity Lutheran Church for Thanksgiving Blessings Meals. This will help to provide Thanksgiving meals for 80 families in our community.



The club contributed birthday items for their Box of Balloons. They received a special thank you from a very happy 3 year old.

The club donated books to four pre-K schools in Washington County.

The club recognized an Eagle by awarding an Eagle Scout Medallion Pyramid.

The club assisted with Micah's Backpack by packing approximately 125 kits monthly.

The club contributed \$3,000 to LVRF.

The club judged 15 Peace Posters from Boonsboro Middle School and 2 from Home Schooled students.

The club will hold a Christmas Party with the Sharpsburg Lions Club

Brunswick Lions

The "Shoots" (Turkey Shoot) is held twice a month at the Brunswick Lions Building and the club receives a portion of the proceeds as a fundraiser for the club. The shoots are held the 2nd and 4th Monday throughout the year.

The club made a donation to Wreaths Across America.

The club is making **Care Packages** for the troops with the Brunswick American Legion.

The club is participating in the **Beacon Community Christmas**.

Clear Spring Lions

The club continues to run the **Clear Spring Food Bank**, serving 114 people monthly.

The club will be selling country ham sandwiches at "Christmas in Clear Spring" on December 14th.

Cumberland Lions

The club continues to pay \$200.00 towards the cost of eye exams and eyeglasses to the needy in Cumberland.

They continue to collect eyeglasses for recycling.

The club held their District Governor Official Visit on November 6th.

Chewsville Lions

The club partnered with Bethel Church and New Buildings Church with Trunk or Treat. They distributed books and cooked hot dogs to the children at the **Trunk or Treat** in October.

Starting October 1st, the club will be collecting toys for children up to the age of 12 years for **Toys For Tots** through December 9th.



The club participated in the **Peace Poster Contest** again this year with the Smithsburg Middle School, judging 5 entries.

The club hosted the All-Zone Meeting on November 12th. They had a speaker who spoke about Diabetes.

The club held a **Creative Memories** Event, a Card Making Fundraiser for 13 guests with light snacks & refreshments on November 16th.

The club donated 11 sets of sheets for the **1st VDG Service Challenge**.

The club donated 12 turkeys for **Thanksgiving baskets**.

Emmitsburg Lions

The club ran the concession stand at the swimming pool during the summer as a fundraiser and the baseball concession stand for Fall Ball, starting October 1st.

The club worked with local organizations to coordinate the **Emmitsburg Halloween Parade**, costume awards and party event on Oct. 31st. They provided the games.

Chewsville Lions Continued

The club decorated a Lions-themed Christmas tree at the Springfield Barn in Williamsport for the **Williamsport Celebration of Trees**.

In January, the club will **donate "all in one" meals** for the less fortunate at the Bethel UMC Food Pantry/Blessing Box.

The club will hold their **charter night** on Feb. 22nd.

Deep Creek Lake Lions

The club is taking boat donations for their next boat auction.



They are in the process of planning their Blind Skiers Program which will be held from January 20th-22nd January 27th-29th, Feb. 3rd-5th, Feb. 10th – 12th in 2025. For 51 years, the Deep Creek Lions Club has been teaching visually-impaired kids how to Downhill Ski through the **Blind Skiers Program**.



The club continues to manage the **McHenry Community Park** on Bumble Bee Road. They make monthly clean-ups at the park.



Deer Park Lions

Several members of their club continue to volunteer at the **Carroll County Food Sunday** every Tuesday, checking people in, stocking shelves, unloading the bread truck, packing grocery bags and serving the groceries to those in need. The club has donated \$960.00 worth of groceries to CCFS since August.

The club continues to **collect loose change for LSKS**, Lions Saving Kids' Sight Foundation.

The club loaned 20 pieces of hospital equipment.

Since July 2024, they have issued 4 vouchers good at America's Best where individuals can get eyeglasses and /or an eye exam through America's Best.

The club held a **park clean-up** on November 4th. Regular clean-up activities will be suspended until March.

They held 2 **vision screenings** to date for 37 children. They have 11 days of screening in November and December.

On Nov. 24th, the club sponsored their annual **Toy Train Show** at the AG Center in Westminster. It's their biggest fundraiser and they get crowds up to 1,500 people throughout the day. There are usually about 160+ vendors, selling their many train parts.

The club will participate in the **Wreaths Across America** at Deer Park Cemetery on December 14th.

The club will hold a **Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser** on Dec. 15th from 11am to 4 pm. See the flyer on page 24.

Flintstone Lions

The club participated in a **Trunk or Treat** on October 31st.

The club held a ceremony to honor the **veterans**.

The club collected food for the **food pantry** at Allegany College.

The club held their **District Governor Official Visit** on November 21st.

Frederick Lions

The club provided **40 pairs of glasses** to people in the Greater Frederick area. This has been an ongoing service project for over 50 years.

The club supported the **Salvation Army**, collecting money at various locations in Frederick.

Members attended Thurmont's 95th Charter Night Celebration on October 30th. The Frederick Lions Club chartered the Thurmont Lions Club on October 23, 1929.

FSK Lions Continued

The club participated in the 1st VDG Service Challenge

The club made a donation to LCIF.

FSK Lions

Their club donated 61 food items in October. This total includes 25 cans of dog food donated at Canines that went to **Frederick County Animal Control**.

On 10/30, Lion Stimmel assisted Lion Wivell with **vision screening** 7 children at the Tuscarora Elementary School Judy Center, all of whom passed. Overall, on four dates at five locations, a total of 97 children in 8 Head Start classes had their vision screened, with 81 passing, 11 referrals, and 5 unable to be screened.

The club played Bingo with the residents at **Citizens Nursing Home** on November 25th.

The club will serve dinner at the **Community Table** on All Saints Street in Frederick on December 1st.

The club will ring the bells for the **Salvation Army** on Saturday 12/7 at Boscov's (West Patrick Street side) at the Frederick Towne Mall.

Freedom District Lions

On October 8th & 9th the club visited Wesley Freedom Early Learning Ctr for their **pre-school vision screening**. 143 children were screened and 4 were referred. On October 24th the club held another screening at the Goddard School of Marriottsville.

The club has collected a total of 833 used eyeglasses and 3 hearing aids for recycling since July 1st.

The FDLC Medical Committee has helped approximately 293 people via the loaning of health equipment since the beginning of this Lions business year on July 1, 2024.

The club donated bedding supplies to the **Family and Children Shelter**, a local shelter for homeless women and children in Carroll County, in support of the 1st VDG Service Challenge



The club held their **Salsa Dance for Health** with 3 hours of dancing on Nov 2 at the Freedom Optimist Community Center.

The club held their annual **citrus fruit sales** in November with delivery in December.

The Lions will be distributing **Thanksgiving dinners** from Salernos with the Leos (an annual event) on November 27th.

The club held their Freedom Park Clean-up on November 5th, their Liberty Reservoir Trail Clean-Up on November 10th and their Morgan Run Trail Clean-up on November 17th.

The club held 2 Karaoke sessions at the **Inspirations Assisted Living** in November; one craft session in November and one games session in November.

The club will hold their annual **“Deck the Trees”** fundraiser scheduled for Dec. 14. They hope to recruit business sponsors for the trees to be decorated. There are plans to have competitions for Best Decorated Tree among members of the same business types, restaurants, automotive repair, etc.

They operated the **food concession stand** at the Freedom Optimist Soccer games on November 2nd, 9th and 10th.



The club joined the SC Lioness-Lions in the Stuff the Trunk Service Project. Approximately 390 items were donated. The food was distributed to free pantries operating out of Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Eldersburg Library and Wards Chapel United Methodist Church.

Freedom District Lions Continued

Sixteen residents at **Inspirations Memory Care** in Westminster enjoyed singing and dancing when members of FDLC visited on November 15th and members of the Childhood Cancer Committee delivered **toys to Sinai Hospital** for children undergoing cancer treatments on an outpatient basis on November 15th.



Frostburg Lions Club

The club continues to provide monthly storage for books and food storage valued at \$1,000 for their **Partnership with Americorps Project**.

The club held their **annual coat drive** for adults and children on October 26th. Approximately 100 coats were donated.

The club honored the **FSU veterans** with a pizza lunch on November 11th.

The club will be **adopting a family** from the Union Rescue Mission, providing clothing and toys for the family.

Glade Valley Lions

In October, the Lions club participated in the local **Trunk or Treat**, giving away vast amounts of treat bags to the huge crowd with the Walkersville Middle School Leos and the Walkersville High School Leos.

The club received donations for \$157.00 for the **Undy 500 Hurricane Relief** drive to send 500 new pairs of underwear to the first graders in the Buncombe County Schools of Asheville, NC! The club was successful in pulling the project together in 2 days and making it successful



On November 21st, the club held a **Friendship Night** for prospective members: Bring a Friend or Neighbor! The program for the evening was presented by Levi Branson, Walkersville Library Branch Administrator.



The club participated in the **District Peace Poster Contest** and will conduct the **District 22W Essay Contest** in the local schools.

Frederick Fusion Lions

The club held a **Friendship Night** at the C. Burr Artz Library.

The club collected donations for the **1st VDG Service challenge**.

The club sponsored a **Peace Poster contest** at the Banner School.

The club is planning a **Community Night** at the C. Burr Artz Library in January.

The club is planning a **Coat Drive**.

Hagerstown Lions

On November 9th, the club hosted the **second cabinet meeting** at the American Legion.

The club is holding a **Fruit for Christmas fundraiser**. Deadline to order is November 10th. The fruit will be shipped to the Foltz Warehouse in early December. Fruit can be shipped directly to the recipients. Online orders for shipping to residents are due Dec 15. We all need to get busy! See Chairman, Lion Tim Foltz if you need questions answered. See the flyer on page 22.

The club held a **wreath laying ceremony** at the Moris Frock American Legion Home on Northern Avenue on November 11th.

The club participated in a **book sorting event** held on November 11th at the Goodwill Center across from Nick's Airport Inn.



DG Susan Cox made her official visit to the club on October 15th with Cabinet Secretary Wendy Drum.

Greater Carroll Lions Club Continued

The club is selling **10% discount cards** for local businesses.

Their Charter Night will be on March 27th. Stay tuned for more information.

Grantsville Lions

The club made a donation of \$1,154 to Samaritan's Purse for **Hurricane Helene relief**.

The club participated in the **1st VDG Service Challenge**.

Their Oktoberfest was a big success, serving more than 500 people and netting about \$6,500.

Their **Trunk or Treat** service project on October 26th was also very successful. They gave out over 250 hot dogs and serving over 300 kids.

The club volunteered at the **Northern Football Concession Stand** on November 8th.

The club installed **Christmas decorations** on Main Street, Dorsey Hotel Road and Springs Road on November 23rd. For the past several years, the club has donated new Christmas decorations to the town.

On December 7th, the club will participate in the Grantsville **Christmas in the Village**. Since 1984, Christmas in the Village has been a gift of art and music to the Grantsville community at the Spruce Forest Artisan Village. They will serve mulled wine and wassail.



They approved 2 eyeglass/exam applications. Their annual Christmas Party with Santa will be on Dec. 19th.

Greater Carroll Lions Club

The club is working with local community members and local businesses to make Christmas stockings for Westminster VFW veterans this holiday season. If you would like to sponsor a veteran Christmas stocking for a \$25.00 donation, contact IPDG Jeremy Bair.

The club held their annual **"Gift of Giving" night** on October 24th, presenting checks to the Westminster Fire Dept, Westminster VFW, LCIF, Mobile Screening Unit, 22W Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action Committee and LSKS.

The club held a Service Project for **Veteran Christmas Gifts** at their November meeting. Forty Westminster VFW Veterans will receive a gift card to the VFW Cantina, a Christmas Card & Holiday Gifts.



Hampstead Lions

The club held their **Charter Night** on October 22nd with an amazing turnout and guest speakers.

The club held their **Sunday in the Park Car Show** on November 10th. They had 67 registered vehicles.

They also collected non-perishables items for the **food pantry** at NESAP and for the **MCQE Mobile Pet Pantry**.



Harney Lions

On November 2nd, the club helped the PA Micro Midgets (micro sprint racing organization) with their **Trunk or Treat** at the Harney Fire Company with race cars and drivers to sign autographs and hand out treats.

The club cancelled their 50th Anniversary Cash Bingo which was scheduled for December 13th. It will be rescheduled at a later date. More information later.

The club will participate in the **Harney Xmas Tree Lighting** on December 7th in front of the Lutheran Church in Harney.

The club donated \$565.00 to the **Lions Youth Foundation** on November 16th at the Terra Rubra Lions Club LYF Fundraiser.

Hancock Lions

The club will host the **Community Christmas Dinner** on December 21st.

Kitzmilller Lions

They held an **appreciation dinner** for volunteers during the Garrett County Fair where they donated \$2800 to various organizations who helped them.

They continue to **collect eyeglasses**.

They held a **Veterans Day luncheon**.

The club will participate in their third annual **Lions Light the Park Project** for Christmas. They put the trees in the park and decorated the trees in November. They will conduct the lighting of the trees on December 1st.

Hancock Lioness-Lions

The club continues to sell **Gardner Candy Bars** at a cost of \$2.00.



The club is participating in the **Peace Poster Contest**.

The club donated bedding for the **1st VDG service Challenge**.

On Nov. 16th, the club held their **Open Mic** event – free event with light refreshments at the Hancock Community Center at 126 W. Hight Street in Hancock. They promised to entertain with music, songs, and jokes. Refreshments were hot dogs, cookies, fudge, chips, and water. It was a relaxing evening with lots of fun. The very popular Open Mic nights will continue monthly after a brief winter break.

The Hancock Lioness Lions Club now has a webstore where you can order delicious treats from **Terri Lynn Fundraising**. Anyone can get online at hancocklionesslions.terrilynn.com and check out all the delicious treats Terri Lynn has to offer. It is so easy to order. If you order \$30 or more you get free shipping, and our club will get 20% of all orders! Your order will come directly to your door. There is a wide selection of premium products, nuts, confections, chocolates, dried fruits, gummi bears, gift tins, and more. It is the perfect time to stock up on gifts and snacks for the Holidays.



The club has put together 2 **Boodle Boxes for our soldiers** overseas. Members of the HLLC brought in items to fill the boxes. A Boodle Box is what we used to call a “Care Package.” It contains all kinds of accessories, snacks, and necessary items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc. Our club has participated in this project for several years.

The club had 22 entries for the **Peace Poster Contest**. One of the entries from Hancock Middle Senior High School won 3rd place. The artist was eighth grader Costello Makaylynn.

The club will also have a Christmas Tree at the **Festival of Trees in Hancock** on December 6th and 7th. They plan to decorate it with items that represent Lionism.

The club will be doing their annual **Christmas Caroling** at the Monterey House in Hancock and delivering some oranges, apples, and delicious cookies to the residents.

Donations will be made to **Christmas for Others**.

In December, the club will visit senior citizens to share cookies and fruit and sing Christmas carols.

On Dec. 21st, the club will help the Hancock Lions at the **Community Dinner at the Hancock American Legion**.

Libertytown – Unionville Lions

The club made a monetary donation to a **food pantry** in Frederick.

The club participated in the **1st VDG Service Challenge**.

The club made a donation to LVRF at the **LVRF Vision Fest Rally** on November 23rd with 3 Lions in attendance.

The club will be **delivering poinsettias** to widows, widowers, and community members over the age of 80 for Christmas on December 6th and 7th.

The club will be holding a Christmas Party on December 10th at the Morgan American Grill in New Market. It is open to other Lions. See the flyer on page 21.

The club is planning a **Charter Ceremony** for the Linganore Leo Club in February at the Liberty Road Seafood and Steak Restaurant.

Lineboro-Manchester Lions

5 members attended the **2nd Cabinet Meeting** in Hagerstown on November 9th.

They served coffee, donuts and PIT BEEF at the **Hampstead's CAR SHOW** on Nov. 10th.

6 Lion members attended **the LYF fundraiser** at Terra Rubra on November 16th.

The club will be holding a **2024 Spring Home Pickup Food Drive** on December 14th, starting at 10am. They will be supporting the food distribution center at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lazarus United Church and the Manchester Baptist Church.

Mt. Airy Lions

The club will be making funnel cakes at the **Christmas Tree Lighting** in Mt. Airy on December 7th.

The club will be holding a **Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus** event on December 14th from 12-4 pm on Main Street in the Flat Iron Bldg. Take your kids or grandkids to meet Santa! See the flyer on page 23.

Potomac Lions

The club held a **Chopped Steak Dinner Fundraiser** on November 16th at the Cresaptown UMC.

LaVale Lions

On November 5th, the club honored **Veterans** at their club meeting along with speaker Commander Ron Twentey from the Korean War Veterans Association, Antietam Chapter. Commander Twentey spoke on the Forgotten War.

The club **collected 40 coats** for the AHEC West, Possibility Shop, Soup-to-Coats event, on November 7th

The club donated toys to 4 regional hospitals for **pediatric cancer patients** on November 18th.

On Nov. 19th, the club held their **69th Charter Night** at the Cumberland Country Club.

The annual Christmas shopping event took place on **November 23 at the LaVale Wal-Mart**. They partnered with Cash Valley, Parkside, Cresaptown Elementary schools along with the Union Rescue Mission to find eligible children to take on the clothing spree. The committee also helped one young person with a new pair of outdoor shoes.

The club held their **annual Christmas tree sale** at the end of November.

2 Lions transported 2,631 pairs of used eyeglasses to the Success Program in Frederick for sorting and packaging and they helped 5 people with vision exams, frames and lenses.

The LaVale Lions Club sponsored the **Thanksgiving dinner giveaway** at the LaVale United Methodist Church Food Pantry. This year there were 156 dinners from the Maryland Food Bank to distribute.

Vision Screenings were held in October for 280 pre-school children. There were 45 referrals. Since July 1st, the club has conducted 26 sessions with 570 children. 496 passed and 74 were referred for further testing.

LaVale Lion Pumba represented the LaVale Lions Club at the Canines of the Creek Fundraiser in Frederick in October.



The club donated 108 items to the **1st VDG Service Challenge**.

The club collected donations of more than \$480.00 for their **childhood cancer toy service project**.

New Market District Lions

The club held their semi-annual **Bobby Rakestraw Cash Bingo and Canned Goods Drive** at the Libertytown Fire Dept Hall on Nov. 2nd. In April 2025, they will be holding their Spring Bingo so keep checking for the date!

December 2, 2024—The club is sponsoring **Holiday Kids Clothing Day** at JC Penney in FSK Mall to assist 25 needy children from five area elementary schools to pick out warm winter clothes.

The club donated over 300 food items to the **New Market Methodist Church Food Pantry**.

The club sent **Veteran Christmas Cards**.

The club is preparing hygiene kits to distribute as Holiday gifts for residents of the **Citizens Nursing Home**.

They will be doing **vision screenings** at the “Christmas in New Market” event.

The club has earned the 23/24 Membership Satisfaction Award and the Club Giving \$100 per Member award from **LCIF**.

Made a cash donation to **Helping Hands & Caring**

Middletown Lions

The club held another **All You Can Eat Country Breakfast Buffet** with the Myersville Lions Club on November 2nd. The next event is December 7th.

The club supports the **Middletown Food Bank**.

The club has been filling out **cards for Veterans** and nursing home residents during their club meetings.

The club conducts bingo games for residents at **Autumn Lake Nursing Home** with 20-25 residents.

The club participated in the **1st VDG Service Challenge**.

The club plans to hold a free gift wrapping at Boscov’s.

They will have a **Memory Tree** in town in December in which local residents can purchase Christmas Tree Lights in memory or to honor loved ones.

They are planning a raffle to raise money for childhood cancer.

Mt. Airy 4 County Lions

On November 23rd, the club distributed **Thanksgiving Baskets** with a full meal and dessert to 100 families.

The club will distribute **Christmas gift bags** to 100 families with a full meal and dessert.

Mason-Dixon Lions Club

The club placed a commercial grade park bench at the **Mount Savage Community Park Playground**. This will allow for seating while watching children entertain on the playground equipment.

On December 1st, the club will give out hotdogs and gifts at the **Community Christmas Party** with the annual tree lighting and Children’s Christmas Party with Santa to be held at the Mt. Savage VFD Hall.

The club will assist in the **Live Nativity Display** that is being presented at the Mountainside Ministry on December 15th.

New Windsor Lions

The club held their monthly reading session, **Lions for Literacy**, in November. Next one will be on December 14th.

The club is collecting **empty pill bottles** for use in countries without adequate means in health care systems.

The club collected bedding for the **1st VDG Service Challenge**.

The club held a **Veterans Appreciation Dinner** on November 13th.

The club hosted a **blood drive** on November 14th.

The club sponsored a **Bus Trip to the Sight and Sound Theater** in Lancaster, PA to see “Daniel” on Nov. 16th.

The Club will be participating in **Wreaths across America** at Sams Creek Cemetery.



The club is **collecting men’s and women’s sweatsuits** for Springfield Hospital and will make a visit in December.

North Branch Lions

The club held a chicken **BBQ fundraiser** at a local fire department and donated half of the proceeds to the fire department.

The club collected **75 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling**.

The club conducted the following **medical service projects**: provided for 1 professional eye exam, provided transportation for 5 visits to the doctors for needy people, provided a cane for a person in need.

The club will participate in the **Annual Tri Town’s Christmas Parade**.

Myersville Lions

The club held another **All You Can Eat Country-Style Breakfast Buffet** with the Middletown Lions Club on November 2nd. The next one will be on December 7th.

The club collects canned goods for the **Middletown Food Bank**.

Oakland -Mt Lake Park Lions

On October 12th, the club operated a **concession stand** fundraiser at the Autumn Glory High School Tournament of Bands and the club worked the **concession stand** at the Girl's Soccer event.

The club has conducted **vision screenings** for the schools in Garrett County. They screened 510 children and had 60 referrals.

On November 1st, the club worked the **concession stand** at the Varsity Football event.,

The club has been planning renovations of the Little League Baseball and Softball fields.

The club collected items for the **1st VDG service Challenge**.

The club will hold their Christmas Party on December 9th with an auction and presentation of Melvin Jones Fellow and Lion of the Year awards.

Sharpsburg Lions

The club will hold a December Christmas Party with the Boonsboro Lions Club.

Smithsburg Lions

The club collected 18 bedding items for the 1st VDG Service Challenge.

They assisted with the **Veterans Ceremony** in Smithsburg on Nov. 11th.

The club had a food stand at the **Model Train Show** on Nov. 30th at Washington County Ag Center.

The club will be collecting toys for the **Toys for Tots Program** in December.

The club will participate in the **Shop with a Cop** on December 2nd.

The club will also host a **Blood Drive** on December 2nd from 12-5pm at the Smithsburg Fire Department.

Roaring Run Lions

The club continued their monthly **Feed the Hungry Program** at the food pantry at Westminster HS, Sandymount Elementary and Carroll Food Sunday.

On Nov. 6th, the club sent 24 filled shoeboxes for needy children, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse to be shipped overseas.

On Nov. 7th, the club partnered with **Hugs and Stitches** to deliver hats and scarves to the underprivileged population.

On Nov. 9th, the club served food at the **AG Center** in Westminster as a fundraiser

Nov. 20th – The club partnered with "On Our Own" to provide donations and volunteers for the **Winter Wonderland Holiday Shop**.

In November, the club donated food to the **Gateway School**.

On Nov 26th, the club will provide a Thanksgiving meal as well as weeks supply of staples to the **Sandymount Elementary School Thanksgiving Family Drop Off**.

Thanksgiving gift bags were filled and delivered to **Country Acres Assisted Living Facility**.

Dec. 5th – The club will partner with **Hugs and Stitches** to deliver hats and scarves to the underprivileged population.

The club is collecting coats for **Shepherd Staff, On Our Own** and **Safe Haven Shelter**.

The club members will provide and paint/decorate ceramic bowls to donate to the **Shepherd Staff Empty Bowls Fundraiser**, a joint club service project with the Westminster Lions Club.

The club participated in the **1st VDG Service Challenge**.

On Dec. 14th, the club will be participating in **Wreaths Across America**.



A December date is being planned for members to visit the **Country Acres Nursing Facility**, providing holiday gift bags, a music program and companionship for the residents.

In December, the club will provide clothing, personal care items and gifts for two families.

The club continues to draw 2 club member names for **Random Acts of Kindness** funds per month. The members receive \$50.00 cash to invest in a random act of kindness to an individual, organization or cause of kindness of their choice. Members report back to the club how they distributed the money.

They will conduct their **Annual Basket Bingo Fundraiser** at the Reese Fire department on Saturday, March 1st.

Their excess medical equipment will be delivered to a local agency for delivery to 3rd World Countries.

Taneytown Lions

There is also a trip planned for December 7th to go to the **Dutch Apple Dinner Theater** to see "White Christmas". The cost per person is \$135.00 and includes the dinner tickets, bus and driver's gratuity. The deadline for reservations is November 15th. See the flyer on page 24

The Lion members of Grace United Church in Taneytown will participate in the **Wreaths Across America** to be held on December 14th at their cemetery where there are 95 veteran graves.

The club has collected 260 eyeglasses for the Lions Eyeglass Recycle Program.

The club will be doing **eye screenings** at two Taneytown preschools (Grace United Learning Center and New Beginnings Christian Learning Center) at 9:30 a.m. on December 2, 4 and 5.

The club will hold their annual fruit sale fundraiser at the Taneytown Shopping Center on December 6, 7 13 and 14.

The club had purchased 10 tickets for the LYF dinner and raffle that was held at the Terra Rubra Lions Club.

To date, there have been **261** food items collected toward their goal of 444 for the year.

Taylorsville-Winfield Lions

The club sent **Thank You Cards** to some Lion veterans in our District.

The club created a **Diabetes Awareness flyer** for distribution in their community.

The club donated **greeting cards to ARC** for their art projects and **prescription pill bottles** for recycling to countries abroad.

The club participated in the monthly **Food Give-Away** with the Westminster Rescue Mission at Eldersburg Commons on Nov. 27th along with some Leos.

The club is collecting school supplies for needy students at Winfield Elementary School for the **2nd VDG Service Challenge**.

The club made their monthly monetary donation and donated canned goods to the **food pantry** at the Ebenezer Church.

The club held a membership drive at the **Holly Mart** at the Ebenezer Church on November 9th and one Lion sold crafts with part of the donations going to the Ebenezer Church.

The club will be holding a **Christmas Bingo and Ice Cream Social** for the residents of the Meadows at Sun Valley Assisted Living on December 14th. Santa will give out gift bags to the 23 residents.

The club will participate in the **Wreaths Across America** on Dec. 14th at the Ebenezer Church Cemetery.

In December, the club will donate **Food Lion Gift Cards** to the Ebenezer Food Pantry for families at Christmas.

South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club

Pampered Chef Fundraiser Party – Lion Vicki Hodges of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club is hosting a Pampered Chef fundraiser October 3 through December 7. Orders can be placed online with this link: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/vickihodges1003?redirect=shop-landing-page>

Trunk or Treat was held on October 26 at Roaring Run Park in Finksburg. Lions Diane, Rudy DeAtley, Terri Parkent and PDG Susan Bonura participated.



The club is collecting school supplies for the needy students at Oklahoma Road and Sykesville Middle Schools for the **2nd VDG Service Challenge**.

The club raised \$200 from their Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser on October 22nd.

The club made their monthly visit to the **Oakland Manor Assisted Living Facility** on November 14th, providing snacks and prizes. The December 12th visit will include a visit from Santa who will present Christmas stockings to the residents.

The members wrote **Thank You cards** to be mailed to Lion Veterans for Veterans Day.

The club collected and donated gifts for seniors which was sponsored by Shepherd's Staff.

The club will once again present **Christmas cookies** to their adopted families, Oakland Manor, the Freedom District Fire Department, the Gamber Fire Department, the Drug Rehab Program and the Eldersburg Library on December 13th.

Terra Rubra Lions

The club recycled oyster shells for the “**Save the Bay Project**”.

On Nov. 9th, the club held a **Bull/Oyster/Shrimp Feed** with games of chance, raffles, and 50/50 drawing.

On Nov. 16th, the club held their **Big 1500 Cash and Dinner Club for LYF**. Drawings for cash prizes, games of chance, and raffles. See the article on page 12.

Santa will visit their club on December 14th from 1-3 pm. Free picture for the kids with Santa and light refreshments, a treat bag and orange from Santa and a book to take home.

On Dec. 14th the club will be participating in **Wreaths Across America**.

On Dec. 21st, The club will prepare and deliver **Christmas gift bags** for the elderly and the shut-ins in the community.

On January 25th, the club will hold their **Bull, Shrimp, and Oyster Feed** at their activities building.

Union Bridge Lions

The club held a **Halloween Party** at the Union Bridge Fire Hall on October 29th.

The held a **Blood Drive** in October. They will hold another **Blood Drive** on December 27th.

The club will give filled **Christmas baskets to the elderly** in their community and at the low-income housing.

The club will participate in **Wreaths Across America** on December 14th.

The club will sponsor **Santa Comes to Union Bridge**, handing out free goody bags, cookies and hot chocolate with Santa at Original Pizza on December 21st.

Thurmont Lions

The club held their **95th Charter Night** at Dutch’s Daughter on October 30th. International Director John Lawrence was the speaker. Frederick Lion Dick Basford from their sponsoring club was also in attendance to represent their club. The club gave 6 awards that night to worthy Lions who have made a big difference in the club and contributed to the success of the club: Rookie of the Year Award, President’s Pride Award, Lions Scouting Service Award, International President’s Certificate of Appreciation and 2 DG Medals of Commendation.

Music was provided by Julie & Lauren before the program. It was well-attended by many Lions in our district.



Thurmont Lion PDG Paul Cannada received a life membership.



The club is selling three hundred **2024 Christmas Ornaments** with an image of Bell Hill (their sandwich sale location) in the wintertime. This has been a successful yearly fundraiser. They will make sure that a 2025 sandwich sale magnet goes out with each ornament.

Williamsport Lions

On Nov. 4th, 7 Lions and an elf met to decorate their club’s tree. The “**Celebration of the Tree**” better known as “A Charlie Brown Christmas” opens to the public on December 7th.

On Nov. 9th, the club played bingo with 15 residents at **Homewood Retirement Community**.



Westminster Lions

The club held their annual **Veterans Dinner** at the VFW in Westminster on November 14th.

The club handed out fresh fruit and candy canes after the Westminster Electric Light Parade on November 30th.

The club will host their **85th Charter Night** at the VFW in Westminster on December 12th.

The club will be placing **wreaths at Meadow Branch Cemetery** on December 14th.

The club will be having a fundraising event on Saturday, January 18th at the VFW. It will be called **“Cabin Fever”**. Maryland Mallot will be catering this. They plan to play several games and raffles. See the article on page 24.

They are doing a fundraiser with a group called “Giving Beans”. They will be selling different kinds of coffee. Their club will earn 20% on each item sold. See the flyers on page 25.

They received a \$500 grant to buy food to donate to **Gateway School** in Westminster.



Roaring News from Our Leo Clubs

Students participated in a community service project to support the Glade Valley Lions Club, by supplying materials and making over 200 bags of candy for the *Trunk or Treat* event at the Walkersville Library. Walkersville Middle School Leos joined the Walkersville High School Leos and Glade Valley Lions to hand out candy to local children on Halloween night.



Walkersville Middle School Leos Club – Sponsored by the Glade Valley Lions Club

Walkersville Middle School Leo Club:

Students participated in a school-based service project by cleaning and preparing one of the two courtyards at WMS for winter. Students pruned trees and shrubs, pulled weeds and moved picnic tables. WMS Leos met again during their lunchtime to continue clean-up efforts. In November, the Leos began a clean-up of the second courtyard and plan future projects after their Club elections. They will also begin to make holiday cards for local residents at nursing homes in the Walkersville area.

Walkersville High School Leos

Sponsored by the Glade Valley Lions Club

Walkersville High School Leo Club:

A dine-out night at *Madrone's* is being planned by the Walkersville High School Leo Club that will benefit the Hurricane Victims, where the packages of new underwear will be available to donate to the *Undy 500* for a donation. On Wednesday, Nov. 6th, the Leos lent a hand at the Frederick Soup Kitchen where they served food and washed dishes. In addition, on Nov. 15th, there was a pumpkin pick-up at Brookfield Farms. On Nov. 20th the club participated in the annual Harvest of Hope Festival hosted by the City of Frederick. This event, held at Keys Stadium, involved distributing free turkeys to families in need for Thanksgiving.

Mt Airy Middle School Leo Club

Sponsored by My Airy Lions

Mt Airy Middle School Leo Club:

A Leo helped the South Carroll HS Leo Club at their Food Give-Away on October 23rd.

**South Carroll
High School
Leo Club**
Sponsored by
the
**Taylorsville-
Winfield
Lions Club**

The Leos collected hygiene supplies from October 10 thru November 11 from the student body as well as from the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions to make hygiene kits. These kits were given to the Brethren Center in New Windsor. The Leos held their monthly bingo at the Sun Valley Assisted Living Facility on November 16th. The Leos worked at the Food Give-Away in Eldersburg on November 27th with the assistance of some Taylorsville-Winfield Lions. The December Food Give-Away has been rescheduled for Monday, December 9th.

During their December 12th meeting, they will be making chenille tree ornaments for residents at Sun Valley Assisted Living. They plan to visit with the residents the next day to present the ornaments and sing Christmas carols. They will be purchasing a gift card from a local grocery store for a South Carroll High School "adopt" a family in need this holiday season.



**Liberty High
& Century
High Leo
Clubs**
Sponsored
by the
**Freedom
District
Lions Club**

The Leos in both clubs have been preparing for the holidays. Both clubs joined the Freedom District Lions Club in donating food, filling **Thanksgiving baskets** and delivering them to the homes of needy families in the Sykesville area on November 27th. On December 7th, the Leos will be shopping for **Christmas gifts** at the Wal Mart Store in Eldersburg on December 7th at 9am. They will meet at Liberty High School to wrap the presents along with some FDLCLions. Parents with needy families will come to the school to pick up the bags of Christmas presents. Both Leo Clubs are participating in the **Wreaths Across America** on Saturday, December 14th. The Century Leos will be at Lakeview Cemetery and the Liberty Leos will be at the Springfield Cemetery to help lay wreaths on the graves of veterans.

The Century Leo Club made gratitude cards for Veterans on November 11th. They held an induction of new members on November 26th. The guest speaker was CC Evan Gillett. The Century Leos also did ornament painting for their Christmas project.

The **Liberty High Leos** created Thanksgiving cards for the Thanksgiving project.

**Middletown HS Leo
Club**
Sponsored by
Middletown Lions

The **Middletown High School Leo Club** is now chartered and has been helping the Middletown Lions Club with various projects such as the Halloween Parade and the Heritage Festival.

Linganore Leo Club
Sponsored by
**Libertytown-
Unionville Lions**

The **Linganore Leo Club** has been busy, helping the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club at the Great Frederick Fair. They will hold their Charter Ceremony in February at the Liberty Road Seafood and Steak Restaurant.

**New Market Middle
School Leo Club**
Sponsored by the New
Market Lions Club

New Market Middle School Leo Club made a monetary donation and donated pet supplies to the Humane Society. They assisted the Lions with their bingo fundraiser. They are making blankets for the Pediatric Center. They are holding a winter clothing drive. They are collecting toiletries & books for the Heartly House. They picked pumpkins at Gaver's as a donation to the Catocin Wildlife Preserve. They prepared over 500 holiday messages for our military overseas They participated in the school beautification and flag raising and lowering project. They toured New Market Fire Department and provided funds for meals. They promoted a Blood Drive to help those suffering from Sickle Cell Anemia.

Introducing online registration for the 2025 Multiple District Convention!

Attention Lions, register for the 2025 Convention online using the following: <https://e-district.org/sites/md22/page-12.php>. In addition to registering for the convention, you can order meals, sign up for the golf tournament, place an ad in the convention program and register as a vendor through the website. Past District Governors can also sign up for the PDG breakfast online! Payments can be made by credit card online or by mailing a check to Convention Treasurer, Wayne Cole.

Lion PDG Susan Bonura, Chair
MD 22 Convention Chair

MD 22 CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday, May 1st Lodestone Golf Course at The Wisp, McHenry, MD

Golf Tournament 12:00 noon

Friday, May 2nd The Wisp, McHenry, MD

Registration and Exhibits	9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Council of Governors Luncheon (by invitation)	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Opening Business Session	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.
Registration and Exhibits	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Seminars	3:10 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.
Open Discussion with International Guest	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
MD 22 Banquet	Social – 6:00 p.m. Dinner – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3rd The Wisp, McHenry, MD

Past District Governors Breakfast	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Lions Memorial Service	8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

(Registration and exhibit booths will be closed during service)

Registration and Exhibits	10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Seminars	10:05 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. 10:55 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.
District Luncheons	12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
District Meetings	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Hospitality Night & Chicken BBQ	6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 4th The Wisp, McHenry, MD

Registration	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Second Business Session	9:00 a.m.
District Business Meetings and Elections	10:30 a.m.
Victory Luncheon	12:00 noon

Hospitality Night at the Convention:

Submitted by PDG Susan Bonura, Convention Chair

We have decided upon a chicken barbeque for the Hospitality Night on May 3rd. The meal will include ½ BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, bread, dessert, lemonade and iced tea. The meal will be prepared by the Oakland Mountain Lake Lions Club. It will be held at the Garrett County Agricultural Center on 270 Mosser Road in McHenry. It will cost \$25.00 per person. Hospitality Night tickets will be sold as part of the convention registration process. This will be a BYOB evening.

LIONS PUTT PUTT GOLF:

Location: Mountain Park
\$10.00 Per Person
Friday, May 3rd & Saturday, May 4th, 2025
9 a.m. ~ 9 p.m.

**LIONS Convention Name Tag and Mini Golf Pass
 REQUIRED**

Convention Hospitality Night:

**Convention Hospitality Night will be
 a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 3,
 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at
 the Garrett County Fairgrounds, 270
 Mosser Rd, McHenry, MD 21541.
 Come and visit with old friends and
 meet new friends!**

Raffle tickets are still for sale. Please support the Multiple District 22 Convention by purchasing the convention raffle tickets. 12 tickets per booklet - Sell at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Return the ticket stubs, your club or individual Lion's donations, or any unsold tickets, to Convention Chair, PDG Susan Bonura at 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg, MD 21048 or bring them to the Multiple Convention. They can even be purchased at the convention. Make checks payable to MD22 Convention Committee. Contact PDG Susan Bonura if you need some more tickets.

**Save the Date for the 2025 Multiple District 22 Convention:**

Submitted by PDG Susan Bonura, MD22 Convention Chair

It is not too early to plan to attend the 2025 Multiple District Convention being held in McHenry, Maryland at the Wisp Resort, May 1 – May 4. You may call the central reservations desk at 855-656-4632 and ask for group booking ID 7325.

Thursday, May 1st - The convention begins with a shotgun start golf tournament at Lodestone at 1 p.m

Friday, May 2nd -Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the first general business session begins at 1 p.m. Exhibit booths will also be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 2. The first session of seminars will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. on May 2 followed by an open discussion with our International guest. The day ends with the Multiple District social and banquet.

Saturday, May 3rd - begins with a PDG breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Lions Memorial Service at 8:45 a.m. The morning continues with seminars, registration, exhibits and district luncheons. The first district business sessions will be held on Saturday afternoon. The day ends with a chicken BBQ dinner at the Garrett County Fairgrounds Ag Center. Sunday includes registration, the second general business session and district meetings and elections. The convention ends with the Victory lunch. A mini golf tournament is also planned.





Will Host the Lions Multiple District 22 Convention May 1-4, 2025

Enjoy Great Savings in 3, 2, 1!

Stay 3 nights at the Lodge at Wisp and get the 3rd night 50% off when you sign up for the 3.2.1 lodging package by November 1, 2024. Must stay 3 nights to receive the 3rd night 50% off. Package is based on new reservations, availability, and advance reservation. Not valid with other discounts and offers.

Call central reservations at 855.656.4632 and ask for Group Booking ID# 7325. Registration Form is only good during the 2024 convention. Please return to Wisp Resort booth during 2024 convention to ensure your spot in the lodge.

Room Type Options:

Queen Efficiency (queen bed, queen sofa, kitchenette with microwave, mini fridge, sink) - \$139.00 per night.

King Suite – king bed in bedroom, living room area, mini fridge - \$159 per night.

Queen Deluxe – 4 ADA rooms available (2 queen beds & mini fridge) - \$139.00 per night.

Double Suite -2 ADA rooms (2 double beds in bedroom, murphy bed in living room, mini fridge)- \$159.00 per night.

Queen Suite (queen bed in bedroom, queen murphy bed in living room, mini fridge) - \$149.00 per night.

3.2.1 Registration Form

Name: _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

Room Type: _____

***No credit card/deposit needed until November 1, 2024.** Currently a 6% state tax and an 8% local assessment will apply. If you would like to waive the Guest Protection Policy, please let the front desk know upon arrival.



Fabrício Oliveira
International President

Report on the Board of Directors Meeting

October 12 – 16, 2024

Natal, Brazil

The Board of Directors Meeting was held in Natal, Brazil near the home of our International President, Fabricio Olivera. Natal is on the northeast corner of Brazil and during World War II had a large US Army Air Force base since it is the closest location in the Americas to Africa. Natal is a beach town and a great location for our meeting.

The opening session was on 12 October, committee meetings on 13 – 15 October, and the final session on 16 October. The results of the committee discussion will be presented by LCI at a later date, but here are some of the highlights. One of the biggest items came from the Convention Committee with the news that the convention next summer has been changed from Mexico City to Orlando, Florida. Mexico City was unable to fulfil its agreed upon obligations including rates for hotels, parade route, and costs for the venue. Fortunately, the Lions of Orlando were in the process of submitting a bid for a future date and were able to speed up their operation to obtain the needed sites. The convention will begin a bit later in July than usual with registration on Sunday, 13 July 2025, The parade will be on Monday and the plenary sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The LCIF Executive Committee reported on several items.

The Lions Quest curriculum and materials have been revised for the elementary and middle schools and work is ongoing to rewrite the material for high schools. The committee reported that 521 LCIF grants totaling \$15,386,999 have been awarded so far this year including a community impact grant to District 22-W for Kits for Elementary School Children. Last year Lions raised 107% of our stretch goal of \$70,000,000 and so far this year we have raised over \$8,500,00 or 11 % of our stretch goal of \$80,000,000.

The Marketing Committee awarded a total of \$500,000 in Marketing Grants including the request from MD-22.

The Membership Development Committee received reports from the Membership Summits around the world to include those held in Chicago and Orlando. They were well received, the enthusiasm of the participants was high, and many District goals for club and membership growth were raised. It was suggested that the summits could be held earlier in the year starting as early as mid-May.

Mission 1.5 was a common theme in all the committee meetings. For the year 2023 – 2024, we experienced a loss in membership of just over 3,000 Lions. However, this was an improvement from the loss in the previous year of over 33,000 Lions. All Lions are encouraged to ask their friends, families, and acquaintances to become members. The most significant growth has come from new clubs. In particular, Specialty Clubs have been formed in many areas. Where there is a group performing service to their community, let them know about the advantages of becoming a Lions Specialty Club.

While the Board of Directors were in meetings, their Partners in Service were taken to various cultural sites and to service activities. In particular, on one day they packed food bags to be distributed later to cancer families and patients. Each family was given bags of food that weigh about 30lbs. The companions then went to a Cancer Hospital and observed the radiation and chemo unit where 134 patients a day are being treated. The Partners in Service served tea, juices, milk, crackers, and cake to families and patients in the crowded waiting area.

After the board meeting, many of the directors and staff went to a nearby town of Joao Pessoa for a service week. One of the service activities was doing a beach clean-up in a heavily used beach area on the Atlantic Ocean. Another activity was assisting at a children’s eye screening at the local eye hospital. While the screening was taking place, we provided food bags for the families, snacks and drinks for the children, and dental kits. A local dentist was also present to help with tooth cleaning and dental hygiene.

The Host Committees at both Natal and Joao Pessoa were very hospitable, friendly, and helpful. Many friendships were strengthened and new friendships made. This Board Meeting will not soon be forgotten.

Lion John Lawrence
International Director 2023 -2025



LCI 107th International Convention in Mexico City has been canceled!

As you know by now, the 2025 International Convention has moved to Orlando, Florida, U.S.A., which will be held July 13-17, 2025. They say that it will be an exciting change, and they’re working to get everything ready for us. Orlando, Florida welcomes Lions and Leos from around the world for sun, fun, service and the 107th International Convention.

It is now time to register so go online!

The Convention will be held Sunday through Thursday with the Parade of Nations kicking off festivities on Monday, July 14. On Thursday, July 17, the presidential inauguration will bring our time in Orlando to a close.



Future Dates for the International Convention:

- July 3-7, 2026:** Hong Kong, a special administrative region of the People's Republic of China
- July 2-6, 2027:** Washington DC
- June 23-27, 2028:** Singapore
- June 29- July 3, 2029:** Minneapolis, Minnesota
- June 28-July 2, 2030:** San Antonio, TX
- July 4-July 8, 2031:** Helsinki, Finland