



# District 22-W Newsletter

## January 2025



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### DG Susan Cox's Monthly Message:

Dear Lions and Leos,

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’” — Martin Luther King Jr. As we begin a new year, this powerful question challenges us to reflect on our commitment to serving others and inspires us to act. The New Year brings opportunities to renew our dedication, expand our impact, and find joy in serving those in need. Below is an update on the state of District 22W.

#### **Membership Growth & Retention**

Membership growth and retention are key to sustaining the district and enabling Lions and Leos to serve our communities. This Lions year, we’ve welcomed 54 new members, but we’ve also dropped 85 members, resulting in a net loss of 31 members, including 20 due to death.

Currently, 12 out of 50 clubs have active membership growth plans. I urge all clubs to prioritize retention and recruitment, utilizing resources like Lions Map2Grow to support revitalization. Our Mission 1.5 initiative aims to form two new clubs, beginning with one in the Urbana, Frederick County area. Let’s work together to grow our Lions family.

#### **Service Projects & Impact**

Service is the heart of our organization. 31 Lions Clubs and 3 Leo Clubs have already reported their activities. If your club hasn’t yet submitted reports, please reach out for assistance. I’m grateful to GST Coordinator Bonnie Gillett for leading initiatives like Roar Like a Lion for Regions III and IV. I encourage all clubs to consider new service projects that address unmet community needs. The next few months are a perfect time to launch initiatives that bring hope and support to those we serve.

#### **Club Excellence & Achievement**

Earning the Club Excellence Award is a meaningful way to recognize your club’s dedication and achievements. There’s still time to meet the criteria and set your club on the path to excellence by year-end.

#### **Fundraising & Financial Health**

Our district has shown incredible generosity, donating \$44,610 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) so far. Contributions from 33 clubs and 98 members have brought us to 93% of our goal. I’m confident we’ll reach 100% with your continued support.

#### **Support for Health Initiatives**

As we honor Melvin Jones’ birthday, Lions USA invites us to participate in vision screenings during the week of January 12-19, 2025. This initiative is a meaningful way to serve our communities while celebrating our founder’s legacy. Please refer to the Weekly Announcements for details.

## Training & Leadership Development

Leadership development is essential to sustaining our mission. Mark your calendars for these upcoming opportunities:

- In Western Maryland, Frostburg State University, Pullen Building, Room 149, January 22, 2025, 6 pm to 8 pm, overview of the role of Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Service Chairs, with special emphasis on the Lion Portal
- Grow Lions Workshops: January 14, 28, and February 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm (via Zoom).
- Emerging Lions Leadership Institute: March 14-16, 2025, in Nanjemoy, MD.
- New Member Orientation sessions are planned for this quarter.

Dr. King's words remind us that serving others is not only our responsibility but also our greatest purpose as Lions. In 2025, let us continue to find joy in service and renew our commitment to making a difference in our communities.

Thank you for all you do to live the Lions motto, "We Serve." I look forward to working alongside you in the year ahead to make 2025 a year of growth for District 22W.

**Yours in service and gratitude,  
Lion Susan Cox  
District Governor, 22W**



**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**

**Report your service to FVDG Martin and  
SVDG Leon and on the Lions Portal.**

### DG Susan's Upcoming Schedule:

January 1 - Happy New Year!  
January 4 - Christmas Extravaganza  
January 11 - Third District 22W Cabinet Meeting  
January 14 - Mt. Airy 4 County Lions Club OV  
January 15 - Potomac Valley Lions Club OV  
January 21 - Mt Airy Lions Club OV  
January 28 - Grow Lions Workshop

### Mark your Calendars:

**January 11, 2025** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Mtg at the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Dept.

**January 13, 2025** – Region 4 Zone 3 meeting, hosted by the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club

**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Region 2 All Zone Mtg at the Clear Spring American Legion hosted by the Clear Spring Lions Club

**Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>** – Region 3 All Zone Mtg hosted by the Libertytown-Unionville Lions

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** Upcoming Leadership Training for Presidents, Secretaries, Service Chairs in Frostburg, MD

**Feb. 1, 2025** – Roar Like a Lion Day of Service at libraries throughout the district

## A Message from FVDG Martin Bonura:

### Action for the New Year January Newsletter Article



One-quarter of a century ago we were told that our computer systems could potentially fail due to potential computer errors related to the formatting and storage of calendar data for dates in the 1900's after the year 2000. Many programs represented the four-digit year with only the final two digits. This inability to distinguish dates correctly had the potential to bring down worldwide infrastructures for computer reliant industries of the time. The year 2000 computer problem was labeled "Y2K". It was a time for action and preparations to prevent the chaos that some believed would follow. We survived that crisis 25 years ago because action plans were developed and followed.

If the governor has visited your club, or if you have received emails from Lions Clubs International, or if you read the monthly newsletter, you have heard about a crisis impacting our clubs. You may have seen it firsthand at your last fundraiser or last service project. You need another set of hands in service, or someone else to flip the pancakes, or to sell raffle tickets, or even Christmas trees. This crisis is in membership retention and membership recruitment. This crisis can be solved, as was Y2K, by the implementation of action plans by our clubs.

It is time for an action plan with a focus on expanding membership and therefore service opportunities for our clubs. All clubs were asked to prepare a membership plan and forward it to the district membership chair. Clubs should ensure that they implement their plan.

One way to retain members and to attract members is to promote the service that our clubs provide for our communities. Our goal statement should be to strengthen community ties, enhance service projects, and increase membership in our Lions clubs by partnering with local community organizations and launching impactful service initiatives that will attract new members and keep existing members happy.

One action step would be to identify local organizations and groups for partnership. You may already be working with some organizations, but you know that there are others that you can, and likely should, be working with to improve our communities.

Who should take the lead? Who should be the responsible party? It could be the chair of the service project, or it could be a membership chair, or a club officer who seeks out a partnership within their community. The leader should work with their team members and community connections to develop and collaborate on a community service project. The team should decide on a date to begin and a date that the project will be completed.

One quick way to start is to host a brainstorming session to define service project ideas. This should begin in the club, but later include your community partners. Meetings can be held in person, virtually, by email, or by phone. Use technology as a tool to assist.

Plan and organize collaborative service events. Execute service events and document outcomes. Celebrate your collaboration with club members and partners. Evaluate the event's impact and membership recruitment outcomes. Have you planted seeds? Did you make your club members happier? Did you gain new members?

## Christmas Eve at the Bonura's: An LVRF Fundraiser

Mr. and Mrs. Claus greeted visitors to the Bonura's extreme Christmas display on Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve. Santa waved, handed out candy canes, jingled his sleigh bells, said 'Ho-Ho-Ho,' and took photos with kids in front of the display. Mrs. Claus handed out Christmas teddy bears to the delight of the kids receiving them. Many donations were made to the **Lions Vision Research Foundation, LVRF**. Some visitors asked questions about Lions and the work of LVRF. One visitor said, "I want to make a donation" and handed over a \$100 bill which surprised us, and delighted Santa. This was a great year for Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Bonura's Christmas display, and LVRF, which will receive over \$500 in donations from this Christmas display.



For all Lions of the District, I want to share information with you. Internally, we have a lot of information to share. Yet, we have a long way to go.



January  
Message from  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Leon  
Cardiff

Club Presidents, Secretaries, newsletter creators and members, did the above paragraph convey any information or questions you might have or feedback a member might have concerning the subject, activity or changes being put forth by your newsletter editor, the DG's Secretary, the monthly newsletter editor of the messages from the DG and the Vice DG's.

Our ability today to communicate with others is so far forward from the Lions newsletters that were typed, copied, envelope licking, stamps and trips to the post office. Yes, even in the 90's, it was the telephone, mail, and Word of Mouth as well as meetings by which information was passed onto other Lions. And here we are today. We have a plethora of means to share Lions information, text, email, voice mail, cell phones and yet decide what Lions members should read. Whether it is pertinent information about their club or other clubs nearby, within the district or from Lions International. Goals attained, achievements, disaster needs locally or nationally are included in these newsletters and emails.

This past summer alone, the monthly newsletters as well as the weekly DG's Secretary's emails with the schedules, activities and fundraisers within were published by emails and these notices assisted clubs in helping to meet the tasks of theirs and fellow clubs in serving others when they were limited on personnel resources.

Club newsletters, DG Susan, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Martin and myself look forward to receiving each club's newsletter so we know what, where and why a club is doing service projects, fundraisers or celebrations so we and others can take part and help. We still DO NOT GET a newsletter from every club in the district. Some of you DO a flier to be shared in the monthly newsletter with your upcoming events or activities, don't stop. Thank you, I get a lot of information from these fliers and it helps with looking at my calendar's open dates (does not help with snop but..) on taking part in helping.

I will put my head in the guillotine here. Each newsletter takes at least an hour to put together information to share. So Lions will READ what has happened, events coming up or specific information to ponder or share. After talking with several club newsletter creators, even after they publish and distribute, they still get calls as to what is going on or coming up within their own club. And yet, the editors may not verbalize but the thought is: Did you read the newsletter I sent out 3 days ago or last week?

Another point is that DG Susan, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Martin and myself do not put forth a message each month in the monthly newsletter. It is NOT a one-way message in which we put forth points and then retire to the next visitation, meeting or zoom. It is a two-way street. WE WANT TO HEAR your feedback about the items we convey which are important to all that make up the Pride of our district. Otherwise, we have no idea if you as a Lion or your club's perspectives of the information put forth needs more discussion or clarification. Otherwise, we are standing in a field of corn with the ears of the corn and stalks slightly swaying from the breeze of information put forth and yet not knowing what the crop may need to sustain growth and flourish.

Clubs do reach milestones, celebration of a Charter Night that they wish to celebrate not just within their own club but with other Lions of District 22W that they have served alongside. The newsletters provide this while also providing information on clubs' needs for medical equipment, conveyance of spiritual thoughts for members or their families whose health conditions are impacting their lives. And yes, the notice and observance of a Lion who has passed on that may be known to members of your club.

### January Message from SVDG Leon Cardiff Continued:

Without sharing, many of you and your members may not realize, even if they are not going to the multiple district convention at the WISP in western, Maryland in May, very important items will be voted on that affects each member of your club, the district and the mutiple district. These will be shared in the upcoming monthly newsletters but here are just two.

The first is being possibly able to Electronically Vote for district officers, amendments/changes to By-Laws, District Constitutions or Multi-District Foundations by **NOT BEING PRESENT OR ATTENDING** the Multiple District Convention. Without sharing, your club members do not know and as such can not put forth their perspective or opinions and reasons to vote for these measures in May. The second voting item being a Resolution for changes to the LVRF Constitution and By-Laws.

Sharing the knowledge of your club's service projects, activities, events, needs and happenings as well as other clubs in your zone, region AND the district embodies the fact "We Serve". Likely without the newsletter, members do not know if another club needs volunteers, possibly the need of someone in your club that has unique abilities, contacts or training, a Lion or non-Lion you know to help complete a project or repair a piece of equipment for another club. The newsletters are the Bulletin Board for the 49 clubs of the district without having to use a thumb tack to pin a post card with the information that many may not see at a local brick and mortar establishment.

As you can surmise now, by rereading the first paragraph, having all the missing letters would give you the complete words, making more thorough sentences and providing information for you as an individual to decipher whether the substance of that paragraph's content was useful or helpful to you as a Lion. Read and share both your club's newsletter as well as the Cabinet Secretary's weekly email and the monthly newsletter which contains a very comprehensive snapshot of our district both past present and future.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. If you travel, take your time so you can arrive safely.

### 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 at 405 E 45th St, New York, NY 10017 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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>

**Please note that the telephone number for Cabinet Treasurer Guy Garey is incorrect in the roster book. The corrected telephone number is the following:**

**443-929-1558**



# FUNDRAISER

## FOR

### Lions Vision Research Foundation



## *Monday, February 3rd*

**Open to Close [Carryout Included]**

**Present this flyer at time of payment and a portion of your check will be donated**

**RESERVATIONS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**

**Support LVRF with "Dine to Donate" at Maryland Mallet!**

**Submitted by LVRF Chair Evan Gillett**

Mark your calendars! On **Monday, February 3rd**, the Maryland Mallet is hosting a "Dine to Donate" fundraiser to benefit the **Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF)**.

From **open to close**, enjoy a delicious meal—dine in or carry-out, and a portion of your purchase will go directly to support LVRF's mission.

**Location:** Maryland Mallet, 2820 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD

**Important:** To ensure your meal counts toward the fundraiser, you must present the official flyer to your server. Be sure to bring it along and share extras with friends and family!

Let's make this event a success by spreading the word and showing up in support of LVRF. Together, we can make a difference!

**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 11<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting to be honored and awarded their certificates and prizes. Thanks to everyone that participated and voted at the cabinet meeting.

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner, Ellie Carmody, is sponsored by the New Market Lions Club**



**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Costello Makaylynn, is sponsored by the Hancock Lioness Lions Club**



## Submitted by DG Susan Cox:

### Growth Workshop Update:

As part of Mission 1.5, the Lions of the United States, under the leadership of Past International President Brian Sheehan, are providing all districts with virtual New Club Development workshops or Grow Workshops.

The purpose of this workshop is to:

- Support for New Club Development
- Training District Growth Teams & MD GAT to learn how to start clubs & sustain growth
- Motivate & encourage accountability in reaching every district's goals

GAT Area 1F has been scheduled for its **Grow Lions Workshop** on the dates below at 7:00pm EST:

- **Tuesday January 14th, 2025**
- **Tuesday January 28th, 2025**
- **Tuesday February 11th, 2025**

Please register at the link below.

For more information, [download the information flyer.](#)

Also, please review the PLANNING SESSION  
RECORDING: [https://youtu.be/vG2vOKU\\_eQQ](https://youtu.be/vG2vOKU_eQQ)


**Register for GAT Area 1-F Fire-up Session at** <https://tinyurl.com/FIREUPAreaF>

**GAT Area 1F Growth Workshop registration** <https://bit.ly/AreaFGrow>

[Growing Lions Workshop Registration](#)

[GAT Area 1-F Fire-up Session Registration](#)

[Growing Lions Workshop GAT Area 1F Resources](#)





LIONS OF THE UNITED STATES & Its Affiliates

### GAT Area 1F

MDs 16, 20, 22, 23, 33, 44 & Ds 41, 42, 45

- January 14
- January 28
- February 11





- 7-9 pm EST
- Register now: <https://bit.ly/AreaFGrow>



## American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism Essay Contest:

The District has implemented the Lion's Club Essay Contest. The winning essays in each category (elementary, middle, high schools and adult) are to be submitted to the Zone Chair by January 27, 2025. The Zone Chair will evaluate the essays and submit one winning essay in each category to the Region Chair by February 10, 2025. The Region Chair will evaluate the essays, as submitted by the Zone Chairs, and will submit one essay in each category to the District Chair, Lion Andrew Drum by February 24, 2025. The topics for this year are:

- Elementary School (Grades 1-5): Describe a day with "Tommy", Clara Barton's beloved cat.
- Middle School (Grades 6-8): How do the actions of Clara Barton inspire you to serve others?
- High School (Grades 9-12): How did Clara Barton's actions create a legacy of helping others and what paths of volunteer service does she inspire you to open?
- Adult: How does Clara Barton's courage and spirit motivate you to serve others as reflected in Lionism?

### AMERICAN HERITAGE, PRESERVATION AND PATRIOTISM ESSAY PROGRAM

**Dear Lions:**

Clarissa "Clara" Barton, a nurse, teacher, and patent clerk, is famous for founding the American Red Cross and was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1973. This year's essay contest will be based around Clara Barton's humanitarian work and service to many people.

As this essay contest includes heritage, preservation and patriotism, I hope you will encourage your committees (young and old) to consider taking part in our essay contest.

Each club president is requested to appoint a Lion/Lioness to coordinate this program and to forward the name the essay coordinator to your zone chair and cc me at [lionandrewdrum@gmail.com](mailto:lionandrewdrum@gmail.com).

You can generate interest in this program by providing information regarding the contest to the schools in your area and by sending news releases to your local media. Also, please encourage your Lions/Lioness club members to participate in this contest by discussing the program at your club's meetings and by including information in your club's newsletter.

The guidelines and timeframe for submission are in the Essay Program Rules Sheet – attached.

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

**Respectfully,**  
**Lion Andrew Drum**  
**AHPP Essay Chair**  
**[lionandrewdrum@gmail.com](mailto:lionandrewdrum@gmail.com)**  
**240-409-8638**



## Roar Like a Lion Day of Service:

**Submitted by Lion Bonnie Gillett, Global Service Team Coordinator**

We are thrilled to announce that 29 Lions and Leos Clubs will be hosting the Roar Like a Lion event in 11 libraries across our District. This inspiring event aims to foster community spirit and encourage individuals to embrace their inner strength, much like a lion's powerful roar. For those clubs that opted out, we still warmly invite you to join us at any of the following libraries to experience this positive and empowering service event firsthand. Additionally, if your club isn't listed but wishes to participate, there's still time to get involved!

**Here's where you can catch the Roar Like a Lion event:**

**C. Burr Artz Library:** Frederick Lions and Frederick Fusion Lions

**Eldersburg Library:** Freedom District Lions, South Carroll Lioness-Lions, Century Leos, and Liberty HS Leos

**Emmitsburg Library:** Emmitsburg Lions

**Finksburg Library:** Deer Park Lions and Roaring Run Lions

**Mount Airy Ridge Library:** Libertytown-Unionville Lions, Taylorsville-Winfield Lions and Mt. Airy Middle School Leos

**Middletown Library:** Middletown Lions and Middletown Leos

**North Carroll Library:** Hampstead Lions and Lineboro-Manchester Lions

**Taneytown Library:** Harney Lions, New Windsor Lions, Taneytown Lions, Terra Rubra Lions, and Union Bridge Lions

**Walkersville Library:** Glade Valley Lions, Walkersville Middle School Leos, and Walkersville High School Leos

**Westminster Library:** Greater Carroll Lions and Westminster Lions

**Urbana Library:** Thurmont Lions, New Market Lions, and New Market Leos

We look forward to seeing you there and joining together to Roar Like a Lion in celebration of our shared community spirit and resilience. Let's make this an unforgettable experience!

***When it comes to service, the only wrong way to serve, is to not serve at all.***

### Some Information about the Roar Like a Lion Day of Service:

The event will take place in libraries within our district from 1pm – 4pm. Encourage your Leo Clubs to participate.

Clubs will arrive early to set up. Have a designated chair for each activity.

Lions are asked to bring friends with your club that day.

Clubs should organize their projects into achievable steps. Should have at least 3-5 service projects. Check with the libraries to see if there is something they might want you to do.

Have a greeter who can welcome the guests and talk about Lionism.

Have a designated photographer to take pictures to share.

Have a trifold board with handouts about your club.

You can give away candy at the event.

Clubs should develop a partnership with the libraries to promote other service projects over the years.



**Join us on Saturday**  
**February 1, 2025**  
**from 1 - 4pm**

## Roar Like A Lion

**Earn Community Service Hours: Grades 6-12,**  
all ages invited to participate in projects

**Donations Accepted:**  
Food Drive, Sneakers,  
Eye Glasses

**Projects Include:**

- Care Cards
- Bird Houses
- Blanket Making
- Inspiration Rocks
- Appreciation Bags
- Socks of Love & more



**Carroll County Public Library**

**6400 W Hemlock Dr, Sykesville, MD 21784**

For Questions: Call Martin 443-472-5456

# Lions

Club Officer

**TRAINING**

In Western Maryland

**Frostburg State University  
Pullen Building, Room 149**

January 22, 2025

From 6PM until 8PM

Overview of the role of Presidents, Secretaries,  
Treasurers, and Service Chairs.  
Special emphasis on the Lions Portal

**LIONS CLUBS  
INTERNATIONAL**



**This event is open to any Lions Club in our District.  
For more information, contact FVDG Martin Bonura.**



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

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

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Club Secretaries and Club Presidents,

The Club Secretary’s Award and the Club President’s Award require you to attend one cabinet meeting and all the Zone or Region-wide meetings during 2024/2025 in your region. The flyer above provides information on the District 22-W Cabinet meeting on the morning of January 11th. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Yours truly, Jack Niemiec, Region III Chair



**Lions International  
District 22-W Region III  
All Zone Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Hosted By:  
Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club

**Menu:**

**Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf, Served with Mashed Potatoes, and Green Beans OR Grilled Chicken Salad, Served with a Cup of Vegetable Soup,  
Includes: Iced Tea and Rainbow Sherbet for Dessert  
**\$19.95 plus tax and tip****

**WHERE:**

Liberty Road Seafood & Steak Restaurant  
10524 Liberty Road  
Frederick, MD 21701

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

**MENU:** Fixed Menu, Two Choices (to the right)

**COST: Individual Checks, Pay the waitress or cashier.**

Send Number Attending from your Club **by January 17<sup>th</sup>** to:

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

=====by January 17<sup>th</sup>=====

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

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Members Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Club Secretaries and Club Presidents,

The Club Secretary's Award and the Club President's Award require you to attend one cabinet meeting and all the Zone or Region-wide meetings during 2024/2025 in your region. The flyer above provides information on the Region III All-Zone meeting the on the evening of January 21st. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Yours truly, Jack Niemiec, Region III Chair

## Celebrating Our Founder: Melvin Jones; Legacy Lives On

**Submitted by 22W LCIF Chair, PCC Brian Cox**



As we are preparing to celebrate the 146th birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones, we are reminded of his vision and legacy that embodies Lions Clubs International. Melvin Jones, born on January 13, 1879, in Fort Thomas, Arizona, was the son of a United States Army captain. From those early days, his life's journey took him to Chicago, Illinois, where his ambition and drive laid the foundation for a global movement rooted in service and compassion.

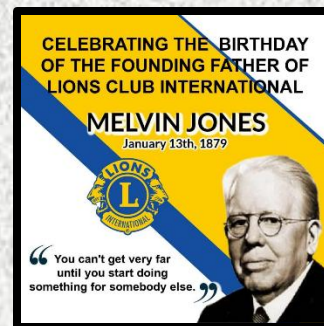
Melvin's career as an insurance professional and his role in a business luncheon set the stage for a transformative question: "What if successful men and women, driven by their intelligence and ambition, used their talents to improve their communities?" This idea sparked the creation of Lions Clubs International on June 7, 1917. Under Melvin's leadership, Lions became an example of hope and service, inspiring millions to dedicate themselves to the principle he lived by: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

His commitment to service didn't stop at Lions Clubs. In 1945, Melvin Jones proudly represented Lions at the United Nations, showcasing the organization's impact on a global scale. While his life ended on June 1, 1961, his vision continues to inspire Lions around the world to embrace our motto: "We Serve."

This January, let's honor Melvin Jones' incredible legacy with a special tribute. To commemorate his 146th birthday, I encourage each of you to donate \$14.60 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Your contribution will ensure that our founder's dream of service continues to thrive and grow, helping communities in need across the globe. Donations can be made online through the Lions website or by sending a check made out to LCIF to PCC Brain Cox, 960 FSK Hwy., Keymar, MD 21757

Let's celebrate Melvin Jones by continuing to serve with passion and purpose.

Lion Brian Cox  
LCIF Chair, 22W



# 2025 US/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Submitted by Lion Bonnie Gillett,  
USA/Canada Leadership Forum Chair

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ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
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## 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 me at [bonniegillett@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniegillett@yahoo.com) if you are interested. Hope to see you all there!



ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
SEPT. 18-20, 2025

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.

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**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.



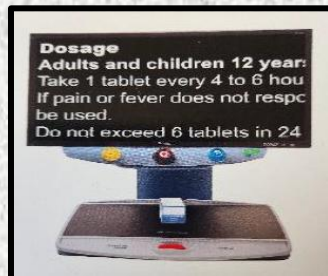
The 2025 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM in Atlantic City, New Jersey is an opportunity for Lions and LEOs to gather, share old ideas and take home new ones for their communities. When Lions meet, positive power and energy just seem to happen! Join us—embrace new ideas—take a little learning risk—and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

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  - Meeting International Officers and Directors
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[bbrimigion@gmail.com](mailto:bbrimigion@gmail.com)



### Celebrate Melvin Jones' Birthday: Leo Giving Week

We welcome Leos to help us celebrate Melvin Jones' 146th birthday during Leo Giving Week – January 13 through 17 – with your donation to LCIF. Plus, Leos can earn limited-edition President Fabrício Oliveira LCIF Supporter recognition with your minimum US\$20 donation.

**Dr. Patti Hill**  
**LCIF Chair**

Share this with your Leos!!!!!!



A Special Welcome to our New Lions in the District:

**South Carroll Lioness-Lion**  
Nancy McLaughlin (See right) was inducted on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**FSK Lions** welcomed a new member in December – Lion Tara Dougherty.

**2 Mason Dixon Lions** were inducted on November 4, 2024. Seated Club President, Harry Hutzell, Left to right: PDG Charles Croft, new member Tracey King and her sponsor, Mary K. Blank, new member Tina Merrbach and her sponsor, Portia Blank.



**Middletown Lion**  
Allison Myers was inducted by PDG Buck Fisher.

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



**LaVale Lions**  
Sunhe Price and John Fetchero were awarded with the Melvin Jones Fellow at their Charter Night on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.



PID Dick Liebno presented **Westminster Lion Wendy Beares** with an International Certificate of Appreciation at their Charter Night - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Westminster Lion** Kathy Giroux (right) received a Lion of the Year Award at their CN.



**Westminster Lion** Jalna Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> female president of Westminster LC, received the Melvin Jones Fellow from FVDG Martin Bonura.

In our Thoughts and Prayers:



**Thurmont Lion Mary Ethel Michael Rickard** (87 years) passed away on December 11, 2024 at Frederick Health Hospital, Frederick, MD. She was a math teacher in West Virginia and Virginia as well as a Driver Education teacher and teaching assistant in Frederick County. In her spare time, she was a voracious reader, enjoyed sewing and making most of her outfits. She enjoyed traveling, always ready for the next adventure. She traveled to all 4 corners of the USA and to most of Europe.

**Middletown Lion Kathy Chaney** passed away in December. She had pancreatic cancer that metastasized to her liver. Lion Kathy had been a Lion since May 2013.



**Thurmont Lion Evelyn Zimmerman** passed away on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from Pancreatic Cancer. She was a 10-year member of the Thurmont Lions Club, working on numerous literacy projects. She was a dedicated educator who retired after 30 plus years from the Frederick County Public Schools. She taught Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and was a Reading Specialist along with being selected to pilot one of the first 6 Kindergartens for Frederick County Public Schools.

**LaVale Lion Charlie Lewis (92)** died on Thursday, December 26th while a resident at the Peace Healthcare Lions Ctr. He was a US Army Veteran and a carman for the CSX Railroad. He first joined the club on April 1, 1997.



**MD-22 W Lions Partnered with Wreaths Across America:**

National Wreaths Across America Day took place on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Many of our Clubs had partnered with Babylon Vault Company by adopting cemeteries to lay wreaths at the tombstone of our fallen heroes. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to Remember the Fallen, to Honor those who serve and to Teach the next generation the value of freedom. Their volunteers are the beating heart of the program and work year-round to share this important mission and inspire others to join.

Wreaths Across America receives no government funding. Individual wreath sponsors and corporate donors, pay for the majority of the cost for the program. Each veterans' wreath that is placed on National Wreaths Across America Day is sponsored for \$17 per wreath.

The next **National Wreaths Across America Day** will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Join the more than two million volunteers and supporters who will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 4,600 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. Lions Clubs are asked to sponsor a wreath, volunteer at a location, lay wreaths, maybe provide hot chocolate and cookies at the ceremony and stay up-to-date on their mission. Check them out online.

**You would have found 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



**Freedom District**



**Lion Bonnie Gillett adds: Remember, when it comes to service, the only wrong way to serve, is to not serve at all.**



**Libertytown-  
Unionville Lion Mindy  
Coates**



**DG Susan Cox**



**Terra  
Rubra**



**South Carroll Lioness-Lions**



**TWLC Lion Tom  
Harney**

**Around the Regions and Zones so mark your calendar and support these clubs with your donation of time and/or money!**

### January 2025

**Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – Thurmont Lions Xmas Extravaganza** at the home of Lions Doug Favorite and Don Keeney - See Pg 21.

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting** at the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Dept., hosted by the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club at 10am. See the flyer on page 12.

**Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – Region 4 Zone 3 Meeting** at the Winfield Fire Dept, hosted by the Taylorsville-Winfield Fire Dept at 6:30 pm.

**Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – 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 22.

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

**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Region 2 All Zone Mtg** at the Clear Spring American Legion. See flyer on page 23.

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – Region 3 Wide Mtg** at the Liberty Road Seafood and Steak Restaurant, hosted by the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club. See flyer on page 13.

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

### February 2025

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Roar Like a Lion** in the public libraries

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hagerstown Bingo** at Knights of Columbus.

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

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Libertytown-Unionville** will hold a charter Ceremony for the Liganore Leo Club.

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Smithsburg Lions Club Blood Drive** at Smithsburg Fire Dept.

**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Deep Creek Lions Club Week 3 Blind Skier Program**

**Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Terra Rubra Lions Club Daytona 500 Dinner Party and Race Viewing** at their activities building. Dinner from 12-3pm. end of race or 6pm.

**Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Chewsville Lions Club 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Night** at Bethel UMC at 6pm.

**Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - LVRFB “Dine to Donate” Fundraiser** at the Maryland Mallet Restaurant. See flyer on page 6.

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – Westminster Lions Club Fundraiser** at Bullocks Restaurant.

**Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - Deep Creek Lions Thank You Dinner** for Blind Skier volunteers

### March 2025

**Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> – Roaring Run Lions Basket Bingo** at Reese Fire Hall

**Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> – 22C Social** at Waldorf Jaycees Community Center.

**Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> - Sportsman Drawing** – 12 quality guns, fried chicken dinner, games and door prizes from 1-3pm. \$35.00

**Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – New Market Lions Club Big Twenty Club Banquet** with games and final cash drawings at the Urbana Fire Dept Social Hall. Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner served at 7pm for ticket holders. Tickets are \$30.00 with weekly cash drawings which began in November.

**Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – Williamsport Lions Club March Madness 2025** at the Elks.

**Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> – Terra Rubra Lions Scholarship Cash Bingo.** Doors open at 5 pm and Early Bird at 6:50 pm. \$20 advanced \$25 at the door.

**Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Westminster Lions Bingo** at Reese Fire Hall

**Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> – Greater Carroll Lions Club Charter Night**

### April 2025

**Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Region 4 Zone 3 Meeting** hosted by Roaring Run Lions Club at Bullocks at 6:30pm.

**Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> - Boonsboro BBQ** at Shafer Park

**Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> – Smithsburg Lions Club Blood Drive**

**Apr. 18-19<sup>th</sup> – Smithsburg Easter Flower Sales**

**Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> – Smithsburg Lions Easter Egg Hunt**

**Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> – Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt.**

**Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> – Terra Rubra Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt** at Middleburg Park.

**Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> – Westminster Lions Club Shred Event**

**Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> – Smithsburg Lions Club Train Show**

**Apr. 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> – Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club Yard Sale** at their park

The **Second Annual Multiple Lions Club Christmas Party** was a fun time for the 52 Lions and guests from the following clubs: Deer Park, Lineboro-Manchester, Oakland-Mt Lake Park, Roaring Run, South Carroll Lioness-Lions, Taneytown, Taylorsville-Winfield, Terra Rubra, and Westminster. Santa made a visit and passed out gifts to some of the guests. There was a tasty buffet with salad, beef with gravy, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, peaches and ice cream. We circulated gifts around the room as we played the left/right game that is often played at Christmas parties. CT Guy Garey and his club successfully organized this event. Come next year! You won't be disappointed!



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	<b>COST \$40 PER PERSON</b>	BUFFET STYLE MEAL INCLUDING ROAST BEEF, FRIED CHICKEN, SALAD, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, ROLLS, AND ICE CREAM
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RSVP and send payment to Manchester Lions Club by November 30th, 2024  
Attn: Andy DeMario  
2809 DeMario Drive, Manchester MD, 21102

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP WITH YOUR PAYMENT  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Westminster Lions Club Fun Pasta Fundraiser




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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/>




## Enjoy a Christmas Extravaganza !!

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Benefiting a Lions cause to be named soon!

**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:doug.favorite@gmail.com) no later than the Wednesday prior to the event! Thank You!!





## 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:

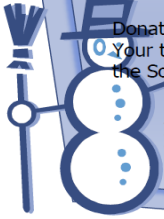
South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Inc.  
c/o PDG Susan Bonura  
1743 Deer Park Road  
Finksburg, MD 21048

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.


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Federal EIN 52-1494659






### 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.



### 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!***




## 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**  
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**Pampered Chef Fundraiser Party** – Lion Vicki Hodges of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club is hosting a Pampered Chef fundraiser from October 3 through February 8th. Orders can be placed online with this link: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/vickihodges1003?redirect=shop-landing-page>

The Hancock Lioness Lions Club has a webstore where you can order delicious treats from **Terri Lynn Fundraising**. Anyone can get online at [hancocklionesslions.terrilynn.com](https://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.



## 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.



LIONS CLUB

## Westminster Lions Club Coffee Fundraiser

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.

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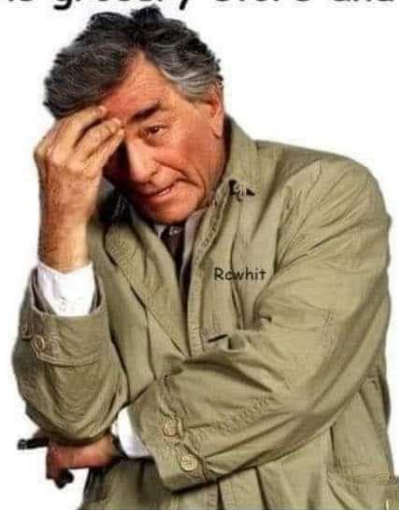
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So let me get this straight, I go to the grocery store and buy:



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Thanks to Lion Brooks Widder for placing the Columbo cartoon in the Glade Valley Newsletter.



## Clear Spring Lions Club

P.O. BOX 503  
CLEAR SPRING, MARYLAND 21722

Hello Fellow Lions!

Clear Spring Lions Club will host the Region/Zone meeting on 1/20/25 at the Clear Spring American Legion. We will meet upstairs for dinner, followed by the meeting. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm.

The menu will be fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls/butter, coffee, tea, and an assortment of homemade cookies for dessert.

The cost of the meal is \$20/person. We ask that each club send **one check** for the total number of members attending in advance. Checks and total headcount must be received by 1/6/25 so the legion can adequately prepare for our meal.

Please RSVP with payment to:

Cheryl Young  
14402 National Pike  
Clear Spring, MD 21722

Checks should be made out to "Clear Spring Lions Club"

We look forward to seeing you there!

# Info About our Clubs

## Boonsboro Lions



The club celebrated the holiday with the residents at Charlotte's Home in December with Christmas Caroling on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

They held a **New Member Orientation** on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @ Google Meet.

The club held a **Club Holiday Party** on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> with the Sharpsburg Lions Club.

The club Assisted with **Micah's Backpack** by packing approximately 125 kits monthly on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

The club contributed \$3,000 to **LVRF**.

## Chewsville Lions

Starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, the club collected toys for children up to the age of 12 years for **Toys For Tots** through December 9<sup>th</sup>.



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

The club worked with the Smithsburg Middle School to provide turkeys to three baskets that their staff donated to families in need.

The club will hold their **70<sup>th</sup> Charter Night** on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm at the Bethel UMC. It will be catered by Leiter's Catering.

They are collecting canned goods and "all in one" meals for those less fortunate to be placed in the Bethel UMC Food Pantry/Blessing Box.



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday throughout the year.

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

The club participated 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 host the **Region All Zone Mtg** on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Clear Spring American Legion. **See flyer on page 23.**

## 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.

## Emmitsburg Lions

The club held a **Christmas Food Drive** on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The club held their annual **Children Christmas Party** on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Frederick County Fire/Rescue Station with a Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer Sing Along.

The club will participate in the **Roar like a Lion Day of Service** at the Emmitsburg Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Chewsville Lions Christmas Party-Dec 17th





## Deep Creek Lake Lions

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

The club will hold a park clean-up on January 4<sup>th</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup>.

They are in the process of planning their Blind Skiers Program which will be held from January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> January 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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

The club held a successful **Train Show** in November with one of the biggest crowds that they have had in recent years.

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 collected and donated 660 canned good items to Carroll County Food Sunday

The club participated in the **Wreaths Across America** at the Deer Park Cemetery on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The club held a **Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser** on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 4 pm.

The club had six vision screenings scheduled for December. For the fiscal year, the club had conducted 8 screenings, screened 239 children, and referred 13 children to an eye specialist.

The club will be participating in the **Roar Like a Lion** at the Finksburg Library on Feb. 1st

## Frederick Lions

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

The club volunteered for the **Salvation Army**, collecting money for them at the Frederick Walmart on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The club will be volunteering at the **Roar like a Lion** event at the C. Burr Artz Library on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

## FSK Lions

FSK Lions were privileged to provide and serve dinner at **Frederick's Community Table** on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Several Lions participated in the preparing and serving of the food. They were joined by a local church. A total of 107 Frederick citizens enjoyed dinner and fellowship this evening.



The club rang the bells for the **Salvation Army** on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at Boscov's (West Patrick Street side) at the Frederick Towne Mall. Several Lions participated but a special thanks goes to guests John and Kelly Aulls for their efforts.



## FSK Lions Continued



FSK Lions participated in the vice-district governor's bedding drive benefiting Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We collected dozens of bedding items for this wonderful charity.

FSK Lions enjoyed their **annual Christmas party** at Madrones on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. They had a great turnout and great food! 2024 had been full of terrific community service projects.



The club provided **172 holiday cards** (Christmas and Hannukah) as well as 13 birthday cards to the 172 residents at the Citizens Care & Rehabilitation Center. They also held their **monthly bingo** in December.

The club made a \$500.00 donation for **Leader Dogs for the Blind Sponsor-a-Puppy Program** to help sponsor one of 3 future Leader Dog puppies.



The club collected nearly 1,000 food items at their annual **Friends and Family Food Drive** in December.

The club collected items such as toiletries and notepads to be donated to **Citizens Care & Rehabilitation Center** in Frederick for their residents by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Freedom District Lions

15 Lions & 35 Leos delivered full **Thanksgiving dinners** to 41 families in need in the Sykesville/ Eldersburg area.

The club held their annual **citrus fruit sales** in November with delivery in December. The citrus fruit distribution was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

The club held their annual **“Deck the Trees”** fundraiser on Dec. 14. There were competitions for Best Decorated Tree among members of the same business types; restaurants, automotive repair, etc. Santa was present with raffles, caroling, and a food concession.

The club participated in the **Wreaths Across America** at the Springfield Church Cemetery with the Liberty Leos.

FDLC has collected a total of 1,000 used eyeglasses and 7 hearing aids for recycling since July 1, 2024!

On Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, the club performed karaoke with the residents at the **Inspirations Assisted Living Facility** and conducted crafts on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and

The club held the **Liberty Reservoir Trail Clean-up** on December 8<sup>th</sup> and the **Freedom Park Clean-up** on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

December 6<sup>th</sup> was another joyful morning of singing and dancing when members of the club visited residents of **Inspirations Memory Care of Westminster**. The Lions and residents sang and danced to Christmas, patriotic and dance music. Shakers and tambourines added a festive atmosphere. In the photo, Lion Carole Neff and two young volunteers got the dancing started while Lon Diana Hewitt enticed a resident to get up and dance.



The Club continued their craft visits to **Inspirations Memory Care of Westminster** when 8 students/parents from the Eldersburg/Sykesville community joined them to assist residents in making crafts. The residents were making ornaments to decorate the tree that they are sponsoring at the Freedom District Lions Club's Deck the Trees Charity Challenge at Freedom Park in Sykesville. They played games on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Freedom District Lions Continued

The Freedom District Lions Club **Trail & Park Clean-up & Maintenance Committee** did a regular inspection and clean-up of Freedom Park in Sykesville on Dec. 10, 2024. All areas of the park had light to medium amounts of trash except for the ball field to the right as you enter the park. That field had more than normal amounts of litter.



## 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**.

They collected **Christmas gifts for a family of 6** who are living in a homeless shelter.

They held their annual **Christmas Dinner** at a local restaurant.

## Glade Valley Lions

The club **collected school supplies** for the Walkersville Elementary School as a service project for this Holiday Season

In November, the club held a **Friendship Night** with several prospective members in attendance.



The club presented a check to LVRV at the **LVRV Vision Fest Rally** on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Wilmer Eye Institute.

The Lions and WHS Leos will have a table at the New Market Grange Hall to support their **UNDY 500** effort to send 500 pairs of underwear in support of hurricane relief to North Carolina first graders.



The Glade Valley Lions and their two Leo Clubs will be participating at the **Roar like a Lion** event at the Walkersville Public Library on February 1st.

## Frederick Fusion Lions

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

The club will participate in the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the C. Burr Artz Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

## Hagerstown Lions

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the club sorted another 150+ books for elementary school students in various grade categories. Total of sorted, labeled and boxed books now is well over 1000 at the Goodwill Center on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The club added a Change of Pace to the holiday season by making a visit on December 15<sup>th</sup> to the **Washington County Playhouse** to see the featured play, **Anastasia**. Their outing included a dinner.

The club held an Eggnog meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. They say that it was a great way to ring out the last year.

Lions Andy Hoffman and President Rodney Timmons recently assisted Lions from Districts 22-A and 22-C in transferring collected eyeglass pallets to special international shipping pallets.

The club will hold their next **Cash Bingo** on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Knights of Columbus. Mark your calendar and invite 3 friends! Games begin at 1:00 p.m. with the doors opening at noon.

## Grantsville Lions

On December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, the club participated 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 served mulled wine and wassail.



The club held an **annual Christmas Party** with Santa on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Grantsville Senior Center.



The club made a donation to the Thrift Store for **Operation Santa**.

The club made a donation to the **JTF Ice Skating Rink** which is back for its 3<sup>rd</sup> season in Grantsville.



The club made a donation for a new flag for the high school.

The club made a **donation to the Northern High School** carpentry class for materials used to build a storage building for Grantsville Elementary School.

## Greater Carroll Lions Club

The club worked with local community members and local businesses to make **Christmas stockings for Westminster VFW veterans** this holiday season.

The club continues to sell **10% discount cards** for local businesses.

The club will participate in the **Roar like a Lion** event at the Westminster Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> with the Westminster Lions.

The club will hold their **Charter Night** on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the VFW. More information to follow.



## Lonaconing Lions

The Lonaconing Lions Club donated five boxes of new books to **Toys for Happiness** in Cumberland in freezing weather.



## Hampstead Lions

On Oct. 29, Lion Frank Grobowski, delivered more than 2,600 pairs of glasses to Lion Bob Martin of the The Global reVISION Network in Frederick.



The club loans hospital equipment, including wheelchairs, walkers, shower seats, potty chairs and canes to local residents in need.

The club will be participating in the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the North Carroll Library with Lineboro-Manchester Lions on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Harney Lions

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

The club participated in the **Harney Xmas Tree Lighting** in December in front of the Lutheran Church.

The club will participate in **Roar Like a Lion** at the Taneytown Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Hancock Lions

The club hosted their annual **Community Christmas Dinner** on December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hancock American Legion with the Hancock Lioness Lions Club. This was a free community event.

## Kitzmiller Lions

They continue to **collect eyeglasses**.

The club participated in their third annual **Lions Light the Park Project** for Christmas. They put the trees in the Botanical Park and decorated the trees in November. and conducted the lighting of the trees on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Light refreshments were served.

Kitzmiller Lions got together at the **Kitzmiller Old Fashioned Christmas Party**.



## Hancock Lioness-Lions

They had 22 entries for the **Peace Poster Contest**. The poster from Hancock Middle Senior High School won 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The club had a Christmas Tree at the **Festival of Trees in Hancock** on December 6th and 7th. They decorated it with items that represent Lionism.

The club had their annual **Christmas Caroling** at the Monterey House in Hancock and delivered some oranges, apples, and delicious cookies to the residents.

In December, the club visited senior citizens to share cookies and apples and sing Christmas carols.

They had a very successful **Open Mic** on December 20th with the local band called "No Other Name Band" with several local singers and even a reading of the "The Night Before Christmas" and singing old fashioned Christmas carols. They held a 50/50 drawing and had some delicious refreshments for all to enjoy. Everyone who attended received a Christmas gift. It was well-attended with over 60 people present.

On Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, the club helped the Hancock Lions at the **Community Dinner at the Hancock American Legion**. It was a free community event.



**"January reminds us that we have 12 new chapters to fill. Make the most of each one."**

**Source:** Chewsville Lions Club Newsletter

## Libertytown – Unionville Lions

The club delivered poinsettias to widows, widowers, and community members over the age of 80 for Christmas on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

The club will be hosting the **Region 3 All Zone-Wide meeting** on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

The club will be participating in the **Roar Like a Lion** Event at the Mt Airy Library on Ridge Rd with the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club.

The club will hold a **Charter Ceremony** for the Langanore Leo Club on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Liberty Road Seafood and Steak Restaurant.

The club supports programs at the **Liberty Elementary School** where students are invited to participate in the District 22W American Heritage Essay Contest.

## Lineboro-Manchester Lions

The club held a **2024 Spring Home Pickup Food Drive** on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> which collected 1357 items for 3 churches in Lineboro and Manchester.



The club will be participating in the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the North Carroll Library on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Mt. Airy Lions

The club made funnel cakes for the Annual Main Street Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade in Mt. Airy on December 7<sup>th</sup>.



The club hosted a **Meet and Greet Santa and Mrs. Claus** event on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Red Caboose on Main Street.



## LaVale Lions

The club has helped four persons in obtaining vision exams, frames and lenses. Thus far in the calendar year 2024, the committee has helped 92 people.

On Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, thirteen Lions volunteered in distributing turkey dinners that fed 733 people for Thanksgiving.



Lions Debbie and Jim Jenkins went to Fort Hill High School and were treated to a magnificent donation of hundreds of items and \$243 from the students who serve. Collections from the area schools will be distributed to Childhood Cancer Centers at hospitals in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia.



The club sold Christmas trees once again in December as an annual fundraiser.

The annual **children's shopping spree** for clothes at Walmart was held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and was very well attended. Thirty-one Lions and spouses, two FSU students, and two other volunteers shopped with 31 children. Smiles from the children and volunteers were seen all around the clothing section.



**PCC Brian, PDG Bob and Lion Lois** picked up the Mobile Screening Unit on Dec 4 and drove it to its temporary parking spot in Thurmont. Next steps will be to design and apply the "wrap" which is the lettering and pictures on the sides. Also, we need to purchase and install the screening equipment. We are expecting that the van will be ready for its maiden voyage around April.

## New Market District Lions

On December 2, 2024, the club participated in the **Holiday Kids Clothing Day** at JC Penney.

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

The club will hold their **Big Twenty Club Banquet Dinner** and **Grand Drawing** to ticket holders on March 15, 2025. The club has been drawing three prizes each week since November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The club will participate in the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the Urbana Library.

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New Market District Lions Club

**Big Twenty Club**

**Three Prizes Each Week**

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Weekly drawing at  
New Market District Lions Club  
Mondays @ 8pm

**Final Drawing**

1-\$500.00	1-\$250.00
1-\$100.00	1-\$75.00
1-\$50.00	1-\$25.00

**Banquet Dinner  
Grand Drawing**  
March 15, 2025  
at Urbana Fire Hall

**Dinner to Ticket Holder**  
Doors Open at 6pm  
Dinner Served at 7pm

**TICKETS: \$30.00** Donation  
Must not be present to win

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## Mason-Dixon Lions Club

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the club held their **Annual Children's Christmas Party**. The event started with the lighting of the town's 30-foot pine tree being lit at 6:00 pm sharp, illuminated with multi colored lights. The large crowd of anxious children and adults walked over to the Mt. Savage Fire Hall for a magical evening of Christmas fun. Children met Santa and Mrs. Claus and everyone's favorite reindeer, Rudolph. Each child received a bag of candy, and another bag filled with crafts and party favors, a Letter to Santa, antlers and a story book. Christmas music was played while the children crafted and explored their goodies. Hotdogs, cookies, potato chips, hot chocolate and water were served to all. Cupcake decorating, sing a long, Christmas Limbo and Hot Rudolph ended the evening of fun. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Mason Dixon Lions Club.



The event made the Cumberland Times News!!!

The club made a donation to the local fire department 2025 **Calendar Fundraiser**.



The club assisted in the **Live Nativity Display** that was presented at the Mountainside Ministry on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The club purchased tickets for the Wellersburg/Corriganville Holiday Bash fundraiser.

## Middletown Lions

The club held another **All You Can Eat Country Breakfast Buffet** with the Myersville Lions Club on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

They had 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.

The club will participate in the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the Middletown Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> with the Leos.

## Myersville Lions

The club held an **All You Can Eat Country-Style Breakfast Buffet** with the Middletown Lions Club on December 7<sup>th</sup>. They also conducted a craft for the children.

The next **All You Can Eat Country-Style Breakfast** will be held on January 4<sup>th</sup> at the Myersville Fire Dept.

The club continues to collect canned goods for the **Middletown Food Bank**.

## Mt. Airy 4 County Lions

In November, the club fed over 100 families for Thanksgiving. The club participated in the annual **Mt Airy Holiday Parade** on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. On Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, the club served lunch at the **Frederick Rescue Mission**. The club distributed **Christmas Baskets** to 100 families with a full meal and dessert on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.



## *New Windsor Lions*

The club held their monthly reading session, **Lions for Literacy** on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The club collected men's and women's sweatsuits for **Springfield Hospital** and made a visit in December.

The club held a successful **Veterans Dinner**.

The club will sponsor **Leader Dog for the Blind Night Fundraiser** on January 17<sup>th</sup> at Flood Zone Market-Place & Brewery from 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$35.00 to create a "Paw Bouquet". Text: 443-605-5798 or Email: cre8itwithstacey@gmail.com To reserve a seat.



The club will participate in the **Roar Like a Lion** event on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Taneytown Library.

## *Oakland -Mt Lake Park Lions*

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

## *Sharpsburg Lions*

The club held a **December Christmas Party** with the Boonsboro Lions Club.

## *Smithsburg Lions*

The club collected 25 toys for the **Toys for Tots Program** in December.



The club participated in the **Shop with a Cop** on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 40 children from 24 families were served.



The club hosted a **Blood Drive** on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Smithsburg Fire Department. 12 units of blood were collected.

The club will have a food stand at the **Model Train Show** on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Washington County Ag Center.

The club will host another **Blood Drive** on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Smithsburg Fire Department.

## *North Branch Lions*

The club participated in the **Annual Tri Town's Christmas Parade**.

## *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

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – The club partnered with **Hugs and Stitches** to deliver hats and scarves to the underprivileged population.

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

On Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, the club participated in **Wreaths Across America**.



The club visited the **Country Acres Nursing Facility**, providing holiday gift bags, a music program and companionship for the residents.

In December, the club provided 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.

The club will be participating in the **Roar Like a Lion Day of Service** at the Finksburg Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

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

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

**“January: The month of opportunity, the month of inspiration, and the month of change.”**

**What change are you planning to make in your life this year? Think about it!**

**Source: Chewsville Lions Club newsletter**

## *Taneytown Lions*

The club conducted 19 **eye screenings** at the New Beginnings Christian Learning Center) on December 4<sup>th</sup>. There were 3 referrals among those screened. The earlier planned eye screenings at Grace United Learning Center have now been delayed and are scheduled for January 27 and 30.

The club sponsored a trip on December 7<sup>th</sup> to the **Dutch Apple Dinner Theater** to see "White Christmas".

They held a Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Firemen's Activity Building. This was the last dinner that would be prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for the club. President Wayne Sherfey presented a special gift to "chef" Shirley Haines for her 14 years of service to the Auxiliary and to the Lions.

The Lion members of Grace United Church in Taneytown participated in the **Wreaths Across America** which was held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at their cemetery where there are 95 veteran graves.



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

The club will participate in the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the Taneytown Library on Feb. 1st

**The club will now meet at the Thunderhead Bowl and Grill in Taneytown.**

## *Taylorsville-Winfield Lions*

The club donated \$500.00 to **LVRF** at the LVRF Vision Fest Rally at Johns Hopkins Hospital on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The club is collecting school supplies for needy students at Winfield Elementary School for the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **Christmas Bingo and Ice Cream Social** for the residents of the Meadows at Sun Valley Assisted Living Facility on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Santa Bob Garber gave out gift bags to the 19 residents.



The club participated in the **Wreaths Across America** on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ebenezer Church Cemetery.



In December, the club donated **Food Lion gift cards** to the Ebenezer Church Food Pantry to be distributed to needy families at Christmas.

The club is hosting the **3<sup>rd</sup> Zone 3 Meeting** on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Winfield Fire Dept. at 6:30 pm.

The Club will be participating in the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the Mt Airy Library on Ridge Rd with the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club.

The club is planning a **Friendship Night** on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## *South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club*

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

The club once again presented homemade **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 13<sup>th</sup>.

A lighted **Memory Tree and Memorial Banner** are on display from December 6, 2024, until January 6, 2025, at the Bonura Christmas display at 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg, MD 21048. **See the flyer on page 22.**

The club is collecting school supplies for the **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Service Challenge**. Donations will go to the Oklahoma Road Middle School and the Sykesville Middle School

The club will participate in the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the Eldersburg Library on February 1<sup>st</sup> with the Freedom District Lions Club.

The club made their monthly visit to Oakland Manor Assisted Living with bingo, snacks, gifts & Santa!





## *Terra Rubra Lions*

Santa made a visit to their club on December 14<sup>th</sup> - 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. 14<sup>th</sup> the club participated in National **Wreaths Across America**. Lions Charlie Mehring and Carroll Smith of Terra Rubra delivered the Wreaths for Carroll County. Lion Charlie donated all expenses



On Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, The club delivered **Christmas gift bags** for the elderly and the shut-ins in the community.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, the club will hold their **Bull, Shrimp, and Oyster Feed** at their activities building for \$45.00.

On Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, the club will participate in the **Roar Like a Lion Day of Service** at the Taneytown Library.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the club will hold their **Daytona "500" Party** at their building for \$25.00

## *Union Bridge Lions*

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

The club participated in **Wreaths Across America** on December 14<sup>th</sup>.



The club sponsored **Santa Comes to Union Bridge**, handing out free goody bags, cookies and hot chocolate with Santa at Original Pizza on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

The club will be participating in the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the Taneytown Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

## *Thurmont Lions*

The club had a total of 25 donations of bedding sets, individual sheet sets and blankets/comforters to contribute to the 1<sup>st</sup> District-wide service challenge. The club is now participating in the **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Service Challenge**.

A fundraiser was held on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at Kountry Kitchen. The club made a profit of \$466.85.

The Thurmont Lions sponsored their famous **cookie contest** again this year. It was held on December 13th at St. John Lutheran Church. The cookies were judged based upon taste, appearance, texture, creativity and Christmas spirit.

Their **Christmas Extravaganza** was held on December 7, 2024. The next one will be on January 4, 2025. They will have hundreds of decorated trees to see, along with appetizers, a full homemade buffet meal, drinks (coffee/water/punch/snow cocoa) and Lion Susan Favorite's famous dessert selection. The meal will be Lion Doug and Don's famous meatloaf, Italian Chicken & noodles, Frisco potatoes, homemade applesauce, succotash, rolls and butter. The cost will be \$25 which will be entirely donated to the named charity/charities of that evening. Proceeds from the January 4th house tour will benefit Maryland Patriot Guard, Heroes Ridge and Sons of the American Revolution. The Maryland patriot Guard is requesting donations for the VA Homeless/Outreach Center. These items will be given to Ted and Ann Nettles at the January 4th house tour. **Please RSVP to Lion Doug by the Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The club collected 91 pairs of eyeglasses, six sunglasses and 38 cases. They also collected hats, scarves, gloves and white socks for the **Frederick Rescue Mission**.

They participated in their 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Wreaths Across America at the Blue Ridge Cemetery** before going to their annual **Christmas party** with games, good food and fellowship.



The club will be participating at the **Roar Like a Lion** event at the Thurmont Library on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

## *Williamsport Lions*

20 Residents were treated to a special **Homewood Christmas Bingo** by seven Williamsport Lions and a visit by Hilltop's Santa. Carols were sung, led by Lion Georgia; snacks were enjoyed and each resident received a Christmas Card with five dollars in it. Their next Homewood Bingo will be on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

The club is already planning their 2025 Golf Tournament which is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>.

March 15th will be their **March Madness 2025** at the Elks. The first round of tickets for March Madness were handed out to their members at their 12/10/24 meeting.



## Westminster Lions



The club held their **84<sup>th</sup> Charter Night** at the VFW in Westminster on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The club placed wreaths at Meadow Branch Cemetery on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

They are doing 2 fundraisers: They are selling different kinds of coffee and tea with *Giving Bean* and Online Pasta with *Fun Pasta*. **See flyers on pages 21 and 23.**

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

The club served at the **Soup Kitchen** at the Church of the Brethren on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

They donated 100 pajamas to **Josh’s Jammies** for children who are hospitalized.

The club will be participating in the **Roar Like a Lion** Day of Service at the Westminster Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Sleep in Heavenly Peace**  
The Club donated **70 bedding items** as part of the **VDG CHALLENGE #1** to support Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

**Josh’s Jammies**  
Lion Barb coordinated donations of more than **100 new pajamas** from the Westminster Lions Club and Mt. Zion Church in Finksburg to donate to **JOSH’S JAMMIES**. The PJs were delivered to Josh’s mother at Chestnut Ridge Fire Company.



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

## Roaring News from Our Leo Clubs

### Walkersville Middle School Leo Club:

Leos continued work on the school courtyards, as well as, making holiday cards to be completed and delivered to local assisted- living communities in December. The club will meet in December to have an official meeting, complete their card project, plan for January's service and enjoy team building and relationships with a Hot Cocoa Bar.



### Walkersville High School Leo Club:

On Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Leos participated in a pumpkin pick-up event at Brookfield Farms. On Nov.20<sup>th</sup> they took part in the annual Harvest of Hope Festival, hosted by the City of Frederick at Keys Stadium. This event involved distributing free turkeys to families in need for Thanksgiving, spreading holiday cheer and support to the community.

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Leos assisted the Lions Club at the **Christmas in New Market Underwear Sale**, held at New Market Grange Hall. This event supports the *UNDY 500* initiative, which aims to provide 500 pairs of underwear to first graders who lost everything in the hurricane.



**Walkersville High School Leos Sponsored by the Glade Valley Lions Club**

Both Leos clubs will be participating in the Roar Like a Lion Day of Service with the Glade Valley Lions Club at the Walkersville Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

At their December meeting, seven of their Leos made chenille tree ornaments for the residents at Sun Valley Assisted Living Facility. Leo Amelia received recognition for completing 6 ornaments in a half hour compared to Leo Advisor Pauline Rosier who completed 3 ornaments in an hour and a half. The day after their meeting, five of their Leos visited the residents to give them the ornaments and were led by Lion Mindy in singing Christmas carols.

The Leos were also involved with the residents, playing bingo and they received special treats for winning bingo.

The Leos will be receiving a t-shirt in the new year. They have to achieve three meetings and/or service projects in order to receive their t-shirt.



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

At Noon on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, approximately 35 Leos from Century and Liberty high Schools and 15 Lions from the Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) gathered at Salerno's Restaurant in Eldersburg to deliver 41 completely cooked **Thanksgiving turkey dinners** to needy families in the Sykesville/Eldersburg area. This is an annual project led by Bob Bastress, Chair of the FDLC Youth Outreach Committee. The Leo advisors Patti Naper from Century and Pete Lester from Liberty High were also present to assist. The local restaurant cooks and box up the dinners and 2 Leos ride in a car with a Lion or other driver to deliver the dinners to a waiting family.



Both Leo Clubs conducted a Christmas Project at Wal Mart in Eldersburg on Sat. December 7<sup>th</sup>. Both clubs will be participating in the Roar Like a Lion Day of Service at the Eldersburg Library on 2/1.

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

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. The club will be participating in the Roar Like A Lion Day of Service with the Middletown Lions at the Middletown Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

The **Linganore Leo Club** had been busy, helping the Libertytown-Unionville Lions club with the Great Frederick Fair. They will hold their Charter Ceremony on February 4th at the Liberty Road Seafood and Steak Restaurant.

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

**New Market Middle School Leo Club** made a monetary donation and donated pet supplies to the Humane Society. The club will be participating in the Roar Like a Lion event at the Urbana Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**The Springfield Middle School Leo Club** collected 350 items for the Food Bank at their school



**Springfield Middle School Leo Club**  
Sponsored by the Williamsport Lions Club

**Mt Airy MS Leos** will participate in the Roar Like a Lion Day of Service at the Mt Airy Ridge Library on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mt Airy MS Leo Club**  
Sponsored by the Mt Airy Lions Club

## 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 Committee**

### MD 22 CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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

Golf Tournament	12:00 noon
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#### **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** **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 3<sup>rd</sup>** **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 4<sup>th</sup>** **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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** -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 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 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.





**Fabrício Oliveira**  
International President



We are driven by a desire to serve. As Lions, we're always thinking about others and the work that needs to be done to help them, both in our communities and around the world. And when we grow our membership, we're also growing the amount of service we can do — and the impact we can make together.

I know we can serve more people than ever before this year, thanks to your service and your support of *MISSION 1.5*. So let's serve and grow to make our mark like only Lions can.



## Get ready for the International Convention in Orlando, Florida

The Lions International Convention is coming to Orlando, Florida, USA, from July 13-17, 2025. Convention brings Lions and Leos from around the world together to connect and learn, to have fun, and to celebrate our service and the mark we are making. And it's all happening in Orlando, a city that's famous for its fantastic attractions, lively cuisine, trendy shopping and iconic theme parks.

The International Convention happens once a year. In 2025, we'll celebrate together in the theme park capital of the world. Get ready to be entertained, find inspiration and meet new friends. We'll see you in Orlando where we will truly make unforgettable memories together!

So [register](#) today to join us in the magical city of Orlando for our biggest Lion event of the year! And be sure to register by March 1, 2025 to take advantage of the early bird registration discount.



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## 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. The convention schedule is on the next page.**



Visit our outstanding exhibitor booths and grab new gear in the Lions Shop. Lions International staff will also be on hand to answer your questions and share new resources with you.

Mix and mingle with your Lion friends at breakfasts, receptions and other special events. These get-togethers are always a convention favorite.

Meet Melvin Jones Fellows and Lion leaders, enjoy the awards presentation and bring your appetite to this annual Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon.

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Lions and Leos showcase their heritage and their pride as they march together through the streets in colorful costumes. Enjoy the pageantry of one of Lions International's most time-honored traditions.

### Future Dates for the International Convention:

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



## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

**Sunday, July 13 – Thursday, July 17, 2025**

Official International Convention events will take place at the

**Orange County Convention Center**

### SATURDAY, JULY 12

11:00 – 17:00 Parade Office Open

### SUNDAY, JULY 13

08:00 – 17:00 Registration Open

08:00 – 17:00 Parade Office Open

10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open

### MONDAY, JULY 14

09:00 – 17:00 Registration Open

09:00 – 13:00 Parade of Nations

10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open

15:00 – 16:00 Business Session  
*Present the Candidates for International Director*

18:00 – 20:00 International Show

### TUESDAY, JULY 15

09:00 – 17:00 Registration Open

09:30 – 12:00 Opening Plenary Session  
*Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony,  
Nominations for Third Vice President*

10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open

12:00 – 17:00 Elections

12:30 – 14:30 Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon

13:15 – 17:00 Seminars



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16**

- 09:00 – 17:00 Registration Open
- 09:30 – 12:00 Second Plenary Session  
*Memorial Service, LCIF Session, Keynote Speaker*
- 10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open
- 10:00 – 17:00 Elections
- 13:15 – 17:00 Seminars
- 20:00 – 22:00 Past International Presidents / Past International  
Directors / District Governors / Past District  
Governors Banquet

**THURSDAY, JULY 17**

- 07:30 – 09:30 Registration Open
- 09:30 – 12:00 Closing Plenary Session  
*Installation of 2025-2026 International President and  
District Governors*
- 19:00 – 21:00 International Officers Meet and Greet