

DISTRICT 22-W NEWS



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District Governor's Message

Have you ever visited the Lions Club Member Center? Go to <u>http://www.lionsclubs.org</u> and click on Member Center in the upper right hand corner and welcome to the wonderful world of Lions!

Member Center Highlights:

<u>Download Resources</u>: Download the Lions clubs' resources you need, including logos, publications, forms and Certificates of Insurance.

<u>Watch Videos:</u> See how Lions are making an impact around the world. Download videos to share at your next meeting or event.

<u>Managing a Club:</u> Find resources for club officers, including PR tools, planning guides, finance forms and more.

<u>Strengthen Membership and Clubs</u>: Get tips to help you start a new club, invite new members and manage club operations effectively.

<u>Plan Lions Projects</u>: Meet your community's needs by planning service activities focused on sight, youth, the environment and more.

<u>Become a Lions Leader</u>: Discover training resources and leadership development opportunities, including online courses and webinars.

<u>Connect with Lions Online</u>: Use our online tools to share your stories, photos and ideas — and network with other Lions around the world.

February is Low Vision Month and a great opportunity for Lions to provide hope and resources to those living with Low Vision. The Lions Eye Health Program offers a Low Vision module for community education and awareness, co-branded with the National Eye Institute. More information about Low Vision is available at Multiple District 22 Lions Vision Research Foundation: <u>http://www.lionsvision.org/</u> and at the National Eye Institute: http://www.nei.nih.gov/lowvision.

Through the Lions Vision Center (LVC), the Lions Vision Research Foundation and Wilmer are committed to supporting low vision research and rehabilitation to minimize the disability caused by low vision and blindness. The Center's professional staff includes physicians, optometrists, research scientists, rehabilitation therapists, and ophthalmic technicians. Together they have created a low vision rehabilitation program that has become a model for clinics elsewhere.

The LVC has three integrated missions: research and development, education, and patient care in low vision (uncorrectable vision loss). All three missions brought to bear on the search for an understanding of the causes of low vision, better management of patients, and, ultimately, effective treatments.

What the Center Offers:

At the Low Vision Rehabilitative Service, a multidisciplinary team of doctors and rehabilitative specialists works closely with the patient, family, friends and the referring doctor to assist an individual in regaining function lost by visual impairment. This typically includes addressing vision issues causing problems with reading, driving and activities of daily living.

Brian Cox

District Governor

Home Club: Terra Rubra Lions Club Phone:301-676-0350 Email: **bcox@comcast.net**







1st VDGE's Message

In a June 5, 2016, online article by Joanne Fritz, who has served as Director of Development for The Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis, Associate Director of Programs at Elderhostel's Southwest Regional Office, and Director of University Relations at St. Louis University and the University of Iowa, there are numerous **methods** you can use to **recruit volunteers**. She quoted the authors of *Essential Volunteer Management*, Rick Lynch and Steve McCurley, who suggest three basic ways to recruit: Warm Body Recruitment, Targeted Recruitment, and Concentric Circles Recruitment.

When you need many volunteers for a *short period*, and the qualifications of the task are minimal, you might engage in "warm body recruitment." This involves broad dissemination of information, including the distribution of posters and brochures, speaking to groups, word of mouth and notices in appropriate media.

When you are trying to recruit volunteers that need to *have specific skills or characteristics*, you may use "targeted recruitment" which requires a carefully planned approach to a small audience. For targeted recruitment, you must know: What do we need? Who could provide this? How can we communicate with them? What would motivate them? With the answers to these questions you can identify and locate the volunteers that you need and can take your message directly to them.

"Concentric circles recruitment" requires that you identify people who are already in direct or indirect contact with your organization and then contact them with your recruiting message. These groups include your clients, their families and relatives; alumni of your program; friends of current volunteers and staff; people in your organization's neighborhood; and, individuals who have been affected by the problem you are attempting to solve. This type of recruitment involves people who are already familiar with your organization or the problem you address, or who are connected through friends or staff members. This method of recruitment is more likely to succeed in persuading those you have identified to volunteer than complete strangers; you will be making a "warm" call to an acquaintance or a friend.

No matter which recruitment method you use, you must have a compelling message. You need to explain why your group is worthy of that person's time. Make your message short, simple, and direct, communicating the need for the volunteer's service and the good he/she can do. Stress the needs of the community for the service, but also point out the benefits the volunteer will receive. These include doing good as well as the skills and valuable experiences that the volunteer will gain.

These recruitment methods can easily be used by us and our Lions clubs. The methods described as "concentric circles recruitment" lend themselves to our Lions organization as we all have friends and relatives, people in our neighborhoods as well as individuals whom we have helped who may now be ready to give back to others.

We must continue to recruit new members to help us accomplish the goals of our local clubs and district as well as Lions Clubs International. As our International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew says, "Together we can reach new heights as an association, and position ourselves to achieve our LCI Forward goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021."

Susan Bonura

Ask

1st Vice District Governor Email: lionsbonura@comcast.net Phone: 443-745-1281 Home Club: South Carroll Lioness Lions Club

Go Lions! Go Lions! Go Lions! Serve! Serve! Serve!

2nd VDGE's Message

We are now finished with January and entering another winter month. Lion Sue and I have been enjoying "winter" in Florida. We recently made a visitation to the Punta Gorda Lions Club and witnessed the transfer of 10 members from the former Port Charlotte Lions Club that recently turned in their charter. The club funds were also transferred to their new Lions club and they can continue serving their community through this club. I mentioned before that the Port Charlotte members were old and could no longer continue to serve effectively. Can you imagine getting 10 new club members with more on the way? The horizons of your club could be expanded dramatically.

But, what about the leadership? We noticed that the leaders of the former club were given leadership roles in their new club. So, not only did the Punta Gorda Lions get new members, but their leadership has also been enhanced.

Are you ready to enhance your club's leadership? I encourage you to take a leadership role in your club. We will need members to accept positions of leadership for the Lions year 2017-2018. Elections will be held throughout District 22-W and the new leadership will be reported to LCI in April. Our Lions fiscal year runs July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, so your term of office won't begin until July 1st. Think about it. How can you help your club through great leadership? Our Lions have many talents in their lives, and those talents could be beneficial to your Lions club. Thanks for giving leadership your consideration.

Remember, each day is a day closer to spring. Keep warm and safe, and keep up the good work serving your community.

I am available by calling 301-707-7200 (cell) or by e-mail at <u>gbeachy@comcast.net</u>.

SUDG Lion Gerry Beachy

175 Parkview Circle, Grantsville, MD 21536 301-707-7200 cell gbeachy@comcast.net





Feb.1: **Roaring Run** will host the <u>Zone meeting</u>. Club President Lion President Vicki will call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Zone Chair Gary Buchman will conduct the zone meeting in which each club will share the activities and programs of their clubs. Zone Chair Buchman will discuss District activities.

Feb. 2 - GROUNDHOG DAY

Feb.4: **Myersville** All You Can Eat Pancake Break-fast...7:00am-10:30am.

Feb. 4 : **Middletown Lions** All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast..

Feb. 5 - SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

.Feb. 14: VALENTINES DAY

Feb. 15: **HAMSTEAD LION** will meet on **February 15**, (instead of Tuesday, February 14, 2017) at their regular location, Greenmount Station Restaurant, 1631 N. Main Street, Hampstead, MD 21074 at the regular meeting time 6:59 pm.

Feb. 17: **Lineboro-Manchester** Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Manchester Valley High School, 3300 Maple Grove Road, Manchester, MD 21102 ...See ad

Feb. 25: **Potomac Valley** Spaghetti Dinner..See ad





March: 4: **Myersville Lions** All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast—7:00am-10:30am.

March 4-**Terra Rubra Lions** Sportsman Drawing-Terra Rubra Lions Building 1-4 p.m.-\$30.00 p/p

March 9: **Greater Carroll Lions** will celebrate their 12th Charter Anniversary, at the VFW Social Hall, 519 Pool Road, Westminster. Social/Cash Bar: 6:30 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm...See ad

March 14: **South Carroll Lioness Lions Club** will be holding a fundraiser at Oscar's Alehouse in Eldersburg from 11:30 a.m. until the restaurant closes that evening. See Ad

March 15: **Membership Training**...10:00am at Terra Rubra Activity Building,, 6300 Middleburg Rd., Keymar 21757.

March 17-**Terra Rubra Lions** Scholarship Bingo-Terra Rubra Lions Building Doors open 5 p.m.- \$15.00 p/p

March 18 – **Taneytown Lions**: SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SEAFOOD SALE.

March 22: New Windsor Lions Charter Night—plans not final



MEMORIALS



GARY WILLIAM FINZE

Gary William Finzel, 72, of Grantsville, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2016, at his residence. Born Jan. 20, 1944, in Finzel, he was the son of Violet (Morozek) Finzel, Grantsville and the late Stanley Finzel.

Gary will be remembered for being a loving and devoted husband and father, who provided selflessly for his wife, children and grandchildren. He opened his home to everyone because he never met a stranger. Gary always had a way of making people laugh with his special way of telling a story or delivering a joke.

Gary founded G & P Auto in 1982, which he operated for 35 years and would often give his customers a place to stay in his home. He also worked for Juvenile Services, was a member and past president of the Grantsville Lions Club and a charter member of Northern Garrett Co. Rescue Squad.

Gary was a class of 1962 graduate of Northern Garrett High School. Along with his mother, he is also survived by his wife, Phyllis Joye (Friend) Finzel; one son, Howard Finzel and wife, Beth, Grantsville; one daughter, Tracy Fratz and husband, Steve, Accident; one sister, Sheila Wilt and husband, Rob, Grantsville; two brothers-in-law, Bernie and Charlotte Friend, Friendsville, Tom and Eileen Friend, Lewisburg, Pa.; one sister-in-law, Judy Wilson and husband, David, Terra Alta, W.Va.; four grandchildren, Kasie Fratz, Ryan Finzel, Kaitlynn Fratz and Adam Finzel.

The family would like to thank Dr. Zaman & Staff and Dr. Watkins & Staff. Funeral services were held in the funeral home on Monday, Jan. 2, 201, with Pastor Dana Umbel and Pastor Dale Curtis officiating. Cremation will follow services. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Hospice of Garrett County or Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.





Our Hagerstown Lioness Club has lost two members and two former members during January.

Lioness Phyllis Shifler, age 90, passed away on January 2, 2017 at Reeder's Memorial Home. Phyllis was a Lioness since 1986. She enjoyed Lioness activities until she was no longer able to participate.

Lioness Lucille Beard passed away at age 92 on January 3, 2017 at Ravenwood Lutheran Village. Lucille loved life and enjoyed every minute of it. She always was cheerful, no matter how she felt. She had a lot of health problems, but continued to attend Lioness meetings and was at the December Christmas party.

Patsy Johns passed away at age 82 on January 2, 2017. She was a Lioness for twenty-nine years. She chose to resign in 2010. Patsy enjoyed playing the piano and organ and loved to sing. She was a sister of our Lioness Eloise Shaffer and wife of Bud Johns.

Vernie Lushbaugh died at age 92 on January 1, 2017. She belonged to our Lioness Club from 1981-1993. She loved to do crafts, and was very active when our club made crafts to sell.

We also want to remember **Lioness Phyllis Groh** who passed away at age 96 on October 24, 2016 at the Coffman Nursing Home in Hagerstown. Phyllis was a long service member of the Hagerstown Lioness Club and often served on the Social Committee. Phyllis was also known in the arts and crafts community for her spectacular dried flower arrangements and tole paintings. She was a master gardener and hosted many house and garden tours at her home.

We will greatly miss these five ladies.



LCIF NEWS

Submitted by PDG Kent Eitemiller 2015-2016 - District 22W LCIF CHAIR Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club District 22W LCIF Coordinator <u>keitemiller@yahoo.com</u>

Below is an article by Dr. Yamada. This is just a small part of what LCIF does throughout the world.

District 22W has contributed \$33,331 to LCIF. That is about 66% of our goal for the year. Don't forget the "District 22W \$50 contributing member challenge."

That small contribution which equates to only 96 cents per week will make a difference to LCIF and help District 22W make its goal.

The commemorative coin is now available from the Lions store or the US Mint. **There are a limited number of coins**. When they are gone they will not be minted again. <u>(Note:</u> <u>It is less expensive to order directly from the</u> <u>Mint).</u>

When your club nominating committee selects their Officers for the next Lions year, be sure to include the position of LCIF Club Director. Feel free to contact me about LCIF.

SUPPORTING LCIF IS SUPPORTING LIONS' SERVICE

Dear Lions,

Earlier this month, a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck Indonesia. While the quake lasted only 15 seconds, more than 100 buildings collapsed and more than 100 people have perished. Thousands of people were left homeless and rescuers used their bare hands to pull people from the rubble. Hospitals were overflowing and patients were being treated outside in tents. The situation is still dire.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) responded immediate-

ly, issuing a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to assist with both immediate and longterm needs. Local Lions sprang into action, offering food, blankets, medical supplies and clean water to the victims.



Lions around the world have continually supported LCIF's disaster relief area of funding, which has allowed the foundation to respond with immediate financial support. Thank you for your dedication to helping those in need.

Our thoughts go out to the victims of the Banda Aceh earthquake and to the Lions still working to help them. Please consider making a donation to the disaster relief fund so we can continue offering aid in times of catastrophe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada—Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

President's Message



Dear Lion,

It's been 100 years in the making, and now our Centennial year is finally here. Lions have already served over 130 million people during the Centennial Service Challenge, invited new Lions to join us in service, and completed over 10,000 Legacy Projects in communities around the globe. And we're just getting started.

It's a great honor and responsibility to lead Lions into our Centennial year. The hard work and dedication of our leaders makes our clubs and our association stronger. That's why I'm asking you to rededicate yourselves to making this year a tremendous success to honor the legacy of Melvin Jones, the work of your districts and the service of the Lions who came before us.

Please work with your clubs to continue to see how many more people we can serve, how many friends and neighbors we can invite, and how many communities we can impact.

Together we can reach new heights as an association, and position ourselves to achieve our LCI Forward goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

Very truly yours,

Chancellor Bob Corlew

Your International President

FRAUD ALERT SENT BY District Governor Brian Cox:

It has been brought to my attention that outside parties are attempting to defraud Lions Clubs in our district by the following method.

An email is sent to the club treasurer, supposedly from the club president, asking for a specific amount of money to be wired to a bank account and this transaction must take place immediately. The email includes routing numbers and other seemingly legitimate banking information.

<u>Please check the email for valid email</u> <u>addresses and do not wire any funds that</u> <u>have not been approved by your club and/</u> <u>or your board of directors</u>.



ROSTER BOOK CHANGES:

Email Change: Lion Andrew DeMario, Jr -District Sight Conservation White Cane/Eye Bank Chair, page(s) 47, 91: <u>andydemar-</u><u>io@gmail.com</u>

The Hancock Lioness Lions have changed their meeting time and location. They will meet the 2nd (Board Meeting) and 4th Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Park-N-Dine, 189 East Main St., Hancock, MD 21750 page 42 in the roster book.

CHALLENGE FOR DISTRICT 22W CLUBS Submitted by Public Relations Chair William Strauss

A few months ago, Lion Sandy Parker of District 22W suggested that all clubs in MD22 start collecting dimes in a 2-liter jar for LVRF.

On November 19th at the LVRF Great Lions Roar, the Fenwick Island Lions Club of District 22 -D presented a jar greatly exceeding 2 liters with a wide mouth so as to accept all shapes and sizes of donations.

The jar, pictured below, contained over \$1,000 which was collected at their club meetings!

If the Fenwick Island club can do this, why can't other clubs do this?

Consider this a challenge to every club in MD22 to do what

the

Fenwick Island Lions did!



CONVENTION UPDATE:

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

DATE: JUNE 29, 2017 PLACE: CHICAGO, IL

We are in the process of planning a trip to the International Convention in Chicago from **June 29-July 5, 2017**. We hope you can join us. We will travel by Luxury Coach and have an assigned hotel.

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A NATIONAL CONVENTION!

Please contact PDG Marion D. Carmack, Jr -Cell 240-285-2485 or Home 301-662-4689 for more information regarding the bus trip.

CONVENTION HOTEL: Our convention hotel is the Chicago Hyatt Regency, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 60601. The rate is \$156.00. Tax is17.4%, so room is \$183.00. *MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ASAP!*

PARKING: Valet Parking is \$65.00/night. Offsite self-parking is available next door at \$44.00/night.

AMTRAK Capitol Limited is another method of transportation leaving from Cumberland on June 29th and returning on July 5th.

If you want to party with 30,000 Lions and help celebrate 100 years of Lionism, and welcome in the next century of Service, then register now at <u>http://</u> <u>lcicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/</u> <u>index.php</u>

MEETING OUR LVRF GOALS – LETS SHOOT FOR 100% Submitted by: Lion Bob Johnson District 22-W LVRF Chair

At the start of the Lions year our District Governor set a stretch goal for District 22-W that called for us to donate \$50K to the Multiple District 22 Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF). As of the end of January I am happy to report that we have met this goal, which is all-time high for our district. However, just because we have met our goal, I don't want the clubs that have not vet sent in their donations to feel that they their donations are not needed. At this time 16 clubs (27% of the district) have not sent in their LVRF donations yet. I realize that some clubs hold their donations to the end of the year and present them at "Community Night" programs and I am looking forward to receiving those donations. District 22-W has achieved 100% support of other programs over the years and I would hope that we can reach this benchmark for our support of our own MD-22 foundation this year.

Those of you who have not made your donations yet may be asking why the money is needed since we have already met the goal for the year. There are two important answers to this very valid question. First, total LVRF operating fund donations have been down for several years and it has been necessary for the foundation to draw from their reserve fund to meet their commitments to the Wilmer Eye Institute. Any surplus that may accrue this year as a result of our generosity can be used to help rebuild the reserve fund. Second, in November of 2016 LVRF announced the start of a drive to establish a second LVRF endowment fund to cover the cost of the annual Wilmer Eye Institute fellowship that we fund to train low vision specialists. The cost of the endowment (100K per year) represents a significant portion of the LVRF's annual operating fund requirems. Donations exceeding the annual operating fund requirements can be directed to this new endowment.

Once the endowment is funded the LVRF will be able to first, reduce their annual operating fund requirements, and second, potentially have additional funds that can be used to pursue other vision research and client service programs. Currently, within the boundaries of MD-22 approximately 10,000 individuals are diagnosed with low vision every year.

Since low vision is primarily an age related condition, this incidence can be expected to grow as the general population ages. That means that the demands for low vision services, as provided by the Lions Low Vision Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute, will also grow. Your continued donations help the low vision center meet this growing demand.

Thanks for your donations --



LEADER DOG: Submitted by Leader dog chair: Lion Lenny Gares

Leader Dog Banquets are scheduled for the following dates; Region I, Monday, April 24, Region II, Tuesday, April 25, Region III, Wednesday, April 26, and Region IV, on Thursday, April 27.

Jeff Hawkins and Leader Dog Gracie, from Michigan, will be representing Leader Dog at our banquets. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.

The district continues to support Leader Dog in many ways. The Yellow Springs Lions Club has once again paid the veterinary bill for Leader Dog Bentley.

Lion Jennifer Smith from the Glade Valley Lions Club has become a Leader Dog Puppy Raiser. Jennifer and her family are raising Leader Dog in training Sacha.

CONGRATULATIONS LION BILL STRAUSS!

At the LVRF Rally in November, Libertytown-Unionville Lion, Bill Strauss received the Dr. Arnold Patz Award. He is shown with Club President Harry Swope and DG Brian Cox receiving this well deserved award.

If you have ever attended a Cabinet Meeting, a Loins' Banquet, Change of Banner, convention, Social, etc., you will have seen Lion Bill with his camera. No event goes undocumented thanks to the pictures he takes recording the event. Furthermore, there is usually a video of the event with accompanying music.

Lion Bill makes certain the District is represented in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington and, yes, he records that as well.

Lion Bill volunteers at all the events his club, Libertytown-Unionville Lions, sponsors. He publishes the newsletter for Lions LVRF as well as his club newsletter. He is secretary of his club. In the meantime he is the District 22-W Public Relations and Publicity Chairperson. He is a dedicated Lion.

WHO WAS DR. PATZ?

Dr. Arnall Patz* was the Wilmer visionary who desired a partnership with Lions International. Helen Keller had previously suggested to him that he work with the Lions, who were active in helping the blind. He concluded that a joint service project between the world's largest service organization and the world's leading eye institute would result in great discoveries which would help people worldwide.

During the period 1978 to 1985 Dr. Patz made several overtures to Lions International, including a trip to Lions Headquarters in 1979, to encourage the Lions to collaborate with the Wilmer Eye Institute. With time, support for the partnership grew among the Lions of MD22 representing Delaware, the District of Columbia, and Maryland. In May of 1988, delegates to the 66th MD22 Lions Convention approved the establishment of the Lions Vision Research Foundation.

In November 1991, with then Lions International President Don Banker in attendance, the Lions and the Wilmer Eye Institute entered into a formal memo of understanding officially creating the Lions Vision Center and committing the Lions to the raising of the endowment fund.

*Dr. Patz discovered the use of oxygen for premature babies could render them blind. Thanks to his findings many children have not lost their sight.



THIRD CABINET DIABETES REPORT

Diabetes Co-Chairman Donna S. Jackman

KISS A PIG CONTEST

The 2016 – 2017 Kiss-A-Pig Contest will be held at the April 2, 2016 Cabinet Meeting to be held at the South Mountain Rod and Gun Club. All proceeds from this event go 100% toward <u>research</u> to find a cure for diabetes.

Candidates for this year's contest are District Governor Brian Cox, 1st VDG Susan Bonura, 2nd VDG Gerry Beachy, Cabinet Secretary Susan Cox, Cabinet Treasurer Evan Gillett, Administrative Assistant Cartha Johnson, Region Chairmen Sandy Moore, Lois Conrad, Ed Crutchley and Sam Foster. These contestants are all candidates because of their District Offices. Lion Carol Ann Alphin of the Longmeadow Lions Club and Lion Tom Harney of the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club are volunteer participants to date. I welcome any and all contestants to enter the contest. *Please let me know immediately* if you are willing to be a candidate so I can publicize all participants.

The contestant that raises the most money gets to kiss the pig's nose. Whoever does not raise and is a slacker and has the least amount to turn in gets the honor of kissing the other end of the pig. Let's see if we can raise over \$10,000 this year!

CAMP MERRICK

I have just gotten the information from *Camp Merrick for the 2017 Summer Sessions*. Family Camp will be held June 28-July 1. There will be two Diabetic Sessions this summer. Session 1 will be July 2 – 8, and Session II will be held July 9 – 14. There will be a new Family Camp for New Diabetics held July 16 – 19. Cost per child this year is \$895 per child including the nonrefundable \$25 registration fee. Family Camp is \$275 per family member attending. We ask the family to pay the \$25 non-refundable fee if possible. For Family Camp Sessions we pay only for the diabetic child and do not pay anything toward other family member's fees.

If you know of a diabetic child who can benefit from this camping experience, please have them get in touch with me. I do not have the registration form as of this time. However, I am told that it is available on line. Please tell them DO NOT REGISTER ON LINE!!!! Registration must come through me for our Lions to pay for the child. They may get the form on line, but it MUST BE SENT TO ME!!!!!

I have a list of detailed instructions that I will fax or e-mail with an application form once I get the form with my instructions. My phone number is 301-790-2036. My e-mail address is dsjlbj615@myactv.net. The house address is 659 Trafalgar Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742. I encourage all clubs to contact the schools in their area and let them know that our Lions sponsor this program to help diabetic children between the ages of 8 and 16. I encourage your club to support our program with a contribution to keep this program going.

STRIDES WALK

I have only been notified by one Region that they are planning a Strides Walk in their Re-



gion. If others are planning a walk or event and I can help, please feel free to contact me. I will do all I can to help you.

2017 PEACE POSTER CONTEST Submitted by Lion Allan Chrest District 22-W Peace Poster Chairperson

The 2017 Peace Poster Contest is officially underway! This year's theme is "The Future of Peace", and it marks the 30th. anniversary of the contest. Kits are now available from LCI, and now is the time to contact your local middle and private schools. When schools re-convene in Sept., there just isn't much time left to start the process. The rules must be strictly adhered to, or posters will be disqualified. This makes it fair for all participants.

If I can be of any assistance; or if you would like me to talk to your club about the contest, my contact information is in the roster book.

DISTRICT 22-B SOCIAL

The 22B Social, honoring District Governor Ben Cassell and First Lady Nanette will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Kent Island American Legion, 800 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville, MD 21666. The social hour, with cash bar, will be at 5:30 with program and dinner to follow at 6:30. The guest speaker for the evening will be International Director Jerome Thompson from Moulton, Alabama. Entertainment for the night will be Lion John Paolella from the Chestertown Lions Club

REGION II - ALL ZONE MEETING

Will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 6:30 PM, hosted by the West Hagerstown Lions Club, at the Washington Square Methodist Church, 538 Washington Avenue Hagerstown, MD 21740. The menu will be stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, dessert, and drinks. COST: \$11 per person. Make check payable to West Hagerstown Lions Club. RESER-VATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2017. Please send reservation form and check to: Donna Jackman, 659 Trefalgar Dr., Hagerstown MD 21742.

REGION IV, ZONE 3 MEETING

Roaring Run Lions Club will be hosting the third Zone Meeting of Region 4, Zone 3 on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 6:45 Fellowship, and Dinner at 7 pm at Bullock's Restaurant, 2020 Sykesville Rd (Rt. 32), Westminster, MD. The dinner cost will be \$13.00 per person, payable that evening. Dinner will be Bullock's Famous Fried Chicken and two sides. Please wear your club shirts or other casual attire, no ties or suit coats are needed. Please send Lion Vicki Mahr a list of the members from your club who will be attending by Thursday, January 26th. This list can be sent to me via email mahrfamily5@comcast.net or by phone 410-292-5738.

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM 2017: Submitted by: PDG John Parker

Greetings fellow Lions, This year's Forum features fantastic motivational speakers who will inspire us to go where no Lion has gone before, into the future. From an Astronaut who will present the future direction of space exploration, to an athlete who will talk of overcoming his 2017-18 Program, and a challenge by one of the most exciting motivational speakers in the country.... This is a line up you won't want to miss. There are 237 days until September 21-23, and Early bird registration ends July 9th 2017. It will cost you \$285.00. So far we have 848 Registrants. Hotels are filling up fast, so don't delay getting on board. Portland, Oregon is a beautiful place, so don't miss out. I will have registration forms at the Cabinet meeting, or you may elect to go on line to register.



HELP WANTED!

Submitted by Alert Committee Chair Myron Horn

The ALERT Committee is making progress on procuring an ALERT Trailer to be used in Debris Cleanup following a disaster.

Our immediate plans are to purchase and equip one ALERT Disaster Response Trailer and deploy it out of Washington County.

We need a Club, a Team or an Individual who is willing to secure the trailer, tow it when a response is needed, and maintain the equipment so it is ready for the next response.

Requirements:

*Access to a Heavy Duty Vehicle or 3/4 Ton Pickup to tow an 8,000 pound trailer.

*Secure place to park the trailer.

*Must be willing to hook up and tow vehicle at least quarterly.

*Must be willing to tow trailer to disaster scene when assigned.

*May take trailer to community outreach events throughout the District.

*Must be willing to start generator, clean, and inventory equipment periodically.

If you have any <u>**questions**</u>, or if you are i<u>nterested</u> in supporting this project, reply to DG Brian Cox, PDG Bob Mitchell, or Lions Myron Horn, or Bob Johnson.

SECRETARY SCHULZ SPEAKS TO LIONS

Submitted by Lion William Strauss

Maryland Secretary of Labor Kelly Schulz recently spoke to the Libertytown-Unionville Lions. We know her as Lion Kelly and it was wonderful that she was able to find time in her very busy schedule and return to our den.

She told us about all the exciting things that are happening in Maryland and specifically in her area as Secretary of Labor.

She punctuated that with a summary of her work day (and most of the day for her is at work) and said she was glad she had become a Lion and was looking forward to attending meetings in the future when her schedule allowed it.

Pictured below: Lions Club President Harry Swope with Secretary Shulz





TERRA RUBRA LIONS CLUB INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS Submitted by Region Chair Sam Foster

At District Governor Brian Cox's official visit to the Terra Rubra Lions Club on January 16th he inducted 4 new members into his Home Club.



Shown in the photo from left to right are:

Sponsor, Lion Kim Zinkand who sponsored New Lion David Collins; New Lions David Hake and Greg Trulli, sponsored by DG Brian Cox; and New Lion Stacey Schriver who was sponsored by President, Lion Richard Bowers.



WANTED INVALID EQUIPMENT

For over 60 years the Hagerstown Lions Club has been lending invalid equipment at no charge to members of our community who are in need. The program depends on the generous donation of equipment from individuals and businesses that have equipment that they no longer need. The following equipment is utilized in the program:

Wheel Chairs

Transport Chairs (wheel chair with small wheels that needs to be pushed)

Shower Chairs and Stools

Shower Transfer Benches (straddles a tub)

Bedside Commodes

Toilet seat inserts (raises toilet seat height)

Toilet frames (provides hand rails for toilets)

Walkers (4 legs, 2 wheels and 2 legs and Rollalators 4 wheels with seat)

Crutches

Canes (standard and quad)

If you would like to make a tax deductible equipment donation please call our answering machine at 301-393-9333 and leave contact information.

SOUTH CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL GREEN SCHOOL PROJECT

The Taylorsville Winfield Lions Club has been working with South Carroll High School as a community partner on its Green School Initiative since the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year.

To be certified as a Green School, SCHS has to undertake a variety of environmental conservation initiatives, incorporate environmental education into the curriculum, and partner with an external community organization for help in implementing its environmental conservation initiatives.

SCHS approached the Taylorsville Winfield Lions Club based on their history of supporting the media center, winter clothing drives, the Leos, and other activities.

The club endorsed partnering on this initiative, and Scott Murchie agreed to represent the club to the faculty committee who is overseeing the initiative (chaired by Mrs. Eleanor Alexander).

The first academic year focused on development of the school's plan. This academic year project implementation has begun: the Lions have assisted with a nature trail behind the school, and currently are assisting science teacher Ms. Judy Plaskowitz and her students with the construction of an aquaponics facility. Lions Bob Garber, Jerry Stroter, and Scott Murchie are supporting this project.



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Submitted by Chair PDG Margarito "Och" Ochoa

Isn't it great to be a LION! It is the responsibility of each and every Lion to go out and find new members to join their Clubs. To be able to do this they must have the tools of the trade. The Membership Chairperson of each club must instruct each Lion on how to go out and recruit new members. You must have a Plan and there are many ways to do this: have a Friendship night, have a community night, set up an information table at one of your service projects.

If you're not sure how to accomplish this, we as the GMT TEAM are here to assist you. We will come to your Club and have a work shop. Please give us a call. A Membership Plan is a very important document for the Leadership of each Club. If you are planning to meet the District Governors Goals you must have a membership plan. As of this date I have only received plans from a few clubs. If you are not sure how to prepare one send me an email to me or one of my GMT Team Specialist in your Region and we will assist you.

Save this date: March, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Terra Rubra Club, we will be having a MEMBERSHIP BRAINSTORMING meeting. Bring your ideas and share with other Lions on how to increase membership in your clubs. We will have coffee and donuts and lunch will be served. **Please let our Cabinet Secretary know if you are planning to attend**. We will also discuss "**How to Prepare a Membership Plan**". If your Club Membership Person has not yet prepared one, please encourage them to attend.

If you would like for us to visit your Club and talk about how to recruit new members, please give me a call or send me an email. **Our Membership numbers are still DOWN**. The **December numbers are as** follows: we are at 1, 908 members in our District, we brought in 90 new members but lost 96 members and are currently at a minus 6.

RETENTION- RETENTION, please find out why your members are leaving. THANK YOU

TERRA RUBRA LIONS SUPPORT OF LYF

Below is a picture of the laminated poster board designed for use by the Terra Rubra Lions to display in their Hall. Doing so reflects their support for LYF and the foundations appreciation for taking the initiative to support LYF.

LYF Chairman Bob Bruce and IPIP Clem Kusiak visited the Club's Board of Directors meeting on December 19th, presenting the poster to the President, Richard Bowers.

The following Lions were also recognized with a personal gift from PIP Clem Kusiak; Larry Stambaugh (LYF Trustee), Shelbe Stambaugh, Ken Keefer, Terri Grable and Karen Mehring for their timeless energy supporting the event.



LIONS YOUTH FOUNDATION WISHES TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUTE TO TERRA RUBRA LIONS FOR THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF OUR FOUNDATION. YOUR DEDICATION AND SUPPORT HAS MADE A DREAM COME TRUE.

> CLEMENT F. KUSIAK FOUNDER

HEARING/SPEECH INFORMATION Submitted by Coordinator Barbara Brimigion

There will be free hearing screenings at the Eldersburg Library on March 31, 2017, sponsored by local Lions Clubs in Region 4 Zone 3 from 9 am to noon. Screenings will be conducted by Dr. Nancy Hart from the Healthy Hearing and Balance in Westminster. Please spread the word!

For information contact Lion B. Brimigion @ bbrimigion@gmail.com or call 410-795-3167.

DISTRICT CABINET MEETING Submitted by DG Brian Cox

I want to thank the over 80 Lions who attended the Third Cabinet Meeting held yesterday at the Myersville Fire Company hosted by the Myersville Lions Club.

Special thanks to the Zone Chair John Aulls who filled in for Region Chair Ed Crutchley and to Zone Chair Ellen Crutchley for organizing an excellent event.

Region Chair Ed continues to recover from a recent, successful surgery to treat a brain tumor. We wish Ed a continued speedy recovery.

Special thanks also to Leader Dog Chair Lenny Gares and Lion Jennifer Smith, Ben Smith, Jeb Cliber, and Leader Dog In Training Sacha who provided the Cabinet Program on Leader Dog.

Another highlight of the meeting was LCIF Chair PDG Kent Eitemiller presenting PDG Margarito "Och" Ochoa with his second Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship awarded from proceeds from the District 22W Social funds, **congratulations PDG Och.**

BITS AND PIECES

HAGERSTOWN LIONESS' RING BELLS



Lionesses Paula Trumble, Ellen Gercke. Linda Tantillo, Kathleen Navin and Lion Tom Perry ringing the

Bell for the Salvation Army.

LIONS AND VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS AT CITIZENS

Santa (Lion Tony O'Toole) arrived bearing gifts for patients at Citizens and Montevue nursing homes. During the bingo game door prizes were awarded to winners. Christmas carols and cookies were enjoyed by all.





RJ Smith, PDG Marion Carmack, Ruth Smith, Lion Sandy Baisey, Lion Terry Lambert, Santa; Lion Tony O'Toole, Lion Joann Bannon

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NEW MARKET LIONS HAVE A BUSY CHRISTMAS



New Market District Lions Club President Patti Ann Lancaster surrounded by Lion Brian Lowell and Lion Julie Grenier tossed candy from the New Market District Lions trailer in the Christmas parade. Not shown is Lion Joanne Janssen who walked in the parade with her four Scottie Terriers.



Scout Troop 628 served as the color guard for the parade.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS AT SEARS 2016 Submitted by lion Suzanne Everheart

Lion Bob Drury, Chairman reported on December 5, 2016 that the New Market Lions Club made their annual trip to Sears, helping our elementary children in need within the District.

The Club asks the five (5) schools to provide a list of 5 children each. This year there was a total of 24 children that arrived at Sears by 9:30 AM. Each child was teamed up with a member of the club and had the support of Sears employees.

With the guidance of Lions members, the children were allowed to select their slacks, tops/shirts, coat, shoes, under garments and socks of their choice. At the checkout counter each child was given a large candy cane by Sears. All participating members of the Lions walked away with a smile as did the children that we were able to help. Our budget for the year was \$4,000.00 and our expenses were \$2,800.00.

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4-COUNTY LIONS CLUB GIVES TO THE COMMUNITY Submitted by Lion Patti Lease

The 4 County Lions club of Mt Airy, for the 3rd year in a row, helped Morgan Chapel United Methodist church feed 71 families in need for the holidays.

This is what community means...coming together to put food on the table for those who are having a hard time. It's a time of caring, and giving back.

Our motto is "we serve" and that is exactly what our club does to help every year. There is nothing that fills our hearts more than doing what we can for our community.

If you would like to see what we are about, please visit us for one of our Club meetings, at Memories Charcoal House in Mount Airy on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Pictured are members of the club and friends who worked on the project to help 71 families.



Club upcoming events: Main Street Heat Chili Cook-off, Saturday April 8th, 10-5; and Mount Airy Community Carnival June 5th - 10th

LCI COMMISSIONS SCULPTURER Submitted by: Lion Charlie Evans, Lineboro Manchester Lions Club

Craigger Browne is the resident sculptor in Sylacauga,AL. Sylacauga is known for the pure white marble that is quarried there. Sculptors say it is only equaled in quality by a quarry in Italy.

Craigger has been commissioned by Lions Club International to do a sculpture of the famous moment at the well with Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan. When the project is complete it will be dedicated and placed at the Helen Keller birthplace in Tuscumbia, AL.

Craigger is on Facebook if anyone wants to see more pictures of the project.



LEOS

VS FROM THE SOUTH CARROLL LEOS CLUB Submitted by Leo Chair Eileen Disinger

The South Carroll Leo Club collected \$250.54 for UNICEF in October. This project was led by Leo Hannah Moldovan. She collected 20 boxes from the Leo Club and Leo Erin Marino helped to count and roll coins.

The South Carroll Leos were very busy in the month of December. The Leos made Christmas and Hanukah cards for the Pleasant View Nursing Home and a small gift bag of fruit and holiday items was given to each of the 52 residents.

The Leos had about 75 extra cards so they were sent to the Bethesda Naval Hospital and Veterans Home in D.C. Mr. Ted Neddles from the Patriot Guard delivered these cards. He advised Lion Eileen afterwards that the cards were very wellreceived by all.

Leo President Rachel collected over 50 tooth brushes, tooth paste, floss and other personal hygiene item for several homeless and women's shelters. The Leo club also purchased clothing and toys for two families.

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Cordially Invite You To Help Us Celebrate Our

12th Charter Anniversary

Thursday, March 9, 2017 At the VFW Social Hall 519 Pool Road, Westminster Social/Cash Bar: 6:30 pm Dinner: 7:00 pm

> House Salad Fried Shrimp & Chicken Cordon Bleu Red Potatoes Green Vegetables Iced Tea – Coffee Cake



Entertainment = Herb "Daddy" Sell "This is Jazz"



\$20.00 per person at the door Please RSVP before March 3rd Charter Chair Irv Bohr Text 410-259-3836 Email: ibohr@comcast.net

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MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB

<u>BREAKFAST</u>

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Breakfast 7:00 AM -- 10:30 AM

Middletown Fire Company Activities Building 401 Firehouse Way off of Franklin Street

MENU: Pancakes, French toast

Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits, Fruit

Sausage and Chipped Beef Gravy

COST: Adults: \$7.50,

Seniors: \$6.50

Children

6-11 years: \$4.00, 5 & Under: Free







Potomac Valley Lions Club



All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner Thick & Meaty Sauce and Meatballs Garden Salad, Garlic Bread Choice of Desserts

> Saturday, February 25™ 4-7 p.m.

Rawlings United Methodist Church

Cost is your donation, whatever you can give...



Support your community and local Lions Club!

District Website: <u>http://www.e-district.org/sites/22W</u> Facebook: Lions Clubs District 22W Newsletter Editor: Phyl Thompson Email: <u>bthom206@aol.com</u> Material to be included due by the 22nd of

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