



LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS

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District Governor Message



Greetings from Chicago, the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention and International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal! When I return on July 5th I will officially be the District Governor for the greatest District in our Multiple! I am excited and happy to serve you and all Lions as your Governor. Thank you for providing me this opportunity!

My theme for the year is *Service from the Heart for 100 Years*, reflecting the past 100 years of Lions service to the communities of the world as well as the next 100 years of service to those in need.

Our Cabinet Secretary is Barbara Brimigion and our Cabinet Treasurer is Gary Buchman. Our Region I Chair is Sandy Moore and the Region I Zone Chairs are Allen Shaperio, Bridgette Karalewitz and Jerry Chambers. Our Region II Chair is Lois Conrad and the Region II Zone Chairs are Kasey Minnick, Dave Kaplan and Stan Stouffer. Our Region III Chair is John Aulls and our Region III Zone Chairs are Betsy Estilow, Richard Pickett and Harry Swope. Our Region IV Chair is Richard Crunkilton and our Region IV Zone Chairs are Mike Garner, Floyd Freyman and Myron Horn.

There are some changes to the Awards section of the roster book including service, donations and two new awards for LVRF and LCIF. There are also changes to the Club Excellence Award including the number of members required to attend certain meetings and events and the public collection of funds for LVRF and KeraLink Mid-Atlantic (formerly the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland). Please see the updated Awards section of the roster book as a separate attachment to this newsletter

My service goal for the year are that each club completes one project in each of the five service areas: Environment, Hunger, Vision, Pediatric Cancer and Diabetes. LCI is no longer emphasizing youth as a separate service area; youth are, and should be, involved in all five project areas as partners with Lions. Our new Global Service Team Coordinator is PCS Susan Cox. We are all waiting anxiously for more direction from Lions Clubs International regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Global Service Team

*Service from
the heart
for 100 years.*



My membership goals are to increase membership by a net of 19 members based upon membership growth in our district for the last five years. We are working to increase the number of women members and to stop the loss of members who join and then leave in the first two years of membership. The GMT and the entire membership team is working to start two new clubs. The GMT is led by Martin Bonura with Membership Specialists FVDG Gerry Beachy, PCS Susan Cox, PDG Bob Mitchell, PDG Andy DeMario, PDG John Hopkins, Region Chair Sandy Moore and Family and Women's Specialist Nadja Muchow.

My leadership goals include the provision of many training opportunities for Lions throughout the year. This year we are offering a make-up training in August for any club president, secretary, treasurer or membership chairman who did not have the opportunity to attend training in June. Look for training articles in all issues of our district newsletter. Our GLT is led by PDG Steve Finger with Leadership Specialists SVDG Lenny Gares, Allan Chrest, Region Chair Lois Conrad and PDG Kent Eitemiller.

My financial goals for our foundations and main charities are \$10,000.00 for the Lions Youth Foundation (LYF); \$35,000.00 for the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF); \$40,000.00 for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF); \$8,000 for the District 22W Foundation; \$15,000.00 for KeraLink Mid-Atlantic (formerly the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland) and \$30,000.00 for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

International President Aggarwal's theme is *We Serve*. According to Dr. Aggarwal, "Service to others defines who we are. It is our very reason to exist as a global organization. Our motto puts it in terms others can easily understand. Our single-minded purpose is and has been to provide service to those in need. Our motto is timeless and it is as relevant today as it was in 1917. It will inspire us into our next century of service."

Thank you all very much for allowing me to serve as your District Governor. I am looking forward to working with you to continue our strong legacy of service.

Susan Bonura

District Governor

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Pictured: MD22 DGEs at the Willis Tower in Chicago. DGEs Jeff Beever 22B, Carl Vettel 22C, Paul Rufe 22A, Charles Taylor 22D and Susan Bonura.



1st VDG's Message

Here we are heading into a new Lions year and I am assuming a new position, that of First Vice District Governor. I am looking forward in working with our new District Governor, Susan Bonura and Second Vice District Governor Lenny Gares for the Lions year 2017-2018.

I will be shifting emphasis from leadership to membership this year. DG Brian Cox has done a wonderful job encouraging the clubs of District 22W to increase their membership. ***And now we are in the plus figures at the end of his term as district governor.***

What does that mean? We have gained more members than we have lost for the first time in many years. It also mirrors what is happening in the U.S. Our country now is gaining more members than it is losing. Thanks to each Lion who has sponsored a new member this year, and we hope more Lion members will follow their example and find good, new members to take over for us older, 'seasoned' Lion members.

As I write this message for our first newsletter of 2017-2018, my wife, Lion Sue and I are getting ready to catch the Amtrak in Cumberland for our journey to the 100th Lions Convention in Chicago. What an event that promises to be! Lions from all over the world will gather to celebrate our Lions Centennial, 100 years of service. We hope to learn new things from Lions Clubs International (LCI) and bring new ideas back to the clubs of District 22W. There is great anticipation that more Lions will attend this special convention than ever before.

One other thing I would like to emphasize is our own ***Lions Camp Merrick*** in southeastern Maryland. My **grandson**, Lion Matthew Knauff, has attended the diabetic camp for 8 years, become a counselor in training, and is now serving as a camp counsellor for the second year. Also, my **daughter**, Jenny Knauff, RN is serving as a camp nurse for the second year. They both bring back many inspiring stories about how diabetic children have benefitted from Camp Merrick. If you know a diabetic child who would benefit from a week with other diabetic children, contact Lion Donna Jackman for details about our District 22W assistance that could pay for the week at Camp Merrick. **Also, contact me for further information.**

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



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Camp Merrick campers

2nd VDG's Message

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Since being elected at the Multiple District Convention, I have had the opportunity to do Installation of Officers ceremonies at Cumberland and Lonaconing Lions Clubs. I feel confident these incoming officers will lead their clubs into the 2017-2018 Lions' year with enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work.

I have also been working with the Lonaconing Lions club as a Guiding Lion. On Saturday June 24th Lonaconing held a chicken barbeque and membership drive. Lions from multiple Lions clubs came together to support the event and many prospective members were identified for the Lonaconing Lions Club. Thanks to all that participated!

Club Officer Training was held on June 10th at Carroll Community College and Allegany College of Maryland on June 17th. The instruction at the training was first class and I heard nothing but favorable comments from the participants and instructors. If you missed the training a make-up session will be coming soon, watch the District weekly announcements for details.

I look forward to the new Lions' year and would like to thank all the Lions of District 22-W for supporting me as Second Vice District Governor. It will be an honor to serve our district along with our new District Governor, Susan Bonura, First Vice District Governor, Gerry Beachy, and all the Lions of District 22-W.

Congratulations to District Governor Brian Cox and his team for a great year!

***"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit!"
Harry S. Truman***

Lenny Gares

2nd Vice District Governor
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Potomac Valley Lions Club



CALENDAR



July 4: **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRAATION**

July 4: **Frederick Lions Club** supports Barbara Fritchie Classic “motorcycle” race—main race 3:00pm

July 29: **CHANGE OF BANNER** at Terra Rubra



Aug.11: **New Windsor Lions** 17th Golf Tournament...see ad.

Aug. 11: **Roaring Run** Surf & Turf Raffle...see ad.

Aug 12: **Thurmont Lions** Fishing Trip raffle...see ad.

Augt. 17: **Flinstone Lions Charter...**see ad

Aug. 19: **Greater Carrol Lions** Craft & Chicken...see ad.

Aug. 19: **FSK Lions** Annual yard sale...see ad.

Aug. 19: **Manchester** Bocce Ball Tournament:...see ad.

Aug. 21: **Glade Valley Lions** Paint Night...see ad.

To our District 22-W Lions family,

We would like to thank each of you for your friendship and dedication to service as Lions in your clubs and District 22-W. It has been a wonderful experience for both of us and we will always be Lions, no matter where we live.

It was time to get away from stairs, an acre of grass, tending to a pool and dealing with ice and snow. Consequently, after 38 years we sold our home and moved to The Villages in Florida. On July 1, we became the newest members of the Lake Sumter Lions Club, District 35-O which serves central Florida.

When you are vacationing in our area, please call us as we will be keeping the same cell phone numbers. We look forward to seeing you in Florida and enjoying what our new community offers. God bless you all.

PDG Robert C. and Lion Eileen M. Disinger

1608 Allendale Place
The Villages, Florida 32162



NEW APP LAUNCHING JULY 2017

The new apt MyLion lets you capture and share the fun of being a Lion right from your smartphone. With MyLion, you can:

- Chat with Lions all over the world
- Create and manage your service activities
- Discover clubs and activities in your neck of the woods – or anywhere in the world
- Get inspired, and share your projects, photos, and stories to inspire others
- Earn badges and rewards for your service

And much more!

If you didn't already sign up to be notified of the app's release, make sure you don't miss out in July. Lions everywhere are already lining up to get MyLion and start the second century of service! For questions, please contact MyLion@lionsclubs.org

MEMORIALS



ROBERT CRUM "BOB" FRY

Robert Crum "Bob" Fry, died June 5 at HeartFields Assisted Living in Frederick of complications of diabetes and dementia. Born July 5,

1932 near Adamstown, he was the son of Howard Clifton Fry and Charlotte Ellen (Crum) Fry. He was married for 50 years to Ann Myra (Rothenhoefer) Fry, who predeceased him in 2007.

Mr. Fry operated a dairy farm on Hollow Road near Middletown from 1958 to 1995 and continued to live on the farm until moving to HeartFields in 2015. He is survived by two sons, Robert Crum Fry, Jr. of Hockessin DE and W. Brian Fry of Frederick, two granddaughters, Rebecca Catherine Smith (Quint) of Colorado Springs CO and Rachel Christine Fry of Arlington VA, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Fry was a 1951 graduate of Frederick High School. In his early adulthood, he played trumpet in the Yellow Springs Band. He was an active member of the Middletown Lions Club and the Frederick County Promenaders Square Dance Club until his health declined.

A celebration of Robert's life journey will take place on Saturday, June 10th. Interment was in Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Middletown, MD. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Frederick County P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702.



LION PAUL J. STEIN, JR.



It was with sadness that we learned at Lion Paul Stein, Jr., age 90 years, a club member for more than 45 years, passed away on May 28, 2017. He was sponsored by Lion Ken May. We know that Lion Paul had been dealing with several medical issues, and he approached those with the attitude of adapting as best as he could. He always had a smile to give. Among Lion Paul's notable achievements were being named LaVale Lion of the Year in 1977. He went through the leadership chairs to become Club President in 1978-1979. The club bestowed the Melvin Jones Fellow recognition on Lion Paul on January 13, 2005.

Although Lion Paul volunteered and chaired many club committees, including property maintenance, visitation, finance and budget, membership and retention, public affairs, and chicken barbecue it is without a doubt that his greatest Lions Club achievement was leading the way in getting LaVale District park and Memorial Lions Field from a vision of what Lions could do to that of becoming reality. Arguably most impactful to our community was Paul's efforts serving as LaVale coordinator for Project Open Space. Because of his efforts, the land for LaVale Library and the LaVale Swim Club pavilion was secured and two community parks established: LaVale Park, consisting of four lighted tennis courts, basketball courts and walking trails; and Lions Park, with two more tennis courts, playgrounds, ball diamonds, and soccer and football fields. Paul Stein oversaw construction and maintenance of the parks getting Program Open Space funds from government agencies to build and continue their maintenance today. Paul retired from Walter N. Yoder and Son where he was a mechanical supervisor and estimator, and helped the company establish a subsidiary company, RiteWay, specializing in an asbestos abatement.

A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 12:00 pm. A private interment was held in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. The LaVale Lions Club conducted a memorial service on June 3rd at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the Stein Family, 12511 Gramlich RD SW, LaVale MD 21502-6107.

MEMORIALS

C. THOMAS "TOM" BOWERS,

The Longmeadow Lions Club Members express our deepest condolences to Lion Harriette Bowers on the passing of her husband, Lion C. Thomas "Tom" Bowers, 81, on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at Meritus Medical Center near Hagerstown, Md. He was born on Nov. 1, 1935, in Downsville, Md., to the late Donald Braydon and Amanda Irene Gossard Bowers.

He was a 1953 graduate of Williamsport High School, Williamsport, Md. Tom worked as a farmer, route truck driver for Hershey Ice Cream for 15 years, and then started his appraisal career with First Federal Savings & Loan until 1986, when he became an independent fee appraiser with William G. Bowen Inc. He obtained the SRA designation from the Appraisal Institute in 1990 and was with William G. Bowen Inc. until 2013. He was a member of St. James Brethren Church since 1951 and served in numerous capacities. He was a member of District 12 Ruritan Club in the 80's and lived in St. James for 33 years.

Later he and Harriette moved to the Paramount area, and Tom joined the Longmeadow Lions Club where he was president from 2007-2008, received the Melvin Jones Fellowship, was voted Lion of the Year in 2010-2011, and chaired many successful fundraisers for the club. At present, he served in the Office of Director and despite illness attended meetings regularly adding his friendship and wonderful wit.

Tom loved God, country, children, grandchildren, farms, cows and Hershey's ice cream. Tom is survived by his wife, Harriette Irene Myers Bowers, whom he married Feb. 12, 1956; son, Randal J. Bowers and his wife, Kristal, of Boonsboro, Md., daughter, Robin M. Deadrick and her husband, Douglas, of Salem, N.H., son, Charles T. Bowers Jr. of Washington, D.C..

A memorial service was held at St. James Brethren Church on Saturday, July 1, 2017. Memorial donations may be made to St. James Brethren Church, 17718 Lappans Road, Fairplay, MD 21733; or Doney's House, 747 Northern Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.osbornefuneralhome.net.

DISTRICT NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WALKERSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEOS!

Never underestimate the power of our Leos! The Walkersville Middle School Leo Club will be mailing a check to Leader Dogs for the Blind in the amount of \$9,527.13 (of which \$1,154.54 was from the Dine Out fundraiser at Trout's Restaurant.) Leader Dogs for the Blind has informed the Walkersville MS Leo Club that they will receive the Top Dog Award – this **Leo Club has raised the most for Leader Dogs in their 78-year history!**



Pictured (left) is WMS Leo Club President Claire Smith, who was also selected as MD-22 Leo of the Year! Congratulations Leo Claire, The Walkersville Middle School Leo Club and the Glade Valley Lions Club who sponsor the Leo Club.

CONGRATULATIONS LION JACK.

Pictured (right) is District Governor Brian Cox performing his last official act as District Governor. On Wednesday, June 28, 2017 DG Brian presented Lion Jack Welch, of the Funkstown Lions Club with the District 22-W Honor Roll Award and medal.

Lion Jack is a charter member of the club and has had 60 years of perfect attendance.



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LCIF NEWS

Submitted by PDG Kent Eitemiller
2015-2016 - District 22W LCIF CHAIR
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Our District has done a great job helping the Lions Clubs International Foundation help those who need help in this country and around the world. The final figures won't be published until after the International Convention, but here the numbers as of 6/19/17. The Lions and Clubs of our District have contributed \$61,471.00. There have been 53 out of 59 clubs with a club or personal donation which equates to 89.83%. Each year the Multiple District LCIF Chair awards "LCIF Super Star Awards". Congratulations to the Frostburg Lions Club and the Mt. Airy Lions Club who won these awards for the 2016-2017 Lions Year. Almost 190 Lions in the district accepted the "\$50.00 Contributing Member challenge" and made a personal donation of \$50.00 or more to LCIF. Thank you to all Clubs and Lions who made donations.

DGE Susan Bonura has started a new District Award Contest for the coming year for LCIF. I have listed the details below.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Award:

To receive this award, the Club Secretary must send confirmation of eligibility to the District Awards Coordinator, Lion Linda Smith, no later than July 2, 2018

1. The Club donates \$500 or more to LCIF. (Does not include personal donations)
2. At least 50% of the club members participate in the "District 22-W \$50.00 Contributing Member Challenge" by making a minimum \$50.00 personal donation to LCIF.
3. at least two of the Melvin Jones Fellows in the Club attend the Melvin Jones Brunch on October 28, 2017.
4. The club appoints a club LCIF chairperson.

I will continue to be LCIF District chair for the coming Lions Year. Please contact me with any questions regarding LCIF.

WE'RE 1,445,591 LIONS STRONG—

Dear Fellow Lions,

I am pleased to announce that **we just surpassed our all-time membership record of 1,445,591 Lions!**



I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to changing lives and growing our association's humanitarian impact over the past year. Thanks to you, we are positioned to enter our second century of service stronger than ever before. Thanks to you, Lions clubs are serving in more communities around the world. And thanks to you, we are helping more people than ever before.

Thank you for helping Lions reach new heights!

Very truly yours, **Chancellor Bob Corlew**

Dear Lions,

As many of you know, earlier this year, our foundation reached a monumental milestone: LCIF has awarded more than US\$1 billion in life-changing grants since our founding in 1968.

Though these grants, Lions and LCIF have been able to provide hope and dignity to millions of people who need it most. Thanks to the generosity of Lions and partners, we have helped communities recover from disaster, we have empowered our youth, saved sight, and much more. While we have accomplished so much in our nearly 50 years, there is still so much to do. We have a duty to our children and our future. With your continued support of LCIF, we can continue to provide hope and comfort to people around the corner and around the world.

Watch [the video on the website](#) to learn more about how LCIF is making a difference:

I look forward to soon seeing many of you at our International Convention in Chicago!

Sincerely,
 Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
 Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



DISTRICT NEWS

ONE HELPING OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND A SIDE OF LEADERSHIP: THE LAVALE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AT FROST- BURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Submitted by: PDG Steven Finger

The LaVale Lions Club's chicken barbeque fundraisers are popular events in Allegany County, with people from all over flocking to Lions Field in LaVale for chicken prepared in the Lions' secret marinade. Each year, the Lions serve about 40,000 chicken meals. Funds raised through those barbeques directly support the Lions Club's charitable mission in Allegany County. A new Lions initiative will also help two county residents study at Frostburg State University each year.

The new LaVale Lions Club Scholarship, established through the FSU Foundation, Inc., will provide two awards per year of \$1,500 each. Allegany County residents enrolled at FSU with junior status and a 3.0-plus GPA are eligible to apply for the award. The first two scholarships will be awarded to students for the fall semester of 2017.

LaVale Lions Club First Vice President Michael Wallinger, professor emeritus of Communication Studies at FSU, said the Frostburg scholarship was a good fit for the Lions, following on the club's existing scholarships to Allegany College of Maryland. "It makes eminent sense to me, given our traditions of service, of service to youth and our roots in the community, to give a significant scholarship to an institution that is increasingly rooted in the community," said Wallinger.

In keeping with the Lions Club's mission of service, applicants must provide a written statement that demonstrates a significant role in community service and a record of leadership activity, as well as the intent to continue service and leadership as an FSU student. Through those award criteria, the scholarship supports students seeking to be engaged leaders who actively serve their communities.

"That was one of the essential requirements," Wallinger said. "It fits perfectly with the Lions Club purpose. Our

motto is, 'We serve.' We are a service organization – period. Every dollar we earn in fundraising goes right back into the community."

Many Frostburg students choose to serve their community, and FSU helps them find opportunities for service and with student organizations often choose local charitable groups or projects to support. Students can also join FSU's Lions Campus Club.

Through programs like the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, the leadership studies minor and others, FSU students have numerous opportunities to develop as leaders.

The LaVale Lions Club has served the youth, elderly and less fortunate in the LaVale area of Allegany County since it was chartered in 1955. The Lions have built parks and athletic facilities, loaned convalescent equipment, sponsored youth activities, provided vision screenings and collected eyeglasses and hearing aids to be recycled for those in need, all at no cost to the community. They partner with local elementary schools to provide clothing shopping sprees and sponsor an American Heritage Essay Contest at local schools.

Pictured from left are LaVale Lions Scholarship Committee Chair Mark Kyle, FSU President Ronald Nowaczyk; LaVale Club President John Warnick



DISTRICT NEWS

MYERSVILLE-MIDDLETOWN GOLF TOURNAMENT DEDICATED TO LION CORKY ZEIGLER

Tournament players and Lions Clubs volunteers had enjoyed a day of play with beautiful weather. The banquet was nearing an end when Tournament Co-Chair Tom Nyswaner (Middletown Lions) started the days' final activity. But first, he made the announcement that the tournament was being dedicated to Middletown Lion, Corky Zeigler.



Lion Corky Zeigler, Life Member of Lions, Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion of the Year

Lion Corky has been the backbone of the Middletown Club since joining in 1957. At 97 years young, he is the quintessential "go-to man". If there is a plumbing or an electrical problem with the ice cream trailer, or if there is **any** problem, Corky is the man!

There is no job too large or too small. He is credited by long time members of the Club as saving the club when, years ago, membership had dropped. He guides the Club in all areas and he is always there to help in any capacity and has put in many hours for his club and community.

Corky has many stories that he loves to share about his 60 years as a Lion. One story in particular was when he worked alone one snowy day in December selling Christmas trees. Two small children appeared bright eyed asking for a tree. The mother said they couldn't afford one. The kids kept looking at the trees and began crying. Corky called the mom back and let the kids choose a tree. Corky said, "This is your tree," taking the money out of his own pocket to pay for

it. He then drove the family home because they had no transportation. Seeing how poor the family was he made sure they had food and gifts for the children for Christmas.

His many years of service to the community and the Lions Club are great examples to us all. We look forward to adding to Corky's collection of stories and struggle to find the words to thank him for his contributions.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER District 22W Global Membership Team Coordinator Martin Bonura

Is your club keeping its service to your community a secret? Do your neighbors know what your club does for them and their neighbors? Are we attracting others to help us provide service? Are we telling them that we can do it all ourselves?

Here are some things you can do to market your club from the brochure, Marketing Ideas – MK97 EN 3/09. Decide as a club which ideas you want to implement:

1. Sponsor a booth at a special community event (health fair, festival, church event, or home show) featuring photographs of your club's service projects and providing membership information to the attendees
2. Pick a space in a local store, farmers market or a popular storefront, community park or trail to provide information about your next project and to invite people to participate
3. Place an information table at your next service project for people attending to see first-hand the work you do and at the same time they can inquire about membership
4. Follow-up using the contact information of those who express interest in Lionism
5. Place an ad in school, church, or community publications. They will gladly include your club information in their newsletter if you partner with them for your service projects

There are 25 additional items in the brochure. Use them to help your club market your club and attract new members.

If you need help, please contact me at lionsbonura@gmail.com.

DISTRICT NEWS

SAFETY FIRST

**Submitted by: District 22-W ALERT and Safety
Myron Horn**

With the change of the calendar from June to July, the change of the season of spring to summer, the change of the Lions year from 2016-2017 to 2017-2018, and the Change of LCI to a new Century, our thoughts turn to our many fund-raising projects and service projects we have planned for the outdoors. It does not matter if they are carnival activities, sporting events, summer camps, fishing derbies, or car washes, they all have one thing in common. We want them to proceed without incident so that nobody gets hurt. That is why every event should be planned with one thing in mind, SAFETY FIRST.

Here's how easily something can happen. Several years ago, at our French Fry Stand at the carnival. I was working with a fellow lion to cut the potatoes. We were very busy, so he was loading potatoes and I was pulling down on the handle that cuts them. Our timing was just a little bit off, and I went a little early. I just nipped his finger as he pulled out. Fortunately, he was not injured. But at our next meeting, I conducted a classic "ALERT minute" as I demonstrated the proper way to bandage a blooded and broken finger. He hammed it up with loud moans of pain and cries that I tried to kill him.

LCI has a couple of downloadable forms that are ideal checklists for your pre-event planning. Go to the LCI site and conduct a search for "Lions Club Self-Inspection Checklist" and "Lions CREW at Work Safety First". I recommend that these be printed, completed, and filed with your club's paperwork.

Here are just a few things you should be thinking about and looking for as you complete your pre-event inspection:

- Have you completed the proper permits and obtained insurance?
- Do you have the proper equipment? Sharp knives, Sturdy Workstation, No missing parts
- Is your electrical equipment safe? No frayed cords, No potential water hazards
- Do you have well-stocked first aid kit nearby?
- Are your workers wearing the appropriate safety gear? Hard hats, goggles, gloves, shoes.
- Is the area well-lit with safety barriers where needed?
- Do you have the appropriate signage?
- Look for these hazards: Tripping, Electrical, Chemicals, and Sharps.

Inevitably, sometimes S@#* happens. For instance, I heard about the Lion that fell off a ramp getting food

out of a refrigerated truck. He ended up requiring knee surgery. When these things do happen, remember these three priorities:

- Provide the necessary first aid, transport for further medical care, if necessary.
- Report the incident to LCI and the insurance company.
- Report the incident to DG and myself so others can learn from your mistakes.

Every club should have a safety officer whose job is to make sure these safety inspections are completed. The District has combined ALERT and Safety into one position. Your club can also. Remember, SAFETY FIRST. The incident you prevent may have involved you!



VEHICLE TAGS Submitted by Chair Brooks Widder

Do you have a Lions Club License Plate on YOUR Car – SUV – or Pickup Truck?

For \$25 you can show your support for Lions Clubs International.

For more information and forms, contact Vehicle Tags Coordinator, Lion Brooks Widder bewidder@gmail.com 301-898-5558.



DISTRICT NEWS

BROOKE'S HOUSE **Submitted by Lion Jack Byers**

Our guest speaker for the Hagerstown Lions Club on Tuesday, June 13th, was Kevin Simmers who brought us up-to date on the construction progress of Brooke's House, an addiction recovery house for women.

Kevin's account of his daughter's typical teen-age revolt against parental authority and subsequent dependence on substance abuse was most difficult to listen to. During his presentation, I found it most difficult to keep a dry eye and had trouble trying to keep focused and record the necessary notes for this article. It is almost impossible to comprehend the road blocks and red tape that exist from both law enforcement, the insurance industry and medical health sources which form an almost impenetrable barrier to seeking and receiving adequate treatment for persons suffering from drug addiction

Kevin chronicled the various instances when Brooke was close to recovery, only to relapse time and time again. Often admittance to a medical facility would be on a voluntary basis only and Kevin and his wife would not be able to have her forcibly admitted. When leaving a rehab facility prematurely, she would then be denied reentry to the program.

It is difficult to understand how the family was able to weather the continuous highs and lows in Brooke's physical and mental condition and retain any semblance of sanity. It was Brooke's wish that someday a facility be made available where other women such as herself could go and recover from their addiction. To fulfill this wish, Kevin and his wife envisioned such a home in Hagerstown. Consisting of 8 bedrooms, with a capacity of 16 occupants, the house has proceeded from the conceptual stage to an actual facility in the design stage. When built, Brooke's House will offer a transitional sober living home for adult women in the early stages of substance abuse recovery in Washington County, Maryland. While a considerable amount of money has been raised through donations, much more is needed, and additional contributions are sorely needed.

HAGERSTOWN LIONS CLUB HEARS SPEECH ON "SPICE" & NEW CULTURAL TRAIL

Submitted by Jack Byers

Our guest speaker on Tuesday, June 6th, was Erin Anderson, Communications Manager for the City of Hagerstown and former WHAG-TV Assignment Editor and Reporter.

Erin first brought us up to-date on the sharp increase in the use of the spice which is presently receiving much coverage in the local news media. Spice is not a single drug, but a range of laboratory made chemicals that mimic the effects of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main psychoactive component of cannabis. Much cheaper than heroin, it is readily available to lower income earners and as such its use is more prevalent in poverty prone areas of the community.

She next addressed the Hagerstown Cultural Trail which connects the downtown Arts and Entertainment District with the City Park. Points of interest along the trail include: (1) a photo gallery representative of life in Hagerstown, (2) a metal sculpture at the Herald-Mail Plaza (3) a controversial Mural of Unusual Size, (4) a Whimsical Garden, which will include a Butterfly Garden, (5) decorative screens that evoke memories of railroad switches, (6) another photo gallery, (7) a Community Art Exhibit, and (8) a massive hand carved granite sculpture produced by Richard Deutsch. The official grand opening of the trail was scheduled for Saturday, June 17th



DISTRICT NEWS

CAMPERSHIPS TO DEAF CAMPS INC. Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action Chair Barb Brimigion

Our district will begin a partnership this summer in providing some camperships for deaf children to Manidokan Camp and Retreat in Washington County through Deaf Camps Inc. The children, ages 7 years to 19 years, will spend 5 days at camp in July, learning and practicing American Sign Language as they enjoy a camp program including sports, crafts, hiking, rafting, zip line and rock climbing. Deaf Camps Inc provides volunteer interpreters and supervision.

Become a Secret Pal to a Deaf Camper!

The camp is looking for **Lions who will write short letters to deaf and hard of hearing campers** who get no letters from home during their camp stay. Consider making these campers feel special.

- 1) Please keep in mind that English may be a second language for many of the campers so **print** the letter and keep the letter short and simple.
- 2) Simple messages about camp, summer, etc. are perfect. For example, "Have you been swimming a lot? I love swimming. What's your favorite thing about camp? I hope you are having a great time!"
- 3) You can include drawings, stickers, dot-to-dots, etc. This is not necessary, but it's always fun!
- 4) Sign the letters from "Your Secret Pal". Do not sign your name.
- 5) Mention the activities that the campers participate in: hiking, swimming, climbing wall, zipline, rafting, hike to Harper's Ferry, and team building games.
- 6) Put each letter in its own envelope, but do not seal it. Place them in a large envelope and mail it to the following address by **July 20th**: Deaf Camps, Inc., 4 N. Symington Drive, Catonsville, MD 21228

Please contact Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action Chair Barb Brimigion (barbarabrimigion@comcast.net) so we can get a count of the letters to be sent this year.



TWLC FUNDRAISER FOR DIABETES ON MAY 6TH

Submitted by: DS Barb Brimigion

Once again, Lion Tom Harney organized the Taylorsville Winfield Lions Club's 4th Annual Dance for Diabetes at the Winfield Fire Department. Ashtin Golt Showtime Band has become our favorite band, playing and singing classic songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's while specializing in Classic Rock, Country and Dance Music.

Chair Tom had door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and filled baskets for raffles. TWLC volunteers that came early to set up included: Bob Garber, Jim Lutz, Tom Harney, Forrest Hudspeth, Dick Staiger and Jerry Stroter. Lion volunteers during the dance were President Linda Brady, Lions Tony Sager, Barb Brimigion and Mandy Coates. Lion Mindy managed the free sodas and munchies while also selling her handmade bears with profits going to diabetes.

Paid TWLC attendees who came and demonstrated their dancing skills on the dance floor were Forrest and Sandy Hudspeth, Jim Lutz and Doris, Jerry & Barb Stroter and Bob Garber and Patty. Tom Harney gets an award for being on the dance floor more than anyone else at the dance, often dancing without the need of a dancing partner! The dance raised \$1926.00 for diabetes. Incoming DG Susan Bonura and Martin Bonura from the South Carroll Lioness - Lions Club, Sue Ensor and fellow Lion from the Libertytown/Unionville Lions Club and Cabinet Treasurer Evan Gillett from the Roaring Run Lions Club also attended. This event will be advertised in the 2017-2018 22W roster book.

HAGERSTOWN LIONESSE CLUB AND HAGERSTOWN LIONS CLUB JOIN FORCES

A sign is being prepared to be erected at the City of Hagerstown Cultural Trail butterfly garden recognizing the Hagerstown Lions and Lioness Clubs that will be providing ongoing maintenance at the garden they recently constructed. Trenching is being done at the Cearfoss Pike Soccer Field butterfly garden. Lowes has graciously donated 10 bags of mulch to be applied.



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STRIDES RUN AND WALK *Submitted by Co-Chair Donna Jackman*



Diabetes is increasing in epidemic proportions and shows no respect for age, sex, color or creed.

Region II had to cancel its planned Strides Run and Walk since there were not enough people registered to participate. Those that had registered prior to The Walk donated their registration fee to diabetes. This was a very kind gesture, and that money will be donated to The American Diabetes Association and will go 100% to research to help find a cure for diabetes.

Thanks to the Lions who worked on this project and gave so freely of their time. It was sad that we did not get enough preregistered walkers and runners, but we gained valuable knowledge and experience that can be put to use in the future.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PDG MARION **Submitted by Lion Joann Bannon**

PDG Lion Marion Carmack (pictured) celebrated his 89th birthday with the Yellow Springs Lions Club on May 9th accompanied by daughter Lion Terry Lambert and Lion Frances Lynch.



We are so grateful for these three wonderful people, who not only joined us for our 59th Charter Night but who volunteer every month at the Citizens Nursing Home Bingo.

Pictured are PDG Marion Carmack and Yellow Springs President Roger Wastler.

WALKERSVILLE LEOS VISIT **Submitted by Lion Joann Bannon**

The Yellow Springs Lions Club was honored with members of the Walkersville Leos Club and Lion Jennifer Smith, accompanied by future Leader Dog, Sasha. The Walkersville Leos Club planned a "Dinner in the Dark" event June 9th at the Walkersville Fire Hall to benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Pictured: Lion Jennifer Smith, Glade Valley,, Sasha Walkersville Leos: Ben Smith, Lauren Anderson, Christian Blackburnons President: Roger Wastler



YELLOW SPRINGS LIONS CLUB CELEBRATED CHARTER NIGHT, **Submitted by Lion Joann Bannon**

On May 9th, the Club celebrated 59 years of service. District 22W Governor Lion Brian Cox recertified our charter and challenged our memory of how things were in 1958

Pictured Left to right: Lion Liz Brady, Lion Jerie O'Connor, Lion Aretha Smith, District 22W Gov. Lion Brian Cox, Lion Paula McGee, Lion Holly Wastler, Lion Sandy Baisey, Lion President Roger Wastler, Lion Dave Douglas, Lion Tony O'Toole, Lion Joann Bannon, Lion Patti Hess, Lion Will Simpson, Lion Harry Crum. Members not shown: Lion Earle Arnold, Lion Randy Wertz and Lion Virginia Bowser.



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NEWS RELEASE FROM THE SOUTH CARROLL LIONESSE LIONS CLUB

Submitted by DG Susan Bonura

Lions Clubs in District 22W (Carroll, Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garret Counties) recently made financial donations to KeraLink International's MidAtlantic division at banquets held in Garrett County, Frederick County and Carroll County. The mission of KeraLink is to reverse corneal blindness globally through transplantation. The cornea is the transparent outside surface of the eye which covers the iris and the pupil and lets in light enabling a person to see.

Originally founded in 1962 as the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland, KeraLink was previously known as TBI/Tissue Banks International. TBI established the International Federation of Eye Banks (IFEB) in 1985. In 2015 TBI/Tissue Banks International divested its musculoskeletal operations to focus exclusively on corneal blindness. In 2016 TBI/Tissue Banks International became KeraLink International.

The name KeraLink is short for "Kera" which suggests the cornea and "Link" which identifies the collaboration and partnerships with donor families, surgeons, researchers, academic centers, organ procurement organizations, other eye banks, patients and financial benefactors such as Lions Clubs.

Pauline Rosier, President of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, presented a \$150.00 donation to KeraLink at the annual White Cane Banquet held on Saturday, May 20 at the Terra Rubra Lions Club building in Keymar, Maryland. A total of \$17,765.14 was donated by the clubs in District 22W. The keynote speaker was Laura Kline, Director of Ocular Programs KeraLink Mid-Atlantic. Past donations have been used for equipment purchases and current donations will be used for professional development programs to enhance the skills of those managing the program.

For more information about KeraLink International, contact Laura Kline at 443-498-0211. For more information about the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, contact Martin Bonura at 443-472-5456



Pictured: Pauline Rosier, President of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, presented a \$150.00 donation to KeraLink at the annual White Cane Banquet Saturday, May 20 at the Terra Rubra Lions Club building in Keymar, Maryland.

149TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Submitted by DS Barbara Brimigion

The event was held in Westminster on Monday, May 29th. The weather was great – a little cool and cloudy. It is arguably one of the longest running Memorial Day observances to honor fallen heroes and tradition in the country.

The parade formed at 9 am on Monroe Street, near West Middle School and St. John's Catholic Church. There were also 3 other Lions Clubs in attendance: Deer Park, Greater Carroll and Westminster.

The parade started at 10 am and ended at the Westminster Cemetery at 11:15 am. VP Jim Lutz chaired the committee and organized our float on Sunday, May 28th with a theme of medical equipment. Lions Bob Garber, Tom Harney, Forrest Hudspeth in uniform, Mindy Coates, Barb Brimigion, Duane Voitel and outgoing Leo President Rachel Graham participated in the parade by riding happily on the float while Lions Jim & Tom rode in President Linda's SUV.