



LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS



December Issue

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District Governor Message



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

As we celebrate these special events, attend parties and share gifts with our families and friends this year, we also remember those less fortunate than ourselves. Many clubs provide meals and gifts for needy families in their communities. Some collect sweaters, coats, hats, gloves and jackets to keep others warm. Others take disadvantaged children shopping for warm clothing and new shoes. The spirit of giving is alive and well in our district! Thank you, Lions, for doing what Lions do best – WE SERVE!

As of November 30, I have completed 52 official visits and attended three Charter Night events during the month of November: Freedom District, LaVale and Hancock. I also attended our Lions Vision Research Foundation's Lions Day at the Wilmer Eye Institute on Saturday, November 18th. The speakers were informative, donations were collected from the Lions from around the Multiple, and the tours were educational and interesting.

As we complete the first six months of this Lions year, I would like to remind clubs to strive to achieve the Club Excellence Award. Complete details can be found on pages 114 and 115 of the roster book. Some of the requirements include increasing membership: *The club will conduct a Friendship Night or new member event to introduce prospective new members to Lionism. The club must achieve a net gain of TWO new members for the year based on the members on record starting July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.*

Other requirements include events designed to introduce the public to Lionism and to raise needed funds: *The club holds a Vision Days event and contributes \$100 or more to the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF). The club holds a White Cane event and contributes \$100 or more to the KeraLink Mid-Atlantic.* If your club has not yet completed these projects, there is still time to plan these events in the spring.



*Service from
the heart*



Another requirement is attendance at the Vision Conservation Event in March: *At least one club member attends the Vision Conservation Event (Combined White Cane/LVRF Vision Days Program) on March 31, 2018.* Look for the details on this event in the near future in your Weekly Correspondence and in the District Newsletter.

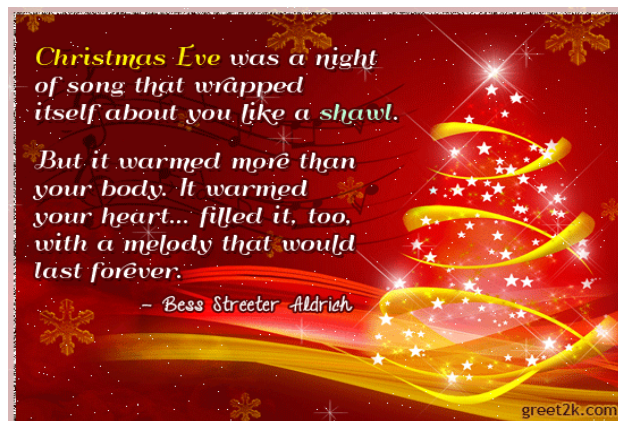
As of November 27, we have added 66 new members and dropped 94 for a net loss of 28. While we continue to make great strides in adding new members, we are taking giant steps backwards by dropping more than we have gained. Does your club have a membership chairman? Does your club have a membership plan? If you do, work hard to achieve the goals set by the plan. If you need help writing a membership plan, contact our districts Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator, Lion Martin Bonura at lionsbonura@gmail.com or 443-472-5456 and he will assist your club. Please do your best to give others the opportunity and privilege to become members of the world's greatest and hardest-working service organization. If you are enthusiastic, then that enthusiasm will be evident to others

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

Susan Bonura

**District Governor
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South Carroll Lioness Lions Club**

SHOW YOUR LIONS PRIDE: INVITE NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR CLUB



1st VDG's Message

This is the time of year when we are thankful for all our many blessings. It is also a time where gift giving is important. As Lions, **WE SERVE** all year by giving gifts of sight to those needing new eye-glasses, food for the hungry, vision screenings to detect eye problems in pre-school kids, scholarships for high school graduates, and donations to many other organizations including LCIF.

One of the best gifts we can give is sending a **diabetic kid to Lions Camp Merrick**. Ask around, and you will soon discover just how many diabetic kids we now have in our communities. The Lions Clubs in District 22W have scholarships for kids to go to diabetic camp, costing the child nothing, but giving the child a chance to spend a week with other kids just like themselves. My daughter, Jenny is a nurse during the summer at Camp Merrick and my grandson, Matthew has been a camper for many years and is now a camp counselor. He can tell you what the camp meant to him. You see, Matthew was diagnosed as a type I diabetic when he was 3 years old. Even having a nurse for a mother didn't help him in school when the other "normal" children avoided him for fear of "catching" Matthew's diabetes. Jenny reluctantly sent him to camp and discovered it was good for her to take a break from his diabetes, and it was good for Matthew to learn to take care of himself. Being with other diabetics his own age showed him he was not alone with this disease. Why do we send diabetics to Camp Merrick? Did you know that diabetes is a major cause of blindness? Keeping the disease under control helps to prevent blindness, fulfilling our task given to us by Helen Keller asking Lions to be **Knights of the Blind**. So, ask around, and you will be amazed at how many diabetic kids you have in your community. Ask one to go to Camp Merrick, then contact Lion Donna Jackman for possible funding to allow the kid to go to camp. You will feel better for helping a diabetic cope with such an insidious disease.

I have been talking a great deal about Lions membership. Keeping it brief, I encourage you to find a new member for your club. **Just Ask One** is a message from LCI. Sometimes, there is a good Lion out there that just needs to be asked to join your club. Just maybe, the new Lion could be set on fire with our motto **WE SERVE** and step into new leadership positions in your club. It may take a bit of encouragement, but we all know there are good members out there that just need to be asked to be a Lion.

Thank you for all you do as a Lion. We need good Lions to help with next year's District 22W leadership. Have you ever thought about being a Zone Chair or other leader in our District? If so, please contact me as I am starting to fill the many positions in our leadership for 2018-2019. You can do it, yes you can.

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



Gerry Beachy

1st Vice District Governor
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DECEMBER



Dec. 1: **LAVALE LIONS CLUB** Christmas Tree Sales

Lot open for business at 12:00pm.

Dec. 1: **LONGMEADOW LIONS** will "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army on Friday, at Valley Mall in front of J.C. Penney's, inside the Mall. Time: 5:00 until 9:00 P.M.

Dec. 2: **SMITHSBURG LIONS** will join the Community Activity Committee for the children's Party.

Dec. 2: **MYERSVILLE LIONS CLUB All-You-Can Eat Country Breakfast:** cost: Adults \$8; Seniors \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$4.00 & children under 6 free. Buffet includes: pancakes, bacon, sausage, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, O'Brien potatoes, French toast, blueberry pancakes, fruit, eggs, OJ, coffee, tea, breakfast sweets, hominy, pudding.

Dec. 2 – Christmas in **NEW MARKET** Parade

Dec. 2: **DISTRICT 22D GOVERNOR'S BALL** honoring District Governor Charles Taylor and First Lady Lion Kathleen to be held in the Gold Room at Harrington Raceway & Casino located at 18500 S. DuPont Hwy., Harrington, DE 19952 .

Dec. 2: **TERRA RUBRA LIONS** will host sponsor a "Big" \$1500 Cash and Dinner Club to benefit The Lions Youth Foundation. A \$15.00 ticket includes drawings for cash and a fried chicken meal. Contact Lion Larry Stambaugh or any Terra Rubra Lion **no later than November 25th.**

Dec. 5: **INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY**

Dec. 11: **SMITHSBURG LIONS** blood drive.

Dec. 11: **NEW WINDSOR LIONS** Annual Holiday Visit and celebration with Patients at Springfield State Hospital

Dec. 11: **DEER PARK LIONS** donation night from 4:00-10:00 pm for a 10% Donation night at Texas Roadhouse, Westminster...more info in "Coming Events."

Dec. 12: **FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH**

Happy Hanukkah



Dec. 14: **WESTMINSTER LIONS CLUB** will hold their 77th Charter Night at Westminster Volunteer Fire Company with the social starting at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm.

Dec. 16: **MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB** All-You-Can Eat Breakfast...Middletown Fireman's Activities Building...Starts 7:30am-11:00am—cost: \$8.00 Adults; Seniors \$7.00; Child 6-12 \$4.00; under 6 free. **Also will be collecting New and Gently Used Blankets for Dialysis Patients, and Shelters for the Homeless**

Dec. 18: **NEW WINDSOR LIONS** Annual Community, Lions Club Door and House Decoration Contest .

Dec, 20: **LAST DAY OF HANNUKKAH**

Dec. 21: **FIRST DAY OF WINTER!!!!**

Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY!!**

January

Jan. 1: **NEW YEARS DAY!!!!**

Jan. 6: **TAYLORSVILLE WINDFIELD LIONS CLUB** annual Lasagna fundraiser: see "Coming Events."

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Jan. 13: **Melvin Jones Birthday**

Jan. 15: **PIN CONTEST ENTRIES DUE!**

Jan. 16: **Martin Luther King Birthday**

Jan. 27: **CABINET MEETING: MYERSVILLE LIONS CLUB**

MEMORIALS



FDLC LION GEORGE MARTIN: George Laneville Martin, 81, of Frederick, formerly of Sykesville, died Monday, October 23, 2017 at Sunrise of Frederick. Born January 29, 1936 in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, he was the son of the late George Henry and Emma Laneville Martin. He was the husband of JoAnn Rae Martin, to whom he had been married for 58 years.

George worked for the federal government for 34 years, first for the Social Security Administration and then for the Health Care Finance Administration. After his retirement from the government, George worked for MilSpec/World Fasteners in Hampstead for over ten years. George graduated from the [University of Wisconsin](#), Madison, with a degree in physical education, and in his younger days, George enjoyed playing many sports. George also enjoyed playing horseshoes with his neighbors, gardening and taking care of his property, and vacationing in Wisconsin, visiting his son and many other relatives. George was a lifelong Wisconsin sports fan and longtime member of the Freedom District Lions Club and Deer Park Bible Church. In addition to his wife JoAnn, he is survived by son, Gary L. Martin and his wife Stephanie, grandchildren Pat, Ben, and Katie; daughter Sherri L. Grant and her husband Jim, granddaughter Jessica; and daughter-in-law Cindy Martin, grandsons Carl and Clint.

HAMPSTEAD LIONS CLUB LION MELVIN TOUPS,: A Lion for 56 years, passed away on November 10, 2017 elvin "Mel" Lee Toups, 78, of Hampstead, passed away suddenly on Friday, November 10, 2017 at his home. Born June 30, 1939 in Nunez, LA, he was the son of the late Nelson and Josephine (Rageur) Toups. He was the beloved husband of Dorothy Ruth (Shaffer) Toups, his wife of 55 years. He proudly served in the US Air Force. He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hampstead Lions Club, Westminster [Elks Lodge #2277](#), and the Hampstead American Legion Post 200. He loved watching basketball, Ravens football, camping and gardening. Surviving in addition to his wife is son, David P. Toups of Hampstead; daughter, Sharon L. McClernan and husband Brian of Westminster. Also survived by 6 grandchildren.. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Carroll Hospital Center, 200 Memorial Ave, Westminster, MD 21157. Online condolences may be made at www.elinefh.com.



DOROTHY TAYLOR ENSOR,: Libertytown-Unionville Lions lost a very close friend of our club on Friday, October 20, 2017, when Lion Jim Ensor's wife, Dorothy, went to be with her Lord.

Dot attended our meetings whenever she could and attended one of our recent meetings. We will all miss her sweet smile and disposition. Our hearts go out to Jim and the family.



MEMORIALS



WILLIAMSPORT LIONS CLUB LION GENE FARLEY, life member of the Williamsport Lions Club, passed away on November 10, 2017, at his home. Born April 5, 1930 in Herndon, WV, he was the son of the late Benjamin C. and Maude E. Lusk Farley. He was a 1947 graduate of Matoaka High School near Princeton, WV and served in the United States Army during Korea. He retired as a supervisor with C&P Telephone/ AT&T in 1992 after over 40 years. After retirement, he worked at Staples in Hagerstown, MD. Gene was a member of Martinsburg Primitive Baptist Church in Martinsburg, WV where he served as Deacon. He was a clerk with Ketoc-tion Association for over 40 years. He was an honorary life member of American Legion Post #202 Williamsport, MD and was a Past Commander, life member of Amvets Post #10 Hagerstown, MD, life member of the Williamsport Lions Club where he was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award, the President's Award and was the first person to be elected President 2 times. He is survived by his wife of 65 years Margie E. Farley, a daughter Debra Johnson of Shenandoah Junction, WV, 2 sons Larry Farley of Hagerstown, MD and Billy Farley of Williamsport, MD, 4 grandchildren Dayna Elliott of Kearneysville, WV, Toby Johnson of Inwood, WV, Joshua Farley of Fairplay, MD, Jake Farley of Hagerstown, MD and 5 great grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Washington County 747 Northern Avenue Hagerstown, MD 21742.



YELLOW SPRINGS LION DAVE DOUGLAS, 71 of Thurmont, with 33 years of service to Lions, passed away on November 14th at University of Maryland Medical Center. He was the husband of the late Colleen Douglas, who died August 9, 2007. They were married 39 years at the time of her death.

Born July 4, 1946 in Clarksburg, WV, he was the son of the late Glenn Lester and Mariellen (Greynolds) Douglas.

David worked as a technician with AT & T for many years. Following his retirement, he worked in private construction. David was a longtime member of Brook Hill United Methodist Church and was active with the Outreach Committee, participating with mission trips and Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, he was a longtime member of the Yellow Springs Lions Club and Cresap Rifle Club. He was a veteran of the National Guard.

David is survived by his daughter, Beth White and husband, Brian, of Frederick; his son, Craig Alan Douglas of Frederick; granddaughters, Emily and Sarah; and siblings, Albert Douglas of Ellijay, GA; Dick Douglas and wife, Judy, of Bridgeport, WV; and Pat Broccard and husband, Gene, of Spring, Texas. He also will be remembered by his companion, Nancy Mullins.

Donations may be made to the Leader Dog Program in his memory. Please make out checks payable to "Leader Dog" and forward them to Lion Earle Arnold at 7619 Iron Gate Lane, Frederick Md., 21702. Lion Earle will mail these contributions to Leader Dog with a cover letter explaining the donation. He will ask that they acknowledge the gift to each person. Please note on each check that it is in memory of Dave Douglas with the Yellow Springs Lions Club.



LCI NEWS

2017-18 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

For Americans, Thanksgiving is a celebration of their blessings. Yet, in most nations, giving thanks also is a part of the culture. In India, Hindus begin their day in their home shrine venerating the divine with fresh flowers and prasadam (a food offering). Every Hindu festival involves counting one's blessings and thanking God.

Giving back out of gratitude also is part of the culture of Lions. We serve because we are thankful. We recognize our advantages and deeply desire to give others what they lack.

Sadly, many people worldwide lack enough food. Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry each night, and a person starves to death every 15 seconds. Hunger is a problem both in developing and developed nations. Shockingly, 16 million U.S. households are undernourished, while 180 million people in my home country of India lack food. In Africa, the situation is even worse. Millions experience chronic hunger because of drought, conflict and high food prices.

Thanks to the "green revolution" that increased crop production, hunger can be conquered. It's largely a matter of getting food we have to people in need. Well, with Lions, we've eliminated the middleman. We have an army of volunteers, foot soldiers willing and able to defeat hunger.

Understanding how vital food obviously is and how well positioned Lions are to lessen it, Lions Clubs International has prioritized hunger as one of Lions' five core concerns. So, Lions, support your local food pantry and bank. Help feed low-income children at schools. Donate to LCIF, which routinely supports highly effective Lions' projects to lessen hunger. Do what you can. As Mother Teresa said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." So with your club or district feed the hungry. Lions will not fail those in such desperate need. This Thanksgiving, indeed each and every month, I give thanks to all 1.4 million Lions and an estimated 175,000 Leos, men and women and youths grateful for their blessings and determined to save and enrich lives by stamping out hunger.

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
Your International President

The International President's Moto:
THE POWER OF WE,
SERVICE, AND ACTION



Dear Lions,

Happiness is seeing healthy children run and play and go to school. Unfortunately, in areas where measles is prevalent, some children have those simple pleasures taken away. Nearly 400 people die from measles every day, most of them children. Survivors can be left with life-altering complications including permanent hearing loss, blindness, and brain damage. This doesn't have to happen. Measles is a preventable disease, which is one reason why Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is supporting measles initiatives. One measles vaccination costs about US\$1. I've seen Lions pull together and accomplish great things, so I know that we can eliminate measles by donating to the cause and volunteering in local measles campaigns. Let's see what we can do to fight measles and give all children a healthy start to life! Consider donating to LCIF's measles initiative, One Shot, One Life.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Chairman, Lions Clubs
International Foundation

LIONS UNITE — IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE FIGHT

Globally, 1 in 2 people with diabetes are undiagnosed. Chances are that members of your club, or their families, are living with this disease right now.

Diabetes is so pervasive—and so much can be done to prevent and manage it—World Diabetes Day was on Tuesday, November 14. The Worldwide Week of Service for Diabetes was November 13–19.

If you haven't yet, please:

- Schedule a club meeting about diabetes—this meeting will be eligible as a Diabetes Education service activity.

LCIF NEWS

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

As of November 25, 2017, District 22-W has donated \$57,250.92 to LCIF. The LCIF Budget for District 22-W for this Lions Year is \$52,892.28. This means that the Lions and Clubs of the District have donated an amount that has exceeded the goal set by DG Bonura.

All I can say is WOW and Thank you!!!! As of this date, 43 out of 59 clubs have either a club donation or a Lion who has made a personal donation. This equates to 72.88% of the Clubs in the district.

The "District 22-W \$50.00 contributing member challenge" is now in its second year and has proven to be very popular. So far 178 Lions in our District have made a personal donation to LCIF. Tax Time is coming, Make that tax deductible donation to LCIF now. I just want to remind clubs that a requirement of the new DG's LCIF contest is that at least 50% of the club members donate \$50.00 or more to LCIF as a contributing member. I encourage you to do your part to help your club achieve this part of the contest.

Once again, Thank you for supporting "your Charity", LCIF. Donations may be mailed to me and I will do the "paperwork" for you or you can mail your donations directly to LCIF. If you have any questions regarding LCIF, please contact me by email, keitemiller@yahoo.com or cell phone at 443-789-1742.

Lion Liz and I would like to wish all of our Lions a safe and Joyous Holiday Season

**Some people live an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world
LIONS don't face that problem!**



Dear Lioms:

On June 13, 2018, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will officially celebrate its 50th anniversary. During these 50 years, so much has been accomplished. We've supported the service of Lions with more than 13,000 grants totaling over US\$1 billion. We've made a profound impact in the areas of sight, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian work. There is so much to celebrate.

In the months leading up to LCIF's 50th anniversary, you will hear about many exciting ways you can help LCIF commemorate this occasion. A website is being created that will tell powerful stories of what Lions have been able to accomplish with support from their foundation.

LCIF50.org launches on November 28, 2017, and each month will feature new photos, videos and stories as well as a monthly contest series.

Lions and Leos can enter the "Together We Can" contest series for a chance to win an exclusive LCIF 50th anniversary commemorative medal, available only to contest winners! Contest winners will also be recognized at the 2018 Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas. Visit LCIF50.org on November 28, and return often for more chances to win!

Foundation birthday parties are also being hosted at Lion and Leo area forums, so we'll hope you'll attend and encourage others to join you.

Fifty years of service is truly something to celebrate. You'll be seeing lots of reminders about LCIF50.org in emails, LION magazine, online and in social media. However, you, as a Lion leader, are our most important communication channel. Encourage your club members to visit and enter the contest series!

Sincerely,

LCIF

DISTRICT NEWS

LVRF - SERVING THE LOW VISION COMMUNITY

Submitted by: Lion Bob Johnson, District 22W LVRF Chair

One of the primary goals of the Multiple District 22 *Lions Vision Research Foundation* (LVRF) is to help people who suffer from low vision. We are actively pursuing this goal through a number of programs which include:

- The Lions Low vision Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute (Johns Hopkins University)
- Funding of the Lions Vision Rehabilitation Fellowship at the Wilmer
- The MD-22 LOVERNET program

The goal of these programs is to minimize the disability caused by low vision and blindness to the greatest extent possible. While we have had notable success with these efforts it is currently estimated that only 20% of those suffering from low vision are currently seeking and / or receiving rehabilitation services at this time.

One of the goals of our LOVERNET project is to significantly increase the percentage of people receiving such service. Individual Lions can help us achieve this goal through your support of LVRF and by helping to provide outreach within your own communities.

What is Low Vision?

In the most basic sense low vision simply means that even with regular glasses, contact lenses, medicine, or surgery, people find everyday tasks difficult to do. For people with low vision everyday activities such as reading the mail, shopping, cooking, seeing the TV, and writing can seem challenging.

A more technical definition of low vision Low vision specifies a visual acuity of 20/50 or worse in the better eye while wearing glasses or contact lenses and/or blind spots or loss of peripheral vision that interferes with the performance of everyday activities that cannot be improved by glasses, surgery or medication. It is interesting to note that the exact level of acuity associated with "low vision" varies from as low as 20/40 to as high as 20/70 depending on what group / government agency is making the determination.

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- Diabetic retinopathy
- Glaucoma
- Macular degeneration

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To a large degree all of these causes are can be age related so as the population ages we can expect low vision to become a more and more of an issue for our society. It is currently estimated that over 5,000,000 people within the United States suffer from low vision. Using the 20% service number noted above that means that over 4,000,000 people are not receiving needed vision help at this time.

What can be done?

By definition low vision cannot be improved by glasses, surgery or medication. However, that does not mean that those who suffer from low vision cannot be helped. Among the things that can be done to assist those with low vision are to:

- Help them learn how to make the optimum use of what vision they have;
- Make them more aware of the vision aides that are available and help them to select those that will help them the most;
- Help them to develop new skills that will foster their independence; and
- Assist them in making changes in their home / office environmental that will allow them to more fully function.

Learning more about Low Vision Services

Over the next several months I will be addressing some of the programs that LVRF is providing and further explore how we, as individual Lions, can help those that suffer from low vision in more detail. In the meantime, I encourage all of the clubs in District 22-W to continue their support of the Lions Vision Research Foundation. We set an all-time record for our financial support last year and I would like to see our support continue at at least that level going forward.

I remind you that we have an LVRF presentation available for a club meeting program. If you are interested let me know and I will arrange for myself, or one of the District 220W LVRF Trustees, to present it for your club.



KISS-A-PIG! SUBMITTED BY: LION BILL STRAUSS

The Kiss-a-Pig contest was held at the last District Cabinet meeting. The District 22w and Multiple District 22 Diabetes chair, Lion Donna Jackman, announced the totals that each contestant received; upon being announced, the contestant approached "Miss Piggy"; kissed her in the appropriate region and pinned a pair of lips on Miss Piggy. The collage (below) summarizes the results.

2017 Kiss-a-Pig Contest



1st - Lion Tom Harney



Last - RC John Aulls



2nd - DG Susan Bonura



9th - CT Gary Buchman



3rd - RC Sandy Moore



8th - 1VG Gerry Beachy

NOTE: Lion Carol Ann Alphin was 4th but was not in attendance.

Miss Piggy



5th - RC Richard Crunkilton



6th - RC Lois Conrad



7th - CS Barb Brimigion

DISTRICT NEWS

Submitted by: Lion Bill Strauss

Peace Poster Winners Announced!

Kayla Crigger, an 8th grade student at Boonsboro Middle School in Boonsboro, Maryland, has taken a major step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by submitting the winning poster in the Peace Poster Contest.

Winners of the Peace Poster Contest were announced on November 25th at the Terra Rubra Lions Club Park Building by the contest chairman, Lion Allan Chrest of the Silver Run-Union Mills Lions Club. There were 16 entrants from schools throughout District 22-W. Kayla's poster, submitted by the Boonsboro Lions Club, was among more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring this program, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, to encourage young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. The theme of the 2017-2018 Peace Poster Contest is "The Future of Peace." Kayla will receive \$100 and a certificate.

Chrest said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students who entered the contest. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

The winning poster will compete with the winners from Districts A, B, C and D. If her poster is the winner at that level, her poster will be entered into international competition where posters from districts all over the world will be judged with the grand prize winner receiving \$5,000 plus a trip to the United Nations on Lions Clubs Day at the United Nations on March 24, 2018. In addition to the grand prize, 23 merit award winners will receive \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Doing the judging were two outstanding artists and educators. Ms. Ann Hess is currently a freelance artist in the Frederick area and Mr. Gene Ganssle is an artist in Carroll County.

This was not only an event to pick the winners of the contest but also an educational moment. Chrest asked the judges to not only select a winner, but to critique each poster in an academic way so that the young artists would benefit and learn from this experience.

The second prize winner was Margaret Gouker whose poster was submitted by the Frederick Lions Club. She attends the 8th grade at St. John's Regional Catholic School in Frederick. As the second prize winner, she will receive \$60 and a certificate.

The third prize winner was Chloe Boykin whose poster was submitted by the Thurmont Lions Club. She is in the 8th grade at Thurmont Middle School in Frederick County. As the third prize winner, she will receive \$40 and a certificate.

In addition to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards, two Honorable Mention awards were recognized; one went to Jane Orellana, a 6th grade student of Thomas Johnson Middle School; the other went to Callie Mackay a 6th grade student of the New Life Christian school. Both will receive \$25 and a certificate.

All clubs take notice that kits for next year's contest will be available on January 15, 2018.

DISTRICT NEWS

PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS Submitted by Lion Bill Strauss

2017 District 22W Peace Poster Winners



Boonsboro Middle School

★ FIRST PRIZE ★
Kayla Crigger

Boonsboro Lions Club



St. John's Regional Catholic

★ SECOND PRIZE ★
Margaret Couker

Frederick Lions Club



Thurmont Middle School

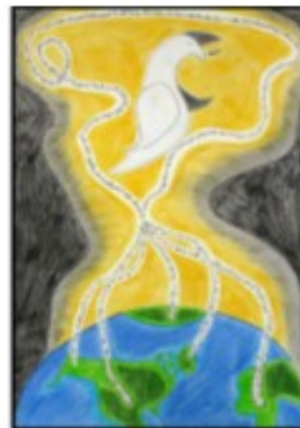
★ THIRD PRIZE ★
Chloe Boykin

Thurmont Lions Club



Thomas Johnson Middle School
★ HONORABLE MENTION ★
Jane Dredova

Frederick Lions Club



New Life Christian School

★ HONORABLE MENTION ★
Caleb Mackay

Frederick Lions Club

DISTRICT NEWS

MEMBERSHIP CORNER FOR DECEMBER Submitted by Lion Martin Bonura District 22 GMT

My Lions' club wants to bring in new members. They can do the heavy work, but we don't need all those crazy new ideas. *I'm too old for this.*

Nobody in this town wants to join a Lions club and those that join don't want to do it our way. *I'm too old for this.*

Women are Lioness and men are Lions. What is the problem? *I'm too old for this.*

Our club has been around for sixty years and we don't need to change. Anyone who joins our club must do it our way. *I'm too old for this.*

New members want to help, but they don't do it right. They keeping quitting and we end up doing all the work anyway. *I'm too old for this.*

Club members are getting old and can't do it anymore. *I'm too old for this.*

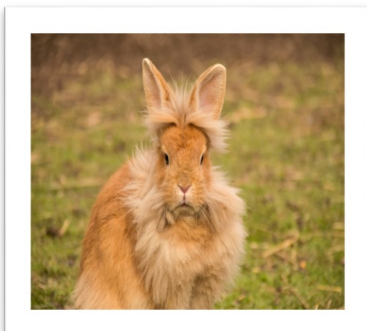
It is amazing that some clubs are dying while other clubs are thriving. ***What is the difference?***

The thriving clubs have traditions and long term members, but are not doing things the way they "always" did them. They are **open** to new members and to new ideas. Their members see what it is to be a Lion and are satisfied.

The dying clubs are dying because a few members know best. The rest are frustrated and, as volunteers, take the easy way **OUT**. They leave because they are ignored, talked down to, and made to feel that they do not belong.

If you are happy with your club tell everyone and get new members. **If you are frustrated, contact a member of the Global Membership Team for help.**

ANYONE CAN BE A LION!!!



SUCCESS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE KIDS WHO SORT EYEGLASSES

Submitted by Lion Bob Martin – Chair Sight
Conservation Region III

Hello Family, Friends...and Friends Who've BECOME Family! I hope this finds all of you exceptionally well!

As most of you know, I began my collaboration with the SUCCESS Program in 2001 (*and we only had 5 students!*). SUCCESS is a 3-year job-and-life-skills training program for (*very!*) "challenged" 18-21-year old students that's sponsored by Frederick County Public Schools. Since I began working with it, the program's expanded significantly and now educates a population of between 40 and 50 students! I spend 3-6 days each month with the students sorting the used-and-reusable eyeglasses donated to the region's Lions Clubs. Generous members of the Myersville Lions Club also now attend many of the "Bob Martin Days" (*no vanity here...for YEARS, that's what the students have called the days I'm with them..!*) and help the students, too. I'm REALLY grateful for their assistance!

Since we began, the students have boxed in excess of 600,000 pairs of eyeglasses. Ten days ago, we shrink-wrapped 43 pallets containing about 1000 cardboard boxes with over 220,000 glasses and more than 103,000 eyeglasses cases. Very soon these pallets will be trucked to Florida and then sent by container ship to Mexico to supply TWO new clinics I will be opening in the next few months. Those clinics - like the first one I started in 2007 - will provide vision exams and free eyeglasses to indigent people, this time in the cities of Cancun and Chetumal.

Once again this year I'm taking Santa to visit the SUCCESS Students in Walkersville. Each year at Christmas-time, I've asked friends and family for donations that are given to the students and the SUCCESS program to help the kids. The last couple of years your generosity has enabled me to give each student a \$30.00 cash gift (*there were 41 students last year*). When I've asked the students after Christmas what they did with the money...MOST reported buying their parents or siblings presents or saving it! The first year I gave students a gift, each got \$10.00. After opening his envelope, one student's eyes got as big as saucers. He yelled "TEN DOLLARS! I'm rich! I'M RICH!" He wasn't being funny... Even today, the memory of that young man's excitement makes me tear up... Ten bucks!!

As always, this'll be my only request. I'm grateful to each of you for taking the time to read this. Please mail your tax-deductible checks to: (*Tree-Land Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit*) Tree-Land Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 535 Myersville, Maryland 21773

DISTRICT NEWS

WANTED – DIABETIC CAMPERS **Submitted by: DG Susan Bonura**

The District is looking for diabetic children who can benefit from attending Lions Camp Merrick's Diabetic Camp. If you know a diabetic child, please provide their name and contact information to Lion Donna Jackman, 659 Trafalgar Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742, by email to dsilbj615@myactv.net, or by phone at 301-790-2036 (H), 240-675-8678 (cell).

WESTMINSTER LIONS SERVICE HOURS **Submitted by Lion Diana Frazer**

To date the Westminster Lions club has collected \$438 for Leader dog. They have collected 1478 pairs of glasses and 600 cans of food for the local food pantry.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS **APPOINTED** **Submitted by DG Susan Bonura:**

According to our Constitution and By-Laws I have to appoint three members to the Nominating Committee by November 1st and send the names and addresses of the members appointed to all clubs in the district by December 1st.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee is Past Council Chair Clare Newcomer, 19605 Granada Court, Hagerstown, MD 21742. The members are Region Chair Lois Conrad, 212 Strathmore Way, East, Martinsburg, WV 25403 and Region Chair Sandra Moore, 12900 Mt. Savage Rd., NW, Mt. Savage, MD 21545.



ROSTER BOOK CHANGES:

On page 27, the Frederick Lions Club does not have medical equipment to loan out.

On page 44: please remove the cell phone number which is listed for Treasurer Harold Burgess Jr.

On page 49, Mason Dixon Lion President Richard Gaughan has resigned as president and VP Roger Frankenberry will replace him as president. Lion Roger's information is in the roster book.

On page 73, the Westminster Lions Medical Equipment Chair is Lion Russell Mills at 443-974-4086

WILLIAMSPORT LIONS PICK UP TRASH **Submitted by: Lions Richard Nye**

The Club's final trash pickup along Virginia Avenue was on October 14th at 8am. Those lucky few who showed up early (bottom left) were treated to additional trash talk jokes by Lion Chair Terry Doub. The twelve hardy Lions (bottom right) found lots of 'special' trash (see below) for Chair Terry Doub to go through in choosing this pickup's winning find (there was even a broken shovel which should have won). Winner to be announced at next meeting.



DISTRICT NEWS

TAYLORSVILLE WINDFIELD LIONS CLUB

Submitted by CS Barbara Brimigion

TWLC firms up plans to support pediatric cancer patients!

Lion Mindy will chair this service project. She has been given \$200 from our charity account to purchase gifts for the children which will be donated to a hospital. Children have a long wait at the hospital while they receive their treatments and hopefully these gifts will help them to endure the wait time and treatment

FLAG PROGRAM

Submitted by CS Barbara Brimigion

On Oct. 27th, Chair Forrest Hudspeth organized the TWLC Flag Program at Linton Springs Elementary School for 126 students and Winfield Elementary School for 82 students.

Lions Bob Garber, VP/Sec. Jim Lutz, Steve Davis and Mindy Coates assisted him. Jarrett Moore, Rep for Congressman Jamie Rastin, and Brent Girard, Rep for Senator Chris Van Hollen also participated in the Flag Program at Linton Springs. Students learned about the history of the flag, how to take care of the flag, and how to fold the flag. The highlight of the program was the chance for the students to fold the flag themselves and to watch their teachers as they strived to perform the same task as their students. Each child received their own personal flag on a wooden stand to take home..

DG SUSAN BONURA PRESENTS AWARDS

Submitted by Lion Bill Strauss

District Governor Susan Bonura made her official visit to the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club on October 3. With her were Cabinet Secretary Barbara Brimigion and Cabinet Treasurer Gary Buchman. She was introduced by CS Barbara and spoke to us about her goals for the year and answered the "why" and "how" questions thoroughly. Everyone agreed that it was a most challenging and uplifting presentation.

She gave out three service awards from LCI:

- Lion Jack Niemiec was presented the 10 year chevron. ...below
- Lion Harry Swope was presented the 20 year chevron. ...below
- Lion Bill Strauss was presented the 45 year chevron.



DISTRICT NEWS

DEER PARK LIONS CLUB HOSTS FOUR AT CLUB MEETING

Submitted by Lion Trudy Lantry

The Deer Park Lions Club hosted a Four Club Meeting at the VFW, Westminster on October 12th. Westminster Lions Club, Greater Carroll Lions Club and Silver Run-Union Mills Lions Club attended the meeting.

Guest speaker was Judge Fred Hecker. Judge Hecker is Associate Judge, Carroll County Circuit Court. He is the presiding Judge over Drug Treatment Court. Judge Hecker is a current member and past president of DPLC.

Pictured: Judge Hecker speaks at Club Meeting



Judge Hecker recognized Lion's importance to, and impact on the community. He reviewed the structure of the Carroll County Courts, his many responsibilities and obligations with focus on Drug Treatment Court.

PRE-SCHOOL VISION SCREENINGS

Submitted by Lion Trudy Lantry

During the week of 10/9/17 the Deer Park Lions conducted 2 Vision Screening sessions, assisted Taneytown Lions with 2 screenings, and assisted Freedom Lions with vision screening training. In total, 88 children were screened, 8 referred to an eye professional.

Deer Park Lions and Taneytown Lions work together to conduct preschool vision tests.

Lion Ron operates the PlusOptix screener to screen a child at Grace United Learning Center.

Our next PSVS is Nov 7th at Wee Care Best preschool .



MIDDLETOWN LIONS HOST FREDERICK COUNTY EXECUTIVE MS. GARDNER

Ms. Gardner presented an overview of "The State of Frederick County" to the Lions Club during a recent meeting.. Cited as one of the best places to live and work, the status of Frederick County is excellent, the schools are high performing, our community is safe, and the economy is thriving. The County is on the forefront, leveraging its assets, and on the move.

The Job unemployment rate is 3.8 %, lowest of just about anywhere, and a new effort "ROOT" will sustain this effort, along with an initiative of FITSI, the Frederick Innovative Technology Society.

The "Silver Tsunami" is washing over Frederick County as the Senior population is increasing rapidly. The County has several programs in progress to provide meaningful work and volunteerism for Seniors. A unique program is underway to support Montevue Assisted Living Facility. The James M. Stockman Cancer Center recently opened and the famous "cyber-knife" technology is available due in large part to community efforts.

The County's cultural and historic assets are many and recently Carroll Creek was recognized as one of best parks in the country. Our Farmers are progressive and conscientious seeking new ways to enhance production. IT & Tech companies are coming forward to help prepare people for new jobs and the County is supporting these efforts. Several Biotech companies in the County have been recognized nation-wide as leaders in their field.

Pictured Lion Nancy Keller Bonde, County Executive, Gardner, and Lion President Ron Forester



DISTRICT NEWS

OPIOID DEATHS Submitted by DVG Gerry Beachy

Grantsville Lions had a great program on Medical Marijuana and Opioid Abuse in Garrett County at our first meeting in November.

Kendra McLaughlin from the GC Health Department spoke about the new medical marijuana program just started in Maryland. We were told about the process to obtain medical marijuana.

There are 3 steps: Grower—Processor—Dispenser. A doctor that is certified writes the prescription that is taken to a dispenser. There is only one in our area located in Cumberland. Patients also must be registered for a \$50 fee.

The patient must be 18 or older. Presently there are 13,000 in MD. Certified prescribers can be physicians dentists, nurse practitioners, midwives and podiatrists.

Certain conditions must be met and prescribers can issue a 30 day supply. But, there are implications that have not been addressed to date. Gun permitting, veteran benefits, and driving under the influence, are just a few of the implications.

Another big problem is illegality defined by the Federal Government. Therefore, all the transactions must be in cash. Other problems include unscrupulous Prescribers, overdosing by children, and auto accidents.

Lisa Welch discussed the opioid and education problem. Many think the problem is from overprescribing. Fentanyl overdosing has become a new problem. There have been more opioid deaths from overdosing than heroin.



FREEDOM DISTRICT CHARTER REDEDICATION Submitted by: Lion Don Champ

The members of the Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) celebrated 70 years of service to the Eldersburg, Sykesville and surrounding community with a banquet held at the Best Western Catering & Conference Center in Westminster on November 8, 2017.

In addition to members of the FDLC, members of 14 other Lions clubs, Dignitaries from Lions Clubs International, State and local government were among the 93 people present to recognize the club for their volunteer service.

Several awards and other forms of recognition were presented to various members and those in attendance heard some outstanding remarks by the guest speakers.

Pictured is Lions District Governor Susan Bonura, at the podium, rededicating the club's original Charter while Jeannette Morris, President of the Westminster Lions Club (sponsor of the FDLC in 1947) and FDLC President Ron Audlin look at the Charter.

