

DISTRICT NEWS

MIDDLETOWN LIONS BUY SHOES & BOOTS

Submitted by Lion Bobbi Miller

Once again the Middletown Lions are helping children in need. They purchase gift cards from Payless to help children buy either boots or shoes. Whichever the child needs.

Names are confidential with the Guidance Counselors determining the children in need from the Primary, Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. Each gift card is worth \$40.



WILLIAMSPORT LIONS TEST EYES

Submitted by: Lions Richard Nye

On October 19th, preschoolers at Funkstown School were screened for eye defects by Chair Lion Terry Doub and Lions Larry Miller, Larry May and Dick Nye.

Through October 30, a total of 555 kids have been tested at 23 sites by 10 Lions volunteering 117.5 hours of their time. A total of 90 of the children tested were referred for further testing by optometrists; 21 with possible Lazy Eye condition.



If you want to get in on the fun, contact Lion Terry Doub.

MIDDLETOWN LIONS HOST HALLOWEEN PARADE

Submitted by Lion Dick Autz

The Middletown Lions sponsored a Halloween Parade in Middletown on October 28th.. The parade is an annual event sponsored jointly by the Town of Middletown and the Lions Club.

The parade proceeded from the school down East Main Street to the Municipal Center where the participants were given candy and drinks.

The winners of the costume contest which was held at the start of the parade, were given cash prizes. According to Lion Dick Autz, judging "the Halloween costumes was no easy job." There were six categories judged which included: Prettiest, Ugliest, Funniest, Most Original, Baby and Family entry.

The picture below shows members of the High School Band entering the town square. Band members were dressed in costumes as well.



ENTER AND WIN! Submitted by: DG Susan Bonura

The International Convention Committee is looking for designs for a Multiple District Convention pin for the International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018. Send your design ideas to DG Susan at lionsonura@comcast.net no later than **January 15, 2018.** Thanks!

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FDLC SERVICE ACTIVITIES – “WE SERVE”: Submitted by: Lion Gary Buchanan

The Freedom District Lions Club has reported 65 different service activities including over 1,800 volunteer hours donated by its members since July 1st. Some of the activities over the past 4 months include:

-the loan of 196 pieces of convalescent medical equipment (hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, etc.) to community residents

- ♦ The collection of 817 used eyeglasses for recycling to those with a greater need - performed free preschool age vision screening at the Eldersburg Library and Liberty High School Child Development Program. More vision screenings to follow.
- ♦ Conducted a 2-day “Vision Days” event outside of Safeway where \$595.00 was collected to benefit the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) at Johns Hopkins Hospital
- ♦ Some members have provided volunteer support at multiple blood drives in Carroll County
- ♦ Collected trash along a portion of Route 32
- ♦ Provided funding support towards Diabetes research, Carroll Hospice, Access Carroll, Pediatric Cancer, etc.
- ♦ Donated towards the funeral expenses of a young man whose parents needed help - Supported along with two other clubs a free hearing screening at the Eldersburg Library
- ♦ Continue to support the See More Group of blind or low-vision citizens
- ♦ Support our youth by sponsoring LEO clubs at two local high schools; support the junior firefighters at Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department; the Sykesville Raiders Football & Cheer Program; & other local youth activities.



SMITHSBURG LIONS SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Lion Barbara Weaver

The Smithsburg Lions Collected 1143 pairs of eyeglasses and took them to the District in October.

The club also distributed 200 bags of candy for Halloween to children at the Smithsburg Fire Company.



HAGERSTOWN LIONS CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

As you can see by the photo, it doesn't matter about age. Lions can enjoy Halloween and be good at it. Thank you for surprising our club.



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FSK EYE SCREENINGS Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmel

FSK Lions Club, again this year, assisted Emmitsburg Lions Club in performing vision screenings of the children registered in the Head Start program in Frederick County. Over seven scheduled dates (all but one with morning and afternoon sessions; and all but one in Frederick), with a total of 222 children seen. There were 41 referred to see a vision professional.

FSK Lions participating in at least one session this year were: Lions John Aulls, Paul Gray, and Lynn Stimmel. With Lions from FSK, Emmitsburg, and Middletown participating, almost 100 service hours were donated in this project.

Lion John Aulls was available to do screenings at Thurmont Lions recent health fair; and Lion Stimmel assisted Emmitsburg with their screening at Miss Loretta's Day-care in New Midway. Lion Barbara Myers and Emmitsburg's Lion Cliff Sweeney assisted with screenings at the Asian-American Health Fair on October 28th.

Front row: Lions Sharon Hanes, Emmitsburg; Lynn Stimmel, FSK; Rachel Wivell, Emmitsburg; John Hopson, Middletown; Back row: Lions John Aulls, FSK, and Cliff Sweeney and Bill Wivell,



MELVIN JONES SPEAKER Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmel

PDG William Lynch (District 22C) was the speaker for the annual 22W Melvin Jones Fellows brunch on October 28th at the Myersville Volunteer Fire Department. Lions Camp Merrick offers non-stop fun for children who are Deaf, Blind or are a Type 1 Diabetic and are between the ages 6-16. Campers participate in a "traditional overnight camp" experience supervised by trained and caring counselors. The camp offers Family Diabetic Camp and Sibling Diabetic Camp for type 1 diabetic campers and their family members. During Family Camp diabetic campers and their family members ages 5 and up may attend camp. All youth campers will stay in gender and age appropriate cabins.

Camp Merrick has 320 acres on the Potomac River at Maryland Point. It started in the 1930s and it was turned over to the Washington Archdiocese in the 1950's. During the 1970s it was shut down and abandoned. District 22C was asked to help jointly run it as a camp for the deaf.

In 1986 The District applied for their first LCIF grant for \$25,000 to help diabetic children. When they expanded to add a blind camp, they received a \$75,000 grant. In 2008 they received a \$45,500 grant for a water filtration system. A sewage treatment plant was added onsite at a cost of \$500,000. The last grant was to update and add cabins to replace ones built in the 1930s. Between 1986 and 2008, LCM received \$424,899 in LCIF grants. The camp is now operating year-round and draws on campers from the East Coast.

FSK HOSTS DG BONURA

Lions District 22W Governor Susan Bonura recently made her official visit to the Francis Scott Key Lions Club. She was accompanied by Cabinet Secretary Barbara Brimigion and Cabinet Treasurer Gary Buchman, both of Freedom District Lions Club. Her presentation focused on the heart.

Local Lions clubs are the heart of Lions Clubs International and of our communities. Evoking the organization's motto, Bonura stated, "Lions are the WE in WE SERVE" and that "service to others defines who we are." While indicating "our motto is timeless," she continued, "Lions matter now more than ever" with the organization's worldwide focus on five areas: hunger; vision; environment; diabetes; and pediatric cancer. Lions Clubs International's goal is to serve 200 million people by 2021; and Bonura reminded members that "Lions are just ordinary people who reach out to others."

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NEWS FROM YELLOW SPRING LIONS

Submitted by: Lion Joann Bannon

Members of Yellow Springs Lions club volunteered for Trunk or Treat at Brook Hill United Methodist Church. We were met by a group of hungry ghost and goblins who would only be satisfied by the sweet taste of candy. There were no volunteers harmed in this venture and the only thing heard were thanks and the sweet laughter of children. Special Thanks to Holly Wastler for decorating the Trunk and supplying the candy and for Rev. Dana Wertz for sharing this picture.

PICTURED: Lion Joann Bannon, Lion Tony O'Toole, Lion Holly and Lion Roger Wastler



YELLOW SPRING LIONS BRING FUN TO THE ARC

Submitted by: Lion Joann Bannon

Yellow Springs Lions Club hosted a Costume Halloween Pizza Party for the ARC Community Living. We were greeted by Frankenstein, Darth Vader, a penguin, a clown, a banana, and many other great costumed guests. A good time was had by all; enjoying food, friends, and camaraderie of the season. Lions who volunteered their time and services were: Lions Sandy Baisey, Will Simpson, Aretha Smith, and her sister Marie Naylor, Lions: Tony O'Toole, Joann Bannon, Roger and Holly Wastler who also provided the treats for each attendee. Our Thanks to Elaina Clarke with the ARC Community Living for the invitation to host such a fun and rewarding Party.

PICTURED: Lions Holly Wastler and Sandy Baisley



THURMONT LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Submitted by Lion Joyce Anthony

Thurmont Lions Club's annual MaDD celebration was a success. This is the Nation's largest day of community service - it was created by the USA WEEKEND magazine in 1992. The event is in collaboration with Points of Light, the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service. Millions of volunteers around the world participate in local projects and events on this day. The Thurmont Lions Club has sponsored a variety of projects during the past eleven years and will continue in the future.

This year wasn't any different - we collected blankets for the homeless and children's size 0-8 and adult clothing for the Thurmont Clothes Closet. The event was held on Saturday, October 28th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center beginning at 10:00 am.



The Thurmont Lions Club members donated items, as well as the many donations received from the community. Light refreshments were available.



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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.

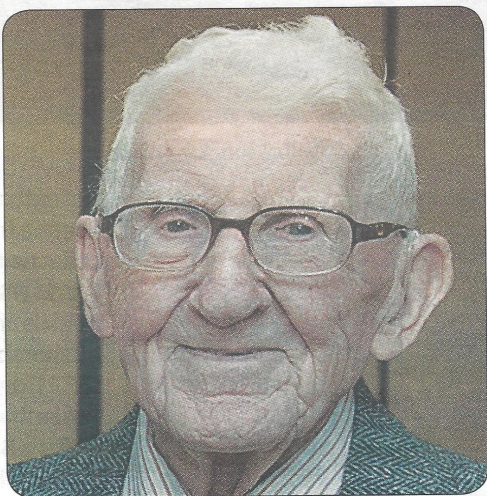
In addition to members of the FDLC, members of 14 other Lions clubs, Dignitaries from Lions Clubs International, State and local government were among the 93 people present to recognize the club for their volunteer service.

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.



DISTRICT NEWS [STORIES WERE EXTRAPOLATED FROM "THE VOICES OF VALOR". A FNP MAGAZINE WITH STORIES FROM FREDERICK COUNTY WWII VETERANS.]



RAYMOND 'RAY' GAFNEY

Army, private

Raymond Gafney was drafted into service and completed basic training at Camp Campbell in Kentucky.

During the war, he served with the 2nd Army, which trained almost a million men for all theaters of the war. Gafney said his main work was coordinating transportation.

"We just made sure that they got to where they were supposed to go," Gafney said.

Gafney himself trained to drive tanks and other military equipment at Camp Campbell, but ultimately remained stateside for the duration of his enlistment. He aimed to go to flight school, but that ended with the end of the war.

Once Gafney's draft order expired, he went on to work for the Atomic Energy Commission.

His wartime service has never been far from his mind. Gafney has been active in Frederick organizations including the FSK American Legion Post 11.

Gafney and George B. Delaplaine Jr. are the final two remaining members of the post's "Last Man's Club," a once 41-member-strong group of World War II veterans who have reunited for a meal every year. The final member will inherit a bottle of champagne the group bought in 1955.

— Danielle E. Gaines

Service dates: October 1942 through the end of the war

Theater: American

Town of residence: Frederick

Post-military career: Worked at the Atomic Energy Commission

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Lion Ray Gafney from the Francis Scott Key Lions Club received his 50 year chevron on November 14, 2017 from DG Susan Bonura.

***Lion Gene Long is a long time member of the Thurmont Lions Club.**



EUGENE LONG

Army, private first class

Eugene "Gene" Long remembers Hermann Göring, a Nazi leader tried in Nuremberg for crimes during the war.

Long attended the Nuremberg trials while stationed abroad as part of the Allied occupation of Germany.

After attending just a few days of the trials, he still recognizes some of the people's faces while watching the History Channel. More than 200 court sessions were held in Nuremberg between 1945 and 1946.

On Oct. 1, 1946, the court sentenced Göring to death by hanging along with 10 others, but Göring killed himself with a cyanide capsule before he could be hanged.

As part of the Allied occupation forces, Long never fired his gun or saw combat.

The atomic bomb was dropped while he was in training in Georgia.

Despite the end of the war, Long was sent to Germany with the 18th Regiment of the 1st Division, and worked in the post exchange distributing cigarettes and other supplies to soldiers every two weeks.

Long was drafted into the Army on July 13, 1945 — just four months after registering. He returned home to Thurmont after one year of service and attended the University of Maryland under the GI Bill for \$75 a month.

— Samantha Hogan

Service dates: Jan. 22, 1946, to Jan. 10, 1947

Theater: European

Town of residence: Frederick County

Post-military career: Farm manager at Daughters of Charity farm in Emmitsburg

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DEEP CREEK held the Bark in the Park 5k Race in September and raised over \$1000.00 for their dog park. They donated \$6,000.00 to LCI for Disaster Relief. They will hold the Blind Skiers Program on Feb 5-7, 12-14 and 19-21. Their biggest fund raiser, the Boat Auction, will be held on May 19, 2018.

FRIENDSVILLE has been in the process of getting reorganized with the new officers under the direction of Guiding Lions. They are discussing fund raisers and upcoming events.

GRANTSVILLE celebrated their 56th Charter Night on Oct 19. They held two Feed the Hungry collections as their Make a Difference Day project. They sold kettle corn at the Grantsville Elementary School Fall Festival. They will install the town Christmas decorations in November; will assist the Rotary with monetary donations and personnel for their toys/food coupon program. They will hold a family Christmas party with Santa on Sat. Dec 9 at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

OAKLAND-MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK participated in the Autumn Glory Festival in a big way. They rented 450 chairs for the parade; held the 24th Annual 5k Run/2 mile walk for Vision; and operated the concession stand at Southern Field for High School Tournament of Bands competition. They held the 60th Annual Halloween Parade and Games where usually 350-450 children participate.

CUMBERLAND has been selling mints and strategizing on obtaining new members and additional fundraising activities. The club was chartered in 1931 and recently celebrated their Charter Night with FVDG Gerry Beachy rededicating the charter. They are planning a food collection event and planning for the DG OV on Nov 1.

FLINTSTONE had it's very first District Governor Official Visit where she conducted an orientation for the new club. Club members will be performing safety patrol duties along the highway during Trick or Treat to assist drivers to slow down for area children. Members are volunteering to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army this holiday season. The club will hold a Christmas Party for area children in December, providing toys and refreshments.



LAVALE - LaVale Lions Club has successfully completed two chicken barbecues with over 20,000 halves sold between the two events. The club recently **sold its 1,500,000 chicken** dinner since record keeping began in the early '60's. They will be conducting their annual Christmas shopping excursion for approximately 20 disadvantaged children for new clothing and shoes. Following shopping, children will enjoy breakfast and be given a gift from the Lionettes. Starting the first weekend in December, the club will begin selling Christmas trees and will continue until sold out. The Pre-School Vision Screening Committee has conducted 30 screenings with 412 children screened thus far. They loaned convalescent equipment which averages 75 persons served each month. They've added four new members this year with two more prospects in the wings.

MT. SAVAGE MASON-DIXON has just completed their annual Fall Bingo fundraiser. They had a better than anticipated crowd. They also completed the annual Make a Difference Day Halloween Parade and Party. The outdoor parade was cancelled due to weather, but the children paraded in front of the judges in the Mt. Savage Fire Hall and prizes were awarded by the club along with treats and refreshments. The Masonic Lodge provided hot dogs. Much fun was had by all. Several members attended the Summer Lunch Box Program Board meeting where plans for next year will begin. Also in November, they will have the Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Party for the community. Santa will make his appearance and will give gifts and goodies to the children. The club's annual Christmas Party will be held on December 18.

OLDTOWN gave a scholarship to a senior in the area. They had to write an essay and be judged. They held a free Book Giveaway at the Oldtown School Kitchen for two days. They had a Chicken BBQ in October where they set up at the Oldtown Ball Field along with the Oldtown Community System where they had vendors set up. In December, they will have a Senior Citizens Christmas Party for the seniors in the community where they will have food, gifts, entertainment and a visit from Santa Claus.

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BOONSBORO held a Chicken Barbeque Fund-raiser and continues with ongoing activities of vision screening, sponsoring a Boy Scout troop, and collecting eye glasses.

EMMITSBURG: Hosted a Halloween Parade and Costume Contest for the community. Performed Pre-School Vision Screenings and eyeglasses recycling. They held numerous fundraising events such as a Chicken BBQ and an Oldies Doo Wop Concert.

CLEAR SPRING held a chicken barbeque to benefit local food bank, placed luminaries at the American Legion and Veterans monument for Veterans Day. They will hold a chicken waffle fundraiser and will begin practicing for their annual minstrel show.

HAGERSTOWN LIONESS CLUB is completing their major service project of vision screening for 7,800 students in Washington County Elementary schools, collected 75 boxes of cereal and \$375 cash for the Community Food Bank and is planning a bake sale to assist HLC's Pancake Day as well as a Bon Ton Store coupon book fund raiser.

HANCOCK LIONESS LIONS participated in a 5K Walk to Prevent Child Abuse, held a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, collected eyeglasses and donated food to the local food bank. They provided monetary eyeglass/exam assistance, helped with pre-school vision screening, entered a 'LIONS 100 Birthday' themed float in the Hancock Halloween Parade & had a bake sale during the parade. They added 2 new members.

HANCOCK participated in the Apple Butter Festival in Berkeley Springs, WV, and entered a float in Hancock's Annual Halloween Parade. They will hold their 66th charter night in November, and will provide Christmas turkey dinner for over 600 Hancock residents.

LONGMEADOW prepared and distributed ham sandwiches for their fall fundraiser, served at the Grace Methodist Food Bank and is sponsoring one of their members, Lion Carol Alphin, in the Kiss-a-Pig Contest at the November Cabinet Meeting.

GREATER CARROLL LIONS will begin selling discount cards in November and held their "Gift Giving Night" when they presented donations to Camp Merrick, LCIF, MD School for the Blind and Adopt-A-Thon.

SMITHSBURG LIONS sponsored two blood drives, prepared and served food at the Model Railroad show, participated in the community Halloween Giveaway, collected toys for Toys for Tots, and conducted a sub sandwich fundraiser.

WEST HAGERSTOWN sold over 900 sandwiches at their recent fundraiser, hosted a food stand at Reeder's Memorial Home (Boonsboro) Fall Fest. They are preparing for the annual Christmas dinner and toy collection for Salvation Army (combined project with Longmeadow Club

WILLIAMSPORT held a Volvo Power Day, a Homewood bingo, French fries for the Potomac Center, and a family picnic. They screened vision for over 300 preschool children. They will distribute food and toys to Williamsport residents at Christmas and will go caroling.

BRUNSWICK LIONS

During the 34th Annual Brunswick Railroad Days on October 7 and October 8, they collaborated with the Lovettsville Lions Club from Virginia to screen the hearing of 25 people in the Lions Vision and Hearing Screening Van. Eight people failed the hearing screening and were recommended to have further evaluations. They helped at the Brunswick Elementary Environmental Science Lab during the week of October 30 through Nov. 3 which is a joint project with the Rotary Club; Will be donating corn for the Thanksgiving baskets at the Brunswick Food Bank; . Will be adopting two children for the "Secret Santa Program" in the community for Christmas.

MONACACY COMMUNITY

The Lions collect food and magazines monthly for the Greater Urbana Area Food Bank and eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling. They also collected leftover pumpkins for the animals to eat at the Catoctin Zoo after Halloween and Thanksgiving; they are participating in the 1,000,000 Penny Challenge to fund future projects for the Urbana Park, local library and Urbana food Bank. They will participate in "Hanging of the Greens" joint fundraiser with the Jaycees to decorate local businesses for Christmas

POTOMAC VALLEY had two chicken barbeques and partnered with a local boys' scout troop for one barbeque.

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MOUNT AIRY 4 COUNTY: Held a golf tournament at the Rattlewood Golf Course in October; Partnered with the Mt. Airy Rotary at the Beards, Beer and Brats Festival. Held a community food drive in Mount Airy to support local food pantries; plans to assemble & distribute more than 50 holiday food baskets for Thanksgiving and will assemble & distribute 50-75 Christmas food baskets on December 23.

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS CLUB is in the process of organizing fundraisers to raise money for an on-campus food pantry. They are working out details to volunteer service hours at the Ark of Hope animal shelter.

LINEBORO-MANCHESTER LIONS donated over 400 pairs of glasses and over 100 canned foods. Several members have been going through training so the club can start doing vision testing in area schools.

HAMPSTEAD LIONS held a joint charter night with the Lineboro/Manchester Lions where over 100 22W Lions attended. They raised over \$1500 for LCIF disaster relief.

VALLEY LIONS setup a club canopy for the Union Mills Homestead Foundation Brew fest, maintained AED's at Montessori, St Johns and Carroll Lutheran schools. They also donated a bicycle to the Pleasant Valley Fire Co. for their Halloween Party.

WESTMINSTER LIONS worked with the Westminster Fall fest as a partner charity putting in 545 hours in 4 days and food truck with 144 hours put in by members, families and friends. They sold tickets for a 300-club drawing and they are currently selling turkey raffle tickets. They collected 12 used hearing aids.

TANEYTOWN LIONS held their 71st charter night with DG Susan as the featured guest. They toured Silver Oak Academy with dinner. They hosted a blood drive and held a basket bingo on Nov. 3. Upcoming events include a pancake breakfast on Nov. 18, a quarterly drawing on Dec. 19 and working with Taneytown Elementary School to construct a Little Free Pantry.

HARNEY LIONS held a cash bingo on October 13. They had a speaker from St. Paul's Church to discuss community needs.

NEW MARKET: Held Concessions at Kemp-town Elementary PTA fall Festival. Will hold Pre-School Vision Screening at the children centers of Mt. Carmel and New Market United

GLADE VALLEY – On October 5, the GVLC celebrated their Centennial Bench dedication, New Teachers and Membership Night at the Walkersville Community Park. Burgess Chad Weddle thanked the club for the bench and their service to the community. The Frederick City Police Department then presented a fascinating K-9 demonstration.

MT. AIRY LIONS: The club has just completed two major events, their annual Sept. yard sale and Fall Craft Festival. They had over 370 vendors at the yard sale and over 90 crafters for the festival. Nov and Dec bring two major projects for their club: Thanksgiving baskets for approximately 20 – 25 families and Christmas baskets and gifts for the children of these families, again 20 – 25 families.

NEW WINDSOR LIONS hosted a Halloween Party on Oct. 27 along with a blood drive on November 9. They will be supporting the "Mayor on the Square" food drive on Nov. 17 and will be holding a community Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Paul United Methodist on November 22.

LEOS— Reports submitted by Leo Chair Pauline Rosier

SILVER OAK ACADEMY LEOS

The Leos helped the Terra Rubra Lions with their crab feasts. The club was involved with community service by helping Lion Emily Graham with painting and moving boxes at her business as well as making sleep mats with recycled plastic bags for the needy every Wednesday during the summer. They attended the Maryland Renaissance Festival. The Leos sponsored a spaghetti dinner and a silent auction which raised over \$1,000. The faculty advisor is Sheila Leatherbury .

BOONSBORO HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB In October, the grades competed to bring in the most food for "2K17 Kids Help Kids Food Drive". Donations went to the South County in Boonsboro. Upcoming projects include collecting used eyeglasses, an ASPCA drive, Stash the Trash, Hat/Mitten Tree and toiletries for REACH. The faculty advisor is Allison Wadding at WaddiAll@wcps.k12.md.us.

CENTURY KNIGHTS LEO CLUB AND LIBERTY HIGH LEO CLUB—Both clubs had a total purchase of \$1,380.25 in school supplies which were donated to the five local elementary schools. The Leos and their advisors want to thank the Lions and others who donated to the school .

CENTURY KNIGHTS LEOS sold "Dough for Funds" Panera Bread coupons as a services project. They conducted a food drive. Upcoming projects for the Century Knights Leos is the citrus fruit sale, selling Chick-fil-a coupons, toothbrush drive, providing tutoring to the Linton Springs Elementary School students and giving meals to families in need at Thanksgiving.

The Century Knights have a pamphlet which includes requirements of membership and information about the club. The faculty advisor is Patti Naper at penaper@carrollk12.org.

The **LIBERTY HIGH LEOS** upcoming projects will be selling Chick-fil-a coupons, having a citrus fruit sale and giving meals to families in need at Thanksgiving. The faculty advisor is Patricia Regan.

CENTURY LEO CLUB Submitted by FDL Phantom Editor

Lions/Leos Holiday Project – The Century High Leo Club and Liberty High Leo Club with the help of FDLC will be again purchasing and wrapping gifts for needy families in December. Any FDLC member who wishes to donate towards this annual holiday project can make a tax deductible donation check payable to the "FDLC Foundation" and mark the memo section "Holiday Project". These checks should be given or mailed to Lion Bob Bastress at 298 Iris Drive, Sykesville MD 21784 by Friday, December 8th. Thank you.

LEO INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS—On October 23rd, the Century High Leo Club (35 new members) and Liberty High Leo Club (38 new members) conducted a joint induction ceremony at Liberty High School. Congratulations Leos!!!

FSK HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB – The Leos have added 2 new members, with one of the new members, Leo Catherine Graham, chosen the club's Vice President. Leo President Emily Airing has already gotten the club participating in projects. The Leos will continue to collect old sneakers to support the Nike Grind project to recycle to make playground floors. They will have Panera Bread coupons for sale as a fundraising project. The club is considering a winter clothing drive in November. Leo Emily is exploring ways to make the club more visible to the school community. One project completed was the creation of a school pride poster for Homecoming titled "The Leo King" fashioned after the poster from the movie "The Lion King". Thanks to Leo Alyssa Kalman for creating the poster. The picture of the poster was in the District's November Newsletter. Participation in other school events as well as Leo club events will be a priority for the year. The Leos will be helping the Taneytown Lions at the Basket Bingo, Pancake Breakfast and fruit sales. The club would like to hear from the Lions clubs in Region IV, Zone I for opportunities to assist in their projects. The faculty advisor is Bonnie LaPierre at BLLAPIE@carrollk12.org.

NOTE: December 5, Leos around the world celebrate International Leo Day. This annual celebration commemorates the organization of the first Leo club on December 5, 1957. It also provides an opportunity to applaud Leos for their dedicated service in the community and recognize their commitment to the Leo Club Program. Submitted by: Lion Pauline Rosier District Leo Chair.

LEOS

THURMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL (TMS) LEO CLUB (Advisors: Lions Gayle DiSalvo, Dianne McLean – TMS School Advisors: Holly Bauknecht and Melanie Ware)

There were 20 Leos in attendance representing both returning and new members at their first meeting in September. The club finished up some business left over from last school year to purchase \$800 of equipment needed to improve the middle school Physical Education program. The Leo club worked with the Physical Education Teachers to get supplies that benefit all students in the school.

At the October meeting, the officers for the 2017-2018 year were installed: Leo President Brynn Shank, Leo Vice President Emily William, Leo Secretary Ana Morlier, Leo Treasurer Paige Romeril, Leo Directors Quinn Law-Knotts, Ava Morlier, Abigayle Bowley, and Leo Public Relations Garath McCullough. The club celebrated their 9th Re-Certification of Organization in October.

They collected supplies for the local cat rescue for their "Make a Difference Day" project. Future projects: On October 31, the Leos sponsored a costume fundraiser allowing the students to wear a costume during school for a donation to the Leo club for future projects; Making posters to help the school's food drive for the local food bank to be delivered in November/December; and Leader Dog fundraiser by filling coin cards. The Leos helped the Thurmont Lions Club food booth at the Emmitsburg/Thurmont Community Show and Colorfest, delivering food to the customers. The faculty advisors are Holly Bauknecht and Melanie Ware.

NEW MARKET MIDDLE LEO CLUB - The Leo club has 3 new Leo club advisors, who are Lions Lynwood Browning, Margie Shiflett and Suzan McGowan. Thanks to those Lions for being interested and getting involved with these young people. Projects for the Leos are working on the front school gardens, placing blue ribbons for Veteran's Day through the town, having a hat and glove drive, and possible Leos present at City Hall Christmas Reception serving cookies and punch, and sending Christmas cards slipped into care packages going to the troops called "Operation Gratitude". They are looking into the possible involvement with Peace Essays as well as submissions for Peace Awards. The faculty advisor is Jo Branham at jo.branham@fcps.org.

CATOCTIN HIGH SCHOOL (CHS) LEO CLUB (Advisors: Lions Wendy Candela, John Hart (TLC) – CHS School Advisor – Cathy Herrmann)

This year, the club will be meeting monthly every second Thursday. The Leos have a pamphlet which includes Leo club information, what they have done, and what they will do for you. Leos made posters and decorated collection boxes to raise money for hurricane victims. They collected during lunch periods and attended the Thurmont Lions Club meetings with a collection box. Throughout the summer, the Leos sold "Leo Club Ice Cream" and raised \$250 for the Activity Fund. The Leos helped the Lions deliver food to the customers for the Thurmont-Emmitsburg Community Show as well as the Catoctin Colorfest. For "Make a Difference Day" the Leos had a Hurricane Relief collection jar at the Catoctin Colorfest. The club celebrated their 8th Re-Certification of Organization in October. During "Halloween in the Park" the Leos will be helping with the various activities. The Leos have been doing this on an annual basis since 2013. The Town Administrator, Jim Humerick, invited the Leos to help with a "Tree Planting" project on Sat., November 4. It was a great opportunity for the Leos to contribute to the effort, and learn how to plant trees. Last Spring, the Leos were awarded as volunteers for helping the town earn "Tree City USA" status. Visit the website at <http://e-leoclubhouse.org/sites/catoctin> for the latest information, calendar, tweets and to view a link to our Facebook page. The faculty advisor is Kathleen Herrmann at kathleen.herrmann@fcps.org.

BOONSBORO HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

During the month of October, the grades competed to bring in the most food for "2K17 Kids Help Kids Food Drive". Donations went to the South County in Boonsboro. Upcoming projects include collecting used eyeglasses, an ASPCA drive, Stash the Trash, Hat/Mitten Tree and toiletries for REACH. The faculty advisor is Allison Wadding at Wad-diAll@wcps.k12.md.us.



LEOS CONTINUED

SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL LEO CLUB

— There were 9 new members to join the club. The Leos are having a “Kids Helping Kids Food Drive” as a competition between homerooms to see who can bring in the most food items to be donated to the MD Food Bank. They finished making fleece tie blankets to be donated to the University of MD Children’s Hospital. On “Make a Difference Day”, they cleaned up along the Cushwa Basin of the C & O Canal. They will be visiting with the Homewood Senior Living Facility residents to make holiday ornaments to decorate a tree at the “Charlie Brown Christmas” event. The Leos will be making and signing “Holiday Cards for Hero’s” to send to military troops. The faculty advisor is Julie Perez at PerezJul@wcps.k12.md.us.

SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL LEOS made blankets for needy children. **SPRINGFIELD LEOS** picked up trash at the Cushasa Basin and River Bottom . There were 12 Leos who picked up 800 lbs of trash along the Potomac River in Williamsport. They certainly made a difference.

WILLIAMSPORT HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

The Leos will be at lunch shifts to encourage their classmates to join the club as well as displaying posters about joining the Leo club. They were invited to join the Springfield 16 of 22 .

SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL LEOS & WILLIAMSPORT LIONS WORK ON A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS TREE



Pictured are the Springfield LEOS picking up trash & with finished tree.



JOIN WESTMINSTER LIONS TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR CHARTER

Submitted by Lion Diana Fraser

The Westminster Lions Club annually celebrates the anniversary of its founding (or "charter") in 1940 in December on Charter Night. The **77TH CHARTER NIGHT** will be held on **Thursday, December 14**, in place of our regular meeting at the Westminster VFW.

It is also **Widows' Night**. All widows of deceased members, plus current members, and their spouses/guests are welcome! Entertainment will be provided by the Old Line Statesmen vocal group. Cost is \$20.00. Call **Lion Bob Keefer** to let him know if you plan to attend – or not. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Westminster Rescue Mission.

All Lions should wear red or green, or risk being fined by our Tail Twister!

WESTMINSTER CHRISTMAS PARTY Submitted by Lion Diana Fraser

Lions Club members and their guests are invited to attend the Christmas Party on Thursday, December 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Kountry Kafé, 5 Locust Lane, Westminster.

Bring a gift costing \$10.00 or less if you want to participate in the Gift Exchange.

Please sign up with Barbara Mills at 410-848-9250 by Sunday, December 10. The cost is \$25.00. Please pay by Wednesday, December 20.

MARTIN'S SHOPPING CARDS FUNDRAISER:

Submitted by FDL's Phantom Editor

Do you shop at Martin's or Giants grocery stores? Did you know that FDLC receives a percentage from the shopping gift cards the club sells that can be used at these grocery stores? This is an easy "no sweat" fundraiser and you can help by just contacting Lion Ron Mihalko at 410-795-1766 or email rmihatepcs@comcast.net and let him know what total dollar amount in gift cards you need. Checks should be made payable to "FDLC Foundation".

COMING EVENTS

TAWNEYTOWN LIONS HOLDING FRUIT SALES



The annual fruit sales will be held at the Taneytown Shopping Center on **December 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th**. Help is needed **Saturdays** from 8 am to 4 pm and **Sundays** from 10 am to 4 pm. Prices are as follows:

Navel Oranges – Full Box \$34; Half Box \$19
Red Grapefruit – Full Box \$32; Half Box \$18
Tangelos – Full Box \$32; Half Box \$18
Tangerines – Full Box \$40; Half Box \$23
Mixed Fruit – Full Box \$30; Half Box \$18

2018 DISCOUNT CARD

With a \$10 donation to the **Greater Carroll Lions Club**, you can receive a 10% discount every visit during the 2018 calendar year at the following local businesses:

Paradiso Ristorante ... Rafael's
Ledo Pizza ... Genova's To Go
Sweet Frog ... Mediterraneo Ristorante
The Stable Illiano's J&P Restaurant
IHOP Westminster ... Vocelli's Pizza
C.Y. Custom Fit Tailors ... Lone Star BBQ ...
Westminster Car Wash ... Coffey Music ... Jiffy
Lube ... Players Amusement ... Blue Bistro &
Catering ... Paradiso Carry Out ... Classico Pizzeria
CUP Tea Bar & Café ... Tim Thai Restaurant ...
Giulianova Groceria & Deli FireHouse Subs ...
Ying Thai Cuisine

*\$10 Donation. All proceeds benefit Lions Club Initiatives. *Business Limitations may apply.

DISTRICT 22B SOCIAL - MARCH 3, 2018 - Submitted by Lion Dal Mann, PDG District 22B Social Chair

The District 22B Social honoring District Governor Jeff Beever and First Lady Lion Beverly will be on March 3, 2018 at The Milestone near the airport in Easton. Our guest speaker will be International Director Gwen White from Columbia, North Carolina. I have heard from reliable sources that she is an excellent speaker. We don't want anyone to miss this event due to a schedule conflict that could have been avoided. There will be a cost break for those who reserve an eight person table. Much more information to follow.

COMING EVENTS!

REMINDER 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS

The 2018 International Convention will be held in Las Vegas, NV **June 29 – July 3, 2018.** The convention hotels are the MGM Grand (HQ & DG-E: also our delegation hotel), Signature MGM, Luxor, Monte Carlo, and NY. All convention events, except the parade, will take place in the MGM Grand.

Room rates at the MGM Grand (our delegation hotel) will be \$120 weekdays and \$205 weekends (Friday & Saturday), plus a \$15 per day resort fee (discounted from \$35) and taxes. Parking at the hotel will be \$12 per day.

RVs will be able to stay at the Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort for \$50 per day. Web sites: Convention Host Committee

lions2018lasvegas.org

Oasis Rv Resort

www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com

If any LEOs want to attend, they will be staying in the dormitories at UNLV. The cost for their room & board is \$27 per night.

The parade will be early on Saturday and will end in Downtown Las Vegas (Fremont Street). It will NOT be on the Strip. As I learn more, I will include it in the newsletter.

SOUTH CARROLL LIONESSE LIONS CLUBS ANNUAL LASAGNA FUNDRAISER Submitted by DG Susan Bonura

Our annual fundraising dinner will be held on Saturday, January 6th, at 6:30pm so please plan to attend.

The meal will include: salads, vegetables, desserts, soda, bottled water, etc.

Please contact Susan at 443-745-1281 or lionsbonura@comcast.net no later than January 2 if you are planning to attend.. Payment of \$15 in advance is appreciated with checks made payable to the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club and sent to DG Susan Bonura at 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg, MD. 21048. The event will be held rain, shine or sn*w!



FUNDRAISING NIGHT!

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

Deer Park Lions Club
Monday December 11th 2017
4PM - 10PM
Dine In or Carry Out
Flyers are not to be distributed on Texas Roadhouse Property

10% Donation Night

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!

Call AHEAD SEATING (410) 871-1220
21 S. Cranberry Rd.
Westminster MD

You are invited to join the

Libertytown Unionville Lions

on
Tuesday, December 19, 2017
at the
Mountain Gate Family Restaurant
133 Frederick Road, Shurmont, MD 21788

For a Christmas Gala

Gather at 6:30, Buffet Dinner starts at 7 pm

Cost is \$15

Have fun by bringing a \$10 to \$15 Gift and join us for our famous "Chinese Auction"

Merry Christmas

Make your reservations by contacting the club secretary, Lion Bill Strauss, at (410) 756-4476 or E-mail him at williamstrauss@msn.com before December 14

Payment for meals will be made to the restaurant when leaving the event.

COMING EVENTS!

BENEFITING LVRF LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Doug Favorite & Don Keeney, of the Thurmont Lions Club, are hosting an open house-style tour (come & go as you please) and dinner at their home on Saturday, December 16th from 4-8pm.

Cost is \$20.00 per person.

Address is 15000 Roddy Road, Thurmont MD 21788.

Doug & Don decorate with over 100 trees at Christmas from 1.25 inches to 12.5 foot tall. There are many themed trees with several new trees added each year.

Some of the themes include: Waterfall Tree (with working waterfalls), Train Tree (with working trains), Butterfly Tree (with moving butterflies), Superhero Tree, Scooby Doo Tree, Book Tree, Norman Rockwell Tree, Star Wars Tree, Minion Tree, Grinch Tree, Winnie the Pooh Tree, Bubble Tree, Upside Down Tool Tree, Elf Tree, Underwater Tree, Covered Bridges Tree, Patriotic Tree, Candy Tree, Candy Cane Tree and many more. A full buffet meal is included with this event! Enjoy the sights, the sounds, and the tastes of Christmas as you celebrate the spirit of the season. ALL Proceeds will benefit LVRF.

Enjoy this Christmas tradition or start a new one!

RSVP to Lion Doug at 301-271-0558 or doug.favorite@gmail.com



CONVENTION HELP WANTED

The Multiple District Convention being held May 7-10, 2018 in Ocean City will be here before we know it! Much planning and preparation goes into any successful convention and you are needed to help make it a success. District 22W is responsible for filling the following convention positions:



Decorations Committee – 2 Lion volunteers
Elections Committee – 1 Lion volunteer
Merchandise Committee – 1 Lion from District 22-W to Chair this committee plus 3 other Lion volunteers

Golf Committee – 1 Lion volunteer
Memorial Service – 1 Lion volunteer
Parliamentarian – 1 Lion volunteer
Pianist – 1 Lion volunteer
Protocol – 1 Lion volunteer
Publicity – 1 Lion volunteer
Registration and Credentials – 3 Lion volunteers

Resolutions – 1 Lion volunteer
Sergeant at Arms – 4 Lion volunteers
Rules – 1 Lion volunteer
Song Leader – 1 Lion from District 22-W to Chair this committee
Ticket Sales – 1 Lion from District 22-W to Chair this committee plus 1 other Lion volunteer

Tail Twister – 3 Lion volunteers

Please contact DG Susan at 443-745-1281 or lionsbonura@comcast.net to offer your services to make our convention a success!

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