



LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

December



We hope that you had a wonderful **Thanksgiving**. Lions can be very thankful for their many blessings and the blessings that have been given to others because of the Lions - **WE SERVE**. Many families were given food and winter clothing during this holiday thanks to our Lions.

Soon we will be celebrating **Christmas**. Already, many Lions Clubs have provided food, clothing, and toys to those in need in their communities. The **LIONS MAGAZINE** mentioned the **DNA of Lions**. Serving is truly in the genes of Lions. What a great feeling it is to help someone in need. Thanks to all Lions for what you do in your communities and around the world. The world is truly a better place thanks to Lions.

We often get the question: why do you want to become District Governor? We have had a wonderful time visiting over 40 Lions Clubs, meeting great Lions, inducting new members, presenting much deserved awards, and learning about fantastic club service and fundraising projects. I have been reviewing reports on the lionsclubs.org website before visiting clubs and have been amazed at what the Lions Clubs in District 22-W have been doing. One club reported 60 service and fundraising activities. And, they have done many of those activities several times during the year. Truly, Lions District 22-W is the best district in MD-22. We have the most clubs and the most Lions members. But we cannot rest on our successes. We currently have a net loss in membership (currently less than 1900, down from over 2000 in 2014), and have lost 2 Lions Clubs, bringing our total number of clubs to 57 (down from 59 last year). We also have over 10 clubs with less than 20 members. To help those clubs, we need new **Guiding Lions**. The course is available on-line, and we hope to have a 4-hour course to be held in a central location of our district. We need to find new, quality members to bolster our numbers, especially since our membership is getting older and cannot do what we used to do. We need to continue to ask younger members to help us with our service and fundraising activities, eventually becoming Lions members, continuing to serve and look **Beyond the Horizon** to increase our **membership, leadership**, to continue the **fellowship** we have in our clubs, and to **showcase** what we do as Lions. Too many times we quietly serve without telling others about our service. There are still those in our communities that don't know about Lions. Be ready to tell them about your club when they ask What are Lions? Be proud that you are a member of the world's largest service organization and wear your Lions pin everywhere.

We wish all our Lions in District 22-W a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks for all you do as a Lion and continue serving others in your communities.

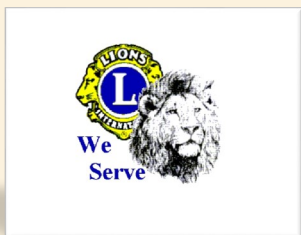
I can be reached if you have any Lions needs in 2018-2019 by email: gbeachy@verizon.net or by phone, 301-707-7200.

Gerry Beachy

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2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

- I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Here we are entering December and Christmas is coming fast. I would like to make my message for December geared toward the homeless in our communities. With cold weather here there are many homeless staying out in the cold.
- In Maryland alone they estimate around 50,000+ experience homelessness. Many Questions arrive like why don't they get a job or just go and get a cheap apartment but the facts show that poor people work. More then 38% of poor people work full time or part time jobs and are still below the poverty level.
- As far as cheap apartments, Maryland is home to the 7TH **highest housing** wage. Fair market for a 2 bedroom housing unit is \$1281.00 a month. This means it would take 3.1 full time minimum wage jobs to afford this housing.
- We can help by simply holding a clothes drive focusing on warm clothes, cooking some hot meals and delivering to a location where they can come get a hot meal or partnering with another organization to help with shelters or food pantries.
- Maybe next time you see someone that is homeless, just stop and talk to them and offer them a hot meal. You never know someone's story until you stop and listen.



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**'A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions,
and the roots spring up and make new trees''**

Amelia Earhart

CALENDAR

DECEMBER



Dec. 1: District 22-D Governor's Ball, honoring DG John Burris and his Partner in Service, Lion Joan Bestpitch, will be held at the Harrington Raceway & Casino, Harrington, Delaware. Please contact CS Charlie Croft for additional information.

Dec. 1: MYERSVILLE LIONS CLUB Country Breakfast, Book Sale, and Farmer's Market... – 7:00-10:30am; Myersville Fire Hall PRICE: Adults \$9; Senior Citizens \$8; Children 6-11: \$5; children under 5 years of age free. **SEE COMING EVENTS**

Dec. 2 –10: CELEBRATION OF HANAKKAH

Dec. 6: WESTMINSTER PAINT NIGHT ... SEE COMING EVENTS

Dec. 7-8: MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND will make an attempt to have the World's Longest Goalball Game to break the Guinness Book World Record. **SEE COMING EVENTS...**

Dec. 9: ANNUAL HARNEY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING at 4:00pm. The Lighting will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Harney. Everyone can decorate an ornament and place it on the tree. Donations of cookies are welcome, hot chocolate will be providedTree lighting is at dusk .

Dec. 9: SMITHSBURG LIONS WILL HOLD A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Smithsburg Fire Department starting at 4:30pm.

Dec. 10: ROARING RUN LIONS will hold a fundraiser in the Texas Roadhouse 3:00 pm-10 pm. when they will donate 10% of the total food purchases. You must have a coupon to present to the server to dine in or carry out to be eligible for the club to receive the 10% donation.

Dec. 12-1/12: SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS LIONS CLUB ... MEMORY TREE—SEE COMING EVENTS

Dec. 15: MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST—Hours 7:30-10:30am...Fire Company Activity Building...SEE COMING EVENTS

Dec. 17: SMITHSBURG will hold a Blood Drive at the Smithsburg Fire Department.

Dec. 18: Libertytown-Unionville Christmas Party—Red Horse Steak House...SEE COMING EVENTS

DEC. 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

JANUARY



Jan. 1, 2019: NEW YEAR'S DAY

Jan. 5: MYERSVILLE LIONS CLUB Country Breakfast, – 7:00-10:30am; Myersville Fire Hall PRICE: Adults \$9; Senior Citizens \$8; Children 6-11: \$5; children under 5 years of age free.**SEE COMING EVENTS**

Jan. 10: SHARPSBURG LIONS host \$5 dinners...SEE COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 12: SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS LIONS CLUB will be hosting a Holiday Fundraising Lasagna Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person

Jan. 21 :MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Jan. 26: CABINET MEETING IN MYERSVILLE

Jan. 31: DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION LI-ONS INSTITUTE– District 22W will cover \$75 of the registration fee for the first 20 Lions who apply from 22W...more information in coming events.

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH!

Lions from around the world voted to make diabetes our primary cause moving into the future. We're helping educate the world on the need for diabetes-related research, programs and initiatives. Show your support for this cause, and raise awareness of our mission with these fantastic new items from the LCI Store! Find out more about this global cause and [get involved!](#)

A REMINDER FROM LCI

The International Board of Directors have agreed to discontinue the practice of issuing credit for membership drops following the release of the semi-annual billing. Please update your membership rosters in MyLCI before December 31, 2018 to make sure your membership is accurate.

MEMORIALS



LARRY BRUCH, a member of the Grantsville Lions Club since September 1990 passed away after emergency heart surgery at West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown, WV on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. He was a very active member of the Grantsville Lions Club having served as President twice, 1996/1997 and 2011/2012. There was a memorial service at Newman Funeral Home in Grantsville this Sunday from 1-4 PM. More will follow when the obituary is released. **Larry was an active community member, who was loved and respected by all who met him. Larry spent 20 years coaching and refereeing soccer with his three children. He enjoyed walking his dogs, hiking, biking, and skiing. More recently, during retirement, Larry started traveling the world with his two friends, became a substitute teacher, and was a wonderful "Opa" to his grandchildren.**

Lion Larry was a native of Philipsburg, NJ and was raised in Easton, PA. He was a social worker for the Garrett County Department of Social Services retiring after 26 years as a Child Welfare Supervisor. Besides being a member of the Grantsville Lions Club, Lion Larry volunteered at the Wisp as a Mountain Host, a Vista Volunteer, a board member of the Celtic Festival and former member of Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Garrett Mentors. Lion Larry was an active member of the Grantsville club serving twice as club president. He is survived by one son, Zachary, two daughters, Elizabeth and Abigail and three grandchildren. More information can be found at the funeral home website: www.newmanfuneralhomes.com

MARTHA LUCILLE MIDDLEKAUFF: It is with sadness that we report the death of Lion Martha Lucille Middlekauff of the Chewsville Lions Club. Lion Martha passed away on Monday, November 5, 2018 at home surrounded by her family. She was 87 years old and a 24 year member of the Chewsville Club. Lion Martha worked for Washington County Board of Education in the cafeteria at Pangborn Elementary School, retiring in the early 90's. She was a member of Salem Reformed Church. She was also a member of Chewsville Lions Club and an auxiliary member of Morris Frock American Legion Post 42 .



BETTY M. DAWSON, 84, of Lonaconing, Maryland passed away November 21, 2018, with her husband, the love of her life, by her side. She was born to the late Henry Milford and Helen "Nellie" (Stakem) Milford, September 12, 1934, in Lonaconing. Betty graduated from Central High School in 1951 and attended Catherman's Business School in Cumberland, Maryland. She was an accomplished pianist and taught piano for many years. She found spiritual enjoyment as the church organist for the First Presbyterian Church, Lonaconing and enjoyed playing the piano for family sing-a-longs. She passed her appreciation of music to her children. She worked at the

Kelly-Springfield Auto Service, Inc. and the Donald B. Rice Tire Company. Along with her husband, Betty was a long-time volunteer with the George's Creek Ambulance Service, Inc. and held the position of financial secretary for many years.



Betty is survived by her husband of 61 years, James W. Dawson, Sr., their three children: Nancy Beeman and husband, Steve, of Elkton, VA; James W. Dawson, Jr. and wife, Suzanne, of North Potomac, MD; and Betty L. Gum and husband, Ronald, of Woodbridge, VA .A funeral service was held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the George's Creek Ambulance Service, Inc. at P.O. Box 155, Lonaconing, MD 21539-0155.

RUTH JONES STAKEM, 93 mother of LaVale Lion Cynthia Zumbrun and mother-in-law of Lion Champ Zumbrun died on Thursday, November 22 ,2018 at Frostburg Village Assisted Living. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, , her husband Frank Patrick Stakem. She was a graduate of Central High School, class of 1942; where she was the editor of the newspaper and wrote many poems for the paper and her class reunions. She worked for the Celanese during WWII making parachute material for the war effort. From 1971 to 1991 she worked at Valley High School as a baker and cashier. She received an award for her baking and was best known for her cinnamon rolls and Christmas cookies. She was a member of St. Mary of the Annunciation Church from the time she was a child until she moved to Assisted Living at Frostburg Village in 2008. She was also a member of the September Singers and St. Mary's choir. Ruth was well known for her singing voice; she sang at many weddings in town and would cover at the various churches when the choirs would take summers off. She would also sing with the band at the Lonaconing VFW



PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS—Submitted By Lion William Strauss



FIRST PLACE

Nicole Chowdhury, 8th Grade, St. John School



SECOND PLACE

Jane Orellana, 7th Grade, Frederick After School Program



THIRD PLACE

Samantha Heyison, 8th Grade, The Banner School

HONORABLE MENTION

Carolena Cepeda, 7th Grade
New Life Christian School

HONORABLE MENTION

Jenay Badoe, 8th Grade
Springfield Middle School



LION NEWS

LIONS CLUBS PEACE POSTER WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Submitted by Lion William Strauss

Nicole Chowdhury, an 8th grade student at St. John School in Frederick, Maryland, has taken a major step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by placing first in the Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Lions Clubs of District 22W. Winners were announced on November 17th at the Myersville VFD Hall, Myersville, Maryland by the contest chairman, Lioness Lesley Smith of the Hagerstown Lioness Club. LCI has sponsored this program for over 30 years to encourage young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. The theme of the 2018-2019 Peace Poster Contest is "Kindness Matters". The award for first prize is \$100 and a certificate.

The second prize winner was Jane Orellana whose poster was submitted by the Frederick Lions Club. She attends the 7th grade at *After School* in Frederick. The award for second prize is \$60 and a certificate.

The third prize winner was Samantha Heyison whose poster was submitted by the Frederick Lions Club. She is in the 8th grade at The Banner School in Frederick. The award for third prize is \$40 and a certificate.

In addition to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards, two Honorable Mention awards were recognized; one went to Carolina Cepeda, a 7th grade student of New Life Christian School in Frederick and was sponsored by the Frederick Lions Club; the other went to Janay Badoe an 8th grade student at the Springfield Middle School and was sponsored by the Williamsport Lions Club. Both Honorable Mention winners receive a \$25 prize award and a certificate.

Nicole's winning poster was entered into the Multiple District 22 competition competing with the winning posters from the four other districts of MD22. If she places first there, her poster will be sent to Lions Clubs International headquarters where it will compete with winners from all over the world. Winner at this level is \$5,000 plus a trip to the United Nations on Lions Clubs Day at the United Nations on March 9, 2019. In addition to the grand prize, 23 merit award winners will receive \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

"AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!"

Saturday, November 3, was the 67th annual **John Harrison Moore Pancake Day**. The weather cooperated, and hungry patrons began to fill the main dining area of the Elks Lodge shortly after 7 AM. If the crowd was not quite as large as some in past years, a steady stream of customers continued throughout the morning and early afternoon. As always, pancakes and sausage received rave reviews from those attending.

Celebrity guests included local weather forecaster **Lou Scally** and spouse, **District Governor Gerry Beachy** and **Lion Sue**, and **PDG Brian Cox** and **PCS Susan**. Our own **PDG Lion Dave Fisher** and **Lioness Doris** along with **PCC Clare Newcomer** were all busy serving!

In addition to the pancake breakfast, **Hagerstown Lioness Club** held their accustomed bake sale, which sold out as usual. Younger children each received a book of their choice at the book distribution table.

Everyone enjoyed the pop music, power point video and banner light display arranged by **Lion Paul Needy**.

Thanks to all Lions and Lionesses who participated in any way – serving, set up or take down. Special thanks also to the **Girl Scout Troops** as well as family members and friends of the Club who helped make our day both enjoyable and successful.

Exact counts and amounts are not yet available; they will be published in a future issue. But here is your first reminder:

Hagerstown Lions Club members work at the breakfast.



LION NEWS

WHAT IS THE STORY BEHIND HANUKKAH?

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of a Jewish rebel army, the Maccabees, over the Seleucids (an ancient Hellenistic empire that ruled much of the Middle East) in 165 BCE and the subsequent re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem that had been desecrated.

According to Jewish tradition, it celebrates a miracle: inside the Temple, the Maccabees found enough consecrated oil to light the eternal flame in the Temple for a single day but miraculously the oil lasted for eight days, long enough to produce new oil.

"This is the reason why Hanukkah is celebrated over eight days."



NEW MARKET DISTRICT LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

The NMDLC will celebrate Christmas in New Market on Saturday, December 1st beginning with the parade at 10:00 a.m. and with a Lions Club booth in the New Market United Methodist Church schoolhouse where the children's activities will be centered. We will have the new members banner and will be able to talk with people about our Lions Club and the programs that benefit the community. We will also have vision screening set up for preschool children. Because parking is difficult around parade time, Lions helping with the event should arrive around 9:00 a.m.

NMDLC mailed 3,389 Christmas cards to California on October 29th under a big program called "**Operation Gratitude**". The cards are put in care packages for the troops. This is a joint project of the New Market District Lions Club and a number of local churches. This is the second year we have participated in the project. It was very successful. Last year we mailed 514 cards. This year we sent 3,389 Christmas cards for the troops! Thanks so much to everyone for your support.

MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB HEARS SPEAKER FROM MPHP

Submitted by Dick Autz



The Middletown Lions Club Speaker Series aims to bring guest speakers to our Club, to expand our understandings of important agencies in and around the Middletown Valley. Our community is fortunate to have several agencies to assist residents who are disadvantaged and need help. The local Social Services Department is usually the front line in this work, and often refers clients out to other organizations for more assistance. The Religious Coalition for Human Needs in Frederick is a primary source for assistance and acts as somewhat of an umbrella organization, helping to coordinate the assistance to clients. They may refer clients to **Middletown Valley People Helping People (MVPHP)** and this organization's work was discussed October 22nd, 2018 by **Mary Straits**.

Middletown Valley People Helping People (MVPHP) is a local non-profit organization developed and managed by volunteers. The mission is to create and support programs that benefit citizens of all ages that live in Braddock Heights, Middletown, Myerstown, Wolfsville, and other local areas. Formed In 1998 by a group of concerned citizens, local clergy, businesses and local government, it has grown into a well-functioning, dependable group. Their intent is to serve the community, which sounds a lot like the Lions aim. The programs of MVPHP have been supported by the Lions and we recognize the Adopt-a-Family, School Supply collection, the Food Bank, and others as common interests. Our own Anne Keyfauber is President of the MVPHP and other members have also joined. We express our sincere appreciation for Mary's explanation, and for her years of volunteer service.

MVPHP has an Emergency Assistance Team that receives calls from clients and partnering non-profit organizations that work together to provide needy families with a variety of emergencies. Some of the emergency help we provide is eviction prevention, payment of utility bills, fuel in winter months, prescription assistance, rental assistance, home repairs, furniture and appliances (donated), clothing, shoes, tires ... We are also a referring agency working closely with other local agencies that can provide the help our clients might need. Locally, we work with Madeline Ann Burke Emergency Fund, St. Theresa of Calcutta and local churches. Within the county we work with The Religious Coalition, Frederick Rescue Mission, Social Services, Advocates for the Homeless, etc. Beyond the basic needs work, MVPHP sponsors Senior Exercise and Yoga classes, patient transportation to medical appointments, operate the Meals-on-Wheels program in the Valley, the "Empty Bowls" banquet, the Middletown Valley Sports fund, and supports the "Week end Food Backpack program" with the Food Bank to assure students have food on the week-ends.

Mary Straits has been volunteering with MVPHP for 9 years and notes that they need more volunteers all the time. Consider giving some of your time to this worthy group.

Families in need of help are encouraged to call our number 301-371-3119 .. for information, emergency financial assistance and referrals to other agencies at any time.

DISTRICT NEWS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Submitted by Lion Melanie Ware

Make A Difference Day (MaDD) was **Saturday October 27th** this year. The Thurmont Lions Club held a bake sale at **Tractor Supply just off Rt. 15** (7631 Devilbiss Bridge Road, Frederick, MD) starting at **8:00am until sell-out** to benefit The Music is Medicine Foundation.

This non-profit organization provides support and resources to recovering addicts, as well as public education. Some of the services they provide are helping those in recovery to get their GED, write a resume and get a job, provide counseling services to addicts, and their families, and even helping families to pay for funerals of overdose victims.

The number of people who suffer from opioid and heroin addiction in our community is astounding. It seems everyone knows someone who succumbed to addiction. The **Music is Medicine Foundation** is currently in the process of opening a center in Thurmont that will surely be beneficial to addicts and their families.

For more information on the foundation go to <https://www.facebook.com/theMusicisMedicine/> or <http://rjstastingstrength.org/>.

Don't let the hatred of the world harden your heart. Remember that one act of kindness can change the lives of many. (Source unknown)

IMPORTANT DATES for DISTRICT 22W

January 26, 2019: Third Cabinet Meeting: Region 3 (Breakfast) Myersville Volunteer Fire Company

April 13, 2019: Fourth Cabinet Meeting:

April Leader Dog Banquets: **April 22nd** Region 1; **April 23rd** Region 2; **April 24th** Region 3; **April 25th** Region 4.

May 13-16, 2019: Multiple District 22 Convention: Ocean City

THE THURMONT CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY TREE – A NEW TRADITION

Submitted by Lion Bob Johnson

For a number of years the Thurmont Lions Club sponsored the Thurmont Community Remembrance Tree during the Christmas season. Starting with the 2018 Christmas season the concept of this tree has been expanded to encourage local residents and organizations to express any seasonal sentiment that they desire. As in years past, the tree will be placed on the corner lot next to the PNC Bank at East Main and South Center Street. Individuals and organizations are being asked to place their own ornaments on the tree. The ornaments can express a seasonal sentiment or simply identify the individual organization that placed the ornament as long as they are in good taste.

The tree will be dedicated at 4:30 PM on December 1st (Christmas in Thurmont Day). Ideally, we would like to see individuals organizations place their ornaments on the tree as a part of the dedication ceremony. However, if that is not convenient, the ornaments may be placed at any time after the tree is erected (around November 25th). I am especially hoping that members of the Thurmont Lions Club will participate in this dedication activity.

We have invited all of the other service and social organizations in the community to participate. In addition, invitations have been sent to both of our LEO Clubs; Boy Scout Troop 270, Ministerium and the Fire and Ambulance companies. Vickie Grinder has also arranged for an invitation to be placed in the Town of Thurmont electric bills. Let's make the new Community Christmas Tree a big success.

ROSTER BOOK CHANGES

* Correct e-mail address for Frostburg State Campus Club President Tael or Hicks is: tdhicks0@frostburg.edu

* Valley Lion President Larry Strine's correct email address is lstrine@hotmail.com. His information appears on page 69 of the roster book.

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DISTRICT NEWS

CHARTER NIGHT – 89 YEARS STRONG!!

Submitted by Lion Joyce Anthony

On Tuesday, October 23rd, our club celebrated its 89th Anniversary with dinner at Shamrock Restaurant. With 71 members and guests in attendance, we had a wonderful evening of celebration and honor. PID Joseph Gaffigan presented Lion President Julie El Taher with special recognition from LCI President Gudrun Yngvadottir for our 89 years of service. PID Joe inducted our newest member: Marcie Veronie and presented several awards. Congratulations to: Lion Dianne McLean who received the International President Certificate of Appreciation; Lion Bill Reckley who received a Melvin Jones Fellow and Lions Don Keeney and Doug Favorite for receiving Arnall Patz Fellows.

Also recognized were our chevron members: William Wilhide – 45 years; Ross Smith, Jr. - 40 years; John Brown - 35 years; Michael Irons - 35 years; Robert Muchow - 35 years; Alban Little - 20 years; Paul Cannada - 15 years; Gayle DiSalvo - 15 years; Cartha Johnson - 15 years; Robert Johnson - 15 years; Colleen Buehrer - 10 years; Dianne McLean -10 years; Cindy Wantz -10 years; JR Wantz - 10 years.

Lion President Julie also recognized Lion John Brown with a Life Membership. The committee recognized those members with 30+ years of Lions service, with Lion Bob Meunier leading the list with 52 years, and Past Presidents of the club.

Our necrology service remembered our Lions Vic Jagow and Nancy Dutterer and spouses Betty Jagow and Mary Bolling.

We would like to thank PID Joe for assisting with our celebration; FVDG Evan Gillett for joining us and introducing PID Joe; and Lion Albie Little, Gary Jagow and Rocky Birely for providing music for our celebration.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and thank you to all for being a Thurmont Lion.

During the celebration of the Thurmont Lions Club's 89th Anniversary, Lion President Julie recognized Lion John Brown with a Life Membership. Lion John has been a Lion for 40 years.



Fellow Lions,

Wasn't it wonderful to have our families together for Thanksgiving! Now that the Holiday season is just around the corner we will have our families together again to enjoy and celebrate the season according to our families faith. Lions of all faiths come together to serve our communities and to help those that are less fortunate and cannot enjoy the holiday season as we do. I want to share with you what PDG Kent sent to all of the District LCIF coordinators. He has given us permission to make edits where we wanted.

"If you could put a smile on the face of a child fighting pediatric cancer for 28 cents a day, Would you? If you could provide sight for a blind child for 28 cents a day, Would you? If you could put a meal on a families empty table for 28 cents a day, would you. If you could provide a child clean water to drink for 28 cents a day, Would you? If you could help keep 400 children from dying per day because of measles for 28 cents a day, Would you?"

I hope the answer to these questions is a resounding YES! You can do all of this and more by donating 28 cents a day which equals \$100 per year to LCIF Campaign 100. Now is the time for YOU to brighten the Holidays for those in need. Make your pledge and send in your donation before the Holidays and you will feel the glow of knowing that you helped these causes and put smiles on children's faces all over the world".

All of us can remember how happy we were as children when we opened presents. We can remember how happy our children, grandchildren and in my case great grand children are when they open presents. I know how happy we feel when we see the smiles and joy on their faces. Now let us put smiles on children's faces around the world that desperately need our help.

I wish all of our Lions families a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year,

PDG Paul Cannada
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"Together We Will Make a Difference"

DISTRICT NEWS

OAKLAND—MOUNT LAKE PARK LIONS RECEIVE AWARDS

Submitted by Lion Eric Robison

During the Official Visit from our District Governor Gerry Beachy club members were awarded for their years of service to Lions. Following is the list of club members who received recognition.

- 20 Year Service Award – Luther (Bud) Parrack
- 15 Year Service Award – Sherwin Teagarden
- 10 Year Service Award – Ryan Wolf
- 10 Year Service Award – Richard Harris
- 10 Year Service Award – Leon Cardiff
- Silver Centennial Award – Eric Robison
- Silver Centennial Award – Wayne Mowbry
- Silver Centennial Award – Regis Marucci

TANEYTOWN LIONS CELEBRATE VETERANS NIGHT

Submitted by Lion Barbara Heltebride

Our last meeting was our **Veteran’s Night**. We are proud of all the veterans in our club and **Tail Twister Debby** honored them with a drawing won by **Lion Bob Flickinger** and gave each a star shaped lollypop.

Lion Gary introduced our speaker, **Perry Jones**, a member of the **Sons of the American Legion**, former County Commissioner and presently the Mayor of Union Bridge. He spoke on the many ways the American Legion assists veterans, such as health and education assistance, moving and relocation, travel and lodging fees, insurance and obtaining discounts at various stores.

Taneytown American Legion is involved in the **Veterans Independence Project**. They are helping to raise funds to provide tiny houses for the homeless vets in the county. These will be placed on the property at the former armory in Westminster. The vets will also be given training to assist them in finding jobs.

Pictured below Lion Club President Paul Garver and Speaker Perry Jones.



LVRFB NEWS – NEW FELLOW IS NOW ON BOARD

Submitted by PDG Susan Timmons

Dr. Michelle Komal was born in Mississippi and spent her formative years growing up in her home state of Connecticut. She attended undergraduate at the University of Connecticut where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She then went on to obtain her doctorate from The New England College of Optometry, in Boston MA. After graduation, her desire to serve her country then lead her to join the US Navy. She attended Officer Indoctrination School in Rhode Island where she graduated as a commissioned Naval Officer in the Medical Service Corp.

She has worked in many modalities as a Primary Care Optometrist. She has worked as an Active Duty Naval Optometrist, successfully ran a private practice, served as Staff Optometrist at the Veterans Administration Hospital and currently works with the Department of Defense.

Her desire to help those with visual challenges has brought her here to John Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute so that she can surround herself and learn from the most knowledgeable, talented, compassionate Low Vision Rehab Team.

She is honored to be here and eager to serve those who see the world differently lead the most fulfilling lives possible.



DISTRICT NEWS

DEER PARK LIONS TRAIN SHOW A HIT!

Submitted by Lion Ron Kafchinski



The Deer Park Lions Club welcomed a large crowd to the Westminster Train Show at the Ag Center in Westminster on Sunday, November 18. While the numbers are not final yet, it's estimated that 1500 – 2000 toy train enthusiasts, from age 2 to 90, attended the show.

The comments were all very positive as they perused the 200 tables of trains, train parts and many other products of interest. They also enjoyed as nice lunch as provided by the Deer Park Lions. The main appeal of course was the American Flyer Train Set Up! It was a great show!!

HARNEY LIONS PLANT A TREE AT THE VFW

Submitted by Lion Virginia Fair

The Harney Lions Club, with the assistance of District 22W Environment Chair Champ Zumbrun, planted a Liberty Tree seedling in front of the Harney VFW on Monday, November 12. Following the planting Lion Champ will be presenting a program on the first Army units of the United States.



FSK CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmel

Lions Clubs International District 22W Past District Governor and District Mobile Screening Unit Chairman Brian Cox recently spoke to the Francis Scott Key Lions Club about efforts to secure and place in operation a mobile screening unit for use throughout District 22W.

PDG Cox, a member of the Terra Rubra Lions Club, stated that the District 22W Mobile Screening Unit will be a self-contained vehicle that will provide vital free services by screening to detect eye disease, vision and hearing loss, high blood pressure, and with appropriate expertise, diabetes, using state-of-the-art equipment. He estimated the cost of the vehicle to be \$140,000 with funding coming from a mix of grants and personal and club donations. District 22W is comprised of Lions Clubs in Allegheny, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington Counties.

Also attending that meeting as the Operation Blue Thank You participant was Officer Tony Lawson of the Frederick Police Department's Special Operations Division. Operation Blue Thank You is the club's initiative to thank our local police officers for protecting the community, inviting them to attend a dinner meeting as the club's guest. **PICTURED BELOW Lion Duane Voltel, Officer Tony Lawson and PDG Brian Cox.**



PICTURED RIGHT: Toni and PDG Susan Bonura presenting the Melvin Jones Award to Lion Toni.



DISTRICT NEWS

First Vice District Governor's Service Challenge

Is your club struggling to come up with a service project for **Childhood Cancer?**



Have your club collect any of the following **NEW** items: Play-Doh, Barbie dolls, craft kits, nail polish, ear buds, small Lego kits, books, coloring books, crayons, stuffed animals (must have tags on the animals), sticker books, games, small action figures.

Let FVDG Evan know your club accepts the challenge and then bring the new items to the next cabinet meeting in Region II on 10 November.

FVDG Evan will deliver the new items to a pediatric cancer center at the University of Maryland Medical Center Children's Hospital or Sinai Hospital. FVDG Evan will award a cash prize to the club who brings the most new items.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (VOTY)
Submitted by Lion Susan Favorite

This year, the VotY Committee received three nominations: John Dowling for his work with the Thurmont Senior Center and Our Lady of Mount Caramel Church; Donna Voellinger for her work with the Thurmont Historical Society and Nicole Orr for her work with Lewistown Elementary School.

All very deserving individuals, and our four judges had a difficult time determining who would be the 2018 Volunteer of the Year recipient. The announcement of John Dowling as the 2018 recipient was made at the Town Meeting on October 30th .

As many will remember, John Kinaird, prior to being Mayor or Commissioner, was our very first VotY recipient. Mr. Dowling split his donation between the Thurmont Senior Center and Our Lady of Mount Caramel Church. He also received a \$50 gift certificate to Shamrock Restaurant.

Pictured L-R: Lion Susan Favorite; John Dowling, VotY



FSK LIONS LEARN ABOUT HEARING LOSS
Submitted by Lion Lynn Stimmel

District 22W Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action Chairman Lion Barbara Brimigion spoke to the Francis Scott Key Lions Club recently on the causes of hearing loss, how to protect and preserve hearing, how to help the needy get free hearing aids, and how to speak at a meeting with hard-of-hearing members. Brimigion, of the Freedom District Lions Club in Carroll County, has also served the district in recent years as Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer.

Brimigion related that hearing loss affects approximately 466 million persons worldwide and up to 48 million in the United States; approximately one-third of persons over age 65 have some degree of hearing loss. While mandatory newborn hearing screenings will help identify problems earlier (and possibly have hearing aids fitted by age four weeks), studies have found that Baby Boomers are experiencing hearing loss at a younger age.

While hearing loss is permanent and irreversible, up to one-third of cases are preventable. Risk factors for hearing loss include some prescription drugs, illnesses with high fevers, high blood pressure, abnormal bone growth and tumors, smoking, and head injuries. The average cost of a pair of hearing aids is \$4,800, although some may cost up to \$8,000; the average life expectancy is five years and often is not covered by insurance. In some cases, Lions Clubs can help those in need of hearing aids to obtain them.

The FSK Lions also welcomed the latest Operation Blue Thank You honoree, Frederick Police Department Sgt. Kacie Strong. Operation Blue Thank You is the club's way to thank our local police officers for their efforts in keeping us safe by inviting them to join the Lions members for a meal.

Pictured: Club President Toni Grey; PDS Barbara Brimigion, Sgt. Kacie Strong



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DISTRICT NEWS

YELLOW SPRINGS LIONS HOLD HALLOWEEN PARTY

Submitted by Lion Joann Banyon

The Halloween Party for Community Living ARC was well attended by a ballerina, space explorer, and penguin. In addition, there were many other costumed and non-costumed guests.

A good time was had by all. They enjoyed munching food and talking with friends and sharing the camaraderie of the season. A special thanks to Mary Beth Leonard representative of Community Living for her help. Also, a special thank you to volunteers Katelyn Wastler and Kaitlyn Dilulie who not only helped serve Pizza but filled and helped distribute bags of Halloween candy to each of our guests.

Lions who volunteered their time and service were;

Left to right:

Lion Sandy Baisey, Volunteer: Kaitlyn Dilulie, Lion Holly Wastler, Volunteer Katelyn Wastler, Lion Pres. Tony O'Toole, Lion Will Simpson, Lion Joann Bannon, Lion VP Roger Wastler



FREEDOM DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Lion Donald Champ

The Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) held their 5th Annual Golf Tournament on September 28, 2018 at Oakmont Green Public Golf Course in Hampstead. Eighty-five golfers plus FDLC volunteers enjoyed a sunny day following a long stretch of rainy weather.

The FDLC wishes to thank their sponsors and will use the funds raised for their community service projects. **Pictured below** (left – right) are: Jim Moore, FDLC 1st Vice President and golf committee chairman; Cleo, the FDLC mascot; Gerry Beachy, Lions Clubs International District 22-W Governor from Grantsville, Maryland who was part of a foursome from western Maryland and West Virginia; and Don Champ, FDLC President



THE GREAT FREDERICK FAIR

Submitted by Lion Bill Strauss

The Great Frederick Fair of 2018 is now history and it was very special because our new trailer was used at the Fair for the first time. There were many comments from our loyal customers; some said they thought we were not at the fair because they did not see our yellow trailer, but either "finally noticed" us or were told by others that we were in our same spot with a different but white food trailer. We posted three 8½" x11" pictures of our old trailer in living yellow with the words "Rest in Peace" above it and "1983-2017" beneath it hoping our old customers would see it and realize we were now in this large white trailer.

At press time, the treasurer did not have final figures of our profit, but it should be in the order of \$4,400 - \$4,700.

There were 16 Lions and 8 non-Lion volunteers who chalked up 516 hours working at the fair. Commented Lion Bob Ensor, Fair Committee Chair, "I think the new trailer performed very well and I would certainly like to say 'Thank You' to all who helped especially those who worked multiple days and/or nights."

Also present and helping at the fair on Wednesday, Children's Day, was Miss Frederick Teen, Erika Long. **Pictured to left...**

