

LIONS DISTRICT 22-W NEWS





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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

JUNE

Congratulations District Governor Elect Evan Gillett, First Vice District Governor Elect Barbara Brimigion and Second Vice District Governor Elect Charles Croft, Jr. who were all elected at the 95th MD-22 Convention in Ocean City. We wish them much success in 2019 -2020 as they begin their terms on July 1st.

Lion Sue and I have had a wonderful year, visiting great Lions Clubs throughout our district. Thank you to all our clubs for the exceptional hospitality you gave us during our visits.

We have learned about fantastic service and fundraiser projects being done in our District 22-W. Our Lions are truly living up to our Lions motto WE SERVE. We have lost members this year but are still the largest and best district in our Multiple 22, consisting of District A, B, C, D and W. In our district, we have 1860 members as of May 7th, down from 1920 members a year ago. We also had 59 Lions Clubs a year ago and now have 57 Lions Clubs, losing Halfway and Oldtown Lions Clubs. I was notified by West Hagerstown that they are turning in their charter at the end of June and we have had no contact with Carroll Manor-Urbana Lions Club, which will bring our district down to 55 Lions Clubs. I have been talking to our Lions Clubs about retention – keeping Lions from being dropped due to lack of attendance and non-payment of dues. And, our members are all getting older, altogether resulting in a loss of 80 members. It is difficult to find younger members to take our place, but we still need to invite them to help us with our service and fundraiser projects. They will then see firsthand how Lions serve and help their communities. There is one other thing that we can do to retain members. The answer is to keep all Lions involved in service and fundraiser projects. Too often we take ownership of a project and don't ask others to help. If a Lion stops coming to club meetings and projects, perhaps a simple phone call or email asking for help may change things and keep a Lion in the club.

We have been looking at areas where new Lions Clubs could be formed. A new Lions Club can be formed with 20 or more members. Another way we can grow is to form a Branch Club. The Lions of a branch club are members of your club but meet separately. This could be a great opportunity in areas where there are a lot of commuters who travel and can't attend weekly meetings. It could be possible that they meet on a weekend when they are not commuting. Another area where a branch club could be formed would be in retirement communities.

This will be my last article, having written one each month for the past 3 years. It was my hope that each message would offer encouragement to each of our Lions. Finally, thank you for all you do as a Lion. Our communities are a much better place thanks to all the work done by you, a proud Lion in our District 22-W. I have another month of club visits attending charter nights, officer installations and presentations of awards. Don't forget our bus trip to **Lions Camp Merrick** on July 10th. We still have seats available. And try to attend our **Banner Change** on August 10th. That will be a night of awards, fun and the official banner change from the Grantsville Lions Club to the Roaring Run Lions Club. Watch for the banner change flier and the event will be held at the Myersville VFD, same as last year.

Gerry Beachy

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District 22 -W Newsletter

CALENDAR



June 1: GAT SEMINAR—Carroll County College...SEE COMING EVENTS June 6: **D DAY**

June 6: WESTMINSTER STEAK & SAUSAGE MEAL...SEE COMING EVENTS

June 7: LIONS RESEARCH FOUNDATION and CLARKS-VILLE LIONS CLUB will be hosting the 39th Annual Golf Tournament at Fairway Hills Golf Course, Columbia... SEE

COMING EVENTS June 8: ALLEGHANY GAT SEMINAR...SEE COM-

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June 9: FSK WINE TASTING...SEE COMING EVENTS

June 10: HANCOCK LIONESS LIONS 4th ANNIVER-SARY...SEE COMING EVENTS

June 12: **St. MICHAEL TRIP**...SEE COMING EVENTS

June 12: MYERSVILLE & MIDDLETOWN GOLF TOURNA-MENT at *M*usket Ridge...SEE COMING EVENTS

June 14: FLAG DAY

June 15: WHITE CANE BRUNCH for DISTRICT 22W . Checks should be made payable to District 22W and not Keralink. SEE COMING EVENTS

June 17: **SMITHSBURG LIONS** will hold a BLOOD DRIVE at the Smithsburg Fire Department **from 1:30-6:00pm June 20: FSK LIONS will hold their 97th CHARTER NIGHT** at Shroyer's Golf Club, Middletown ...SEE COMING

June 21: **HAMPSTEAD LIONS CLUB** will be sponsoring the 7th Annual "Lion Dick Murray" Golf Tournament at the Oakmont Green Golf Course, Hampstead.

June 22: Lions Camp Merrick will be hosting a Lions Appreciation Day Picnic on Saturday, June 22 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. ..SEE COMING EVENTS> June 27: DEER PARK LIONS CHARTER NIGHT...SEE

COMING EVENTS

June 29: ROARING RUN LIONS will have a food stand open at the Agricultural Center Flea Market from 7:00am until closing in the early afternoon.

June 29: FSK Tickets to

KEYS GAME...SEE COMING EVENTS





July 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 5-9: LCI CONVENTION IN MILAN ITALY

July 7: LIONS INTERNATIONAL BIRTHDAY!

July 10: CAMP MERRICK Trip—SEE COMING EVENTS

July 11-21: **BRIDGING THE GAP** DEAF Camp ... SEE COMING EVENTS

July 28: Baseball Game at National Park...SEE COM-ING EVENTS



FREE HEARING CLINIC Submitted by: 1st VDGE Barbara Brimigion

The Taneytown Lions Club will host free hearing screenings at the Taneytown Library on Friday, June 14, 2019 for adults and children at least 3 years of age from 9 am to 12 pm.

Please arrive by 11 am to ensure that you will be tested by noon. Screenings will be conducted by Healthy Hearing and Balance. Attendees will receive free ear plugs. There will be a free raffle for safety ear protectors. Lions are asked to come and get their hearing tested.

MEMORIAL

LION STANLEY "STAN" PERDEW of the LaVale Lions Club. Lion Stan died on Tuesday, April 30. Lion Stan, age 88, was the first member to join the LaVale Lions after the Charter Night on December 10, 1955.

He was a 1949 graduate of Allegany High School. He was a Paratrooper in the United States Army.

The LaVale Lions conducted a memorial service for Lion Stan at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 6 at Christ Lutheran Church, Vocke Road at Martz Lane, LaVale. The Rev. Tormod Svensson officiating. The family received friends an hour prior to the service. Interment was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Cumberland, where military honors were accorded by Ft. Cumberland Post #13 Veterans Honor Guard.

Serving as pallbearers were Matthew McKenzie, Justin Smith, Zackery Smith, Donnie Peck, Jerry Chambers, Roger Robinette, Mark Kyle, and Gary Llewellyn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the LaVale Lions Club (P.O. Box 3235, LaVale, MD 21504-3235) or to Christ Lutheran Church (1222 Vocke Road, LaVale, MD 21502).



LION DAVID ENSOR, age 79, of New Windsor, died Monday, May 27, 2019 at Carroll Hospice Dove House after a brief illness. Born March 8, 1940 in New Windsor, he was the son of the late Danton and Myra Faulkner Ensor. He was the husband of Nancy Lyman Ensor, his wife of 50 years.

Dave was a 1958 graduate of New Windsor High School and a 1966 graduate of Towson University. He was employed for 34 years with the Carroll County Department of Social Services as a case manager/administrator.... He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, New Windsor, where he enjoyed singing in the choir and volunteering with the church Food Pantry and the monthly community meal. He was a member of the New Windsor Lions Club, having served twice as president and he was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award. Dave loved sailing, gardening, playing the piano and riding the rails in Speeder cars.

In addition to his wife he is survived by daughters, Sarah McMath and husband John of Shade Gap, PA and Kate Ensor of Mount Hood/Parkdale, OR.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 1, at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 200 Main St., New Windsor, with Rev. Shari McCourt, church pastor, officiating. The New Windsor Lions will hold a Memorial Service at 7:30pm Friday evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 250, New Windsor, MD 21776 or to the Dove House, 292 Stoner Ave., Westminster, MD 21157.

ACTIVITIES

July 10: JOIN US for a bus trip to Lions Camp Merrick in Nanjemoy, MD. We will have lunch with the diabetic campers then tour the camp. We will stop for dinner on the way home (on your own). The bus will pick up in Cumberland, Hagerstown and Frederick in the morning, returning to each location in early evening. We will have room for 36 passengers and the estimated cost is \$50.00 per person. The price includes the bus, driver tip and bus snacks. Any money left over will be given to the camp. Contact me if you are interested in going. Email reservations to gbeachy@verizon.net or call 301-707-7200 (cell).

August 10, 2019 - Change of Banner at Myersville Volunteer Fire Company.

August 24, 2019 - District 22-W Baseball Game with the Hagerstown Suns.

October 5, 2019 - District 22-W Social AND Post Social

December 5, 2019—AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER IN LANCASTER—Join us for a bus trip to see the original holiday show "Joy to the World," sponsored by the FSK Lions Club to benefit our charity account. The \$140 pp cost includes motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, and lunch at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord.

We Serve **District Governor** Lion Gerry Beachy 175 Parkview Circle, Grantsville, MD 21536 301-707-7200 cell gbeachy@comcast.net

May 26, 2019

Article: Pop up Tents Available on Loan to all Lions Clubs in District 22-W.

Photo: Tent

Each Lions district in MD-22 was given a grant of \$5,000 to be used for membership and promotion. In our district, we held Lions information nights to inform the community about our Lions Clubs.

We also gave each Lions Club a sign and banner to promote their club.

Most recently, we purchased 12 tents and had them imprinted with the Lions logo. They are available on loan to our Lions Clubs from each Zone Chair. So, we are spending all the grant money and will not have to send any money back to the Council of Governors.

If you have any question, please contact DG Gerry Beachy at 301-707-7200 or GMT Lion Martin Bonura at 443-745-1281..



ACTIVITIES

LIONS RECEIVE HONORS AT THE LIONS MD-22 95TH CONVENTION IN OCEAN CITY

Submitted by: DG Gerald Beachy

Cabinet Secretary Lion Charles Croft, Jr. and Cabinet Treasurer Susan Favorite received the Presidential Award from IP Gudrun Yngvadottir at the MD Banquet at the MD-22 Lions Convention in Ocean City. FVDG and DGE Evan Gillett received the Presidential Leadership Award from IP Gudrun Yngvadottir. FVDGE Barbara Brimigion, GMT Lion Martin Bonura, Lion Joyce Anthony, Lion Vick Mahr, Lion Mike Garner, Lion Phyllis Thompson, Lion Bill Strauss and CT Lion Susan Favorite received District Governor Commendation Awards from District Governor Gerry Beachy. Lion Gary Buchman, GMT Martin Bonura, PDG Kent Eitemiller and PDG Paul Cannada all received the Honor Roll Award from District Governor Gerry Beachy.

Lion Bill Strauss and IPDG Susan Bonura received Presidential Certificates from IP Gudrun Yngvadottir. Other District Governor Commendation Awards and Honor Roll Awards will be presented to those not attending the convention by DG Gerry Beachy at Lions Clubs throughout our district.

Photo : left to right: Lion Sue Beachy, District Governor Gerry Beachy, Cabinet Secretary and SVDGE Charles Croft, Jr., PID Richard Liebno, Cabinet Treasurer Susan Favorite, PDG Paul Cannada, Lions International President Gudrun Yngvadottir,



PID and Partner in Service, Jon Bjorn, and FVDG and DGE Evan Gillett.

Below Council of Governors:

Left to right: PIP Clem Kusiak, Council Chair Dee Hawkins, District B Governor Wayne Cole, IP Gudrun Yngvadottir, District A Governor Angela Bruce, District 22 W Governor Gerry Beachy, District D Governor John Burris, and District C Governor Andrea Cumberland.



LIONS CLUB LEADERS ELECTED!

Submitted by Publicity Chair Bill Strauss

At the 97th Multiple District 22 Convention held in Ocean City, Maryland from May 13 through May 16, Lions and Lionesses of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia chose their leaders for Lions year 2019-2020. The Lions of District 22W consisting of Carroll, Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett counties, chose Lion Evan Gillett, a member of the Roaring Run Lions Club, to be District Governor for the upcoming year. He will attend the Lions Clubs International Convention being held in Milan, Italy, from July 5 through July 9, where he will be installed District Governor of District 22W by incoming International President Lion Dr. Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea.

Elected to the office of 1st Vice District Governor was Lion Barbara Brimigion of the Freedom District Lions Club. Lion Charles Croft of the LaVale Lions Club was elected to the office of 2nd Vice District Governor.

District Governor Elect Gillett has selected Lion Martin Bonura of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club to be Cabinet Secretary and Lion M. Virginia Fair of the Harney Lions Club to be Cabinet Treasurer.

The new officers will assume office on July 1st; there will be a "Change of Banner" celebration on Saturday, August 10 when retiring Immediate Past District Governor Beachy will symbolically turn over the reins to District Governor Gillett.

In attendance was Lions Clubs International President <u>Gudrun Yngvadottir</u> of Gardabaer, Iceland, who presented awards to District 22W Lions for outstanding service and accomplishments over the past year. Lion Susan Favorite, who served as Cabinet Treasurer this year, was presented the International President Medal. Lion Vicki Mahr of the Roaring Run Lions Club received the International Leadership Medal. Immediate Past District Governor Susan Bonura of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club and Lion Bill Strauss of the Libertytown Unionville Lions Club were presented the International President Certificate of Appreciation by International President Yngvadottir who also presented presidential pennants to Lions Vicky Mahr of the Roaring Run Lions Club, Roger Robinette of the LaVale Lions Club and Mike Garner of the Taneytown Lions Club.

Lions who were inducted into the District 22W Honor Roll were: Lions Gary Buchman of the Freedom District Lions Club, Kent Eitemiller of the Taneytown Lions Club, Martin Bonura of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club and Paul Cannada of the Thurmont Lions Club.

District Governor Beachy awarded District Governor's Commendation Medals in recognition of exemplary service to Lionism to Lions Barbara Brimigion of the Freedom District Lions Club, Martin Bonura of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, Vicki Mahr of the Roaring Run Lions Club, Mike Garner of the Taneytown Lions Club, Bill Strauss of the Libertytown Unionville Lions Club, Susan Favorite of the Thurmont Lions Club and Phyllis Thompson of the Myersville Lions Club.

Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world with almost 5 million members in 220 countries and 47,000 clubs throughout the world, welcomes all men and women who wish to serve their communities to join them. All members of Lions Clubs International are proud to have been the first service club to invite women to join as Lions! International President Gudrun Yngvadottir is the result of this inclusion of women being the first to serve as International President.

To learn more about Lions Clubs International and how you may serve your community as a volunteer, visit the District 22W web site, <u>www.e-district.org/sites/22W</u>, where all clubs in the district are listed. Click on the club nearest to you, contact any officer of that club and you will be greeted warmly with an invitation to visit them to see first-hand what Lionism is about. Our mission is short and simple: **WE SERVE!**

Pictured are the District 22W officers for 2019-2020, (L to R): 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Charlie Croft, 1st Vice District Governor Elect Barbara Brimigion, District Governor Elect Evan Gillett, Treasurer Elect Ginny Fair and Secretary Elect Martin Bonura.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE







Grantsville Lions

The 22W Lions were Led by our district governor, Lion Gerry Beachy (behind banner) who was accompanied by Matthew Knauff.

District 22W was represented by 14 members in the Lions club unit of the National Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27 in Washington, D. C.

International dignitaries on the float were PID Roy Wilson and our own PID Richard Liebno.

Also in attendance were PDG Walter Russell (Frederick) and Lions Nancy Keller-Bondi and Wendy Drum (Middletown), Martin Bonura (South Carroll Lioness Lions), Joann Bannon and Tony O'Toole (Yellow Springs) and Jack Niemiec, Harriet Brown, Pete Brown, Sue Ensor and Bill Strauss (Libertytown Unionville).



Shown from Right to left are: Lions Harriet & Pete Brown, PID Dick Liebno, Lions Tony O'Toole, Joann Brennon, Sue Ensor, pre-Leo Pacifica who befriended us and Jack Niemiec. Pictured below arrival of Miss USA and Miss Teen USA.



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LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Submitted by PDG Susan Timmons

The Lions Vision Research Foundation, Inc. had many exciting events take place at the May 2019 Multiple District Convention held in Ocean City, Maryland. It began with the May Board Meeting where important items where voted upon and passed. One such item was the way your contributions where handled for the Lions Fellow at the Low Vision Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute. The Board made wise decisions on handling your donations for the best financial outcomes. The second item of important business was

the election of next year's Executive Board.

The Second event was perhaps the largest highlight: During the Multiple District 22 Business lunch where all Lions attending meet as a group. Special LVRF guests were Dr. Peter J. McDonnel, Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute and Libby Bell, from the Wilmer Development Office were also in attendance. Prior to lunch LVRF Chairman. PDG Larry Burton presented the initial donation to officially start the Lions Fellowship Endowment with Johns Hopkins University to Dr. Peter McDonnell. (SEE PICTURE AT RIGHT) This \$300,000 donation was made possible because of a generous donation from Richard and Sharon

Hott of the Cumberland Lions Club through their estate and the generous donations of Lions and Lions Clubs toward the Lions Fellowship Endowment. The official paperwork had been signed by LVRF Chairman PDG Larry Burton and Johns Hopkins earlier in May and LVRF wanted to make the initial donation presentation where Lions could share in this wonderful event which they made possible. As IPDG Susan Bonura, LVRF Planned Giving Chair stated at the Board meeting earlier in the day, Lions do so many wonderful works of service while they are here. Lions need to plan what happens when they are gone. *Consult your Financial Planner, tax advisor, or lawyer and while you remember family and church, also remember LVRF*.

After the lunch at the District 22W Business Meeting during DG Gerry Beachy's Remarks, he turned the meeting over to PDG Larry Burton, LVRF Chairman to make a surprise recognition. PDG Larry presented Lion Jack Neimeic

of the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club with an Arnall Patz Fellowship. (SEE PIC-TURE TO THE RIGHT)

Make plans now for your 2019-2020 Budget to include your Multiple District 22 Project, LVRF. Many more great things are happening.

Mark your calendars now for the 2019 November Rally on November ber 16th.







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SERVICE CLUBS PACKAGE MEALS Submitted by Lion Don Champ

Approximately 60 members of the Freedom District Lions Club, Century High School Leo Club and the Liberty High School Leo Club along with a few friends packaged over 10,100 meals in a little under 2 hours on Saturday morning, May 4, 2019. SEE PICTURE BE-LOW>

This is the 5th year that the 3 service clubs have joined together to package 10,000 or more meals for Rise Against Hunger. The meals will be provided children attending schools in poor countries (such as parts of India) around the world. In addition, a cash donation was given to assist with the costs of operating this humanitarian program. Pictured are members of the Freedom District Lions Club, Century High School Leo Club and the Liberty High School Leo Club as they packaged meals for Rise Against Hunger on May 4, 2019.



CIVIL WAR UNSUNG HEROS Submitted by Lion Barbara Heltebridle

Lynn Heller was the speaker at our last meeting. She spoke on the role of horses during the Battle of Gettysburg.

Horses were actually the unsung heroes of the Civil War and were used by officers, to pull cannons and for the mounted cavalry soldiers. There were 72,000 horses at Gettysburg. Of those, 5000 died during the battle and a total of 1.5 million died during the entire Civil War.

She spoke at length on two famous horses, Gen. Robert E. Lee's horse, Traveller, and Gen. George Meade's horse, Old Baldy. Both the North and the South were always looking for horses and many were stolen from farms.

YELLOW SPRINGS LIONS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by lion Joanne Bannon

Yellow Springs Lions Club welcomed District Governor Lion Gerry Beachy and his wife Lion Sue at their recent Anniversary. Also in attendance were First Vice District Governor Lion Evan Gillett and District Treasurer Lion Susan Favorite.

DG Lion Beachy spoke on his theme for his year in office, "Prescription for Service". It included emphasis on: increasing Membership, Leadership Development, Increasing in Service Projects, and Sharing our Story. Service Awards were awarded to Yellow Springs Lions Club members: Earle Arnold-10 Years, Patti Hess-10 years, Sandy Baisey-25 years, Harry Crum-35 years and Will Simpson-35 years.

Pictured left to right: Yellow Springs President Toni O'Toole, Lion Sue Beachy, DG Gerry Beachy, 1st VDG Evan Gillett, and CT Susan Favorite



Pictured:

Speaker Lynn Heller & Club President, Paul Garver



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HICKORY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOK DISTRIBUTION

Submitted by Lion Jack Byers

The Hagerstown Lions Club held another very successful book distribution at Hickory Elementary School where club volunteers distributed 380 books to students in the lower grades of the school.

A total of 2,283 books have been distributed from July 2018 through this distribution on May 13, 2019. The books were donated by Horizon Goodwill Industries where club members selected and sorted them by appropriate grade levels. The lions recycled the books that would have otherwise ended up in the landfill.



TERRA RUBRA ACTIVITIES Submitted by Lion Wayne Weeks

Lion Susan Cox informed us that the New Midway Elementary 5th graders funfest at the school on May 10th went very well. We had approved providing sandwiches for the activity.

Walkersville High School FFA held their Bull, Shrimp, Oyster Feed at our activities building this year with our assistance on April 27th. Lion Faith Warner should have a report for us at our June 3rd meeting.

The flyers for the Car & Tractor Show were ready for distribution. We have had advertising on Facebook and other non-cost venues.

Lion Susan Cox informed us that our May 20th meeting would be our Friendship night and asked us to invite friends to attend and learn about our Lions Club and what we do.

PDG Brian & Lion Susan had helped Chewsville Lions with a Bingo Fundraiser. We approved donating \$100.30 worth of Bingo Supplies used from our inventory to help out their club.

Lion Kenny Keefer reported that he had delivered 251 bushels of oyster shells as a donation to the Bay Restoration Effort



Fellow Lions,

As of this date 41 clubs and members in 22W have donated \$66,915 to Lions Clubs International. Thank you for your support. For the 15 clubs that have not sent in a donation please do it today. Any amount your club can donate is appreciated. As Lions we support our communities both local and global by donations made to LCIF. Our local and global communities are supported by LCIF grants requested by the District Governor and given for many projects or disasters. Your support of LCIF is vital to continue making the funds available for LCIF grants. Send donations to: LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL. 60122-4547. Thank you!

PDG Paul Cannada 2012-2013 District 22 W Thurmont Lions Club District 22 W LCIF Coordinator 1/3 301-271-2924 paulcannada@comcast.net

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NEWS FROM HAGERSTOWN LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Julie Fritsch

PRESERVING HISTORY

Anna Cueto, Curator, with the Washington County Historical Society, took us back in history for a very educational and interesting experience at our Lions meeting in May.

Ms. Cueto spoke about how the history is truly accessible, and the unique information that the Historical Society has to offer. They include weekly family activities, extending hours to evenings and weekends, an outreach program to local schools, and



every Friday hosting Culture and Cocktails, an innovative lecture series that pairs a love of history with an historically inspired cocktail.

She was also very proud to inform us that the Washington County Historical Society is one of six sites chosen for the prestigious Waterways Tours.

For more information on all of the programs that are offered and becoming a member, visit https://washcohistory,.org/. Pictured above is Ms. Cueto and Lion Joe Wolf who introduced her.

STRONG LEADERS ARE MADE, NOT BORN

It was a great pleasure to have Scott Paddock, executive of the Mason-Dixon Council for Boy Scouts of American to speak at a Lions meeting. He gave us a great update on BSA. He spoke on the positive changes of inclusion of females and how it is working very well and is very appealing to today's busy family lifestyles that all scouts can be on the same schedule.

Girls now have the same opportunity to grow and receive acknowledgement for their accomplishments alongside of the boys. This is working very well. He also gave an update on Camp Sinoquipe and noted that this is the 25th straight year in a row that this summer camp has been nationally accredited and that the camp is top in the country.

He invited us all to the new Olympic sized swimming pool that is heated from April until October. Be sure to "like" their face book pages: Mason-Dixon Council BSA & Camp Sinoquipe Reservation to keep up to date on all their events.

BBQ MASTERS!

Submitted by PDG Steve Finger

LaVaLe Lions President Llewelyn called on Lion Austen Murray to share his impressions of his first barbeque. Lion Murray stated that he enjoyed his experience and expressed his appreciation for those who assisted in his "training."

A big "**THANK YOU**" to BBQ leaders for organizing a very successful event. Lion Warnick reported that the barbecue was a success with all <u>**11,008** chicken halves</u> cooked and sold. The last dinners were sold by 11:00am. This allowed cleanup to be accomplished by 1:15pm. Fortunately many,



many patrons didn't wait long and got ALL our chickens! JOB WELL DONE BY ALL WHO WORKED THE EVENT!



Pictured below

are club President, Gary Llewellyn, with a recent guest speaker from the LaVale Volunteer Fire Department, President and Incident Command Officer Eddie Kidwell. Mr. Kidwell briefed the club members on the current affairs of the department along with new services the department provides. This includes swift water and high angle rescues.



The department is looking to replace the current ladder truck at a cost of approximately \$1.5 Million.