



"Lions Pride" July 1, 2021

The Voice of District 22-C

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By Lion Jimmy Jarboe, Takoma Park Lions Club



FROM THE DESK OF

DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILLIAM LAVELY

Lions Pride L for leadership P for people

we need to remember leaders and also people are not a Lions Job it is a commitment

awareness + communication + recognition

= commitment

Laytonsville Lion Club - Olney Lions Club, Sandy Spring Lions Club are working together on a project at the Olney's Farmer's Market Sunday's from 9am to 1pm.

The "Project is Community Awareness "were talking. about Vision, Childhood Cancer, Hunger, Diabetes and Environment, 2 members from each club 2 Sunday's a month for the next 4 months and your DGE is present

Lions Pride



District 22-C Leaders for 2021-2022



District Governor William Lavely Sandy Spring LC

1Vice District Governor Maxine Hooker



Silver Spring Leisure World LC

2Vice District Governor Chris Wooters



Waldorf LC

Our Lions Clubs International Officers 2021-2022 Left-Right & Center

Brian E Sheehan, 1Vice President (Bird Island, Minnesota), Dr. Patti Hill, 2Vice President (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada), Fabricio Oliveira, 3Vice President (Catole do Rocha, Brazil), Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, IPIP, LCIF Coordinator (Busan City, Republic of Korea), Douglas Alexander, International President (Brooklyn, NY)





in District 22-C

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Lions once again showed up to honor our Military by participating in the National Memorial Day Parade. Lions of Virginia, Maryland, DC and Delaware come together to honor our Military, (Active, Retired and Deceased).

Attendees included: Lion Bill Strauss (22W) – PDG Don Beeson (22C) – DGE Bill Lavely (22C) - Lion Jack Niemiec (22W) – Lion Bijoy Mahanti (22A) – Lions David & Beverly Reynolds (22D) - Lion Cathy Evans (22A) – Lion Mark Schlottman (22A) – PDG Rich & Lion Lois Barb (22C) PDG Paul Hawkins (22C) – Lion Brindisi Chan (22C) – Lion May Chan (22C) Lion Edna Guerro (24L) – Lion Connie Alfrido (24L) – PID Joe Gaffigan (22C) –PDG Woody Woodard (24L)

2021 Olney Lions Club Scholarships

The Olney Lions presented 4 scholarships to area seniors in June. They went to the following schools: Two to Sherwood High School, Sandy Spring, MD (one of those in partnership with the Bready Foundation), one to Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD, and one to Magruder High School, Derwood, MD. Each scholarship was in the amount of \$1200.

Brandywine Lion Bruce Templeman participated in a Clean up day at Ban Dan School. School, Thailand



It just so happens that yellow is the color of the King of Thailand. Lion Bruce worked with teachers, policemen, and some other local volunteers.

The **Silver Hill Lions Club** held its Installation Night at Mama Stella's in Clinton, Maryland on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. DG Ruth Moses installed the incoming officers for the year 2021-2022. They were President KL Bill Hardy, Lion Sherry Hitt Secretary and 1st Vice President, Lion Diana Ziegler 2nd Vice President, DG Ruth Moses 1 Year Director, Lion Lois Barb LCIF Coordinator and Club Service Chairperson, Lion Diane

Miceli 2 Year Director, Lion Bob Fry Membership Director and not pictured PDG Rich Barb Treasurer and Lion Jim Ferguson as Tail Twister/Lion Tamer. KL Bill Hardy had chosen a Lion of the Year Award but the recipient was not at the meeting and will present later (kept as surprise). DG Ruth Moses presented Awards for Length of Service letter and Chevron's to Lion Barry Wilen for 50 years and our Charter Member; Lion Jim Lyons for 40 Years; Lion Susan Matthews for 20 years and PDG Rich Barb for 20 years of service. None of them were present and will be given out at a later date or mailed to them. Thanks for their dedicated 130 years of combined service to Lions Clubs International and the community. Thanks goes out to Lions Lois Barb, Diana Ziegler and Diane Miceli for setting up the room for installation and Lion Diane Miceli for getting the nice cake.



LA PLATA LIONS 75TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY AN AWESOME EVENT

The La Plata Lions Club FINALLY celebrated its 75th Charter Anniversary of service to Charles County on Thursday, June 17th, 2021, with gusto! The planning of this event began in 2019 but had to be rescheduled several times due to the Covid-19 shutdowns. The 62 members and guests included 30 fellow Lions from other District 22-C clubs, MD Senator Arthur Ellis and La Major Plata Jeannine James, who presented proclamations. Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi sent congratulations and Charles County President Reuben B. Collins, 11, Esq., sent an Official Citation to commemorate this 75th landmark.

The celebration was held at the *La Plata Lions Bingo Hall* located at Bel Alton, MD. The meal was prepared by the staff of *Martinis Lounge*, White Plains, MD. The beautiful. delicious birthday cake was gifted by PDG Steve Borsh from Calvert Lions. (Photo)

Some of the services that the La Plata Lions Club has provided to Charles County: erected the 1st Star for the town, constructed the first heliport for the hospital, assist citizens with eye exams and purchasing glasses and hearing aid during the 75 years, and during the past 10 year providing eye exams to preschoolers to assist the diagnose of amblyopia in time for successful treatment. During the 2019-20 year the vision screening team screened 1318 preschoolers in Charles County. The club also provides food baskets at Christmas and gifts to the Spring Dell members.







Ridge Lions had a great turnout with good food, friends and weather for their Scrapbook Crop at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A big thank you went out to everyone who turned out to help set up, clean up and to all of our vendors and ladies who participated today.





CONGRATULATION LIONS:

WE DID IT - WE MADE OUR GOAL! With donations this week from South Gate-Clinton, Brandywine and Monocacy we made our goal and most likely will have some carry-over funds for Phase 2. DT Larry will be meeting with DG Ruth to process the two checks for 5000.00 each. Thank you, DT Larry and DG Ruth, for your support. Again, Great Job to Everyone! Thank you - "We Serve" From Lion Mike Shavatt



photo of Lion Kristen Ross receding a check for Childhood Cancer from the Waldorf Lions.

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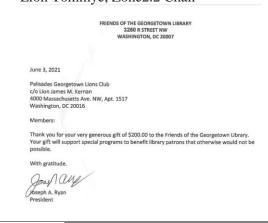
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Surgical Innovation and is the nation's seventh-highest NIH-funded children's hospital. It is recognized for its expertise and innovation in pediatric care and as a strong voice for children through advocacy at the local, regional and national levels. About University of Maryland Medical Center Our team of Board-certified pediatric hematologists/oncologists provide comprehensive care for pediatric, adolescent, and young adult patients with blood disorders and cancer, from birth through age 21. We treat young patients with a wide range of conditions including leukemias, lymphomas, solid tumors, bone malignancies, and brain tumors as well blood disorders such as iron deficiency, sickle cell anemia, thalassemias, platelet disorders, white blood cell disorders, bone marrow failure syndromes and coagulopathies. The University of Maryland Medical Center's Division of Hematology/Oncology is an active member of the University of Maryland's Greenebaum Cancer Center, which is designated by the National Cancer Institute, and Children's Oncology Group. Participation allows pediatric patients with cancer to receive access to state-of-the art clinical trials being conducted nationally. Our physicians work alongside nurse practitioners and chemotherapy-certified nursing staff as well as social workers and child life specialists aimed at preserving normalcy during treatment. Our clinical team is known for building strong and lasting relationships with patients and families.

Lion Rich Tameris of the Silver Hill Lions and his wife purchased 112 items for the month of June 2021 to be donated to the Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church of Accokeek on Maryland and will be delivered on Wednesday, June 30 202 by Ann Tameris.



Despite the pandemic, **Zone 2.2 clubs** found crucial ways to be of service! Lion Tommye, Zone2.2 Chair





to the Brandywine Lions Club on receiving the 2020-2021 District 22-C 5 Star Award Winner



Congratulations to Stan Hoke

Scholarship Award recipients Stan Hoke Noah Bruce Cohen-Mitchell and Dinah Cohen presented by the Greenbelt Lions Club, King Lion Trenda Rusher. These were presented at their Installation of Officers on June 15, 2021.



Welcome to the **TEAM**

Laytonsville Lions Club Mariana Uhrlaub

Sponsor Charles Kearse

Silver Hill Lions Club Sponsor all Ruth Moses Reginald Alexander, Danielle Andrews, Kayla Cain, Deja Daniel, Jahmere Hargraves, Nagea Kirkley, Nia Anderson, Michele Bennett, Nikia Carter, Tre'Von Griffin, Rhylee Jones, Damaris Moore, Nineka Okoro, Eja Richardson, Aniyah Smith, Ngu Tezi, Rebecca Pierre, Kenthia Roberts, Tyler Smith, Julian Winbush



The **Damascus Lions** are saddened to share the news that we have learned **Lion Ann Davis** passed away at home, surrounded by family, in April. She had been a member of our club nearly 20 years, having transferred in 2001. Lion Ann was such a sparkler and would have celebrated her 95th birthday yesterday. She will be missed.



Gateway Lions are saddened with the passing of PDG Calvin J. McMillion. PDG Cal joined Lions in 5/1953 - Ft. Ashby LC, Ft. Ashby, West Virginia, transferred to Gateway LC, Forestville, MD, 8/1955, transferred to Ronceverte LC, Ronceverte, West Virginia, 7/1/1969, transferred to Lewisburg LC, Lewisburg, West Virginia, 7/1/1980 and in 7/1983 transferred back to Gateway LC, Forestville, MD. Held most of the offices and committees of the Gateway LC including Bartender twice. PDG Cal served as **District** Governor 1965-1966, while a Gateway Lion. He was proud of his perfect attendance for 66 years, 32 years attendance at the MD22 Conventions & 28 years of International Conventions. He was also a District 22-C Bull Throwers Award and Honor Roll recipient. He will be missed by many.

Leonardtown Lions are saddened that one of our members with many years of service to our club passed yesterday due to cancer. **Robin O. Guyther** joined the club 14 years ago (2007). I will have more information later. Feel free to share this. Leonardtown Lions are saddened with the passing of Lion John L. Madel

Sandy Spring Lions are saddened the passing of Lion William E (Bill) Carr on June 10th, 2021.



Monocacy Lions are very saddened to announce that Lion Joe McClelland passed away on June 3rd, he was 93 years old. Lion Joe was very passionate and chair the District 22-C Student Honor Band for 33 years. Many of those students are now professions or teaching in the music arena.



Former Randolph Lion, Churchman

Louis Napper passed away on May 24th. Lion Lou was involved in the District 22-C efforts to get preschool vision screening underway in the early days of that program.



Former Northern Calvert Lions Club

Marian DeBruyn passed away May 29, 2021



Lions Community Outreach Foundation Corner

If you have eyeglasses or hearing aids that you have collected? Contact your Zone Chair who will work with LCOF to make a mass pick-up.

REMINDER!! Please provide eyeglasses in boxes, not bags as they are too cumbersome for our volunteers to handle and store. Also, please <u>only send complete glasses</u> (no pieces) and NO eyeglass cases.

Eyeglass Reimbursement Program through LCOF Garner Fund

If a club's expenses for eye exams and glasses exceed \$500, they can apply to LCOF to get reimbursed for the amount that exceeds \$500 up to a maximum of \$2,500. So, if your club was to apply to LCOF for assistance, they would receive a check for \$622 (\$1,122 - \$500). However, clubs should wait until the end of the Lions year before applying because they may receive additional requests for eye exams and glasses. Please note, this is not a permanent program; it was established to help clubs in the current Lions year 2020-2021. However, if the pandemic restrictions continue into next Lion's year, it may be extended. For request or additional information contact PDG Gary Burdette @

<u>glburd54@comcast.net</u>

FRANCIS F. GARNER GRANT Application information for a Francis F. Garner Grant can be obtained from LCOF Grant Chair PDG Gary Burdette at <u>glburd54@comcast.net</u>.

Joseph F. Gaffigan Fellowship

Coordinator for the Joseph F. Gaffigan Fellowship is PDG Gary Burdette at <u>glburd54@comcast.net</u>



Contact Clubs for more information.

Brandywine Lions Blood Drive Baden VFD, Baden, MD. July 22, 2021, September 30, 2021, December 2, 2021

Olney Lions will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Friday, July 23.** The blood drive will be held at the Sandy Spring Meeting House, in Sandy Spring, MD 20860. Hours – 11:00-4:00. You must register in advance to donate. Please go to the Red Cross website at <u>www:redcrossblood.org</u> and for location enter the zip code 20860.

Silver Hill Lions Club Blood Drive

September 28, and December 28 Blood drives are held at the Clinton American Legion Post 259 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Calvert County Lions Blood Drive



pictured Tom Rosnage, Tom Humphrey, Ken Brown and an Amish young fellow who donated.



Golf Tournaments in District 22-C

Contact Clubs for more information.

Silver Spring Leisure World Golf Tournament Monday, July 19, 2021 Montgomery County Country Club.

Olney Lions Charity Golf Tournament

The Lions Club of Olney Foundation will be having their 28th Olney Open Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, **September 13, 2021**. The tournament is held at Montgomery Country Club, Laytonsville, MD. This is our signature fundraiser, and all proceeds go to charities

the Olney Lions support. We also partner with Rich Leotta, the father of Montgomery County Police Officer Noah Leotta, who died in the line of duty, to support his son's legacy of saving lives through his "Act Responsibly Scholarship." For more information contact Mike Fekete, mgfekete@verizon.net.

Calvert County Golf Tournament September 20, 2021

Chesapeake Hills Golf Club, Lusby, MD. This will be there 21st annual golf tournament and fundraiser. Please mark this event on your calendars. Flyers are available from Lion Ken Brown. Please share them far and wide!

Monocacy Golf Tournament Monday September 27, 2021 It was held at the Bretton Woods Golf Course

Laytonsville Lions Club Charity Golf Outing Fundraiser September 27, 2021

Join your friends and neighbors at the challenging and beautiful Montgomery Country Club for golf, food and prizes. All proceeds support the Laytonsville Lions Community Center.

The first 100 golfers to sign up and prepay will receive a gift bag at the course.

The Lions Club Golf Tournament will be a top -shelf outing and is one of the Lions' fundraising events. Again, at the price of only \$125 per player (includes Breakfast & Lunch and free beverages with lunch) we are doing everything we can to make this event become the best tournament that you will play. We expect a good turnout so register early and invite your friends and neighbors. **Online registration at: LaytonsvilleLionsGolf.org**

Fundraisers in District 22-C



September 24, 2021 Palisades/Georgetown Annual Crab Feast, St. Ann's, Washington, D.C



Crab Festival. "in person" The Crab Festival Saturday, August 28, 2021

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown Gates will open at 11:00am and the festival will end at 7:00 pm. Events will include: Crab picking contest. crab races, live music, lots and lots of hot steamed crabs, along with a wide variety of seafood and traditional festival foods. Entrance fee will remain at \$7.00 and youth under 12 will be free. Bus groups are welcome and all Lions are encouraged to attend. The festival will follow all sanctioned Covid-19 guidelines in effect at the time of the event. More details will follow in future VOICE issues. Contact Leonardtown Lion George Kirby for additional information.

The Silver Hill Lions Club presents



At POTOMAC SPEEDWAY in Budds Creek, MD Saturday June 5th & 12th and Saturday September 11th & 18th 2021 Adults: \$18 Children ages 3-10 \$9 (under 3 free)

First Event 7 PM | Free Parking | Gates open 5:30 PM 1-888-44-DERBY SHLCDEMOLITIONDERBY.COM Get an old car, be a derby driver! 5 classes plus a Youth Derby

All net proceeds go to Silver Hill Lions Foundation charities



The **Calvert County Lions Club** will once again be at the Calvert County Fair. The fair is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 29 thru Sunday, October 3, 2021**. We will be conducting hearing and vision screenings as well as spreading cheer and letting everyone know of the great work the club does for our community.



The Lions Clubs in the Montgomery County area will be participating, specifically in the Ice Cream Bar with the **Montgomery County Fair** that starts on August 13 - 21, 2021. This is a big fundraiser for those Clubs.



On behalf of District Governor Ruth Moses and the District 22-C Childhood Cancer Awareness (CCA) Committee, we wish to offer our gratitude and appreciation for your generous donations that will benefit local families and children battling cancer. Over the last four months, we have developed a District-wide plan (Phase 1) to help families cope with everyday issues brought on by these terrible diseases.

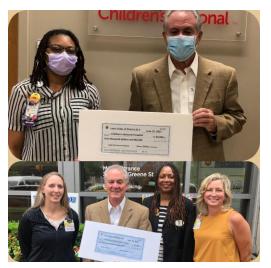
I am happy to report that with your help, we exceeded our goal and raised over 100% of our \$10,000 target. The funds were evenly split between the two largest hospital systems — Children's National Hospital and The University of Maryland Medical Center to help fund transportation, food vouchers, toys and comfort blankets... items identified by the hospitals as muchneeded non-medical expenditures.

The good news in all of this is that we will join Lions clubs around the globe in helping our communities cope with these cancers and other blood-borne diseases. As we move into Phase 2, beginning next month, we look forward to helping you and others to identify clubspecific projects that will further our mission. I am also happy to announce that Lion Kristen Ross, with the Bowie Lions Clubs will be a Co-Chair in this Phase 2 effort.

Please follow us on Facebook at Childhood Cancer Awareness Lions 22C. Again, many thanks! If we can be of any assistance to you now or in the future, please don't hesitate to email us at <u>ccalions22c@gmail.com</u>.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Michael Shavatt, Chair District 22-C Childhood Cancer Committee

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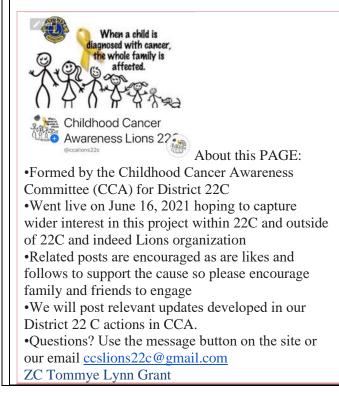


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Donald Ault (right), Lions Club president, hands over the first smoke detector to Laurel Volunteer Fire Department President Stephen Allen for a fire prevention program to aid senior citizens in the community.



Lions Clubs International & Multiple District 22 Information



Greetings Lions,

We need your help! As a part of the effort to revitalize the Lions Low Vision Research Network (LOVRNet) program, we are beginning to prepare for a social media marketing campaign. The best way to promote a program is through the networks we already have established. We would like you to invite all the friends you have on Facebook to like the LOVRNet page. In addition to this, please share this email with every Lion you know so that they can do the same. If you have access to an email list, please forward!

Attached to this email is a word document and PDF that include instructions for how to invite your Facebook friends to like the LOVRNet page. Both items include the same information, but I have included both formats just in case you don't have access to Microsoft Word. Within the documents, I have included detailed steps along with pictures to help make the process as easy as possible.

It is important that we build up the amount of people who have liked the page since that determines how many Lions will actually see the great work that is being done by the LOVRNet team.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service as Lions! Daniel Marney Elkins (District 22-D)

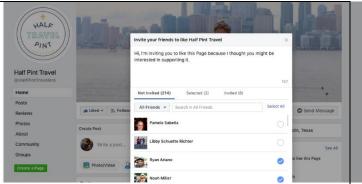
How to invite people to like LOVRNet's Facebook page

- 1. Make sure you are logged into Facebook.
- 2. Go to the following link: https://www.facebook.com/Lovrnet
- **3.** Click the three little dots beside the word "Share" and then click "Invite Friends."



Click the three dots and select "Invite Friends. Steven John/Business Insider

4. Check the names of those you wish to invite to like the page or search names in the search bar.



You can search for people in any group in which you're a member by hitting the gray box beside the search bar.

4. Type in a message to go along with the invitation (or go with the autofill) and hit "Send Invites" to finish the process.



Hello fellow Lions of MD-22,

The Fellowship Endowment Committee received the following message from Dr. Judy Goldstein, Chief of Lions Low Vision Rehabilitation Clinic at Wilmer. We wanted to share it with all Lions throughout the multiple district and remind you that as your clubs plan your budgets for the coming year, the endowment of our low vision fellow is a worthy cause. Individual contributions of all sizes also make a difference and are tax deductible. Enjoy the letter below and thanks for all you do. (P.S. The address for sending donation checks to LVRF is PO Box 1714, Baltimore, MD 21203 or you can send your donation directly to the LVRF Treasurer, Paul Leatherman, 18812 Preston Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742.)

The Fellowship Endowment Committee -Susan Bonura, Wayne Cole, John Shwed, John Feldmann, Larry Burton

Dear Lions,

As Wilmer's fiscal year comes to a close, I remain eternally grateful for your support of our work. Our fellow, whom you have helped to educate through your fundraising and support, will depart in the coming weeks. She will take her knowledge and continue to support the low vision community. Please accept my sincere thanks for all you do to make this fellowship position possible. I hope you enjoy this letter from Dr. Hang Nguyen, our 2020-2021 fellow. Sincerely, Dr. Judith Goldstein

Dear Lions of MD-22,

I am sending my sincere thanks to you for your investment in my education and training to become a low vision rehabilitation specialist. In a year when so much has changed, I can only imagine the work it has taken to make this fellowship, my education, possible. Please know that I think about your hard work every day, with every patient I see. It brings me so much joy knowing that I have been able to make a small impact in the lives of our patients. I hope you know the impact you are making on them too. The quality of life for the patients we see gets better with every visit. That is because of your investment in me and this fellowship.

After my experiences in optometry school, I developed a passion for those with low vision during my short low vision rehabilitation rotation. Being able to help increase the quality of life in low vision patients spoke volumes to me and I wanted to continue helping them.

I was elated to have been offered this opportunity at the Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Medicine. I started my fellowship in the midst of the pandemic, not fully understanding what that might mean for my experience. It has been unique and something I know I'll look back on fondly, sharing stories with my colleagues in the years to come. My colleagues, the patients, and the entire experience made this fellowship worth every second.

What the pandemic could not do, was take away my ability to work alongside the most talented clinicians and researchers in the field. Being immersed in this combined clinical-research environment brings forth innovative and quality care to all the patients. Countless times I have observed and have been reminded by my attendings and research supervisor to apply what I have learned into my clinical care, which I must say, has made me into a better clinician for all of my patients. Working closely alongside my attendings, Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Chun, was a blessing and a constant reminder of what it means to be a low vision specialist and advocate for all of our patients.

One of the most important components of my time at Wilmer, has been the focus on research. I could not have asked for a better research supervisor, Dr. Massof. Dr. Massof's wisdom and guidance has been so instrumental to my experience that I am happy to report I presented my research topic at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) in May 2021.

It is getting more difficult to say goodbye as I move towards the end of my fellowship, but I am excited to continue practicing in the field of low vision. I am looking forward to interacting with more patients, improving patient quality of life, and advocating for the low vision community as best as I can.

Thank you for the privilege of learning in this great Institute. It has been my pleasure to serve the patients and to honor the service of the Lions. Thank you for your support and Lions, you will always have my support. Most Sincerely, Hang Nguyen, OD 2020-2021 Lions Low Vision Fellow Wilmer Eye Institute Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine



July

July 19, 2021 – Silver Spring Leisure World Golf Tournament

July 22, 2021 – Brandywine Blood Drive

July 23, 2021 – Olney Blood Drive





District 22-C first Advisory & Cabinet meeting, Camp Spring Elks Club, Camp Springs, MD

SEPTEMBER

September 11, 2021 - Silver Hill Demolition Derby

September 9-11, 2021 - USA/Canada Forum, Des Moines, Iowa

September 13, 2021 – Olney Golf Tournament

September 18, 2021 - Silver Hill Demolition Derby

September 20, 2021 – Calvert County Lions Club Golf Tournament

September 24, 2021 – Palisades/Georgetown Lions Crab Feast

September 27, 2021 – Monocacy Lions Golf Tournament

September 27, 2021 – Laytonsville Lions Golf Tournament

September 29-10/3, 2021 Calvert County Fair

September 30, 2021 – Brandywine Blood Drive

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December 2, 2021 – Brandywine Blood Drive December 28, 2021 – Silver Hill Lions Blood Drive



Continuing

La Plata Lions Bingo Night. Contact them for date/time/restrictions.

Upcoming Conventions, Forums & Celebrations, MD22 & International

MD22 Convention

April 21-24, 2022 Gettysburg, PA April 20-23, 2023 Ocean City, MD

Dates to be determined for 2024 & 2025. Both years will be at Delta Hotel, Hunt Valley, MD

Lions Clubs International Convention

July 1-5, 2022 New Delhi, India Changed to Montréal, Canada

July 7-11, 2023	Boston, MA
June 21-25, 2024	Melbourne, Australia
July 4-8, 2025	Mexico City, Mexico
July 3-7, 2026	Atlanta, Georgia
July 2-6, 2027	Washington, D.C.
June 23-27, 2028	Singapore



Time is Running Out! There are <u>no plans for a hybrid or virtual component to</u> the Forum at this time. <u>USA/Canada Lions Leadership</u> Forum | (lionsforum.org) REGISTRATION FEES INCREASE AFTER MAY 31!



Save the Date August 12-13, 2022

The Lions of MD 22 Celebrate 100 years of service

Delta Hotels by Marriott 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD

If you'd like to help out with this great celebration,

contact PDG Sonia Wiggins lion2sweet@gmail.com

MD22 100th Year of Service Celebration The Fabulous Hubcaps will be at this event. Stay tune for more information. Also being planned, Special Olympics Games with our Lions having an opportunity to participate and participate with Opening Eyes.



Have you conducted a **ROLL CALL** of your Club members lately? Give them a call, make sure they are ok and if you can help them in any way.

