

The Voice of District 22-C

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District 22-C Website: <http://Lionsdistrict22c.org>



March 1, 2020



From DG Sonia Wiggins

Greetings Fellow Lions,

We are coming to a time in this Lions Year (3rd quarter) where we have experienced up and downs and different challenges with service projects, membership, health, family issues, and more.

Starting the "New Year" brought each of us the opportunity to "refresh" and think about our future and the goals we have set both in Lionism and personally. Start or continue to set goals with your Club, family, and friends.

Be S.M.A.R.T and S.M.I.L.E

BE... Specific about your **S**ervice projects in your communities.

Be able to. Measure your goals, to help **M**otivate others.

Create.... Action based tasks that support and **I**nspire success.

Be Realistic in the challenges you face as you **L**ead others to success.

Work a Timeline, giving your goals a clear target, which **E**mpowers others.

What are your goals....

- Contact an organization/agency each month – tell them about Lions and what you do!
- Contact members you haven't seen at your meetings!
- Do a Club visit!
- Attend a webinar on LCI website!
- Send a copy of your newsletter or send a list of monthly activities to your local media, Facebook, church, friends, and/or local library!
- Challenge your Club to do a service project in an underrepresented area in your community!
- Create family-oriented service projects!

Here are some March activities to consider. March 7th -Lions United Nations Day, March 8th – Women's Day, March 21st - 22C Advisory/Cabinet meeting

For Fun!! What do you call a "Lion" wearing a stylish hat, pin, or t-shirt?

A dandy "LION".

*In Lionsim, Service, and Leadership,
District Governor Sonia
Be the Reason To S.M.I.L.E
Serve. Motivate. Inspire. Lead. Empower.*



Beltsville Lions **have changed the times of their meeting to 6:30p, m. Old Line Bistro (same location) 1st Wednesday each month.**



Greenbelt Lions Club

Dale Wilding Sponsor: Konrad Herling
 Vincent Wilding Sponsor: Konrad Herling

Monocacy Lions Club

Bette Laug Sponsor: Gary Burdette

Sandy Spring Lions Club

Richard Collins Sponsor: Gregory Fuller

Waldorf Lions Club

Michael Capalbo Sponsor: Chris Wooters



No passing noted in month of February.

Serve Motivate Inspire Lead Empower



"Be the reason to smile"

DG Sonia Wiggins

Invites you to the District 22C 2nd Advisory Meeting

WHEN: Saturday, March 21, 2020

WHERE: Camp Springs Elks Lodge
 7350 Temple Hill Road
 Temple Hill, MD 20748

TIME: 10:30AM - Social
 11:30AM - Meeting/Lunch

Menu consist of:
 Cheese & Crackers
 Fruit
 Chicken Tenders **OR**
 Fried Shrimp Basket
 French Fried Potatoes
 Cole Slaw
 Roll & Butter
 Dessert



The cost is \$25.00 per person (one 50/50 raffle ticket included)



SHORT NOTICE
March 15, 2020 (Sunday)

Your Club members are cordially invited by the Silver Hill Lions Club to a fundraiser for First Vice District Governor Ruth Moses.

The fundraising party will be held at the Brandywine Lions Den
 11503 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, MD

Date: March 15, 2020 (Sunday)
Time: 1p.m. to 5p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 – admits 2 people

Ticket also enters you in a raffle
 Prizes – First \$150, Second \$75 and
 (5) Third prizes \$25.

Winners need not be present to win.
 If unable to attend, consider purchasing (2) tickets.
 This could be a fundraiser for your Club, if so, be sure to put you Club name on the ticket.

Make checks payable to the Silver Hill Lions Club (Ruth Moses Campaign Fund) and mail to PDG Rich Barb (Lois) at 6404 Bushey Drive, Camp Springs, MD 20748

A robust menu of finger foods has been planned along with a wine tasting that include five wines. Also, games of chance that involve your participation and fun to be a part of. Music will also be played along with a silent auction. Donations are appreciated, bring to the party.

FVDG Ruth is also requesting a service project being held at this fundraiser. Please bring non-perishable food items or toiletries to the event. Food items will be donated to the Union Bethel AME Outreach Ministry and toiletries will be donated to CCSI, a non-profit organization providing shelter for the homeless in Prince George’s County.

For tickets or additional information contact Lion Charlie Spadone, Chairperson at 240-475-0684, spadonecharles@aol.com.

**Service makes us S.M.I.L.E.
S-Serve, M-Motivate, I-Inspire, L-Lead, E-
Empower**

This is DG Sonia's theme for the year, and it fits as a Lions credo every year. Every Lion should embrace this theme. Do you?

We're looking for the Lion that most exemplifies this theme in each club in District 22-C. It's up to you to identify that Lion as your Club "S.M.I.L.E. Hero". Name your own "S.M.I.L.E. Hero", send us the name and a picture so that we can recognize them (and your Club) at CNight. Then plan to be at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center in Bowie on April 18, 2020 to celebrate them.

Nominations should be sent to PDG Gary Burdette at glburd54@comcast.net no later than April 1, 2020. (This is not an April Fools joke.)

S.M.I.L.E. HER



**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22
98TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**



The 98th Annual Convention for Multiple District 22C will be held in Ocean City from May 11-14, 2020.

We are headquartered in the Princess Royale Hotel. Some important deadlines:

March 31, 2020 **Deadline for names for inclusion in the Memorial**

April 15, 2020 **Deadline for receipt of registration packet**

April 15, 2020 **Deadline for names of delegates to Cabinet Secretary Lion Maxine**

If you are planning on attending the Convention and arriving before May 11 or staying after May 14, register at the hotel (group number 4386) sooner rather than later. There are groups before and after us, so the hotel will fill up fast.

Club Secretaries should have received a copy of the seminar descriptions. Check them out. Lots of great

topics. Clubs should also have the registration packets.

Any questions or you need a packet, let me know at elizabeth.pugliese@gmail.com

Yours in Lionism
Lion Elizabeth P.
Burtonsville Lions
MD 22 Convention Coordinate for 22C



**The International Association of Lions Clubs
DISTRICT 22-C
"S.M.I.L.E."**

Be the Reason To S.M.I.L.E.

February 26, 2020

Dear Lions,

I am writing on behalf of District 22-C. Over the past year District Governor Sonia Wiggins has been promoting and providing service with a "SMILE". She has supported all the Clubs throughout the District.

The District's 75th Annual 22-C Night will be held on April 18, 2020 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, 4500 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD 20716. On that evening the District would like to present our District Governor with a gift to make her "SMILE".

We hope that your club will be able to join in providing a donation of at least \$50.00, but if you are able to give more, we will highly appreciate your support. Please send a check (payable to District 22-C) earmarked "DG Gift" no later than April 4, 2020 to.

Lion Larry Shelton
Cabinet Treasurer
1204 Crockett Ln
Silver Spring, MD 20904


Let us be the reason to make her “SMILE”. We are looking forward to seeing you on April 18, 2020 for an evening of celebration.


Sincere Regards,
Maxine Hooker
Lion Maxine Hooker
Cabinet Secretary



UPcoming EVENTS

MARCH

March 1, 2020  District 22-C Honor Roll Candidate Write-ups due to 1stVDG. See pages 98 & 106-107.

March 15, 2020 -  District 22-C Distinguished Service Award consideration due to Chair. See pages 97 & 112-116.

March 4, 2020 – Damascus Pancake Dinner, Damascus United Methodist Church.

March 7, 2020 – Lions Day at the United Nations.

March 13, 2020 – LaPlata LC Spaghetti Dinner, LaPlata United Methodist Church


March 14, 2020 –  Lions Youth Foundation Trustee Meeting, Annapolis Elks Club, Edgewater, MD

March 14, 2020 – Damascus Lions Club Pancake Breakfast


March 15, 2020 –  Contribution for Youth Honor Band and Music Scholarship Program due.

March 15, 2020 – fundraiser for 1VDG Ruth Moses, Brandywine Lions Den. Contact Lion Charlie Spadone.

March 21, 2020 -  2nd Advisory/4th Cabinet meeting, Elks Lodge, Temple Hills, MD.

March 21, 2019 -  Lions Vision Research Foundation Trustee Meeting, Wilmer Eye Institute, Baltimore, MD (9:30am)

March 29, 2020 – College Park Lions is participating in College Park Book Festival, College Park Airport Operations Building

March 31, 2020  **Club Treasurers** -Semi-Annual dues for International, Multiple District 22 & District 22-C are due no later than March 31, 2020 (2nd half).

March 31, 2020  **Deadline for names for inclusion in the Memorial**


April

April 1, 2020 –  **Deadline** to PDG Gary Burdette for “Service makes us S.M.I.L.L.E” nominations.

April 15, 2020 -  **Club Secretaries** – Report New Officers for 2020-2011 into MyLions no later than April 15, 2020

April 15, 2020  **Deadline for receipt of registration packet for MD22 Convention**

April 15, 2020  **Deadline for names of delegates to Cabinet Secretary Lion Maxine**

April 15, 2020 -  **Club Secretaries** – Submit Convention Delegates/Alternates to Cabinet Secretary by April 15, 2020.

April 18, 2020 -District 22-C Night, Comfort Inn Conference Center, Bowie, MD

April 18, 2020 – Bowie Green Expo

April 19, 2020 – Waldorf Lions Bull & Oyster Roast

 **April 29, 2020** Lions Community Outreach Foundation Board & Council Meeting, New Carrollton Municipal Center, New Carrollton, MD (7pm)


 **April 28, 2020** – Lions Camp Merrick Board/Advisory Meeting, Waldorf Lions Den, Waldorf, MD (7pm)


 **April 30, 2020** **Club Secretaries** – Last day to submit District 22-C 5-Star Award consideration.



May 8, 2020 – Sandy Spring Lions Golf Outing

May 11-14-2019- Multiple District 22 Convention, Ocean City, MD

TBD -  Lions Vision Research Foundation Trustee Meeting at MD22 Convention

Wednesday 13, 2020 –  Lions Youth Foundation Trustee Meeting at MD22 Convention

May 16, 2020 – Lexington Park Lions Club Scholarship Yard Sale Fundraiser

May 21, 2020 – LaPlata Lions 75th Charter Anniversary

May 30, 2020 – Silver Hill Demolition Derby

May 30, 2020 – Officer Training, Leisure World, Silver Spring, Maryland



June 1, 2020 – Calvert County Lions Golf Tournament

June 6, 2020 – Silver Hill Demolition Derby

June 6, 2020 – Officer Training, Huntingtown United Methodist Church, Huntingtown, Maryland


June 12, 2020 – Burtonsville Lions Golf Classic

June 13, 2020 – Leonardtown Lions Crab Festival, St. Mary's County Fairgrounds.

June 26-30, 2020- Lions International Convention, Singapore



July 20, 2020 – Leisure World Golf Tournament

July 29, 2020 -  Lions Community Outreach Foundation Board & Council Meeting, New Carrollton Municipal Center, New Carrollton, MD (7pm)



September 30, 2020 -  Lions Community Outreach Foundation Board & Council Meeting, New Carrollton Municipal Center, New Carrollton, MD (7pm)

**District 22-C Night Social
April 18, 2020**

Attached (to this email distribution) is the official invitation and ticket order form for the District 22-C Night Social.

Please provide this information to your Lions and have them complete **and return the ticket order form to PCC Dee Hawkins.**

Let me also take this opportunity to remind you that the nomination for your club "S.M.I.L.E. Hero" **is due to PDG Gary Burdette glburd54@comcast.net no later than April 1st.** Send a name and picture so that they can be recognized.

Regards, Hawk
PS There's still time for Honor Roll (Mar1) and Distinguished Service Award (Mar 15) as well.



Deadline Near

District 22-C Honor Roll

Save the date! March 1, 2020

March 1, 2020 is the due date for Honor Roll nominations.

The District 22-C Honor Roll Award honors Lions who provide outstanding service to their clubs and communities at the "Grass Roots" level. Honor Roll awardees exemplify the spirit of Lionism through their unselfish dedication and for their efforts in the support of Lionism.



Have you identified a club member whose service to their club and community is deserving of District-wide recognition? If not, it's not too late but the due date is close. Additionally, there is an Honor Roll 2020 document attached to the email to provide assistance of what the nomination letter should entail.

We currently have (1) nomination for the District 22C Honor Roll. Please nominate your Lions' club member to be a part of the District 22C Honor Roll. The eligibility criteria and procedures are listed in the Lions 22C 2019-2020 Directory (roster book) on pages 106 & 107.

If you have any questions please contact FVDG Ruth Moses rabj509@hotmail.com or your Zone Chair. The District 22C Honor Roll Committee is excited to see your nominations.

Take care,
Lion Ruth, FVDG
(202) 255-9629
rabj509@hotmail.com



Deadline Near

District 22-C Distinguished Service Award

Lions of District 22-C, the Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor awarded by the District. This award, which replaced the annual Bull Throwers award two years ago, is intended to honor the Lion in the District who best exemplifies in spirit and ability the ideals of Lionism. Lions are nominated by their club, with the winner being presented the award at the 22-C Night Dinner.

Nominations are evaluated and the winner selected by the most recent five recipients of the Bull Throwers or Distinguished Service Awards. **Nomination are due to the committee by March 15**. Eligibility criteria, nomination procedures, evaluation and selection criteria, and other information is available on Pages 112 to 116 in the Lions District 22-C Directory 2019-2020 ("Roster Book"). **Nomination submissions should be directed to committee chair PDG Don Beeson, contact information on Page 97**. Nominations may be submitted in printed form or via email.

Lions, in submitting your nominations, do not focus merely on club or district positions held by the nominee. State the accomplishments and impact of the nominee's service and review the selection criteria outline on Page 114 in preparing your submission. The committee looks forward to making this year's award selection and presentation.



Save The Date

Our Club Will be celebrating its'

Seventy-Fifth Charter Night

On Thursday, May 21, 2020

Additional information will be forthcoming.



The group picture was the students, parents, teachers and Principals along with Lion Ken Watson.



The contest is held each January and we invite them to a Calvert County Lion's Club meeting in February to recognize them. Each winner gets a certificate and \$100!
Thanks Jim D'Amico

LOOK What's Happening in District 22-C



Calvert County Lions Sponsor Peace Poster Contest

The winners were:

Morgan Castro from Mill Creek Middle School

Ava Zimmerman from Calverton Middle School

Eaton Ekarintaragun from Plum Point Middle School.



Rockville Lions celebrated their 82 year of Lionism on February the 19th



The Ridge Lion's Club and Lion George Kirby from Leonardtown Lions helped do 31 vision screenings at the Women's Wellness Event today, Saturday, Feb. 8, at the James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center in Leonardtown. The event was hosted by Delicados, Inc. and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.



Beautiful day February 22nd for cleaning up at Lions Camp Merrick located on the Potomac River in southern Maryland. A great place that offers weekly camps for special needs, blind, diabetes, and now veterans. Happy to do our first workday there. Pictures from Lions Rodrick Harris and Tim Schaeffer, Rockville Lions Club.





The **Multiple District 22 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)** was held from February 28, 2020 to March 1, 2020 at the Best Western Plus, Ocean City, Maryland.

The RLLI is designed to:

- Encourage club members to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities.
- Familiarize club leaders with the operations, issues, and opportunities of their clubs.
- Promote leadership skills critical to the success of their position.
- Foster a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

Lions of District 22C who attended were: DG Sonia Wiggins, ZC Rodrick Harris Rockville (Rockville LC), ZC Courtney McAlmont, Lion Cornelly McAlmont (Washington/Midtown)

They attended seminars which included: Membership, Motivation, Diversity, Goal setting, Public speaking to name a few.

There were 30 participants from around the Multiple District with guest attendees from New Jersey, Past Council Chair Poonam Singh and our guest Leo, Ojas Chitnis. Ojas is on the Leo Advisory Committee. PCC Mahesh Chitnis our LCI Area 1 Leader and guest speaker during our evening dinner.

The Institute is a great training program that can help improve Club and District Leadership.



Fundraisers in District 22-C



DAMASCUS LIONS



PANCAKE, SAUSAGE & SCRAMBLED EGG BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 14, 2020 7 am to 11 am

Damascus UM Church, 9700 New Church Street Damascus, MD 20872

Dining Room Lower level

Adults \$ 10.00, Child 4-8 \$ 5.00, Under 4 Free Tickets available at the door or ask any Lion.

Please consider bringing non-perishable food items for the Damascus Help Food Closet.

www.damascuslions.org

BAKE/CRAFT TABLE





The Leonardtown Lions Club proudly presents the

35th Annual St. Mary's County Crab Festival

Saturday, June 13th, 2020

11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The Crab Festival is a celebration of St. Mary's Crab Culture and Cooking.

Expect to find plenty of steamed hard crabs, crab soups, crab cakes, and other seafood dishes available for purchase.

The Festival takes place at the St. Mary's Fairgrounds, located about 2 miles south of Leonardtown on route 5:
42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown, MD

Before or after your meal, browse among our regional crafters!

If you've been looking for that special, handmade gift or item with a 'Crabby' theme, you'll probably find it here!

*Enjoy local entertainment and Live Music !!
Visit our arts and crafts area and take home a memory!!**

See a GREAT Classic Car Show!!

A Fun Crab-Picking Contest

If you're interested in being a part of this event at this year's Crab Festival, please contact Lion George Kirby at 240-577-0029 or georgekirbylions@gmail.com.

There will be a fee to participate (\$20 in advance, \$25 the day of the festival), BUT you'll be able to eat what you pick! 😊

Community Education and LOTS of Hands-On Activities for the Kids

A Child-Friendly Petting Zoo !

Nearly 100% of all Crab Festival Proceeds go to Local and International Lions Club Community Service Programs such as: Leader Dogs, Vision and Hearing Support, Free Vision Screening and much more!

Gate Admission: \$7.00 dollars per person.
Age 11 and under, free!
Food Purchases extra.

****The Crab Festival is Pet-Friendly!****



La Plata Lions Club

22nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 13, 2020

4:00pm-8:00pm



**Salad, Bread, Spaghetti,
Meatballs, Sausage and
Desserts**

(Meatless Sauce)

**La Plata United Methodist
Church**

**(3 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, MD
20646)**

Cost

Take outs available

Adults \$10.00

Ticket info 301-934-4203

Children 6yrs-11yrs \$5.00

Children 5 and under FREE



Suburban Lions Club Vacation Get-Away Ocean City Raffle

The winner receives 7 nights in Ocean City Maryland from August 1st - August 8, 2020 at a 3-bedroom, 2 bath Condo which sleeps 10 on 7th Street. There is no "cash in lieu of" prize.

Tickets are \$10 each and 3 for \$25. Only 1,000 tickets printed. The **drawing will be at our club meeting on April 16, 2020.** You will not need to be present to win.

Contact PID Joe Gaffigan or any Suburban Lion to take a chance on this raffle.



Calvert County Lions Club
Applebee's Fundraiser.

Come support the Lions of Calvert County on the last Wednesday of each month from 4p.m. to 7:30pm, Prince Frederick, MD. You will have a great meal and be supporting the Calvert County Lions support their community.



Clubs – you are cordially invited to a fundraiser for **First Vice District Governor Ruth Moses** of the Silver Hill Lions Club.

Date: March 15, 2020
Place: Brandywine Lions Den
Time: 1pm – 5pm

More information will be sent in the very near future.

Contact Lion Charlie Spadone (South Gate-Clinton LC)



Come visit the College Park Lions Club at the 8th Annual College Park Community Library Book Festival on Sunday March 29th at a **NEW LOCATION!!!**

The Book Festival will take place at the College Park Airport Operations Building this year. Festival hours are 12 pm - 3 pm.

This is a **FREE** event with plenty of free parking! Meet over 20 local authors, buy new & used books and participate in family friendly activities.

The Lions will be on hand to collect your used eyeglasses, aluminum pull tabs, share information about Diabetes Awareness and will have delicious smoked meat sticks for sale.

Only \$1 each!
Hope to see you there!

Lexington Park Lions Club





**Silver Hill Lions Club
Demolition Derby
May 30, 2020 & June 6, 2020**



June 12, 2020 - The Burtonsville Lions Club 2020 Golf Classic is right around the corner. On Friday, June 12th, we will be hosting our sixth annual golf classic. BLC is looking forward to seeing you again this year and thank you for supporting us in order that we can continue to serve others in need.

Thank you, Mike Shavatt
email: mshavatt@verizon.net
Mobile: 301452-3353



Waldorf Lions Club Bull & Oyster Roast!

Sunday, 19 April, noon to 4:00.
\$45.00 per person.
Charles County Fairgrounds

Oysters, Roast Beef, Ribs, Chicken, Shrimp, sides, soft drinks, and draft beer included. DJ, games of chance and more!

All proceeds reinvested in vision research and supporting those in need.
Sponsors welcome!

Message me for tickets and/or to sponsor.
Thanks! Art Payton

July 20, 2020 – Silver Spring Leisure World Lions Club Golf Tournament, Montgomery County Country Club. Contact Lion Arthur Hooker.

May 8, 2020 – Sandy Spring Lions Golf Outing
You are invited you to Sandy Spring Lions Club Golf Outing in Memory of Lion John Howes.

This activity will be held on
May 8, 2020 from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM EDT.
SANDY SPRING LIONS CLUB Golf Outing in
Memory of Lion JOHN HOWES Friday, May 8th 2020
Willow Springs Golf Course 12980 Livestock Road West
Friendship, MD 21794 410-442-7700 FUN ~ GOLF~
FUN~ COOKOUT~ FUN FORMAT: 2 Person Teams
playing Captain's Choice best ball Registration @ 7:30
AM Shot Gun Start @ 8:30AM Cookout Following Golf
COST PER GOLFER- \$90.00 or FOURSOME- \$325.00
PAID BY APRIL 13th 2020 !! PRIZES!! PRIZES!!
PRIZES!! PRIZES!! PRIZES !! Longest Drive, Closest
to Pin, Low Team Score, High Team Score Numerous
DOOR PRIZES, GRAB Bag 50/50 Tickets
Available/Mulligans \$1.00 each MAX 5 Ladies &
Seniors- RED Tees Others- White Tees Additional
Information OR Establish Teams Call Lion Bill Lavelly
301-924-4500 / C- 202-515-1022 bwlavely@verizon.net
Lion Paul Gebicke 301-672-0343 pfgebicke@verizon.net
GUESTS WELCOME



Golf Tournaments in District 22-C

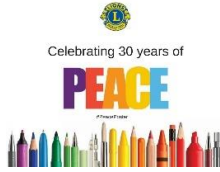
June 1, 2020 – Calvert County Lions Club Golf
Tournament, Chesapeake Hills Golf Course, Lusby,
Maryland. Registration by May 15, 2020
Contact a Calvert County Lion or email:
calvertlionsclub@gmail.com



in District 22-C

Brandywine Lions had a very successful Blood Drive in
February. 50 Units were collected by the American Red
Cross.

It's not too early to Order a Peace Poster Contest Kit



To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, **Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1.** The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.

Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

**To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466*

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 **as of November 15** are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

Thoughts on

Let's talk about what gaining a new member means to our clubs and to our organization –

- A new body to help on projects. (but don't overload them – start with little projects)
- Fresh ideas for service or fundraising. (if they join and have ideas, listen to them and if all possible, try that idea, make them feel important)
- New leadership potential within the club and district
- New friends and families (we can never have too many of either)

So why is it hard to get new members? Lions say, where do I look for potential members? or I invite people all the time, but they never show up.

Prospective Lions are all around us but, why are they not joining?

Not everyone is a joiner, but joiners and service minded

individuals are out there. People are not necessarily born to serve but rather we are taught to help others, to share and to bring happiness to the less fortunate. So where should we be going to find these types of people? Look everywhere, like a waitress that just served you or a local mechanic that just fixed your car. How about your local churches, parents at the Sunday school, day/night activities at schools, colleges? Maybe try your local police, firefighters and EMTs. Sure, they may not be able to come to your regular meeting due to work schedule, but they can help in many other ways.

Does your Club give a scholarship, sponsor a Peace Poster Contest or sponsor a Leo Club? Tap into those parents and the teachers. How about the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or youth activity that you sponsor, they have parents too and can certainly appreciate the benefits of Lions?

There are so many more people you can JUST ASK! You might not get them the first time you ask but, don't give up. Ask our own Past International Director Joe Gaffigan of his experiences.

So, you've asked but they don't come and join? Sometimes it's in how you ask. Instead of saying - *We're looking for new members for our Lions Club. We meet on _____. Come see what it's about and we'll give you a free meal!*

Instead TRY – *Have you ever wanted to help someone in or our community or help a disaster victim. As a member of the world's largest service organization you **can be making** a difference in our community and the world.* Then invite them to a meeting, or better yet, to your next service activity. And if they come to that, ask them if they would like to help. Invite their spouses or partner-in-service along with them.

Maybe you can offer to pick them up and take them to your next meeting, after all, you might be the only one they know. And always make sure they feel welcome at that meeting! It would also be great to have them come to a meeting with an exciting speaker where service to an individual is offered such as Leader Dog, Lions Vision Research, Lovrnet, Lions Community Outreach, etc.

And when they join, keep in contact with them. Maybe they can't make all your meetings, just don't let them go, give them a call and see if there's somehow you can help. Maybe they need someone to watch their child. Offer to

let them bring them, or maybe you know someone who would be willing to babysit for them. Maybe they need a ride to a meeting or activity. All reasons can be worked out if you try.

Again, don't get discouraged if at first, they don't respond back to you or come to a meeting, just keep asking when you see them again. Remember people feel good about themselves when they feel they are helping someone or a cause.

Opinion by Lion Sandi Halterman, PDG



Memorial Day Parade

Washington, D.C.
May 25, 2020

Fellow Lions and Friends, The Lions of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia are again going to participate in the **National Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2020**. We are seen by over 300,000 people lining the parade route which extends from

7th Street to 17th Street along Washington's famous Constitution Avenue. We are seen by millions on several cable networks and streaming on websites. Please join us on this great day.

This years' Chairperson is District 22-C, PDG Don Beeson, donb798@gmail.com Res 301-774-5448 Cell- 301-529-3880

PDG Don is selling parade T-Shirts. These T-shirts are not only being used for the parade, but many Clubs are using them on their individual service projects and

fundraisers. Cost \$10.00.



Club donations are welcomed for Snacks, Water, Sports Drinks, etc., so please help if you can.



With all the disasters of late, are you ready if one were to happen in our area? Alert Coordinator Jim D'Amico is available to give you a program on the subject. Contact him at jjdandy2@comcast.net (page 95 of District roster book).



REMINDER!! Please contact the LCOF Office (301) 599-7605 before bringing glasses to insure someone is there to receive them. Please provide them in boxes, not bags as they are too cumbersome for our volunteers to handle and store.

Also, when turning in eyeglasses to the District 22-C Recycling Center, please **only send complete glasses** (no pieces) and **NO eyeglass cases.**

Anyone who would like to volunteer, contact Lion Mary DeHart at LCOF or Lion Susan Matthews.

"I get to make a difference in so many lives. If I wasn't a Lion, I wouldn't have the opportunity to be involved with projects that touch so many lives in my own community and beyond." -- Judith Witter

Food for Thought for having a Successful Lions Club



Are you a critic, talker or doer in your Club?

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Lions for a successful Club

More to improve and fewer to disapprove

More doers and fewer talkers

More to say it can be done and fewer to say it's impossible

More to inspire others and fewer to throw cold water on them

More to get into the thick of things and fewer to sit on the sidelines.

More to point out what's right and fewer to show what's wrong.

More to light a candle and fewer to curse the darkness

-author unknown



Lastly, Lets grow ideas not destroy them like saying:

Don't be ridiculous

We tried that before

It cost too much

It can't be done

That's too radical

We do't have the time

Were too small to do that

It isn't in the budget

Lets form a committee

That's too hard

We've never done that before

Let's grow ideas not destroy

All ideas should be considered as valuable. Talk it out, especially if it comes from a newer member. Many

times, its dispelling their ideas as not something that could be attempted that makes their decision to leave. It might not be the right time for their project or fundraiser idea, but at least talk about it.



In our Lions Organization

(Multiple District 22, Lions Clubs International)



How often have you heard, “Lions are the best kept secret”? It’s a typical excuse offered when we face declining membership totals. Seems like we all know about Lions but many of us have trouble letting others know what we do to serve those in need in our community and around the world.

You are a valuable asset for one of our “best kept secrets”, Lions LOVRNET (Low Vision Rehabilitation Network) initially a project of MD 22’s Lions Vision Research Foundation. You have expressed interest by enrolling in LOVRNET LMS and many of you are now active as a LOVRNET volunteer. You have conducted interviews for low vision patients, provided transportation to their appointment(s) and/or done a follow-up visit in their home at the direction of their therapist to put in place organizational processes and safety measures that allow them to function more freely and improve their quality of life.

After our initial efforts through LVRF, we’ve established the MD22 Lions LOVRNET Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, to administer and support the project and volunteers serving the low vision patients and their families.

Lion volunteers make this project work and as LOVRNET has matured and grown new volunteer managerial positions have emerged that need to be filled to make our project more valuable to patients and more effective in utilizing our volunteers. Financial support remains a challenge as well. Grant requests have been

submitted to federal and private institutions. Additional requests are being explored. To meet immediate financial requirements pending grant approvals, the LOVRNET Foundation approved the initiation of a GoFundMe campaign directed to the general public that can be accessed on our website, www.lovrnet.org. The website also has a PayPal button for donations. We gratefully accept checks made payable to LOVRNET Foundation, Inc. and mailed to PCC Clare Newcomer at 19605 Granada Ct, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

I hope you will join me and the Board of Directors, share your enthusiasm and make others aware of Lions LOVRNET. We need you to help share our secret with others in your club as well as in your community and encourage their support.

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Executive Director
MD 22 Lions LOVRNET Foundation, Inc

Upcoming Conventions

MD22 Convention

May 11-14, 2020	Ocean City, MD
April 15-18, 2021	Gettysburg, PA
April 21-24, 2022	Gettysburg, PA
April 20-23, 2023	Ocean City, MD

Lions Clubs International Convention

June 26-30, 2020	Singapore
June 25-29, 2021	Montreal, Quebec
July 1-11, 2022	New Delhi, India
July 7-11, 2023	Boston, MA
June 21-25, 2024	Melbourne, Australia



Registration

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