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Melanie Donophan, Salisbury Heritage Secretary

Friendly reminder, the deadline for all news articles, pictures and flyers is the 10th of each month. Send all submissions to Lion Melanie Donophan, Salisbury Heritage .

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Here are Lions Sandy Pierce and Lion Tommy Pierce working on the face masks for first responders. They are working with Tommy's daughter Gwen Norleen of Grove Neck Designs. These 2 have made over 300 masks so far that have been given to Union Hospital, local fire companies and nursing homes. For more info on this project go to cecildaily.com and look for the article. You will see a man with a mask on and get the info. All of the masks were free of charge.

We also have 2 Lions that have been doing weekly food shopping for friends in the Earleville, Md. area. They are Shannon and Sue Bertino.

We have also sent out an email for books. We have a few members that do not have the internet. Lion Mike Mostello and his wife Barb answered the call. As a result, several books have been given to homebound seniors. The Mostellos have also been providing meals for some of the senior residents in Earleville.

We have been making phone calls to check in with our senior Lions especially those with no internet.





DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE
AND SERVE

Greetings District 22-B Lions from my den safely at home.

I hope each of you is safe and healthy during this time of coronavirus and safe distancing. It is certainly a trying time and I am sure cabin fever is striking many of us. We all look forward to coming back to normal, aware that normal may never be the same as it was. Many of our service and fund raising plans have been upended. On the other hand, we have an opportunity to learn new ways to continue our Lions activities.

For some examples, we have Lions making facemasks and face shields for both medical personnel and regular citizens. We have several Lions making regular runs to the grocers and pharmacies for shut-ins and at risk neighbors. We have Lions who make regular calls to shut-ins so that they have contact with others, but also to be sure they are OK and healthy. We have given rides for people to get to their necessary medical appointments. We have set up online activities for children to include coloring contests. We have provided lunches and needed school supplies to be picked up by parents. We have provided refreshments and snacks to our first responders. And perhaps not least of all, we have stayed home except for necessary trips. All these things help to get us through this crisis and back into our communities.

One activity in particular stands out. A group of Lions in the lower shore got together to supply lunches to school kids who no longer got them at school and food bags for adults who were stuck at home. This effort expanded to include a large part of our district with Lions involved from Salisbury Metro, Salisbury Pride, Crisfield Lioness, Pittsville, Willards, Sharptown, Kent Island, Chestertown, and Hebron. To date, over 50 tons, or 100,000 pounds, of food have been delivered, and the amount is growing. Most of this is being provided to seniors, homeless shelters, and people who have lost their jobs and are in great need. Where there is a need there is a Lion, and we are in a time of many needs.

One activity we can consider at this time is our Peace Poster Contest. Kits are currently available through the LCI store. The children are staying at home and certainly have time on their hands to be creative in making their posters. Remember, we can work through various groups to sponsor this contest. It does not have to be the school system but can include scouting groups, church groups, etc. Also, we have the Peace Essay Contest for those with visual impairments.

Several of our clubs have continued to have their Lions Club meetings through audio conferencing. Earlier, a message was sent out to all clubs with information of how to use these new techniques. This is a good way to continue to socialize with each other, share service opportunities, and even vote for your new officers for the coming year. If you have questions, feel free to contact me for more information.

Finally, stay safe, stay healthy, stay active. Remember, we are Lions and we continue to serve.

DG John



NOMINATIONS

1st VDG Wayne D. Benjamin



Chestertown Lions Club

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April 17, 2020

To: Nomination Committee and
Cabinet Members
Lions Club International
District 22 B

Subject: Nomination of 1st VDG Wayne D. Benjamin, M.D. for District Governor 22B 2020 – 2021

Dear Nomination Committee and Fellow Lions,

It is a great honor to nominate 1st Vice District Governor Wayne D. Benjamin, M.D. as a candidate for District Governor of District 22B for 2020 – 2021. Lion Wayne joined the Chestertown Lions Club in 1985. During his 35 years as a member Lion Wayne served as President three times, chaired several committees, served as Zone Chair and is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In the past few years Lion Wayne brought in numerous new members and has built a very good relationship between the Chestertown Lions Club and the NAACP Chapter for Kent County, Maryland. Many of our members also joined the local NAACP. This type of partnership is something that has made every member of our club very proud. Lion Wayne is always looking for new ways to make our club and community stronger and better.

Lion Wayne recently retired as a very well respected local physician. I have known Lion Wayne for many years and he is the kind of person who always gives everything he does at least 110 percent. I believe Lion Wayne will be an excellent District Governor for District 22 B and is the type who will make a difference that we all will be proud of.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Glenn M. Owens, Secretary
Chestertown Lions Club



**District 22-B Seconding Nomination
Lion Dr. Wayne Benjamin as District Governor 2020-2021**

It is my honor and privilege to second the nomination of Lion Dr. Wayne Benjamin, an exemplary citizen and a great Lion, as District Governor of 22-B for the Lions Year 2020-2021.

Lion Wayne was born in Southampton, Long Island, NY. He completed his undergraduate education at Bethany College, Bethany, WV, Medical School at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY and Residency in the Family Practice Program at the St. Joseph's Hospital Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY. He served the citizens of Chestertown, MD and surrounding area as a Physician of Family Medicine for over 44 years until his retirement in 2017.

Lions Wayne joined the Chestertown Lions Club in 1985. He served as President of his Club on three different occasions, the latest being 2017-2018. He served the District as Zone chair, Second Vice District Governor, is currently the First Vice District Governor and with your vote he will serve with distinction as District Governor for the coming year.

In 2018 his club honored him by presenting him a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Darley Travers Fellowship. International President Gudrun Yngvadottir presented him a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation in 2019.

He has the tenacity of a bulldog. This past year he took on the project of helping restore one of our smaller clubs that was in serious trouble. He began by conducting, and documenting, a Community Survey. During this process he contacted most of the city officials and business leaders, sat with them individually and recorded their ideas related to the needs of the community from their perspective and created a comprehensive report. He assembled a select panel of Lions and with this report as the basis held a meeting to plan and conduct a Community Party. The party was most successful. This is an ongoing project.

One of the endeavors that he will be pursuing during his year as District Governor will be the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI). He already has identified several Lions to help him with this project.

During this Lions year I, as Cabinet Treasurer, have had the opportunity to travel to every club in the District where I had the privilege of getting to know Wayne as an individual as well as a Lion. His humor has kept every trip lively and entertaining. These Official Visits over the past two years have allowed him to meet most Lions in the District and to observe two exceptional District Governors in action.

His formal training over the past two years at the District, Multiple District and Lions Clubs International levels have prepared him extremely well to perform the duties of District Governor of District 22-B if you provide him the opportunity.

Lion Wayne and his wife, the former Lynn Goodall, have six children, and currently fourteen grandchildren

It is my honor to second the nomination of Lion Wayne Benjamin as District Governor of District 22-B for the Lions Year 2020-2021.

Past District Governor Dal Mann





Chestertown Lions Club

District 22-B P. O. Box 265 Chestertown, Maryland 21620

April 17, 2020

To: Nomination Committee and
Cabinet Members
Lions Club International
District 22 B

Subject: Letter of support for Lion Wayne D. Benjamin as District Governor

Dear Nomination Committee and Fellow Lions,

On behalf of the Members and Board of the Chestertown Lions Club, I affirm that Wayne D. Benjamin is of excellent character and a member in good standing with our club.

We enthusiastically endorse him for the position of District Governor of District 22B for the 2020 – 2021 year. Lion Wayne fully understands the commitment and we think he will do a fantastic job.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Glenn M. Owens, Secretary
Chestertown Lions Club



MARY ALICE CARROLL

“MA”

MY DEAR FELLOW LIONS

I’M SURE MOST OF YOU KNOW MY FRIEND, MARY ALICE CARROLL. MA, AS FOLKS CALL HER, IS SOMEONE YOU WILL NOT FORGET. SHE IS COMPASSIONATE ABOUT PEOPLE IN NEED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LION, SHE WILL DO EVERYTHING SHE CAN TO MAKE YOU WELCOME. SHE WILL PROBABLY GET YOU INVOLVED IN HER FAVORITE EVENT, NIGHT AT THE RACES, WHICH, BECAUSE OF HER, HAS BECOME OUR LARGEST MONEY MAKING EVENT..

MARY ALICE IS HONEST AND WILL GIVE YOU ADVICE THAT SOMETIMES BRINGS OUT HER TEACHER, MODE AND, BY GOSH, YOU PROBABLY NEEDED IT. SHE HAS A HUMOROUS AND FUN LOVING SIDE, WHICH THIS PAST YEAR HAS BECOME A MORE ENJOYABLE RIDE BACK AND FORTH ON THE DRIVES TO ZONE AND CABINET MEETINGS.

MA HAS THE EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY TO LEAD WHERE EVER SHE IS ASSIGNED AND TAKES IT SERIOUSLY .SHE ALSO HAS A HUMBLE SIDE, MAKING IT A POINT TO HELP A YOUNG GIRL WITH CP GET BACK ON A HORSE AT FREEDOM HILLS RIDING ACADEMY FOR THERAPY AND ACTUALLY PERFORMED WITH HER IN ONE OF THE LARGEST EVENTS IN THE AREA.

MARY ALICE HAS THE EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY TO LEAD AND WILL REPRESENT DISTRICT 22B WITH DIGNITY. SHE WILL MAKE AN INCREDIBLE FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.

RESPECTFULLY,

SANDY PIERCE



A Nomination for Mary Alice Carroll

There is no doubt that Mary Alice Carroll is “one of a kind!” That “one of a kind” spirit comes from a sense that being a Lion is a treasured activity, one that should not be taken lightly. She is the embodiment of what being a Lion is all about. She always looking for ways to help or assist someone need. Whether it be a fellow Lion, a member of her immediate community or just a person in need, Mary Alice is always there ready to lend a helping hand.

The motto of the Lions Club is “We Serve” and that is exactly what she does. She has driven hundreds of miles to support a fellow Lion, she has driven this same hundred miles to organize and direct a Lions Club activity. She is the picture of involvement. If there is an activity, in some way you will find MA. She will either be the cheerleader, the organizer or the one who makes sure that everything is as it should best that the activity will be a success.

Over the past 9 years I have known MA to be a “ball of fire”. She is not a Lion who sits in the background, she needs to be out front leading the charge. She needs to be involved, and involved she is. MA is a past President of the Cecilton Lions two times over for a total of 4 years. She has been our Zone One Chairperson. In more recent times she has been a delegate for our Club and she was the 2nd Vice Governor for District 22-B. Due to illness she relinquished her 2nd Vice Governor standing in order to get much needed medical attention so that she would be ready to take on this assignment with all of the pep and vinegar she could muster, because that is just how she does things. Now, fully recovered and with that same old MA spirit and enthusiasm she is seeking to be 1st Vice District Governor.

I can think of no better person who exemplifies the spirit of being a Lion and one who has and can lead our District and our Club into the next phase of her Lion career. These are tough and unique times we are facing as individuals and as Lions and there is no better person to lead District 22-B than Mary Alice Carroll. I am sure that should she bring forth the same level of spirit and enthusiasm as she does everything else in her life she can only be highly successful!



DISTRICT 22B

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Lions International Motto, “We Serve” has never been more evident than in District 22B over the course of the past three weeks. District 22B Lions Clubs, in partnership with the First Light for First Responders and the Social Action Committee for Racial Justice, have been meeting the needs of their communities during the COVID 19 pandemic. Coordinated by Salisbury Metro Lions President Carol Schoonover, 100,000 pounds of food have been delivered to Senior Centers, homeless shelters, and food pantries in Queen Anne’s, Kent, Caroline, Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset Counties. Lion members from Salisbury Metro, Salisbury Pride, Crisfield Lioness Lions, Hebron, Pittsville, Sharptown and Willards have volunteered countless hours to prepare boxes of food for distribution. District 22B would like to recognize a local food distribution company for their generosity in donating all of the food, Perdue for the use of their refrigerated truck, and Christ United Methodist Church for allowing the truck to be located in their parking lot.

In the spirit of continued service, clubs in Somerset and Dorchester Counties also purchased food staples and prepared essential food bags for Senior citizens. Worcester and Wicomico Counties will be preparing essential bags soon. The Lions of District 22B serve even in difficult times. We Serve, We Care, We Accomplish!



PCC Dave Studley



Cabinet Secretary, Kathy Crockett, Salisbury Metro Lions Club President, Carol Schoonover and Salisbury City Council Member, April Jackson



CANCELLATIONS

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Multiple District 22- 98th Annual Convention
May 11-14, 2020

PRINCESS ROYALE CANCELLATIONS

Princess Royale is processing cancellations as fast as possible . They only have 3 people working at this point. Please don't call, let them do their job. We are going to have the 50/50 raffle with the drawing on May 14th. Please continue to buy our tickets to help with the expenses of the convention we have experienced.

Thank you,
Andy Demario, Chairman

