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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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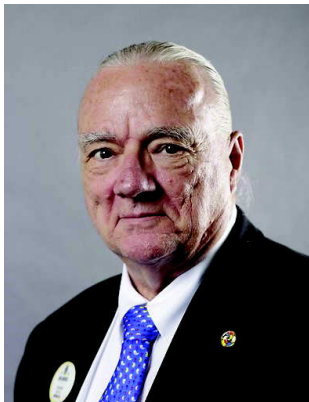
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FAREWELL DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN LAWRENCE

Lions of 22-B,

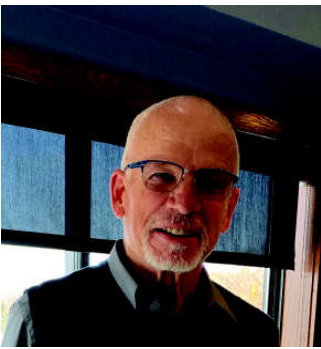
My year has just finished and I would like to give a shout out for all we have accomplished during this Lions year. Even though many of our service projects, fundraisers, and meetings were cut short by the virus, much has been accomplished. Many of our service projects were accomplished before March as we continued to serve our communities. Especially gratifying was the efforts of some of our clubs and Lions to serve after the shutdown. I know many of you were making masks and face shields, checking on shut in neighbors and running errands for them, and even sending cards and letters that gave people a real lift. Of particular note was the food distribution being done in the Salisbury area with the help of several clubs and several very hard working Lions. To date, more than 300,000 pounds of food has been delivered to people in need, and the project is continuing. I know that others have also worked with providing lunches for school age children, meals for elderly citizens, and assistance with your local food banks. Thank you all for continuing to serve, and take time to Experience the Joy of Service.

As a result of the service we have provided, we now have a new club, the Salisbury Bonded-By-Loyalty Lions Club. We certainly welcome our new Lions friends into our family. Also, many thanks to all who helped in forming this new club. As a result of this effort and the efforts of many others, we ended the year with a Plus One in membership, regardless of the virus. Several of our clubs took advantage of the District offer to cover the initiation fee for new members during the month of June.

It has been my pleasure to serve you as your District Governor once again and I thank you for affording me that opportunity. Helen Keller was quite correct when she said "Together we can do so much." I have seen how we do make such a difference in people's lives. I know that you will continue to serve and support our new DG Wayne Benjamin as you have supported me.

Immediate Past District Governor John





Message from
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
WAYNE BENJAMIN

Welcome fellow Lions to a new year! The pandemic may crimp our style a bit but our mission to serve will prevail. My major goal this year is to strengthen and grow our clubs following many of recommendations of the North Atlantic Membership Initiative (NAMI). Each month I plan to submit an article having to do with recruiting, retention and strengthening our existing clubs as well as giving attention to forming new clubs whether they be traditional, specialty, cyber, Leos, retirement or branch clubs. There are many new and unique ideas out there.

Let's talk about how we can strengthen our clubs. LCI publishes two great pamphlets which have to do with this, 'How Are Your Ratings' and 'Your Club Your Way'. Everyone should read these. I cannot cover the material judiciously in 500 words but let me try to summarize. Every club should poll their membership to find out how satisfied they are with the current mission and path of their club. We are losing members. The four top reasons that have been identified why members leave are

1. Boring meetings: Do your meetings begin and end on time? Do you have an agenda that is followed and everyone is informed of the agenda prior to the meeting? By publishing the agenda prior, Lions who can not be at a meeting can still be encouraged to contribute to the discussion by teleconferencing, email or texting. Are your meetings informative as to what the club/board is doing? Do you have a program with a speaker at every meeting? Importantly, are your meetings fun?
2. New ideas are discouraged or denigrated: Are new member's, or even those members of many years, ideas listened to, respected, and even solicited? Or do we deny the importance of their thoughts because they are recent joiners or are not in a leadership role? Are we unconsciously putting greater credibility to our board members and members that have been with the club for a number of years? People whose opinions are not respected are not Lions for long.
3. Cliques. Too often a new member comes into our club and is sidelined to the his/her sponsoring Lion. The rest of the membership see no reason to avail themselves to his/her presence. They sit at the same table for every meal whether it is a meeting or a social. He/she is not included in administrative activities or decisions. His/her choice or duty in a service project or fundraiser is not solicited. This does not simply refer to the new member. All members should be questioned about what the Lions' membership means to them and what they hope to get out of the club.



4. Traditions and Protocols. Some traditions may need to be changed. A traditional meeting may need be only once a month. How about a meeting combined with a service project once a month? How about a meeting with the Lions family invited (babysitter provided)? How about occasionally having your meeting at a different time of day? Does the membership desire to change the dress code? What you are currently doing may no longer be relevant or meaningful to the membership.

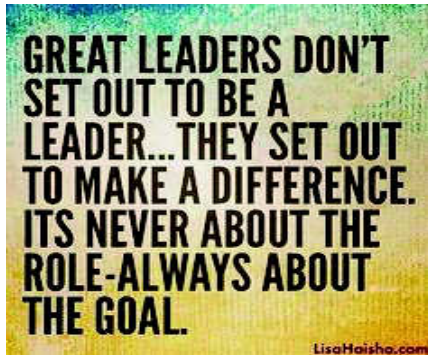
We need to listen. How are you going to find out how satisfied your membership is without doing a poll? The questions are already done for you in LCI 'How Are Your Ratings'. Time spent collecting the data will provide you with information you need to know. Then by applying what you have learned you will have 'Your Club, Your Way'. Just maybe we can reverse the fact that 30% of our new members leave within three years.

We have a great newsletter. Articles have graciously been provided by members of your cabinet, zone chairs and committee chairs as well as representatives of our diverse clubs. To them I say thank you. In closing stay safe, stay healthy and have a great year. DG Wayne Benjamin



Lions Leadership Corner

What makes a good leader? I went out to the web to get a few ideas, and here are three that seemed very appropriate for us as Lions.



**"It is amazing
what you can
accomplish
if you do not
care who gets
the credit."**

-Harry S. Truman

**GREAT LEADERS
BELIEVE THEY WORK
FOR THEIR TEAM,
AVERAGE LEADERS
BELIEVE THEIR TEAM
WORKS FOR THEM.**

ALEXANDER DEN HEIJER

These are great ideas to follow as Lions regardless of your position in your club. I believe that being a Lion shows you are a leader in your community – you are someone who wants to make your community and your world a better place because you are here. I am really appreciative of the quote from President Truman. As Lions we can accomplish a lot by working as a team, and realizing that only when the team wins do we also win. Remember, that as we display leadership, regardless of our position in the club, we are helping our communities become better places to live.



FACE MASKS

Submitted by DG Wayne Benjamin

There are basically three kinds of face masks.

1. N 95; These are face masks that must be fitted for proper seal and are mainly used for health care professionals. The name comes from the fact 95% of all airborne particles are removed from passing through the mask.
2. Surgical masks: used in hospitals and doctor's offices, offer some protection but not to the degree of the N 95 but more than the cloth masks mentioned below. Their use is to prevent the wearer from spreading disease while still offering some protection from larger airborne particles.
3. Cloth masks: Can be made out of almost any cloth. Worn to help prevent spread of virus from persons who do not know they have the virus. The mask is best when it has multiple layers of cloth.

Recommendations are to always wear a mask when social distancing may be difficult to maintain. Mask should be over the mouth and nose. You should not touch mask while wearing and if you do then sanitizing the hand is necessary. Cloth masks should be washed regularly.

Masks should not be worn by children less than two. Masks may be excused from people who have trouble breathing. Wearing a mask does not substitute for social distancing.

FEW MORE TERMS:

1. Social distancing: Keep physical space between yourself and other people outside your household. MDH recommends at least 6 feet and to wear a face mask.
2. Self-Isolation: no contact with public because you think you may be ill.
3. Quarantine: no contact with public because you have been in contact with someone with infection.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STATE OF MARYLAND

Groups may meet in open rooms as long as the number in room is less than 50% capacity.

Social distancing is to be enforced.

Wearing a mask is optional but can be a requirement of the host.

No buffet meals.



COVID 19 Food Distribution

On March 12, 2020 I was talking to friends about the possibility of schools being shut down the next day. The first thought was how are children going to get lunch and breakfast that they often get at school. I contacted Lions from different clubs in Wicomico County and they began to drop off donations of food to several areas that were packing lunch for our children. Several clubs also contributed funds to purchase the needed food and supplies.

My second thought was that the elderly, high risk shut-ins, and families in need would also need food. I started calling food distributors to see if we could buy in bulk or get contributions, with little luck. However, someone had given a company the name of our District Governor John Lawrence and he got a call asking if Lions could help distribute extra food they had on hand. DG John knew I had been investigating this, and handed me the phone. And we were on the way.

The first tractor trailer load arrived with over 2,000 gallons of milk, many cases of meats and yogurts and thousands of pizza shells. With no refrigerated storage available locally, the items were sent to the Kent County Racial Action Committee where storage was available and some of the items were then transported back to Salisbury in cars. The Kent County group did a tremendous job making hot meals for seniors and creating a pizza movie day with some of this food. Doncella Wilson and Paul La Tue III have been leading the effort in Kent County, MD.

We still had a need for storage of items coming in. I then called Perdue and they generously lent us a refrigerated 53 foot trailer. We have had this since the middle of March and they have kept it fueled and performed maintenance as needed on this trailer. The next question was where to put the trailer. After calling several places, Christ United Methodist Church on Phillip Morris Drive said we could park the trailer in their parking lot.

The second trailer of food arrived including several thousand gallons of milk. We took milk to all the shelters in Wicomico and Worcester Counties. Someone put word out to the schools about the milk, and soon Lions were taking milk everywhere. I learned that a Prius can carry 28 cartons of milk with 4 gallons in each carton. The Lions and other volunteers delivered to shut ins, high risk people, and families. Lions loaded up vehicles and went up and down the streets in Church Street area of Salisbury, Pemberton, Mitchell Pond, etc. We were able to distribute the milk in a few days. Lions then started packing and delivering food to shelters, senior housing areas, etc.

Then work began in earnest. Some days we created food bags or food boxes to distribute at the trailer. Working with the school system, families that teachers had notified came to get food. Next, we got a call from a local group that had families and seniors that had not been out of their houses since all this started. I ask how many families, seniors etc., and told them to come get food to pass out to those in need.



We have worked with many community organizations to get food into the hands of those who need it. We have shared food with Good Samaritan, Dekonia in Ocean City, HALO and Christian Shelter in Salisbury, tent areas for the homeless in Salisbury, the food pantry in Dorchester County, Men of Change Lions in Caroline County, Justin Davis, FIRSTLIGHT for First Responders in Queen Anne's County. We have supplied, packed, and helped deliver food to the World of Life Center Ministries for the local Haitian community. We have worked with the Crisfield Arts Syndicate to help supply food for 300 people. We have joined with Rev. Mandel Copeland in servicing the Jersey Road area of Wicomico County. We have partnered with Mark Thompson from Emmanuel Wesleyan Church in Salisbury and joined their Adopt a Block program to reach more people. The Lions pack the refrigerated food in bags to go with non-perishables from the church to support different areas each week.

What do you do when you get a 25 pound block of turkey meat or a 15 pound block of cheese? These are too big to give to a family. We have found various volunteers to help us. Restaurants in Queen Anne's County and Salisbury as well as several Lions and have sliced up pounds of meat for us to go in individual bags. Vicente from Olde Town Deli and the Allen Lions club have also helped in the slicing. Nicole Green from The Corner Grill has done numerous additional things to help.

We never know what might come next. When 4,000 soft flour tortillas came in, we found a Mexican community who were thrilled to get one of their staple foods. Eggs come in boxes of 15 dozen so volunteers put a dozen eggs in a paper bag, which we then handle gingerly. Gallon jars of salad dressings get put into smaller containers, often supplied by our clients. When we got 5,000 pizza dough shells, people used those to make pot pies, strombolis, and deserts to hand out to the hungry.

All this is done with the help and partnerships of many people. We have had the help of Salisbury Metro, Crisfield Lioness Lions, Salisbury P.R.I.D.E., Salisbury Heritage, Willards, Pittsville, Hebron, Sharptown, Men of Change in Federalsburg, and Kent Island Lions Clubs. We have also had many charitable organizations as mentioned above working with us. In order to help coordinate all this, we are represented in the Tri-Community Mediation Food and Distribution Group that meets weekly on Zoom to better serve our area. A BIG SHOUT OUT TO PERDUE FOR THE TRAILER AND CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR THEIR PARKING LOT. A BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR ANONYMOUS DONOR FOR THE FOOD. All the partnerships are enabling more and more needy, hungry people to be served.

Zone Chair Carol Schoonover





The 2020-2021 New Voices Initiative promotes gender parity and diversity and seeks to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations within our association. It features a diverse group of Lions who strive for excellence in one of four areas: Service, Membership, Leadership, and Marketing.

District Governors are a key part of the New Voices initiative, as it is up to them to select and nominate four New Voices in their district. To learn more about the role of District Governors in the New Voices Initiative, please review the District Governor's Guide. https://weserve.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/da-nvs5_en.pdf

Women make up the fastest growing demographic within Lions Clubs International. Women now constitute 25 percent of Lions club members worldwide, up from 13.7 percent in 2003. While this is a remarkable achievement, there is still much to be done. Since women represent 51 percent of the world's population, shouldn't they constitute a similar percentage of Lions worldwide membership? Working toward this goal is a critical part of creating diversity, adding new perspective to club activities, expanding Lions overall membership and meeting the growing service challenges in a world that needs Lions help more than ever.





Lions Clubs International

LIONS REGIONAL WOMEN'S WORKSHOP Planning Guide



To view this Planning Guide click below

<https://weserve.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/mp102.pdf>

Role of New Voices Nominees

- Districts should provide New Voices nominees a platform to voice their views in club, zone, region and district meetings, so they may spotlight their achievement and share their success
- New Voices nominees should work to identify projects that women, young adults, and diverse populations can connect to. They should also lead these projects in their districts.
- New Voices nominees should encourage and mentor others to take up leadership roles in the clubs and districts.
- New Voices nominees should work in clubs and districts to promote stronger membership that is inclusive.
- New Voices nominees should work to see that clubs and districts demonstrate to their community that LCI is open to both women and men, young and old of all backgrounds



Ocean City Lions Club



Mike Hooper - Ocean City Lions Club New President

New Officers were recently installed for the 2020 - 2021 Service Year (while socially distanced and with masks). Pictured: are:

Row 1 - President Mike Hooper, outgoing Pres John Topfer, Secretary Steve McMillan, Director Doug Parks

Row 2 - 1st VP Scott Stark, 2nd VP Bill Christmas, Membership Chair Sean Williams

Row 3 - Tail Twister Greg Burgan, Treasurer Greg Cathell, Past District Governor Norm Cathell



US Kennels Donation

The OC Lions Club donated \$5,000 to US Kennels in support of their mission to help disabled vets while saving shelter animals. The Program rescues, rehabilitates and trains dogs in advanced obedience and medical tasks. Pictured (L-R): Norm Cathell Past District Governor, 2019/2020 1st Vice President Mike Hooper, US Kennel President Mirela Hardy, Founder Chris Hardy, Head Trainer Dan Ray Atkinson, President of US Kennels Ladies Anne Marie Atkinson, and 2019/2020 King Lion John Topfer. 1st row: Gus, Brody & Ace



RIDGELY LIONS

Lions Assist Mid-Shore Residents With Medical Equipment

The Lions Clubs International motto is “We Serve”. One of the service projects that the Ridgely & Greensboro Lions Clubs operates is a Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet. Lions re-purpose good used medical equipment and provide it free of charge to people in need. Referrals come from local healthcare and social service providers. During the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) request for equipment have continued, so Lions have modified their distribution by screening clients and caregivers about any exposures to Covid-19 and utilizing proper PPE (personal protective equipment) to make deliveries and set-ups in client’s homes.

In June, Lions were able to assist several individuals in our community who needed medical equipment. All of these requests came from the client’s healthcare providers, friends and/or family. In March, a gentleman in Easton who cares for his wife at home requested a sit to stand lift to safely transfer her to and from her hospital bed and her wheelchair. A sit to stand lift was generously donated by a third party, who’s family member no longer had a use for the lift so we were finally able to fill this request in June..

Following up on a request from a client’s physical therapist, we were able to get a Denton woman a hospital bed to replace her queen size bed after she lost a foot and a toe to complications from diabetes. The hospital bed gives her more space in her bedroom and with the adjustable bed the flexibility to more easily transfer to and from her wheelchair.

Another request came from Lion Karen Memsonides, who was looking for a fully adjustable electric hospital bed for a patient in Federalsburg who broke her ankle in two places and will be non-ambulatory for 6-8 weeks. Federalsburg Lions picked up, delivered and set-up the bed for the patient.

A gentleman in Greensboro requested a rollator or rolling walker to assist his wife while she is recovering from back surgery. We were also able to provide a transfer bench to a homecare nurse who needed the bench to help a patient to get in and out of her tub. One of the Physical Therapist from Shore Home Care requested a drop-arm bedside commode to assist a patient restricted to a wheelchair.

We received a call from a caregiver that needed a smaller bed with side rails. In return for a residential hospital bed the family donated a queen size bed with an adjustable bed frame. Lion Dave Davis contacted Mr. Loge Knight with His Hopes Ministries shelter in Denton and the queen-size adjustable bed frame and mattress were donated to the shelter’s new senior housing unit.

We also received a call from Mr. Greg Sands in Easton. He was referred to the Lions by Deb Cavalier with the Upper Shore Aging office at the Talbot Sr. Center. Greg was looking for a fully electric articulating hospital bed for 84 year old double amputee. On Saturday, June 13th, Lion Dave Davis and Mr. Sands delivered a hospital bed to Mr. Robert Hopkins in Easton. What an inspiring story. Mr. Hopkins explained that he has been confined to a wheelchair since he was seventeen. He said that an adjustable hospital bed will make it easier for him to get in and out of his wheelchair, especially if he expects to continue living on his own.





L to R: Ridgely Lion Dave Davis – Durable Med Eq. Chairman, Robert Hopkins - client in need of Hospital Bed and Greg Sands,



Esther Stanley – client in need of a power wheelchair, and a friend who requested and occupational therapist with Shore Home Care.

Finally, we had a request from a patient's caregiver looking for an electric powered wheelchair. Along with Amber Weathers, an occupational therapist from Shore Home Care, we delivered a good used Quantum 600 power wheelchair to Mrs. Esther Stanley at the Bradford House apartments in Cambridge. With use of this wheelchair, Mrs. Stanley will be able to get out of her apartment to make it to medical appointments or to just socialize with neighbors and family.

If you know of someone in need of assistance, then have their caregiver or healthcare provider contact the Ridgely or Greensboro Lions Clubs to see if we are able help. Message us at www.facebook.com at Ridgely Lions Club or Greensboro MD Lions Club. If you are reading this and have some good used durable medical equipment that you would like to donate to our project then let us know. We will even pick it up. The Lions Clubs International motto is "We Serve", so if we can serve you or you can help us serve others, then let us know. Also contact us at ridgelylions@verizon.net. If you have additional questions contact Lion Dave Davis at 443-786-2547.

Lions clubs are groups of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with a Lions club in Caroline County see contacts above or go to <http://www.lions22b.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/District22bLion'sClub> . We'd love to hear from you.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.6 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in 210 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to sight preservation and community service throughout the world. For over 100 years, Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and well-being of millions of people around the world. For more info about Lions Clubs International go to www.lionsclubs.org



In June & July, Ridgely Lions assisted with distribution at the Giving Grace Food Pantry at the Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company

L to R: Lion Mike Redgraves, King Lion Joe Riley, Lion Elaine Ezell, Lion George Newhouse and taking the picture Lion Dave Davis





Thank you to the Galena Lions Club, specifically Lion Dawn Smith for help in loaning the Ridgely Lions Club, two (2) hospital beds and a rollator for distribution through the Lions Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet. We also picked up the donation of a power lift recliner from a generous donor, Mrs. Murphy in Marydel. Lions are only able to do this service with donations from the public and support from our fellow Lions, like those from the ,Greensboro, Denton , Marydel, Preston, Federalsburg, Hurlock, Sharptown, Kent Island and Cambridge Lions Clubs.

Thanks to KL Dana Boston from Denton (R) - for helping Lion Dave Davis from Ridgely to load and unload this much needed equipment. **Lions ROAR!!** If you know of someone in your community that needs some assistance from the Lions Durable Medical Equipment Loan Project or you have some equipment to donate contact Lion Dave Davis – Ridgely Lions at 443-786-2547. For other Lions 22B Medical Equip Projects go to <http://www.e-district.org/sites/22b/projects.php>

On Saturday July 11th, Caroline County Lions helped distribute food to over 170 families at the Giving Grace Food Pantry at the Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Co. This cooperative effort between Caroline Helping Hands, Giving Grace Food Bank, Caroline County EOC, Caroline and County Recreation & Parks provides food for distribution on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. If you'd like to assist, then contact 410-829-3158

L to R. Lion John Laddbush from Greensboro MD Lions Club, King Lion Dana Boston from Denton Lions Club, Lions Dave Davis, Elaine Ezell & George Newhouse from Ridgely Lions Club, Lions Russ & Carol Zinser from Denton Lions Club and Lion Andy Gowen from Ridgely Lions Club. Two more lions that participated but couldn't be in the picture. Lion John Nussear from Denton Lions Club and Lion Joanna Reedy from the Marydel Lions Club Thank you to all the volunteers.. If you are interested in participating in great service like this, then considered joining a Lions Club near you. To contact a Caroline County MD Lions club contact Lion Dave Davis at 443-786-2547 or to find a club go to www.lionsclubs.org.





LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

“Virtual” Golf Tournament

Our annual golf tournament had to be cancelled due to the on-going coronavirus pandemic. In an attempt to mitigate the financial impact on our fundraising, we are having our first ever “**Virtual**” Golf Tournament. For a mere \$10, each golfer can make a difference in the lives of legally blind people. This will be a fun event that you can participate in close to **your** home at a time convenient to you and your playing partners.

How it works: Form your own foursome and play at a course of your choosing. Each golfer will play their own ball. The team score on each hole for the foursome will be the lowest score among the four golfers. Teams posting lowest score in relation to par receive prizes.

Cost: \$40 for a foursome (\$10/player)

To enter: Send check with completed registration form on the next page. Play your round between the dates of August 10-24 and send a copy of your scorecard to tournament director at coach13@zoominternet.net (Questions can also be emailed to this address).

Rules: Course must have a minimum par of 70. Golfers should use the following tees: men – white, seniors (over 65) - yellow, women – red. A golfer may play for more than one foursome, but a separate entry fee is required for each foursome.

Prizes: The number of prizes will be determined by the number of teams entered, but we are hoping to have at least 5 and will be either gift certificates or cash.

The Lions Vision Research Foundation is a 501c3 charity so donations are tax deductible and the proceeds from this event will be directed towards funding an annual fellowship at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital.



LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

“Virtual” Golf Tournament

Registration Form

Golfers:

1.

POC:

2.

POC email:

3.

POC Phone #:

4.

Course to be Played:

Make Check payable to “Lions Vision Research Foundation” and mail with registration form* to:

Larry Burton
3175 Deths Ford Rd
Darlington, MD 21034

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- LVRF Event Sponsor \$1,000
- Gold sponsors \$500
- Silver sponsors \$200
- Bronze sponsors \$100
- Friends of LVRF \$ 50

Sponsors will be recognized on our Facebook page with publication of the tournament results

*If you don't have your four players locked down at time of registration, put in TBD for player(s) and email names when determined to tournament director at coach13@zoominternet.net



NO Lights, but the meeting
begins Anyway!!!



Chestertown Lions Club

The Chestertown Lions Club held their first “in-person” Board of Director’s meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club (CRYCC). It was great to get together again. This was the Club’s first “in-person” meeting since the last March’s business dinner meeting. Board members are so devoted and excited to have a meeting, we went ahead and held the meeting in the dark (see Photo 1) since a massive thunder storm had just rolled through knocking out the area’s power.

KL Mary Lou Pagella formerly called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with eleven members present. Previously, we had been holding monthly Board meetings by Zoom, but it was wonderful to get together again and “kick-off” another hopefully successful year of Lionism.

Even though we held the meeting without lights, members still practiced social distancing, wore masks, and used cell phones with flashing light apps to take notes. The first Board meeting each year is the time Board members get the opportunity to develop the annual budget. While this normally can be a taxing exercise, it became much more difficult this year by the presence of COVID-19.

The Administrative budget was discussed, but members decided there are so many unknowns at this time that an exact income level will need much more study. Annual income events – Chicken BBQ (Fall), cycling events (Spring), and shotgun raffle (Fall/Winter) were then discussed (see Photo 2). The successful Chicken BBQ will be placed on hold for now to study social distancing requirements further. Board members voted to kick-off our very successful shotgun raffle by starting ticket sales in September at selected locations around Chestertown. The winning ticket drawing will take place on January 13, 2021. Trusting the pandemic will become less of an issue by Spring, we are still planning to conduct the two rides.

We are planning to hold our first business dinner meeting of the year “in-person” at CRYCC on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. For members still feeling uncomfortable about coming out, the meeting will also be presented on Zoom.





Photo 1 Caption (from left to right) KL Mary Lou Pagella uses all leadership talents to guide a business meeting in the “dark” as Club Secretary Lion Glenn Owens, Lion Mike Moore, and Lion Ken Roderick look on.



Photo 2 Caption (from left to right) Lion Mike Moore, Lion Ken Roderick, Shotgun event chair Fred Sherriff, and Past KL Rick Coffman practice social distancing and mask wearing to discuss best ways to press ahead with shotgun raffle ticket sales.



CHESAPEAKE CITY LIONS CLUB

August 2020

Our club has more than 50 active members and are eager to continue recruiting new members for the 2020-2021 Lions year. With covid-19 it will be more of a challenge this year, however the Lions will become more creative to be successful.

We will continue to be a presence on facebook, local media, and spreading the word about the great work of the Lions Club, through service projects, fundraisers, community events and slide shows and pictures of our activities.

AUGUST 2020 –

- Schedule a budget meeting before our first Lions meeting on September 10 2020
- CCDA – Pell Gardens Farmers Market every Friday 4-7 pm for August and September. This is a great opportunity for Lions to have a table for fundraising and to pass out Lions Club info
- Schedule 1st Lions meeting on 9/10. Location – Fire House #13 pavilion, and to ask Teresa to cater our meal or purchase subs and pizza
- Follow up with Teresa to ask if she will cater our meetings for 2020-2021
- Plans for Chest of Cheer Raffle – drawing Friday, 12/18/20 - Organize a committee for the Chest of Cheer trunk and tickets by the first meeting 9/10/20
- Induct our new member at the 9/10/20 Lions meeting and to present member awards
- Plans are for a community event at the northside Fire Hall and to sell Chest of Cheer tickets for fundraiser- Tammy Smithers is the event coordinator
- Peace Poster Contest – Status of the schools is unknown. Lion Linda Maiden is the coordinator
- Extend invitation to District Governor Wayne Benjamin for a visit at our October Lions meeting on 10/08/20
- Core of Engineers – Lighthouse needs some repairs – will setup a meeting with Head Engineer, Joe
- Christmas Snowflakes – refurbish 10 more snowflakes. Plan a work session or two to check bulbs and put up the week of Thanksgiving.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK WE DO AS LIONS AND BE PROUD





**LIONS JERRY & BERNIE DELIVER A MOTORIZED
WHEELCHAIR TO DAVE ROBINSON**

CHESAPEAKE CITY LIONS SERVING DURING COVID-19!

Our club has been staying active during the covid-19 pandemic, doing what we do best
"SERVING OTHERS."

Dave Robinson was so appreciative and grateful to our Club for delivering a motorized wheelchair to his home. Mr. Williams broke his neck, unable to walk desperately needed to be able to get around. Lions Bernie, Jerry, PDG Bob and Cathy together orchestrated this to happen. We made Mr. and Mrs. Robinson a very happy couple!

A proud feeling for our club: Raising money to help a fellow Lion, and local Business Owner. We all had a great time!

Chesapeake City Lions are continuing to deliver groceries to families, calling and checking in on our fellow Lions, friends and family.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK WE DO AS LIONS AND BE PROUD!





Richard Brusca Sr. Obituary May 8, 1944-July 29, 2020

Richard James Brusca Sr., of Sudlersville, MD died Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at University of Maryland. He was 76. Richard was born May 8, 1944 in Philadelphia, PA the son of the late Henry Brusca Sr. and Isabel McCloskey. He graduated from Abington High School and enlisted in the United States Army National Guard. While serving in the Guard he and Monica were married and lived in State College and Philadelphia before settling down in Sudlersville in 1972. Richard was a member of the Sudlersville Lion's Club where he served as president and zone chairman. He was also a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Marydel where he served as an usher. Richard enjoyed traveling with his family, taking cruises, working, farming and talking politics.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Brusca and son-in-law, Jeff Dwyer. He is survived his wife Monica Brusca of Sudlersville, MD, daughter Lisa Dwyer of Sudlersville, MD, son Richard "Ricky" Brusca Jr. of San Clemente, CA, brother Henry Brusca Jr. of Jenkentown, PA, sister Margaret Mooney of Glenside, PA, sister Patricia Dillon of Spring House, PA, brother William Brusca of Horsham, PA, sister Mary Romanzo of Horsham, PA, three grandchildren, Megan Orr of Kennedyville, MD, Lauren Orr of Sudlersville, MD, Kaitlyn Dwyer of Aberdeen, MD and two great grandchildren, Cali and Mason.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to Immaculate Conception Church 522 Main St. P.O. Box 399 Marydel, MD, 21649 or to the Sudlersville Lion's Club c/o Thomas Godfrey 370 Leager Rd Sudlersville, MD 21668.



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