

# MARCH 2020 District 22B Newsletter

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# Newsletter Reminder

Melanie Donophan, Salisbury Heritage Secretary

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

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## Chestertown Lions Club Valentine Holiday Style

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### **District 22B Web Site:**

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The Chester River Yacht & Country Club (CRY&CC) Ballroom tables are beautifully decorated in a "Valentine holiday style" again for a third year in a row for the joint dinner meeting of the Lions and Rotary Clubs. The joint dinner was held on February 12, 2020 and hosted by the Rotary Club with78 members of the joint clubs attending.

From left to right: Enjoying the joint club dinner and camaraderie in Chestertown at the CTY&CC are Lion Ken and Dona Roderick, District Governor Lion John Lawrence and King Lion Carol Schoonover and Rotarian Paul & Jayne Heckles.



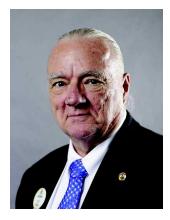


The joint meeting hosted in the CRY&CC's Ballroom was well attended by Chestertown's Lions and Rotary Clubs members.

From left to right: At the conclusion of the Valentine Day's Dinner Lions Kitty and Bill Neff and Rotarian Beverly and Ed Birkmire perform the Lion's Toast.







# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE AND SERVE

Hello, Lions of District 22-B.

First, thank all of you and in particular my Social Chair Wayne Cole and his committee for a great social at Sailwinds Park in Cambridge. The program and decorations were awesome, and our speaker, PID Gary Anderson, was the best. I think we all learned something from PID Gary and Cheryl's visit. And of course, congratulations to our special awardees of the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, Lion Amy Seir, Lion Jim Miller, and Lion Dave Dunham. Also, congratulations to two further awardees who shall remain nameless until I can present the certificates in person.

Of course, this raises the question – "When will they be awarded?" With the Maryland Governor banning any meetings of more than ten, in person becomes a problem. Most of our club meetings have been cancelled for the time being, and any activities are limited to a small number. Several clubs have shifted to conference call meetings in order to conduct their business. I might suggest going to FreeConferenceCall.com for a method of having meetings that is so easy to use that even a District Governor can do it. Just a call-in number and a six digit number password, and everyone can get on the call.

Speaking of meetings, it is time to re-invent our final Cabinet Meeting for the year, scheduled on April 26. It will become a virtual meeting with a conference call. We can give our reports and plans for the future, vote on-line as needed, and get ready for the next year. Since this is normally a nice luncheon meeting, virtual crab cakes will be served. © Perhaps the luncheon can be held at the Banner Transfer in August. Also, there is every likelihood that our MD-22 Convention will be cancelled this year. We will, however, find an alternate method of electing our new officers for our District. Stay tuned.

As I stated in my earlier note to all the clubs, we do remain a service organization and there are significant services we can provide. One area is getting food, medicine, and supplies to our elderly neighbors. Many of them either have no way to get out, or are very fearful in going to a store for their needs. When it comes to those who are forced to stay in their homes, a simple phone call or a friendly note card can mean so much.

This can also be a chance to go onto the Lions website, LionsClubs.org, and take some of their courses. There are a multitude of options, from guides for all the various club offices to service activity suggestions to leadership development, etc. Simply click on "Resources for Members" at the top of the page, and then "Resource Center". This can also be an opportunity to look at your club through the Club Assessment on the website or determine what your club needs to do to earn the Club Excellence Award.

With 3 months left in our Lions year, there is still much to be done. For example, it is still possible to ask a friend or neighbor to become a Lion, introduce them in a conference call, and induct them into your club. We can continue to serve, sometimes by staying home or keeping a safe distance from others when going out. We need to be adaptive and make the best of the situation we find ourselves in. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Serve. DG John



# CANCELLATIONS

## Dear Lions,

The Illinois State government in USA on Friday announced a stay-at-home order starting at 5 p.m. Saturday through at least April 7, marking Illinois' most aggressive step yet to try to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The measures included the requirement to cease all non-essential services in the state. Lions Clubs International is identified as non-essential. To comply with the state mandate, the Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook will be closed at least until April 7, 2020.

While staff will not physically be in the building, staff teams will be working remotely and available during business hours to respond to the needs of Lions. You may <u>contact LCI staff</u> or <u>LCIF staff</u> as needed.

Performance of systems may be impacted due to the increased number of people working remotely, and response time may be affected. Some of our business operations that require physical interaction will likely be limited.

More details will be provided early next week, but here is some preliminary guidance:

- For information on district and multiple district conventions, please check our <u>coronavirus updates webpage</u> after March 24, 2020.
- Regarding payment of outstanding dues, we recommend that districts allow clubs that are able to demonstrate they have sent or submitted payment to participate in voting. This could be via a bank statement, copy of demand draft, etc. Clubs will not be cancelled during this time, based on the challenges related to receiving and processing physical cheques and electronic payments.
- For LCI payments, please utilize online payment options via MyLCI or any other electronic payment method (ACH, SEPA, Boleto, NEFT, etc.) instead of sending checks to the office.
- Please <u>submit LCIF donations</u> via the website instead of sending checks to the office. Please also note that grant disbursements and recognition will be delayed while the office is closed.
- There will be delays in shipping LCI awards and recognitions, club supplies orders, as well as delays in processing reimbursements.

We appreciate your patience during these extraordinary times and wish for the health and safety of all our Lions and staff around the world.

In kindness,

PIP Frank Moore Executive Administrator and Secretary

# Dear Lion,

We regret to announce that the Lions Clubs International Convention, scheduled for 26-30 June 2020, will not be held as originally planned in the city of Singapore.

The Ministry of Health in Singapore just announced that all large-scale events through June 30 will be cancelled to further reduce the transmission of the coronavirus. The Lions Board of Directors received the notification today from Singapore, and this important topic will be discussed by the Board of Directors at or before the April Board meeting.

Earlier this month, I informed you that while we were optimistic we could hold the convention in Singapore, we were also assessing the feasibility of other host cities. For the past several weeks, the Executive Officers and the Convention Division Team have been exploring alternative options. Any changes surrounding the convention site and times are subject to Board approval, and will be shared with Lions as soon as available.

In the meantime, our Convention Team will be working diligently to assist you. Lions International will issue full refunds for all registration fees paid. At this time, we kindly ask that you do not contact LCI Registration to inquire about your registration, ticket or housing cancellations as we establish our cancellation details.

We are disappointed, but we will continue to move forward as a global organization, keeping the health and safety of our members in mind.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi International President



LEADER DOG DINNER March 27, 2020 Greensboro VFD Community Hall 13760

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## **OC LIONS CLUB**



Lion Mike Hooper receives the esteemed Melvin Jones Award from KL Norm Cathell. Lion Mike also serves as the Chair of the Vision Screening & Food Committees, and the Stephen Decatur High School Leo Club



Sean Williams receives the Pasher Bishop Award for devoted service to the O C Lions from KL Norm Cathell. He also received recognition for his many roles in the Club including Membership & Scholarship Chair, Board Secretary, Social Media Chair, and Club renovations Chair.



Steven McMillan receives the Pasher Bishop Award from KL Norm Cathell. Pasher Bishop was a founding member of the OC Lions Club in 1947 and this award recognizes devoted service to the O C Lions. Steve also serves as the Club Secretary



# CASH BINGO

# Regular Games Pay \$100

# THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

# SALISBURY MOOSE LODGE

# DOORS OPEN 5:00, BINGO BEGINS 6:30

# TO BENEFIT HEBRON LIONS CLUB CHARITABLE PROJECTS

TICKETS – PURCHASE BY MARCH 31, 2020 - \$15

APRIL 1, 2020 – APRIL 30, 2020 - \$20

\$25 AT THE DOOR



# MORE FROM CHESTERTOWN LIONS





A Blue Bird Tavern customer draws the winning Shotgun raffle winning ticket on January 8, 2020 j the Lion's Shotgun Committee Chair Fred Sherrif



Dions Club members got together to enjoy the evening While watching the winner's raffle ticket being drawn at the Blue Bird Tavern on Januaru 8, 2020.



Raffle Chair Fred Sherriff presents an "Appreciation Award" to Blue Bird Manager Chelsy Smith for supporting the Lions Club raffle ticket sales over the



King Lion Rick Coffman presents an "Appreciation Award" to Camerin Caraballo, President of the Kappa Alpha (KA) Order at Washington College for helping with the Chicken BBQ again this year. The award was made during a pizza dinner to honor the KA's on January 22, 2020 at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club.

Brian Moore, Chestertown Rotary Club President, welcomes Rick Coffman. King Lion, Chestertown Lions Club to the joint Rotary & Lions Valentine Day dinner meeting held at the Chester River Yacht. Cach leader made a short video presentation of their service activities this year.





# MORE CANCELLATIONS

## FOURTH CABINET MEETING POSTPONED

With due respect and an abundance of caution for the Corona Virus District Governor John Lawrence has made the decision to postpone the fourth cabinet meeting from April 5<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD

## CANCELLED Multiple District 22- 98<sup>th</sup> 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

## LEADER DOG DINNER

Greensboro VFD Friday March 27, 2020

Hebron VFD Saturday March 28, 2020



## Chestertown Lions Club supports students at Garnet Elementary School



#### L-R Rick Coffman, President Chestertown Lions Club, Brenda Rose, Principal of Garnet Clementary School, Kalief Roberts, Aidan McGonigal and Henry Hart, 2nd VP Chestertown Lions Club

Again this year the Chestertown Lions Club funded the One School, One Book program. The One School, One Book program is a national program designed to create a shared reading experience within a single community. Every student (375) received a copy of our selected book, <u>Brambleheart</u> by: Henry Cole. Families are encouraged to read the book together at home. There are activities at school to promote and enrich this shared reading experience. Cach morning there is a trivia question that is read on the morning announcements. Students receive a prize if they answer the question correctly.

Community volunteers video recorded the reading of the chapters. Teachers uploaded the videos to school website. Students are encouraged to watch the videos at home, if they don't have reading support. Teachers also provide time for students to watch the videos during school.

Rick Coffman, President of the Chestertown Lions Club said "Youth Services is just one of the Causes supported by Lions in addition to Vision, Hunger, the Environment and Diabetes awareness." "Support of the One School, One Book program is a great way to provide a better opportunity for the youth of the community"



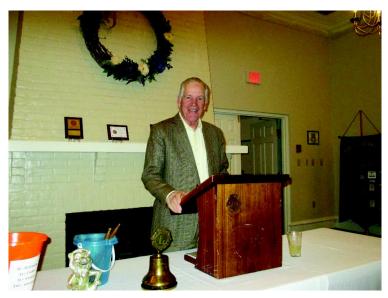
## Molly Dugan, Maryland Department of Labor

Molly Dugan was our March 11 Dinner Meeting speaker at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club

Molly Dugan, Maryland Department of Labor, spoke to meeting attendees on March 11 about "Adults Working in Maryland without Degrees." The topic was an eye opener and raised a number of interesting questions.



## Ed Fry, Vice President Fair Hill Farms, February Dinner Speaker



Mr. Ed Fry, Vice President of Fair Hill Farms in Chestertown was our February 28<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting speaker. Mr. Fry spoke on the changes he sees coming in the family organic dairy farming business. Changes will address the health oversight of the dairy herd, environmental regulations, organic farming regulations, and new milking machinery.



## Congratulations to PKL Dave Dunham

L-R DG John Lawrence, Jim Miller, Dave Dunham, Amy Sier

District Governor John Lawrence (left) awards Lion Dave Dunham (center) of Chestertown and two additional District 22B Lions the International President's Certificate of Appreciation at the District 22B Social in Cambridge, MD on March 7.

Congratulations to PKL Dave Dunham!! Dave was recognized by District Governor John Lawrence on behalf of the Lions International President Dr. Choi with a CERTIFICATE OF APPRECLATION in Recognition of Distinguished Achievements in Fulfilling the Mission of Lions Clubs International. The presentation was made at the annual Social held in Cambridge, MD, Saturday, March 7, 2020, to honor 22B's District Governor John Lawrence.

Dave, a relatively new Lion was recognized for his outstanding service for his recent service as President of the Chestertown Lions Club, by the implementation of a new fundraiser (the Comedy Night) and particularly for his success in promoting the activities of his club in local news outlets. His club's activities seem to get published almost every week.



### Lions Durable Medical Equipment Project Assist Local Residents

The Ridgely & Greensboro Lions Clubs operate a Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet in our local community. We do this by re-purposing good used medical equipment to people in need. Referrals come from local healthcare and social service providers. We recently assisted three families in our community who needed some help for the patient and the caregivers.

One family had their grandfather coming home from a rehab center for Thanksgiving. We were able to provide them with a residential hospital bed so he could be comfortable during his visit. It went so well that he will be returning home for Christmas.

The second family in Denton has their mother living with them and she is restricted to wheelchair and has been sleeping on a sofa. The request for an adjustable hospital bed will allow her to rest more comfortably and ease her transition from her chair to bed and vice versa.

The third family similar to the first has a loved one that will be coming home from a nursing and rehab facility for the holidays. We were able to assist them as well with adjustable hospital bed and Hoyer lift to make it easier for the caregivers to move their Mom from the bed to her wheelchair. This family is also looking for a scooter and a handicapped accessible ramp. The Lions are investigating some ideas to help this family find the resources to assist them with this request.

. 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 <u>www.facebook.com</u> 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". if we can serve you or you can help us serve others, then let us know. Also contact us at <u>ridgelylions@verizon.net</u>



We Serve



#### Welcome to the District 22-B Family

We welcome and extend our congratulations on the new Lions who have joined since January. We look forward to working with you in the coming years as we serve our communities and together "Experience the Joy of Service". Also, a large thank you to the sponsors who helping our new members be the best Lions they can be.

Club	New Lion		Sponsor
Betterton – Still Pond	Bryan Greenwood		
Cambridge	Frank Foxwell		Brian Burton
Chesapeake City	Dale Gearhart Judy Staz		Shirley Kidner Bob Kidner
Chestertown	Rock Crum Brad Hollomon James Porter Dean Tully		Wayne Benjamin James Drenning Howard Lyons James Lavin
Federalsburg	George Batson Shenley Ricks Charmaine Smith Maurice Stanford Mary Elizabeth Williams		
Greensboro	Kenneth Dennis, Jr		Robert Dean
Hurlock	James Murray		Mary Lou Brown
Ocean City	Danny Lewis Charles Stocksbury		Norm Cathell Franklin McWillians
Pokomoke City	Willie Brown Edward Godwin		William Shufelt Charles Dennig
Preston	Matthew Andrew	Al Turne	er
Princess Anne	Rochelle Simpkins Mark Simshauser Mike Wheatley	Tim Bos	Elizabeth Hall ton Joshua Boston
Ridgely	David Bowen		Ross Harper
Rising Sun	Judy Melton		Howard McFadden
Salisbury	Alonzo Miles IV		Jim Moore
Sharptown	John Firestine		William Dotson
Trappe	Woody Bramble		Shawn Moore



## Donald Levis Speakman Obituary

June 23, 1942 - March 10, 2020



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Donald Levis Speakman (Chester, Maryland), born in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, who passed away on March 10, 2020, at the age of  $\mathcal{FF}$ , leaving to mourn family and friends. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Donald Levis Speakman to pay them a last tribute. You may also light a candle in honor of Donald Levis Speakman.

He was loved and cherished by many people including : his parents, Levis D. Speakman and Gladys Willar Speakman; his wife Patricia Marciano Speakman; his son Christopher Reynolds Speakman (Martha) of Long Valley; and his siblings, Thomas Willar Speakman (Suzanne) of Chestertown, Suzanne Murray (Neal) of Hilton Head and William Reynolds Speakman.

Vísítatíon was held on Sunday, March 15th 2020 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Helfenbeín and Newnam Funeral Home (106 Shamrock Rd, Chester, MD 21619). A funeral servíce was held on Sunday, March 15th 2020 at 8:00 PM at the same locatíon.

In lien of flowers, donations may be sent to the Queenstown Lions Club, P. O. Bo 212, Queenstown, MD.



# Darley T. Travers

### JANUARY 22, 1941 - MARCH 27, 2020



Darley Theodore Travers, age 79, quietly passed from here to Heaven on Friday, March 27, 2020 at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury, Maryland. Born in Cambridge, Maryland, in 1941, he was the son of the late Albert W. and Leona (Insley) Travers. He was a 1959 graduate of Cambridge High School. Upon graduation, Darley served in the Army Reserves and briefly attended Bowie State College. He spent over 60 years in the drafting and project management sector, helping to build large structures up and down the east coast.

Darley was an extraordinary civic leader, serving and leading his community through various community organizations. Darley was a faithful member of the Hebron Lions Club (45 years). Traveling to all ends of the world representing and working for an organization to which he was dedicated, he served on the Lions International Board of Directors (3 years) and attended 26 Lions International conventions.

Darley was a life member of the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department (45 years) and spent many years serving as president or treasurer. He served his community in other organizations including Wicomico County PTA (past president), Wicomico County Liquor License Board (17 years, past chairman), Boumi Shriners (Baltimore), Eastern Shore Shrine Club, and Temple Lodge #170.

Darley is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Charlene, daughter Susan English (Rev. Kevin), son Kirby Travers (Penny), daughter Amy Sier; grandsons Tate Bennett, Jacob Travers, Scott Sier, Jr.; granddaughters Laura Bennett, and Emma and Lily Travers. He is also survived by siblings Dora Bailey, Noreen Short, and Albert Travers, Jr.

A prívate funeral service will be held. Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison and Rev. Kevin English will officiate. Interment will be in Hebron Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Hebron Lions Club, PO Box 514, Hebron, MD 21830 or Hebron Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 300, Hebron, MD 21830.

