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Newsletter Reminder

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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Message from
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
WAYNE BENJAMIN

Welcome to another newsletter from the District Governor. Do you realize how difficult it is to write something positive with all the negative news out there about this pandemic? We are all told to be positive but these are trying times. Here's one!

I am on the 'task force' for getting the word out to the citizens of Kent County about updates on the Covid-19 vaccine. In this county, and I assume throughout the nine eastern shore counties, we have a major problem getting everyone registered to get the vaccine.

Registration is necessary to get the vaccines administered in a timely fashion, answering questions concerning the vaccine and being sure everyone gets the second necessary dose of vaccine at the recommended time. Registration will cause problems as you can imagine. Many folks, especially our elderly, do not have internet service or are uncomfortable using it. We need volunteers who can assist with registering and making appointments as our health care workers will be overwhelmed with testing and administering the vaccine.

At the current time, the health departments are vaccinating the 1A priority group; health professionals and first responders. Once they move into other priority groups most folks will need to go to the local health departments or a vaccination clinic set-up in the outlying areas of the county. Either way, transportation will be a problem. Eventually vaccines will be available at the local drug stores and doctor's offices but that is a long way down the road.

I am suggesting to those of you who might be able to help, to contact your local county health departments. You may know of folks in your community who will need help with registration or transportation.

If you are interested in assisting in Kent County, please forward me your name and email address. I will work with my contact at the KCHD to set-up a conference call and/or training.

What an admirable service you will be doing for your vulnerable seniors. Another relevant service project for 22-B.

~DG Wayne Benjamin~





Chestertown Lions Club Supported District 22B Eyeglass Cleaning Service Project



DG Wayne Benjamin and Cabinet Treasurer Ken Roderick unpack packages of eyeglasses/lenses.

Chestertown Lions Club members supported a request from District 22 B District Governor Wayne Benjamin to help with an eyeglass sanitizing service project in early November. Apparently over 25,000 pairs of eyeglasses and lens had accumulated which now had to be sanitized, dried, sorted and bagged before they could be released.

The service project took place at the 1st Methodist Church in Chestertown on High Street beginning on Monday morning, November 2nd and planned to run through Thursday, November 5th. The church's commercial dishwasher was used to sanitize eyeglasses while volunteers were needed from 9 am - 4 pm to first open eyeglass packages, after which they had to be sanitized, dried, sorted, and bagged. After bagging, DG Benjamin delivered them to Lion Joe Livingston in Fallston, Maryland. The service project ran so smoothly it concluded on Wednesday afternoon, a day ahead of time.

Clubs helping included Chestertown, Sudlersville, Salisbury Metro, Ocean City, Betterton/Still Pond, Marydel, Denton, Millington, Rock Hall and several members of the community who are not Lions. Twenty members of the Chestertown Lions club participated in this service project.

During the task, face masks were worn by everyone, gloves were provided, and social distancing was practiced.



Preparing eyeglasses for donation

Chestertown KL Mary Lou Pagella and Lions Rock Crum and Jim Lupis dry and sort eyeglasses/lenses. While, Lion John Paoletta organizes sorts eyeglass bags for delivery.

Lions Dave Dunham and Herb Wilkerson along with guest Alice Dunham wait for another batch of sanitized lenses to arrive for drying and sorting.



KENT SHOOOL PARTICIPATES IN Chestertown LIONS CLUB Peace POSTER CONTEST



Pictured (left to right): Amy Bower, Kent School Art Teacher; Peri Overton-2nd place; Sarah Porter-1st place; and Waylon Murphy-3rd place.

For over three decades now, Lions clubs around the world have been sponsoring very special art competitions in schools and with youth groups. Creating peace posters give students the opportunity to express their visions of peace through both art and creativity. Each year over 600,000 students ages 11 -13 participate in the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contests.

The Kent School in Chestertown decided to participate this year with twenty-five students beginning their poster design in September. The theme of this year's contest was "Peace Through Service" which emphasizes the Lions Clubs motto of "We Serve." The contest drew to a close in November with winners announced at a school assembly on November 15. Contest winners were Sarah Porter-1st place, Peri Overton-2nd place and Waylon Murphy-3rd place. Sarah's poster was sent onto the Lions District competition.



22-B Global Service Team

Service Projects and Fundraising Goals

From our NAMI efforts

As reported to our District Governor and his North American Membership Initiative the following are the goals that were developed to assist clubs' efforts toward growth and prosperity.

Service Projects:

The goal is for each club to identify and provide 2 NEW service projects per year. For this initiative "NEW" is defined as something totally new or a renewed project that has been neglected for at least 5 years. New and/or renewed projects should stimulate interest among old members and help recruit new members in the process.

New projects can be found in numerous ways, such as:

- Explore LCI website
- Work with MD 22-B GAT Team
- Community Needs Analysis
- Thinking "Outside the Box"

Fund Raising Projects:

As in the Service Projects goals above, clubs should identify and execute 2 NEW fund raisers per year. While many in a community can look forward to long standing projects like a food sale or Christmas project, new fund raisers will bring fun and attention to the club as well as attract new members.

New projects can also be found in numerous ways, such as:

- Explore other clubs' projects and successes
- Explore other organizations' projects and successes
- Seek partner organizations
- Seek advice from your 22-B GAT Team
- Think "Outside the Box"

Your Governor and NAMI Team appreciate all that you do knowing that there are many moving parts to support growth in membership. For questions feel free to contact us. We're in the book!





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

I hope this letter finds all of you warm in your home, healthy, and with plenty of food to eat. Unfortunately, that is not the case for many in this country and around the world. There are many people unemployed due to the virus. I am sure that the gifts under the tree this year were sparse in many households.

Some of us have already had the \$600 stimulus check deposited into our bank account. This is free untaxed money that you will be receiving. We may even receive an additional amount per person in the near future. Please consider making a portion of this check a donation to LCIF. A \$50.00 donation is less than 10% and would do so much to help people in your community and around the world. Mail a check or donate on line whatever amount you feel is appropriate. Any amount can help relieve the suffering of someone in need.

If you have any questions, contact District LCIF Co-Coordinators,
PDG Wayne Cole or Lion Frankie Bennett.

Have a Happy New Year and stay safe.



LIONS LEADERSHIP CORNER



Do you love being a Lion? Would you like to help other Lions succeed in becoming great Lions? Do you enjoy serving others? Do you have good communication skills? If so, ask your Doctor District Governor Wayne if the Certified Guiding Lion Program is right for you.

What is the Certified Guiding Lion Program? Here are the words of Lions Clubs International: *The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or determined as priority designation. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president.*

One of the goals of our district Governor is to establish new Lions clubs. Each new club is assigned 2 Guiding Lions to be a resource for them during their first two years. Guiding Lions are also assigned to help clubs who could use a boost in creating service and fundraising projects or in recruiting new members. With a good cadre of Guiding Lions, District 22-B can become even better.

Becoming a Guiding Lion is easy. Simply go to [LionsClubs.org](https://www.lionsclubs.org) and search on Guiding Lion, and then click on Guiding Lion Program or click on <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/guiding-lion-program>. The program has several modules which will train you in how to help our fellow Lions. If you have questions, please give me a call, email, or text.

Global Leadership Team Leader John Lawrence, Lions@JohnLawrence.name, 410-725-0150



More from the District Governor....

Do you question what is going on with the 22-B Social, the Multiple District Convention or even the International Convention in Montreal this June? If you do, you are not alone.

There are meetings going on to decide these questions. The 22-B Social committee met Jan. 3th. The scheduled March 6th social at the Hyatt in Cambridge will not occur. The concern was whether enough of us would be vaccinated with both doses of vaccine by that time. Then there is the apprehension of gatherings in general. So we have decided to postpone the social until there is some assurance these two issues have been addressed. The problem of course is the unknown. Currently we would like to have the Social in June but dates are limited. I personally believe a party celebrating the end of this pandemic would be great. It would also give us the opportunity to recognize all the good Lions have done in the past year in spite of the pandemic.

The Council of Governors met Jan 3th to discuss the Multiple District Convention. This too has us all concerned about the attendance in light of the pandemic. What will the status of the pandemic four months from now? Can we hold reservations at the hotel without jeopardizing the deposit? The decision was made to have a virtual convention. Details to follow.

The International convention is another quandary. I have no information on that at this time, but I am sure there are Lions out there who are reviewing the situation on an almost daily basis.

~DG Wayne Benjamin~



Lions Leadership Corner

I would like to introduce you to Lions University. This "school" is not run by LCI, but rather by interested Lions associated with the USA/Canada Forum. As you can see below, courses are offered at 3 levels, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate. Several Lions in MD-22 have taken courses from this University, and one Lion in District 22-A recently earned his Doctorate. The courses run from "Effective Meetings" to "Time Management" to techniques for effective adult education. To get to the home page of Lions University, click or go to <https://lionsuniversity.org/>. I encourage each of you to go and check this out. Excellent education whether used for Lionism or other endeavors of your life.



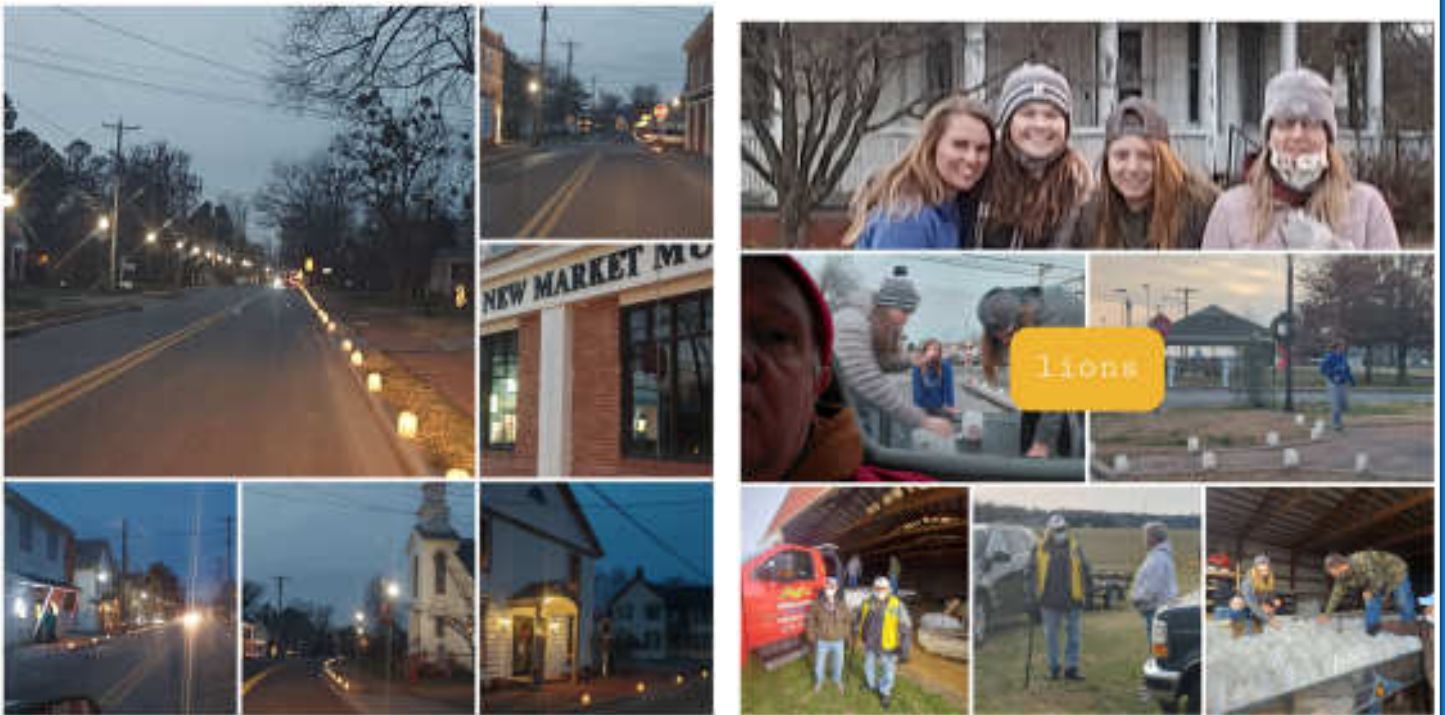
Lions University
Year-Round Training Provided by the
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



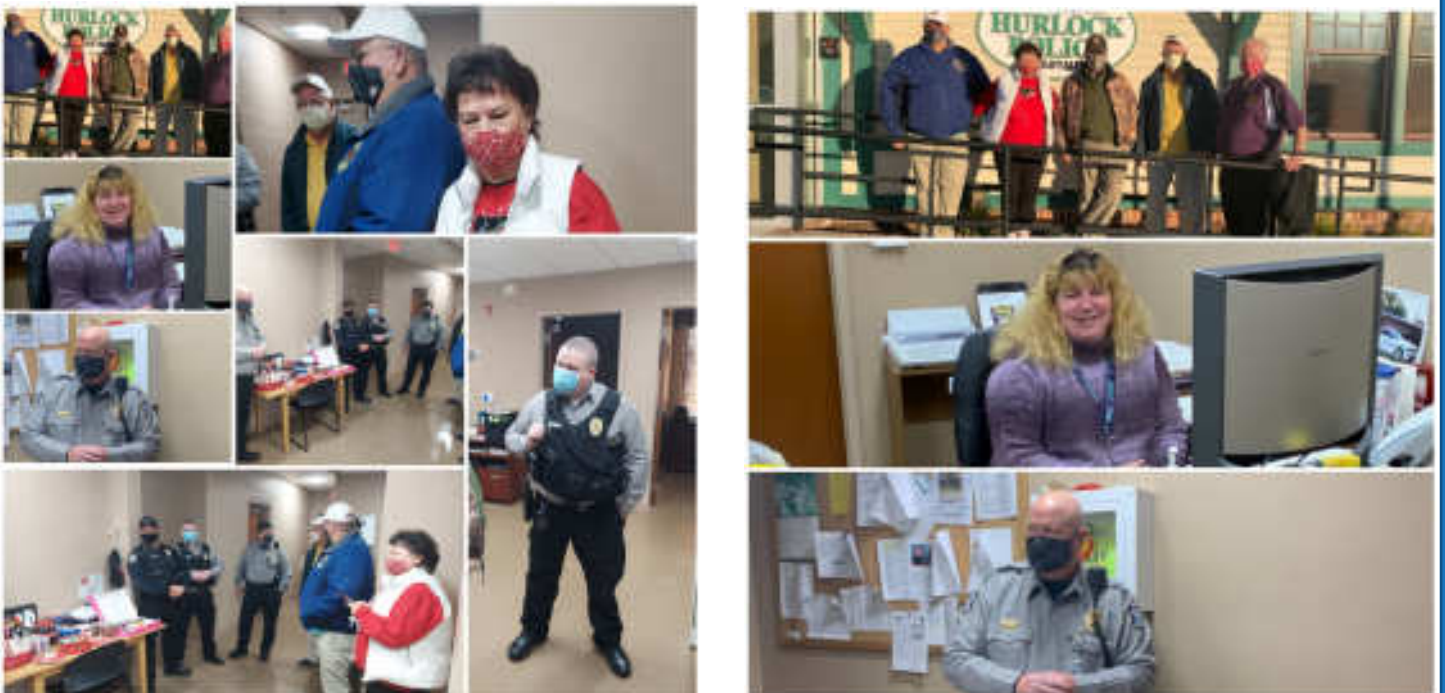
- **Bachelor's Program:** This program allows Lions to develop the skills necessary to lead a vital Lions Club. Courses are directed to the skills needed to be great club leader. [Click here to learn more about this program.](#)
- **Master's Program:** This program focuses on giving support to clubs through district leaders. This program is aimed at District Level leaders: District Governors, Vice District Governors, Zone Chairs, District Committee Chairs, Certified Guiding Lions, and other leaders that are ready to foster quality clubs in their District. [Click here to learn more about this program.](#)
- **Doctorate Program:** This program focuses on skills needed to be a training facilitator for adult volunteers. In affect, Lions who have completed the Doctorate Program are prepared to be great trainers of other Lions. [Click here to learn more about this program.](#)



Christmas Luminaries in Hurlock and East New Market, MD



Appreciation to Hurlock Police Department for their service



Lions and MD Food Bank team up and feed 100 families for Thanksgiving



Showing appreciation to Hurlock Town employees.



Ongoing eyeglass collection and loaning medical equipment out to the community.



Roast Beef sandwich fundraiser.





Past International Director Darley T. Travers of the Hebron Lions Club, Hebron, MD passed away on March 27th of this year 2020, but due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions we were only allowed to have 10 people attend his funeral on April 1st. It was really hard not to have extended family members, and our Lions family and friends in attendance.

Therefore, we will be holding a Celebration of Life service for PID Darley on Sunday January 24th, 2021. The service is scheduled for 3:00pm at Nelson's Memorial Church located at 100 Main Street, Hebron, MD 21830.

Please RSVP to charlene22b@comcast.net or leave a message at 410-430-5993 if you plan to attend as we hope to be able to have a meal after the service (depending on State of Maryland restrictions at that time) and we will need a headcount.

Thanks to everyone who sent cards and prayers to me and my family during this stressful time.



Check out the websites below for important messages from LCIF and PID Jerome Thompson

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