

# September 2019 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  $10^{
m th}$  of each month. Send all submissions to Lion Melanie Donophan, Salisbury Heritage .

<u>melaniedonophan@yahoo.com</u>



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#### DG John Lawrence

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

## EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SERVICE

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Season's greetings, Lions of District 22-B, family, and friends. I wish all of you a joyous holiday season in whatever way you choose to celebrate and a most happy new year.

One of the best parts of being your District Governor is being able to visit each club and learning of all the activities you are doing both in your communities and collectively for our nation and indeed the world. I can see many ways you are bring joy to people in our communities and can see you experiencing the joy of service as you give of yourselves.

Several of our clubs have taken poinsettias or other gifts to nursing or assisted living facilities. Many of the people living there have few family or friends in the area, and a simple gift and a few minutes of our time can mean so much to them. It is heartwarming to see the joy on their faces when they realize someone has done something special for them.

An example close to my home is the Kent County Christmas basket program. All five clubs in the county work together along with other county organizations including Social Services, local churches, 4-H clubs, Washington College, and others to come up with one list of over 500 recipients and then prepare and deliver these baskets. Tons of food are collected or purchased from the Maryland Food Bank and hundreds of toys wrapped for the children on the list. On a Monday, all of this is put into boxes and delivered throughout the county. It is a wonderful feeling to see the whole community come together to provide a better Christmas for these families.

We have not forgotten our troops overseas. Some of our clubs have prepared boxes, bags, and handmade greeting cards to send to our armed forces in faraway places. I know from personal experience how much it means to receive such a gift from an anonymous donor back home. It brings a bit of joy to them and allows us to once again experience the joy of service.

At the end of the year, many of us send some of our discretionary funds to our favorite charities. It both helps our communities as well as our tax forms next year. As many of you know, my extra funds are now going to the Lions Low Vision Rehabilitation Network Foundation (LOVRNET). This organization, an offshoot of our Lions Vision Research Foundation, is designed to help people with low vision make the best use of the vision they have. As our population gets older, more and more of us are facing these conditions. I encourage you to go to the LOVRNET website, <a href="www.lovrnet.org">www.lovrnet.org</a>, and learn about the work being done there. There is also a handy "Donate" button if you wish to contribute to this cause.

Once again, Happy Holidays. Continue our tradition of service and continue to experience that feeling of joy we have when we are helping out fellow man. **DG John Lawrence** 

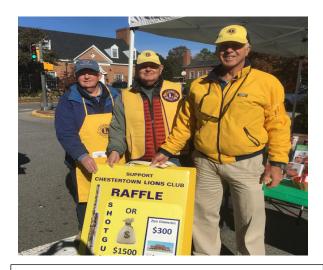


## Chestertown Lions Club

## **November Activities**



Lion Ken Beasley and (right) Lion Rick Wells sell Shotgun Raffle tickets to a customer (center) at Molly's Place.



I Lion Larry Lyons (left) receives the Melvin Jones Award from DG John Lawrence (right) at a Wednesday evening Club diner meeting.



## Chestertown Lions Club Activities



Lion Herb Wilkinson takes part in a Club's road clean-up day in Chestertown



Lion Lea Hunley samples the food at a Sudlersville Elementary School PTA fund raiser evening.



DG John Lawrence (left) and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Wayne Benjamin (right) induct new member- Washington College President Kurt Lan





KL Rick Coffman (left) presents a donation to DG John Lawrence (right) for the Lovrnet program.

KL Rick Coffman (left) presents a donation to LVRF Trustee Wayne Cole (right) for the LVR Foundation.





## MELVIN JONES AWARD



Lion Larry Lyons (left) receives the Melvin Jones Award from DG John Lawrence (right) at a Wednesday evening Club diner meeting.





## Get ready to experience service in full color.

Online registration is officially open for LCICon 2020 Singapore, where Lions and Leos from around the world will reunite through colorful expressions of service, culture, entertainment and celebration. Take advantage of early pricing and save US\$75 on your registration through January 10, 2020.

To Register, view schedule and video, follow this link:

https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/





#### Dear LCIF Coordinator of Maryland Frankie Bennett,

I have the pleasure to resend to you this e-mail sent by our Association on behalf of LCIF. As you know we are in the "Campaign 100" and your support is very important for LCIF, so I would ask you to try to be sure everybody gets a copy of this e-mail. As you can see, we will have the presence of our LCIF chairpersons IPIP Gudrun Yngvadottir and I would like this event be a great success. If you could also see that this event gets published in the district newsletter and web page, it would be great.

Looking forward to have some Maryland players in this very important 7° world tournament in favor of LCIF, please let me know if I can be of any help.

May I thank you in advance for your essential support, yours sincerely from Sunny Southern Spain.

Luis Domínguez

Past International Director 2009/11

#### LCIF Coordinator

#### Dear Lions:

We are pleased to invite you to the 7º Lions Golf World Cup & European Championship. This year we will have the presence of our LCF president, IPIP Gudrun Yngvadottir, so come and enjoy golf with her presence.

February 24 through March 1, 2020, come meet your fellow Lions in Andalucia, Spain, and compete in a tournament that benefits the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Andalucia is a paradise for golf lovers with over 100 golf courses and exceptional climate, sun and warm weather all year round. The Barceló Montecastillo Golf & Sports Resort is just next to Jerez de la Frontera, surrounded by great golf courses and next to one for the most beautiful historical cities of Spain. It is also very close to Seville.

The deadline to receive the "early bird booking rate" is December 31, 2019. Be sure to reserve your spot and save by booking early!

For further information about the 7º Lions Golf World Cup & European Championship in support of LCIF and its "Campaign 100", please visit: <a href="http://www.lionsgolf.es">http://www.lionsgolf.es</a> (website is available in English only). All proceeds will be donated to LCIF.



### MODEL CLUB

#### **Model Club**

I am proud to report Conowingo Lions Club has become our second Model Club in the District. We are still looking to get a couple more clubs to become a model club. If your club is interested please contact your club's LCIF coordinator and they can get in touch with myself or PDG Wayne Cole for further assistance.

#### **Donations**

Last year we had only 70% of the clubs making donations to LCIF, the District would like to have 100% participation this year, so far only 13 clubs that have made donations to LCIF. "Campaign 100" is in full swing and LCIF is requesting if your club chooses not be a model club then have your Club donate \$100.00 per member yearly for next 3 years. This donation can be through fundraisers, businesses, family members, friends or personal. Remember all donations can go towards a Melvin Jones Fellow for someone in your club, community or yourself. If you should have any questions about LCIF and Campaign 100, please contact either one of us: LCIF District Coordinators: Lion Frankie <a href="mailto:csbennett@comcast.net">csbennett@comcast.net</a> or 410-829-7493 or PDG Wayne Cole <a href="mailto:waynecole66@hotmail.com">waynecole66@hotmail.com</a> or 443-786-3943.



The Bayside Conference 27th annual all -Star Soccer games were held on Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Stephen Decatur High School Stadium. The weather was great, a lot better than past years, and had a good crowd to watch the games. We had DG John Lawrence, VDG Wayne Benjamin, PDG Wayne Cole, PCC Dave Studley, ZC Shaun Stevenson and Lion Ginny Studley i DG John presented the four scholarships to the following players: Brooke Windsor from Cambridge South Dorchester, Ashley Thomas from Parkside, James Cosoli from Kent Island and Drew Von Kollmar from James M. Bennett in attendance and introduced during the intermission of the two games. The South won both games, 4 to 0 in the girl's game and 3 to 2 in the boy's game.

It is not too late, if your club did not make a donation but still want to, please make your club check payable to the **District 22B Charitable Foundation** and mail it to Lion Frankie Bennett 6738 Eldorado Road Federalsburg, MD 21632. On behalf of District Governor John and myself, thank you for your support of this important District 22B project.

Submitted by, Frankie Bennett



As Pediatric Cancer Chairman for 22-B, I am sending the following information to all of the Clubs in our District. Some of you may be aware of the need for Franklin Kirwan and his family. Frank is six years old and a first grader at Northwestern Elem. School in Mardela. He has recently been diagnosed with multiple brain tumors, as well as tumors on his stomach and his side. One of the brain tumors is located on his optic nerve, which means he will lose his vision.

Frank is scheduled to start chemotherapy once a week for a year at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he will have to stay at least one night following his treatment.

His mother Mandy is a single mom with two other children in addition to Frank. She works as a Dental Asst. Her employer is allowing her to keep her job during this emotional time, as she needs the insurance to help pay Frank's medical bills. Mandy is trying very hard to keep up with her bills, However, she needs help with gas to travel back and forth to Johns Hopkins, as well as toll fees, parking fees, hotel stays and numerous other medical bills.

As Pediatric Cancer chair, I am asking for donations of gift cards, cash or checks (made payable to Mandy Kirwan) to help out this family in need. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be sent to me in care of the Hebron Lions Club, P.O. Box 514, Hebron, MD 21830. Remember, vision and pediatric cancer are two of the programs Lions Clubs International is supporting.

Please remember our motto 'WE SERVE' and consider making a generous donation for this child.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Amy Sier

> c/o Hebron Líons Club P.O. Box 514 Hebron, MD 21830 410-430-1038



If you missed the LVRF rally, you missed an excellent event. The morning began with coffee, pastries, and socializing followed by stimulating presentations. Dr. McDonnell, Director of Wilmer Eye Institute, spoke on the State of the Institute and Lions Low Vision Center (LVC) chief, Dr. Judy Goldstein, gave an update on the fellowship program. Assistant Professor Ashley Deemer (previously a fellowship recipient) spoke on the latest research being conducted at Wilmer. We were also introduced to the current fellow, Dr. Micaela Gobeille. It goes without saying, the patient testimonial of Thomas Lenhart left no doubt in anyone's mind as to the life-changing services provided by the Lions LVC.

A highpoint of the program was the Fireside Chat with former Senator Barbara Mikulski. Senator Mikulski lavished praised on the efforts of the MD22 Lions and the cooperative relationship between Wilmer and the Lions. She reminisced on her friendship with the esteemed Dr. Patz and provided a little history on his role in bringing Lions and Wilmer together. (Dr. Patz's family was also in attendance).



LVRF Chair PDG Larry Burton, Mrs.

Arnall Patz, Senator Barbara Mikulski, and

Dr. Judy Goldstein pose immediately after
the Summit for Sight Program

In keeping with the theme of the program, "Summit for Sight" PDG John Shwed donned his mountain-climbing gear to present an overview of the LVRF. Club and personal donations were presented resulting in \$44,352.40 for LVRF to be used for operating funds, the Fellowship Endowment and associated programs. LVRF Chair Larry Burton reminded the Lions of his three goals for LVRF.

- 1. To raise \$100,000 by the end of the Lions year for the endowment
- 2. To submit at least one grant for funding
- 3. To obtain donations from 100% of all clubs in MD22

The LVRF Trustees realize how far funds are stretched in some of the smaller clubs; however, a show of 100% support by the clubs in MD22 goes a long way in impressing grantors. As we near the halfway point in the Lions year, LVRF Trustees will be contacting those clubs who have not yet donated to solicit their support. Your club's donation, no matter how small, goes a long way in helping LVRF achieve its goals.





Ridgely Lions Club installed new members on Nov. 11th. L to R— King Lion /President Gerry Sutton, new members Lion Tina Higgnut, Lion Elaine Ezell and Lion George Newhouse. Not pictured Lion Joe Anderson.



King Lion Gerry Sutton presented Lion Donna DiGiacomo with the Ridgely Lions Club's "Lion of the Year" award. Lion Donna serves as the club's liaison and faculty advisor for the North Caroline High School Leo Club





Lion Dave Davis was recognized with a Progressive Melvin Jones award for his continued support of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

#### Ridgely Lions Club - Sportsman's Raffle

31 chances to Win - Dec. 1 - Dec. 31, 2019

#### \$20.00 Donation

To purchase a ticket, see any Ridgely Lions Club Member;

or call Lion Ross Harper - 410-336-1791;

or Lion Dave Davis- 443-786-2547;

or King Lion Gerry Sutton- 443-786-0848.

or purchase tickets at **9 Central Diner** or **All About Hair Salon** both in Ridgely.

For more info email to ridgelylions@verizon.net or on Facebook/Ridgely Lions Club or wwwridgelylions.org

Special thanks to Tuckahoe Sportsman out- doors store for supplying the prizes and raffle tickets can be purchased at their store.

Winning Number Based on MD Lottery - 3-didgit Evening Drawing

Consider buying one for your club or organization & then auction, raffle or sell prize to the benefit of your organization's treasury.



## Ridgley Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellowships



#### Ridgely Lions Club Recognizes Three Lions with Melvin Jones Fellowships

On Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> the Lions Clubs International's most prestigious award, the Melvin Jones Fellowships were presented to three Ridgely Lions Club members. The Lions 22B District Governor John Lawrence made the presentations to Lions Dale Mumford, Warren Thomas and Ross Harper.

#### Congratulations to the RLC's newest Melvin Jones Fellows!

Lion Dave Davis was recognized with a Progressive Melvin Jones award for his continued support of the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)

The District Governor also installed four new members into the Ridgely Lions Club. Welcomed into the club were new Lions Tina Higgnut, Joe Anderson, Elaine Ezell and George Newhouse.

King Lion Gerry Sutton presented the RLC "Lion of the Year" award to Lion Donna DiGiacomo, who also serves as the faculty advisor for the North Caroline High School Leo Club.

Lions are groups of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information about Ridgely Lions Club you can contact Lion Dave Davis at 443-786-2547 or ridgelylions@verizon.net

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in 208 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong



Front row L to R-Lions 22B District Governor John Lawrence, MJF Lion Dale Mumford, King Lion Gerry Sutton—President of Ridgely Lions.

Back Row-MJF Lion Warren Thomas and MJF Lion Ross Harper



## DG VISITION SCHEDULE

CLUB	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Deal Island -Chance/ Princess Anne Lions	Tues. January 7 <sup>th</sup> @6:30pm	The Farmhouse
Ocean City Lions	Wed. Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup> Social 6:00 Dinner 7:00pm	Ocean City Lions Den
Sharptown Lions	Thurs. Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> @7:00pm	Asbury UMC Hall
Snow Hill Lions	Mon. Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm	Snow Hill Lions Community Center
Hebron Lions	Wed. Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup> @7:00pm	Hebron Lions Community Building
Pittsville Lions/Willards Lions	Thurs. Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup> @6:15	Pittsville Lions Den





#### **Dear Lions Club President & Secretary:**

Below you will find a letter and donation form for your Lions Club. Please help our USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation continue to provide a great educational experience for our Leos attending the 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum next July in California. All clubs or Districts have a chance to receive a Banner patch for their support.

We ask that you please consider sharing this information with your club. Again, thank you in advance for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

Lion Pablo Romano, USACLLF President

Leo Fabian Maxwell, Chair, Leo Advisory Council

DG William VanLandingham, Chair, Host Committee





#### USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation, Inc.

"Proudly serving the Leos of Constitutional Area 1 & 2"

PABLO M. ROMANO President & Founder

September 4, 2019

PABLO M. ROMANO President

Tel.: (646) 481-3238

Dear Lions of Constitutional Area 1 & 2:

As we start our second century of service, we are investing in the future of Lions Clubs—our Leos. Our Leo Club Program started here in the United States almost sixty years ago and today continues to flourish with more than 7,000+ clubs worldwide, 175,000 Leos in 145 countries. Just last year, Leo Clubs completed 24,038 projects. These clubs have served many people, and they are not stopping anytime soon.

We have united to encourage and inspire our Leos to be the great change we need for Lloris' continued success. Our vision is to empower and further educate our Leos in areas of leadership and community engagement/development. With that said, Loris advocates gathered to form the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum. This Forum is the advocates gathered to form the USA/Canada Leo

first of its kind in our Constitutional Area. A Forum organized for Leos by Leos.

From all over the United States, Canada, and Multiple District 60 "Islands of the Caribbean" and other affiliated territories, our Leos share a common set of values. They serve with enthusiasm, constantly striving to make positive, sustainable change to our communities. They inspire their peers and share their talents with those in need. They make an impact on our Lions and reinvigorate our lifetime commitment to serve in this organization. These values give our Leos the power to make a profound impact, and with "LIONS" on their side there can be no limit.

Our Leo Leadership Forum will provide Leos with various workshops leadership, public speaking, community development, etc. These workshops will be developed by experts in the subject and co-facilitated by Leo leaders. At the completion of the Leo Leadership Forum, our Leos will receive their High School Degree. Moreover, we will offer fun activities so Leos can inspire and learn from each other and later bring home their newfound knowledge and share it with their clubs. This forum aims to make a

demonstrated commitment to our Leos, who we believe are the future of Lions.

We hope you may consider donating any amount to our Foundation. Your generous donation will help our Foundation forward our mission of better supporting our Leos through our annual Leo Leadership Forum. As a sign of our appreciation, all donors will be recognized with a club patch or forum pin.

Yours in Lionism.

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USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation, Inc.

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#### **DONATION FORM**

Select One ▶

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All donations received will help the Foundation defray cost for our Leos attending the Forum

Donation Levels: ☐ US \$100 ☐ US \$250 ☐ US \$500 ☐ US \$\_

Select One ► ► □ BANNER PATCH □ LEO FORUM PIN

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#### **Letter to Districts & Clubs**

#### 2020 Donation Form





# 3rd USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum Mesa, Arizona, USA \* July 2019



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#### **Dear Lion Leader:**

Quality leadership is key to the future of Lions Clubs International. The <u>Faculty Development Institute</u> program is dedicated to increasing the number of skilled Lions faculty who can deliver leadership training in a professional, educationally-sound manner and provide continuity and consistent quality training at all levels of the organization.

The next **Faculty Development Institute** for your constitutional area will be offered:

Location: Houston, TX, USA

Dates: January 18-20, 2020

Language offered: English

As a Lion leader in this area, your involvement is critical to the success of this program. Below are the ways that you can help:

- Identify qualified candidates in your area.
- **Encourage** candidates to apply by November 4, 2019.
- **Share** the details about the institute with other leaders in your area.

The application, and further details about the institute, can be found by downloading the application:

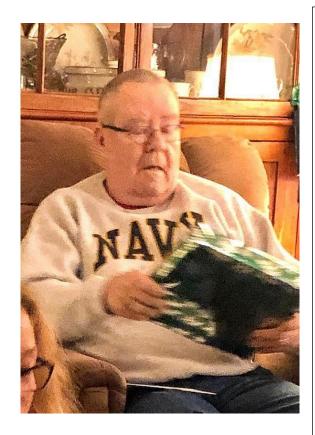


If you have questions, visit our <u>website</u> or contact us at <u>institutes@lionsclubs.org</u> Thank you for your assistance! Sincerely,

Kathy Ryan, Manager Institutes and Seminars Department Leadership Development Division



## PDG BILL CULVER



The following is a message from Past Council Chair Dorothy Culver.

William (Bill) Roger Culver, 80 of Princess Anne MD died on Friday November 22, 2019 at PRMC. He was born December 7, 1938 to the late Roger and Mary Culver. Eighteen days after childbirth his mother passed away on Christmas Morning.

He was raised along with his twin sister in a loving home by their maternal grandparents, Hargis & Mamie Hickman.

Bill graduated from Washington High School in 1956 and then joined the United States Navy. Bill finished his career in 1967 as a Personnelman 3rd Class Petty Officer. Bill married Dorothy Johnson on December 1, 1967. He was a Lifetime Member of the Lions Club which he joined in October 1971 and served on numerous committees and was elected District Governor in 1993-1994 serving the 9 Eastern Shore Counties of Maryland. He was a member of Perryhawkin Christian Church and The American Legion.

Bill was known for his witty sense of humor as well as the love he had for all people, especially his family.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Culver, Twin Sister Barbara Culver Hill, Sister Dorothy Hickman Rooks, Sister in-laws, Paula Belote (Sammy), Charlotte Conniff, Jean Sturgis and Half Brother in-law George Johnson, as well as numerous special nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral arrangements will be Wednesday November 27, 2019 at 2:00 pm with visitation from 12:30 - 2:00 pm at Hinman's Funeral Home, 11673 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD 21853 with Interment at Beechwood Cemetary (American Legion) 30782 West Post Office Road, Princess Anne, MD. Pastor Jeff Coalter will officiate. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of Bill to Lions Vision Research Foundation at Wilmer Eye Institute, The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, P.O. Box 1714, Baltimore, MD 21203, c/o PDG Susan Timmons.





#### PRINCESS ANNE LIONS CLUB

#### A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

**W**HEREAS, <u>Lion William Culver</u> has passed on to a higher plane of existence in accordance with the infinite wisdom of Almighty God, and

WHEREAS, the Princess Anne Lions Club has, therefore, lost one of its faithful and diligent members who served 48 years. He became a member of the club in October 1971 and held the distinction of a Life Member. He was elected District Governor in 1993-1994 serving the 9 Eastern Shore Counties of Maryland. Lion Bill contributed of his time and efforts toward the betterment of this club this community and its people by exemplifying the principles of Lionism during his time of service. He served this Club as President, Secretary, and Director. He always participated in club activities and fund-raising events. He served on numerous committees, both for his club and on a District Level. He served as Chairman for several committees, including LCIF, Historian, Vision and Communication. Lion Bill served as Zone Chairman for Zone One of Region Four (Somerset County) and attended District meetings held in Preston Lions building. Lion Bill was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship award for his dedication to Lions. He also attended District Conventions and International Conventions; therefore, his commitment to Lions Clubs International, District 22-B and the Princess Anne Lions Club was that of a truly loyal Lion.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Princess Anne Lions Club extend to the family of

Lion Bill, it's sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the great loss they have sustained, and

**NOW**, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution of respect be incorporated in the minutes of the first club meeting, December 12, 2019, and that a copy be presented to Lion Bill's family, and that a copy be sent to the press for publication.

ADOPTED IN MEETING ASSEMBLED, the 12th day of December, the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen.

The Officers and Members of Princess Anne Lions Club

Charles Fisher, President

Mary Jo LaFianzia, Secretary

