



DISTRICT 22-W NEWS



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District Governor's Message



The State of the District MD 22-W

"I hope there will always be a Land of Beyond for Lions International; a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we approach it, yet will keep just out of reach, challenging us to run faster, work harder, think bigger, give more."

- Melvin Jones

As we look forward to 2017, I like our founder Melvin Jones, challenge all clubs to "...run faster, work harder, think bigger, give more." In order to do these things, we must reflect on what we have accomplished and look forward to achieve our goals as a district by June 30, 2017.

Service:



Lions lead through service, which is our strength.

As we began our centennial celebration, Lions were asked to serve at least 100 million people in four areas – Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment by June 30, 2018. These projects have already served over 127.3 million people! But we are not finished, there is so much more we can achieve. There are so many people that need us, so keep serving.

The four Centennial Service Campaign areas are: Engaging Our Youth, Sharing The Vision, Relieving The Hunger, and Protecting the Environment. We cannot continue to be the best kept secret when it come to humanitarian service, so I am asking Zone Chairs to work with each club to ensure that these project are reported.

Goal: Every club reports a service project in each of the four Centennial Service Campaign (CSC) areas and receives a Four Diamond Banner Patch for the 2016-17 service year. District exceeds 2015-16 service in the CSC by 10% equaling 132, 590 people served.

December 2016 progress toward goal: As of today, our district has served 70, 873 people in the four service areas. 35/58 (60%) of clubs have participated in 2 or more Centennial Service Campaigns.

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Legacy:



LCI has surveyed groups of non-Lions and learned that our Lions logo is one of the most widely recognized among non-profit groups. People connect our logo with community service. I encourage all clubs to consider Level 1 Legacy project which makes Lions more visible in the community; like new Lions signs or a park bench, or a Level 2 project which is a larger gift to the community, such as refurbishing a park playground by installing new equipment, or Level 3 project, a permanent project to advance the quality of life in the community. All Legacy Projects should be identified with a sign or plaque indicating the project was donated by your Lions club.

Goal: Each club makes Lions more visible in the community by completing a Level 1 Legacy project.

December 2016 progress toward goal: Centennial Community Legacy Projects, July 1, 2015 through December 2016, 12 clubs have completed a Level 1 project, 11 clubs have completed a Level 2 project, and 1 Club (the LaVale Lions Club) has completed a Level 3 project.

Our Foundations:



LCIF: One of the most important ways that Lions make a difference in their communities and the world is through the Lions Clubs International Foundation which is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International. With funding from LCIF, we carry out large-scale humanitarian projects in our communities. Your support of the Foundation is critical, because donations from Lions provide the majority of LCIF's funding. Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded more than 12,072 grants totaling more than \$900 million.

Goal: 100% of clubs make a donation for a total of \$50,000.

December 2016 progress toward goal: 34/58 clubs (58.62%) have made a donation to LCIF for a total of \$33,131.



LVRF: Lions Vision Research Foundation is our Multiple District vision foundation formed 25 years ago. This year LVRF celebrated its 25th Anniversary. In honor of this special anniversary, if you have not already done so, I ask that each club consider making a donation.

Goal: 100% of clubs make a donation for a total of \$50,000.

December 2016 progress toward goal: 40/58 clubs (68.97%) have made a donation to LVRF for a total of \$48,569.



LYF: Lions Youth Foundation

This underfunded and underutilized foundation serves the youth in Multiple 22. This foundation differs from others in that grants are funded for projects that involve Lions working together with the community to complete a project.

Goal: 100% of clubs make a donation for a total of \$10,000.

December 2016 progress toward goal: 15/58 clubs (25.86%) have made a donation to LYF for a total of \$6,053.



Diabetes Awareness: The Kiss a Pig Contest will be held at the 4th Cabinet Meeting in Region II at Smithsburg Rod and Gun Club. This year we will hold a Strides Walk for Diabetes in each region. I hope that every club will support the walk in their Region.

Goal: To hold a Strides Walk in each Region where Lions and Leos work together to complete a walk.

December 2016 progress toward goal: Region Chairs in each region are in the process of planning walks.



Leader Dog: Leader Dogs for the Blind would not exist today if not for Lions Clubs International. Beginning with the support of one club, Leader Dog is now supported by Lions Clubs from all over the world. Please contact Leader Dog Chair Lenny Gares to speak to your club about Leader Dog

Goal: 100% of clubs will make a donation to Leader Dogs For the Blind.

December 2016 progress toward goal: As of October 2016 (most recent reporting period), no clubs have reported donations. Donations are traditionally given at the Leader Dog banquets held in each region in April.



Feed the Hungry: This excellent program was originated by PDG Kent Eitemiller during his governor year and continues to support the fight against food insecurity in 22W.

Goal: Each club will collect and donate to a local food bank and/or individual needy families at least 12 food items per member for the year based on the club's membership as of July 1, 2016. District goal: a minimum of 25,000 items (or equivalent through monetary and food donations) will be donated.

December 2016 progress toward goal: Please continue to report your donations to AA Cartha Johnson each month.

Membership:

On average each Lion impacts the lives of 70 people through service. But it's truly not about adding members for the sake of membership growth; it's about adding members to serve the needs of our community. As of today we have lost 93 members (74 dropped, 19 deceased), and added 90.

Goal: 2017 members and every club submits a formal membership plan to District Global Membership Chair, PDG "Och" Ochoa.

December 2016 progress toward goal: As of today 22-W has 1914 members and less than 25% of clubs have submitted membership plans.

Leadership:

Clearly we need leaders to replace those we have lost and those who can no longer serve. Effective leaders bring out the best in Lions and their clubs. Please consider taking advantage of training and leadership opportunities when they are presented. You may also want to utilize the Lions Learning Center. The LLC offers over twenty self-directed online courses that promote both personal and professional development. Topics include: Time Management, Mentoring, Managing Meetings, Goal Setting, Effective Teams, Valuing Member Diversity, Public Speaking, just to name a few. Create your free account with your Lions member ID and start taking free courses! Also consider taking courses from Lions University; through three educational program levels, Lions Leaders will enhance their knowledge and skills to better serve their community. <http://www.lionsuniversity.org/>

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve as your District Governor. I thank you for all that you have done thus far to make District 22W one of the best districts in Lions, and I encourage you to "to run faster, work harder, think bigger, give more" just as Melvin Jones did almost 100 years ago.

In the coming months I will continue to update the district on the progress of our goals.

Brian Cox

District Governor

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1st VDGE's Message



Do you make New Year's resolutions? The origin of making New Year's resolutions rests with the Babylonians, who reportedly made promises to the gods in hopes they'd earn good favor in the coming year. Why not make a resolution to earn "good favor" from your Lions club by inviting someone new to visit your club as a prospective new member?

Anyone can be a Lion! In addition to regular membership, Lions Clubs International (LCI) offers membership programs for family members, young adults, students, former Leos and women.

Family members can receive a dues discount when they join a Lions club and serve together.

Young adult members bring new energy and diverse skills into your club and ensure your club will be in existence in 40 years.

Students receive a dues discount and Lions membership allows them to make new friends and help others in their community at the same time.

Former Leos can receive a dues discount and continue doing volunteer work with LCI as a Lion.

Women are looking for an opportunity to serve and many want to get involved in their communities.

While you are making your New Year's resolutions to cut calories, to exercise and lose weight in 2017, resolve to help your Lions club to grow by inviting your family members, neighbors, hair-dresser or barber, members of your church and other acquaintances to join your club!

Lion Martin and I wish you all the best in 2017! Happy New Year!

Susan Bonura

1st Vice District Governor

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Home Club: South Carroll Lioness Lions Club

Go Lions! Go Lions! Go Lions! Serve! Serve! Serve!

Happy New Year



2nd VDGE's Message

Soon we will be changing our calendars to a new year, 2017. Many of us make new year resolutions to stop smoking, lose weight or do more exercise. Some of us, including myself, do not make resolutions but, instead try to do better each day, not just for the new year. In my case, I have resolved to assume the job as Second Vice District Governor, moving on to eventually become District Governor for our District 22W. It took a commitment by me to meet the obligations required to be Second Vice District Governor. I look forward to working with District Governor Brian and First Vice District Governor Susan as we serve in these leadership roles for the Lions.

We do have a problem. No one has agreed to run for the Second Vice District Governor position in Districts 22A and 22B. In our District 22W, we have been fortunate to have qualified Lions wanting to do that job. But, what about the future? Are we destined to become like other Lions districts that have no Lions interested in taking a leadership role?

We need Lion leaders who are willing to lead our clubs and our district. Many of our Lions are leaders in their communities, having great experience in their leadership role. We need to encourage those leaders to become Lion leaders- serving as an officer in their club, serving as a district committee chair, or even moving into a district leadership position that could include becoming district governor.

So, if you are a Lion who has great leadership qualities, volunteer to become a Lion leader. Good leadership can help our clubs grow our membership. Many of our members are older, and we need members who can carry on the Lions torch. We recently lost 3 members in our Lions Club, 2 charter members and the club treasurer. All 3 of these members were way over 70 years old. The average age in our clubs is getting older, day by day, because we cannot seem to get younger members to join our clubs. That's where we need good leaders, to encourage us and help us get new, younger members for our clubs. So, if you have good leadership qualities or know of a good Lion who just needs to be nudged into a Lions leadership role, please help where you can.

I am available by calling 301-707-7200 (cell) or by e-mail at gbeachy@comcast.net



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Jan. 1: **NEW YEAR'S DAY!!!!**

Jan. 7: **Myersville** Country Breakfast

Jan. 7: **Lasagna Dinner** – 6:30 p.m. lasagna dinner fundraiser at the Bonura's home, 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg.

Jan. 13: **Melvin Jones Birthday**

Jan. 16: **Martin Luther King Birthday**

Jan.28 : 3rd **Cabinet Meeting** Myersville Lions Club



Feb.4: Myersville All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 3 & 4: **Leadership Institute** – the Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be held at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD. New attendees can register for a discounted price of \$75. See GLT Chair Martin Bonura if you have any questions.

Feb. 14: **VALENTINES DAY**

DEER PARK LIONS MEETING CHANGE

The **Deer Park Lions Club** is changing their format for meetings. The 2nd Thursday of the month will be a business meeting, no dinner. The 4th Thursday of the month will be our social/dinner meeting. Visitors are welcome at any meeting. Please contact Dave Hopkins Secretary, Deer Park Lions, 443-257-5882 or davrhopkins@gmail.com with any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MELVIN JONES



Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, then a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, had other plans.

"What if these men," Melvin Jones asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born. Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader by those outside the association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code – **"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"** – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.

MEMORIAL



RAYMOND F. "RAY" SCHOCH, LAVALE



Raymond F. "Ray" Schoch, 82, of Bel Air, Cumberland, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016. Born in Altoona, Pa., on Dec. 3, 1934, he was the son of the late Albert and Paula (Ohnemus) Schoch.

Ray was a graduate of Altoona Catholic High School, class of 1952. Following high school, Ray attended the Pontifical College Josephinum seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He later graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1959 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering. Ray worked for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio. He then transferred to Rome, Italy, Stow, Ohio, Jackson, Michigan, and New Bedford, Massachusetts, before coming to Cumberland in 1974 with the Kelly Springfield Tire Company. Ray retired from the Kelly Springfield Tire Company with 35 years of service. His last position was corporate manager for human resources. During Ray's career, he received the Litchfield Award from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for Outstanding Community Service. He also received the Archdiocese of Baltimore Medal of Honor Award for his volunteer service.

Ray was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Cresaptown. He was a member of the Pastoral Council, and chairman of the church's harvest festival for many years. Ray was a member of the Alhambra, Wamba Caravan 89, member of the Athletic Association and school board at Bishop Walsh. He started the Junior Achievement Program in Allegany County. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Pope John XXIII Council 5450, LaVale Lions Club, where he served as a past president, and as a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Ray was a devoted Penn State fan. He rooted for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Penguins, and Pirates. He was a stamp collector and gardener, and enjoyed traveling to 48 of the 50 states. Ray belonged to bowling, golf, and shuffleboard leagues, and he enjoyed playing poker. He tinkered around the house and enjoyed building things and fixing anything that was broken.

Ray is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy Ann Dot (Luther) Schoch; children, Joanne S. Ginley (James), Littleton, Colo., Mary Beth Engelbride (Edward), Delmar, N.Y., and Michael F. Schoch, Cincinnati, Ohio; grandchildren, Nicholas "Nick" Ginley, Elizabeth "Izze" Ginley, Ned Engelbride, Pat Engelbride, and Maeve Engelbride, Jake Schoch.

The LaVale Lions Club conducted their memorial service at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, PA, Cresaptown. The Alhambra conducted the Crescent service and the Christian Wake service was conducted with the members of the Knights of Columbus participating. The Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Ambrose Catholic Church on Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those wishing to honor Ray may do so by making memorial contributions to St. Anthony's Place, Our Lady of the Mountains Parish, 300 East Oldtown Road, Ste. 2, Cumberland, MD 21502.

LION RON GILLUM



Grantsville Lion Ron Gillum joined the Lions Club on March 1, 1963. He received a Melvin Jones Fellowship on September 10, 2004 and served the club faithfully as treasurer for many years. Lion Ron was always seen in the Lions Chicken BBQ building collecting money for chicken dinners. He also helped in the Lions kettle corn booth when he could. Lion Ron was truly Lion hearted and always gave the club new ideas on fund raising and donations to the needy in the Grantsville area. Lion Ron will be sorely missed by the members of the Grantsville Lions Club.

Ronald Clayton Gillum, DC, 79, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, at his residence. Born Sept. 25, 1937, in Cumberland, he was the son of the late Clayton and Blanche (Langer) Gillum. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rawnie (Cramer) Gillum.

Dr. Gillum served the Grantsville community as a chiropractor for over 53 years. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Ronald was a charter member of the Grantsville Lions Club and served on the Grantsville Town Council for over 25 years. He was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ, Grantsville, and served on the Grantsville Cemetery Committee. He is survived by his companion, Earleena Tressler; one daughter, Kim K. Gillum and her partner, Karen Lancaster, Cumberland; three sons, Gregory G. Gillum and his wife, Ramona, Grantsville, and their children, Bethani Hayhurst and husband, Mo, and their daughter, Lila, Kyle Gillum and his wife, Kelsay, and their son, Kace, Don B. Gillum and his wife, Anita, Lorton, Va., and their daughter, Rachel, Jeffrey A. Gillum and his wife, Pamela, Fort Worth, Texas, and their children, Cameron and Morgan.

Friends were received at the Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 179 Miller St., Grantsville, on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016, from 4 to 7 p.m. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the Grantsville Lions Club Community Park Improvement Fund, PO Box 450, Grantsville, MD 21536. Condolences may be sent to the family at

www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.

MEMORIAL



LION MARY PHYLLIS STOWELL

Mary Phyllis Stowell passed away on December 25, 2016 at Robinwood Assisted Living in Hagerstown, Maryland. Born on January 13, 1928, in Cumberland, Maryland, she was the daughter of Paul and Edith Burley. Phyllis is survived by her son, Michael and his wife, Tina. Also surviving are two grandsons Zachary and Matthew, and three great-grandchildren Tucker, Bowen, and Macy. Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, John Edward "Jack" Stowell, in 1985.



Phyllis was a dedicated and loving teacher of 2nd grade students at Fountaindale Elementary School for many years. She earned her teaching degree from Frostburg State College, and her Master's from Shippensburg State College. She retired after 30 years to spend time with her family, travel, and to focus on church and many charitable organizations.

Phyllis was a loyal member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hagerstown for almost 60 years. She worked in the clothing bank and served on the Altar Guild. She was a long-time member of the **Sharpsburg Lion's Club**, giving of herself for many projects and fund-raisers. Phyllis loved making crafts, cooking, painting, reading, and staying active. She also loved her monthly dinners with a lively group of ladies called the Ding Dong Diners. She was a gentle, loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and friend. Most of all, she dearly loved her family, and never missed an opportunity to spend time with her two grandsons.

A service honoring Phyllis's life was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hagerstown on Wednesday, December 28th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 15 Randolph Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland, 21740. Online condolences are accepted at www.minnichfh.com. Arrangements made by Minnich Funeral Home, 415 E. Wilson Blvd., Hagerstown, MD.

DISTRICT NEWS

CONVENTION UPDATE: SAVE THE DATE

**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIONS
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
DATE: JUNE 29, 2017
PLACE: CHICAGO, IL**

We are in the process of planning a trip to the International Convention in Chicago from **June 29-July 5, 2017**. We hope you can join us. We will travel by Luxury Coach and have an assigned hotel.

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A NATIONAL CONVENTION!

Please contact PDG Marion D. Carmack, Jr - Cell 240-285-2485 or Home 301-662-4689 for more information regarding the bus trip.

CONVENTION HOTEL: Our convention hotel is the Chicago Hyatt Regency, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 60601. The rate is \$156.00. Tax is 17.4%, so room is \$183.00.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ASAP!

PARKING: Valet Parking is \$65.00/night. Offsite self-parking is available next door at \$44.00/night.

AMTRAK Capitol Limited is another method of transportation leaving from Cumberland on June 29th and returning on July 5th.

If you want to party with 30,000 Lions and help celebrate 100 years of Lionism, and welcome in the next century of Service, then register now at <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/index.php>



What Is a Legacy Project?

With three levels of participation, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved. Choose a project from the list below or develop your own to address specific needs in your community.

1 level

Raise Your Community Visibility

- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local park



2 level

Provide a Community Gift

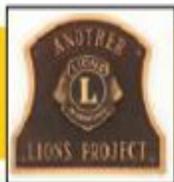
- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Fund resources for the visually impaired
- Donate a vehicle to a community organization



3 level

Make a Community Impact

- Build a clinic
- Expand a library or school
- Develop a training center
- Equip an area hospital



All Legacy Projects should be identified with a sign or plaque indicating the project was donated by your Lions club.

NOTE: Your Legacy Project can be completed in a community other than your own.

In support of the Legacy Projects program, Centennial highway signs, decals and bronze plaques will be available from [Club Supplies](#) at a significant discount.

DISTRICT NEWS

LCIF NEWS

Submitted by PDG Kent Eitemiller

2015-2016 - District 22W LCIF CHAIR

Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club
District 22W LCIF Coordinator

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Lions of District 22-W,

As of the end of November; Individual Lions, Clubs and District 22-W has contributed \$32,636 to LCIF. This is 65% of the District Goal of \$50,000 set by DG Cox.

Around 100 Lions have taken the "District 22-W Contributing Member Challenge" and made an individual contribution of \$50.00 or more and received their contributing member pin.

Read the message below from the LCIF Chairperson, Dr. Yamada. *Your donation of \$50.00 could keep 50 children from getting the deadly disease of measles.*

Thank you for all that you do to support LCIF. Please call or email me with any questions regarding LCIF.



LCIF AND LIONS ARE MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Dear Lions,

We have seen many amazing advancements throughout our lives. We have walked on the moon, we have phones that guide us when we are lost and we have robots that perform intricate surgeries. Yet, we still see hundreds of children die every single day from a vaccine-preventable disease.

Measles is a highly contagious disease. Those that survive are often left with serious complications, including brain damage, hearing loss and blindness. Too many children are lost to a disease that we can prevent. For about US\$1, a simple vaccine provides immunity against measles. That is why we Lions committed to raising US\$30 million for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, by 2017. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) will match our contributions, for a total of up to US\$60 million mobilized for the fight against measles. Over the next year, we will need to raise approximately US\$10 million to fulfill our promise to the world's children. I am asking each and every Lion to [renew your dedication](#) to the fight against this deadly disease. Together, we have vaccinated millions of children. But the work is not done and we cannot rest until it is. Please [make a donation](#) today to LCIF's measles fund so that no more families have to endure the heartbreaking loss of a child to measles.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International
Foundation

DISTRICT NEWS

MD-22 LVRF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCE NEW FELLOWSHIP ENDOWMENT

At the Lions Pride Luncheon celebrating 25 years of service of the MD-22 Lions Vision Research Foundation, the Trustees and our partners at the Lions Vision Center launched a new capital campaign to fund the Lions Vision Center Fellowship program in perpetuity.

MD-22 Lions have a right to ask, "Why should we do this?" The Lions Vision Center Fellowship program is unique. Dr. Robert Massof, Director of the Lions Vision Center reports "There are only 1-2 programs such as this in the United States". "Each year hundreds of applicants apply for the one position funded by the MD-22 Lions". "These candidates represent some of America's brightest medical talent". "At the LVC the Lions sponsored Fellow performs vital patient services, conducts clinical research, and receives advanced education in low vision technology and rehabilitation".

Lions International will celebrate 100 years of service in 2017. Why not make funding the LVC Fellow in perpetuity our MD-22 Legacy Project in support of Lions International's century of service?

In kicking off this new capital campaign the LVRF Trustees have committed to providing \$100,000 annually for five years while we work to establish the new Lions Vision Center Fellowship Endowment Fund. Making a Board commitment such as this gives credibility to the seriousness of the campaign and highlights the upfront investment the Lions are willing to make, particularly to potential donors outside the Lions organization.

Our partners at Wilmer Development estimate that we will need to raise \$2.5 - \$2.8 million to provide an annual yield of \$100,000 to support the Fellowship. There will no public date announced for completion of this goal. The Trustees and Wilmer Development will be silently monitoring progress as we go forward.

Are the Lions of MD-22 expected to raise all of this money? No. The situation is different than it was 25 years ago. The Lions Vision Research Foundation is now an established foundation with a solid record of accomplishment which should enable us to attract donations from businesses, organizations, and individuals. The Trustees are also embarking on a program to encourage donations from Lions Districts and Clubs beyond the borders of MD-22.

As with any MD-22 related fund raising campaign we are asking our member Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs and members to donate to this worthy cause. Donations to this campaign must be from new sources. While we build this fund we must continue financial support for annual operations through Vision Days, Annual Giving, and LVRF fundraisers. Clubs are encouraged to host special fundraisers and to seek donations from supportive businesses, organizations, and individuals in their local service territory. Personal donations from Lion members are also welcome. The Arnall Patz Fellowship can be used to recognize donors to this campaign. Donations to this new campaign should be noted as donations for "**The LVC Fellowship Endowment Fund**" in the memo section of checks or with an accompanying letter. Donations should be mailed to MD-22 Lions Vision Research Foundation, P.O. Box 1714, Baltimore, MD 21203-1714.

As our International President says "It is just one more mountain to climb". Please join us the climb to the top! The view will be amazing.

Respectfully,

John J. Shwed, PDG
Development Chair, LVRF



PEACE POSTER CONTEST Submitted by: Lion Allan Chrest District 22-W Peace Poster Chairperson

Thanks to all the clubs who sponsored a Peace Poster this year. Eleven clubs participated, and submitted a total of thirteen posters. In case you missed it, the District 22-W first place winner was Helen Bartman, sponsored by the Middleton Lions; second place went to Hayden Mentzer, sponsored by the Boonsboro Lions; and third place went to Lea Dorcus, who was sponsored by the Glade Valley Lions. The Multiple District winner came from District 22-B, and will now go on to the International judging.

Information on the 2017-2018 contest will be published in future newsletters, as well as the Lion's magazine.....so stay tuned!

DISTRICT NEWS

ORDER STATUS OF LIONS CLUBS CENTENNIAL COIN

**From: Public Relations and Publicity
Chair—William Strauss**

As of this date, the U. S. Mint has not listed the subject coin. Upon inquiry, I was informed that nothing will be announced until next year. I'm sure many of you are following this, but for those who are not, I will keep you informed about when they are available and the cost for the uncirculated and proof sets.

Enclosed is a copy of the Q&A from the LCI website for your information.

When will I be able to purchase a Lions Centennial Coin? Coins will be available beginning in January 2017 and ending in December 2017 (or when they sell out, whichever comes first). The exact dates will be added to the Coin webpage as soon as they are known.

How many coins will be produced? The United States Mint will produce up to 400,000 Lions Centennial Coins. Even if they sell out quickly, no additional coins will be created.

How can I purchase the coins? Starting on the first day of sale, you will be able to buy coins from Lions Club Supplies or the United States Mint. Coins cannot be reserved in advance; they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

How much will the coins cost? Due to the variability of pricing on the precious metal markets, prices for products containing silver Lions Clubs Centennial Coin are subject to change. We will publish the price as soon as it is determined. Keep in mind that shipping fees, plus any applicable duty and taxes will be additional.

Can I purchase more than one coin? You may purchase as many coins as you would like, providing there is sufficient inventory. In some cases, clubs, districts, or countries may choose to make bulk purchases and distribute the coins locally.

Can you provide the coin specifics? The Lions Clubs Centennial coin is US\$1 legal tender. Each is composed of 90% silver and 10% copper. The weight is 26.730 grams and diameter is 1.5 inches (3.81 cm) with a reeded edge.

What finishes will be available? You can choose either an uncirculated or proof finish. Uncirculated coins are hand-loaded into the coining press and struck on specially burnished blanks, yet have a soft, matt-like finish appearance. These coins are made like circulating coins (which are used every day as money), but with a special process that produces a brilliant finish. Proof coins receive the highest quality strike possible and can be distinguished by their mirror-like background and frosted foreground.

Will Lions Clubs International make money on the purchase of these Centennial coins?

US\$10.00 is authorized to be paid to Lions Clubs International Foundation for every coin sold for a maximum of US\$4 million if all 400,000 coins are sold.

TOYS FOR TOTS— SMITHSBURG LIONS

Smithsburg Lion Jack Wenthe introduced Greg and Diane Dutrow to the club. They are Assistant Coordinators with the Washington County Toys for Tots Program.

The couple spoke on the history of the Toys for Tots Program which was started in 1947 in California and then spread across the United States. It became the official activity of the United States Marines in 1948. There are over 700 local units. All the toys gathered in an area remain in that area for the local children. The drive starts in October to the middle of December. The toys are distributed in the second week of December. The Program has been asked to assist with other groups who have children in need of gifts. 3500 children received over 41,000 gifts this year. The motto is "Every child deserves a gift".

DISTRICT NEWS

MIDDLETOWN LIONS DONATES SHOES!

Submitted by Lion Dick Autz

For the third year, the Middletown Lions Club has provided Gift Cards for Shoes and/or Boots for children in need in the four schools in Middletown. Mr. David Shafer, the counselor at Middletown Elementary School, is kind enough to contact the other schools on our behalf. Between the four schools they determine the number of children in need and then communicate the information to the Lions.

We do not know the names or ages of these students in order to maintain privacy. Once we know the number, we purchase a gift card for each child and return these to Mr. Shafer for distribution.

This year we purchased 33 gift cards. Purchasing the cards is not as straight forward as it sounds since stores have limits on the number of gift cards that may be purchased at one time (apparently, an attempt to decrease the likelihood of money-laundering activities!). This year it took four visits to three different stores to complete our purchases.

The gift cards are distributed between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



MIDDLETOWN LIONS AWARD FIRST PLACE PEACE POSTER WINNER

Helen Bartman, a sixth-grade student at Middletown Middle School, has been selected as the winner of the Middletown Lions Club Annual Peace Poster Contest.

Helen is a student in Ms. Lynn Severn's art class at MMS. The Peace Poster Contest is held each year to increase the student's awareness of the importance of peace.

ROARING RUN LIONS TAKE PART IN VISION DAYS

Saturday, December 10th, Lions Bob Bullock and Anita of the Roaring Run Lions participated in the annual craft fair and Vision days held at the AG Center in Westminster. During the event Lions Clem Kusiak of the Severn River Club and Dick Sebrosky of the Baltimore Brooklyn Club joined in with the Roaring Run Lions.

Pictured in the photo is Mr Otto a young 102 year old resident of the community who donated for the benefit of those needing assistance from Lions. Also shown are Lion Past International President Clem Kusiak of the Severn River Club and Lion Dick Sebrosky of the Baltimore Brooklyn Club, and Lion Bob Bullock.



Many of the donors wanted to know about LVRFB and LOVRNET. Responding to their inquiries resulted in donations and in turn they received a LOVRNET Calendar, mints and a candy cane. The donors were very complimentary of Lions helping with eye care and glasses.

DISTRICT NEWS

LION "IS" SANTA CLAUS

Submitted by Lion Jack Byers

Hagerstown Lions Club member Paul Needy is pleased to have been "Santa Claus" for many in our Hagerstown Area this year!

Late last month, the club received a message from the **Frostburg Lions** that they were in possession of 14,000 brand new Disney and Avengers figurines available to be given out free to charitable organizations. These figurines were donated by AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps is an organization that provides direct, substantive service programs to improve the literacy of school children, enhance the health care and living conditions of children and elderly people, help at risk youth by offering afternoon school programs, improve shelter and support services for low-income families and preserve the environment for the Western Maryland Communities.

Paul Needy picked up approximately 800 figurines which were distributed among local youth groups. The following organizations were the recipients:

- Micah's Backpack
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- Paramount Elementary School
- Fountaindale Elementary School
- Williamsport Elementary School
- Haven Lutheran Church
- St. John's Lutheran Church
- Lincolnshire Elementary School
- Mechanicsburg Elementary, PA

Other Organizations: St. Mark's Breakfast with Santa, Williamsport Toys for Tots, Children in Need, Boy Scout Troop 75, and Emmanuel Baptist Church



Lion Paul Needy Plays Santa to 800 Lucky Children

THANK YOU DISTRICT 22-W LIONS from District Recycled Eyeglasses Chairman Bob Martin:

I am MOST grateful for the donations I've received thus far from several individual Lions, several Lions Clubs AND from the District. Those donations will enable me to provide a Christmas Party and gifts for the fifty SUCCESS students who have sorted, counted and boxed our District's collected used eyeglasses since 2001. These are physically and mentally challenged 18 to 21-year-old students enrolled in a Frederick County job and life skills training program. I hope your Club will make a donation to this worthy cause. Santa will "lead" the party on Dec. 21, so please send me your donations. Checks should be made out to the non-profit:

Tree-Land Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 535, Myersville, MD 21773



Just a few of the 14,000 figurines to be donated to local charities

WOR-WIC
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MD 22



Regional Lions Leadership Institute



As we move toward our Centennial Year, we each seek to be better Lions!

**Friday, February 3, 2017 &
Saturday, February 4, 2017**

LCI approved courses presented in the Wor-Wic Community College environment with continuing education credits available

Basic Courses – Attendance open to Lions who have not taken a basic course

Diversity
Setting and Reaching Club Goals
Motivating Club Members
Public Speaking
Time Management
Working in Teams

The first 50 Lions to register are discounted to \$75.00 as documented by earliest postmark date. The registration fee is \$150.00 for those who have never attended basic training after the discount.

Advanced Courses – Attendance open to Lions who have completed the basic course

Being a Servant Leader
Lions Fundamentals
Local Issues & Opportunities
Personal Mission Statement
Retention through Mentoring
Successful Presentations

The registration fee is \$150.00 for those who have attended basic training and wish to take an advanced course at Wor-Wic.

The registration fee covers training, meals and snacks for the two days of training.



For more information contact your District GLT Coordinator

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**Please Register
Before the End of December**

Register Now

BITS AND PIECES

WILLIAMSPORT LIONS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS **Submitted by Lion Dick Nye**



(left) Lions Erik Kline, Matt Baker, Brent Taylor, Dick Nye (not shown), and prospective member Brian Souders prepare the dinner for the December 1st Shepherds Table. (center) Lion Brent Taylor takes hot fries from the oven just before serving the approximately 100 Williamsport residents (right) sliced beef on bread with fries and gravy and the Thursday community event.

Williamsport Lions celebrate Christmas in a gift exchange.
Bottom picture shows gaily dressed Lions holding up their gifts.



Lions Frances Michael and John 'Santa' Rand

BITS & PIECES

FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

Contributed by PDT Barbara Brimigion

The Social, Seniors, and Families Committee Chair Ellen Dix and Lions Viki Peltier, Gary Peltier and Barbara Brimigion helped to stuff 128 Christmas stockings on Tuesday Dec. 20th in a joint venture with the Sykesville Fire Department.

The recipients were the residents at the Central MD Correctional Facility in Sykesville, Shoemaker Center in Sykesville, Sun Valley Assisted Living, Transitions Healthcare Oakland Manor and the Safe Haven Shelter for homeless adults.

The stockings were filled with toiletries, socks, notebooks, pens and calendars. Santa (Bob Larrimore, husband of former Lion Karen Larrimore) made deliveries.



The Social, Seniors and Family Committee in conjunction with the Freedom District Fire Department are conducting a coat and sweater drive to help people in southern Carroll County who cannot afford winter wear. All sizes are welcome from children's coats and sweaters to adult coats and sweaters. If you would like to donate a gently used or new coat or sweater contact a member of the FDLC.

Ask your family and friends if they would like to participate in this worthwhile community service project. We are asking the community for their help and have set up collection boxes at the Fire Department and at the Allstate Insurance Agency on Georgetown Boulevard. Flyers are posted notifying the public of the drive. **The drive will finish at the end of January 2017.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Submitted by Hagerstown Jungle Echoes
Editor Lion Jack B. Byers

Lions clubs in District 22-W donated the following amounts to these special programs (through the Cabinet Treasurer) during the 2015-2016 year. Camp Merrick – Blind & Deaf Program: \$650.00. Camp Merrick – Diabetic Program: \$6,850.00. Diabetes Awareness for ADA: \$13,745.19. Hearing and Speech Action: \$750.00. Kiss-a-Pig: \$8,060.00. Leader Dog: \$25,026.00. Lions Quest: \$1,372.00. Lions Saving Kids Sight: \$4,175.00. Mobile Screening Unit: \$250.00. Sherilyn/Lowell Jackman Memorial Fund: \$225.00.

LAVALE LIONS TREE SALES

Lavale Lions Larry Brock & Larry Rice and member-to-be Al Feldstine, shown at the annual Christmas tree sale. There is no doubt that they are making children's Christmas tree dreams come true.



BITS AND PIECES

EMMITSBURG LIONS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

On December 10th, the Emmitsburg Lions Club held its annual Children’s Christmas party. Members of the club helped children make crafts. The children even had their faces painted. There was a puppet show to keep them entertained. Some wrote letters to Santa and even had a chance to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa.

Hot dogs and hot chocolate were available for the children as well. Approximately 55 children and their parents participated.

The following pictures show the fun had by all involved.



Region Chair
Ed Crutchley
Region III
District 22-W



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**Third 2016-2017 Cabinet Meeting District 22-W
Saturday, January 28, 2017**

Time:

- Honorary Committee meets at 9:00 a.m.
- Cabinet Meeting will come to order at 10:00 a.m.

Place:

- Myersville Fire Hall
301 Main Street, Myersville, MD 21773

Cost:

- \$15.00 per person

MENU

Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon and Sausage, Home Fries, Biscuits and gravy, Fruit Cocktail, Pastries, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Orange Juice

RSVP by January 23, 2017

Mail reservation with check made payable to "LIONS DISTRICT 22W"

To: ZC Chair Ellen Crutchley, 28925 Gloria Ave, Middletown, MD 21769

Club Name: _____

Member Name and Position: _____

Guest Name: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

LEOS

CENTURY AND LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUBS

Members of the LEO Clubs at Century and Liberty High Schools, along with 9 members of the Freedom District Lions Club (Bob Bastress, Tom & Laura Gillen, Scott Bosse, Ann Kramb, Jack Harmon, Barb Brimigion, Myron Horn, and Tim Chairs) enjoyed fulfilling the wish lists of families in our community who requested assistance this holiday season.

Leo Teacher Advisor, Patti Napier, stated that about 45 LEOs shopped, wrapped, and helped to distribute over \$5600.00 of gifts, necessities, and food for 45 children in a 5-hour marathon of giving which was conducted on December 10th.

Funds to support this project were raised through fundraisers conducted throughout the year by members of both clubs, supported by donations from the community, and community businesses.



The Linton Springs Elementary Tutoring Program is a new project led by Leo Club Vice President Grace Debelius. The project involves tutoring 5th grade students from Linton Springs after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:05 pm.

THURMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL (TMS) LEO CLUB

School advisors, Ms. Stecyk and Ms. Bauknechet and our TLC advisors, Ms. Zufall and Ms. DiSalvo

At our most recent meeting, the TMS Leo Club drafted an announcement for our old sneaker donation. Also, we discussed donations we will be doing later this year, e.g., stockings for young kids in need.

The Leo Club passed a motion to get a list of gym utilities for TMS. We have not yet decided how we will obtain the funds to purchase these items. Our next meeting will be held on December 7th.

The Leo's will be inducting the new members at their December meeting. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! (Submitted by Leo Emily Williams) XX Ca toctin High School (CHS) LEO Club.

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LEO NEWS

CATOCTIN HIGH SCHOOL (CHS) LEO CLUB

Advisors: Lions Wendy Candela, John Hart (TLC), School advisor: Kathy Herrmann

CHS Leo's are excited about the Christmas holiday season this year volunteering and helping with events in Thurmont and even in Frederick. They will be helping with "Christmas in Thurmont" on December 3rd so be on the lookout. Some of them are known to sit on Santa's lap.

Our faculty advisor, Ms. Herrmann, is working with Thurmont Middle School faculty advisors to join TMS Leo's visiting nursing homes to spread some holiday cheer. Plus, CHS Leo's will be baking goodies to give to the CHS custodial staff in appreciation for all they do for the school and wishing them Happy Holidays over the upcoming winter break.

This last month, our Green Project has really taken off and will be winding down with plans at our next meeting on December 10th to deliver our sneaker collection to Hagerstown Nike store. Leo's actively collected "Kash for Kittens and Dollars for Doggos" over lunch time at CHS to raise money to help our local animal shelter. The total amount collected will be announced at our next December meeting.

The Leo's volunteered to help with the Veterans Day open house at the Thurmont Senior Center on November 5th by serving meals and refreshments, cleaning trays and helping with clean up. Leo Avie got to cut and serve cake to everyone.



Pictured: L-R: Leo's Justin and Andrea Barber, Avie Hopcraft and Steph Study

The Leo's handed out programs at the Main Street "Art and Wine Stroll" event on November 18th to support small businesses. The gingerbread cookies made by Dr. Moles were yummy, too!

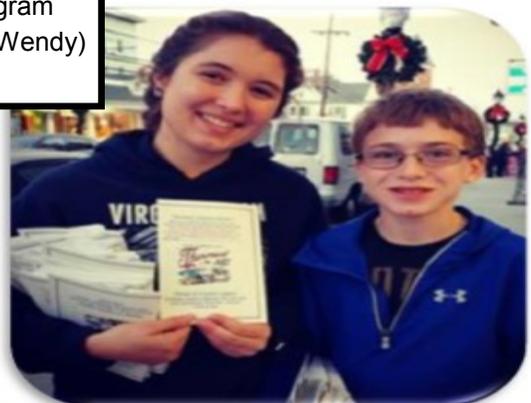
CHS Leo President Alex Bolinger and other Leos volunteered for "A Toast to the Holidays" fundraising event on November 19th at the Frederick County Airport. This is a signature event for Supporting Older Adults through Resources, Inc. (SOAR). This organization serves seniors in need in Frederick County. You can visit their website at <http://soarfrederick.org> for more information.

Lion Wendy held a drawing for a free "CHS Leo Club" shirt as an "impromptu" Leo Service Award. Sixteen Leo's that served at Halloween in the Park and the Senior Center's Veterans Day open house were eligible. Leo Brittan Sweeney was the winner with the shirt being presented by President Leo Alex. Another drawing is planned in a couple of months. Lion Wendy is sure there will be plenty of eligible Leos.

Visit our website at <http://e-leoclubhouse.org/sites/catoctin> on facebook, twitter and instagram for our latest activities. (Submitted by Lion Wendy)



← CHS Leo's Owen Bubczyk and Avie Hopcraft in action and having fun!



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HANCOCK LIONESSE LIONS CLUB

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

WHEN: SUNDAY January 22, 2017

WHERE: The Hancock AMERICAN LEGION

TIME: NOON - 3:00 PM (or 'till we run out!) *In the case of severe weather, we would reschedule until February*

FEATURING:

Spaghetti with the Mrs. Kerns sauce that you love! Salad, Garlic Rolls, Dessert and Beverage

COST: By DONATION HELP US FUND THE CAUSES WE BELIEVE IN

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\$15.00 per person
Saturday, January 7, 2017
6:30 p.m.
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Advance Reservations with Payment payable to the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club by January 2, 2017 to
Lion Susan Bonura
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Finksburg, MD 21048

Questions? - Email lionsbonura@comcast.net or call 443-745-1281
This event will be held rain, shine or s**w!!



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