

District 22-W News

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District Governor's Message



Kon'nichiwa from the 99th Lions Club Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan. I look forward to serving you this year as your District Governor as Lions "*roar*" into our 100th year of service.. I want to thank IPDG Bob Mitchell for the excellent job he and his cabinet did for our district in 2015-16.

Our new International theme is "**New Mountains to Climb**". Climbing a mountain is used as a metaphor. It represents something that is difficult and arduous and takes a maximum effort to accomplish. But is only by climbing those mountains that we can excel. Each mountain represents a new challenge, a new opportunity. As our world and communities continue to change, each of us faces new challenges and new opportunities to serve and each can be viewed as a mountain. Climbing these mountains provides a chance for Lions to make our communities and our world better.

As we celebrate 100 years of Lions Service, we honor our past and embrace our present. But it is our future for what we must plan. If we are to ascend our next mountain, we must lay out a trail in front of us, making our trail for future generations of Lions who follow and preserving our tradition of service.

My theme this year will be "**Seeds of Service**" I will share more details regarding the theme in our next newsletter. Administrative Assistant Lion Cartha Johnson is handling my schedule for this year. Please check with her on my availability to attend a function of your club. Again, I look forward to serving as your District Governor and pledge to do my best for the district.

Brian Cox

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MEET THE NEW INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

2016-17 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

CHANCELLOR BOB CORLEW

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Chancellor Bob Corlew, from Milton, Tennessee, USA, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

President Corlew is retired as chancellor for the State of Tennessee and a professor of law.

A member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association, including charter club president, zone chairperson, district governor, cabinet secretary and council chairperson. He has been instrumental in the chartering of a number of new clubs. Most recently, he worked to charter a new club comprised of lawyers and judges, which gained more than 75 members during its first year.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Leadership Award, the Builder Key Award, three International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Vanguard of the Melvin Jones Memorial, a Progressive Lindsey-Jennings Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Corlew has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, the Jaycees and the American Red Cross. He has also served as a councilman in Milton and was a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

President Corlew and his wife, Dianne, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and five grandchildren.



FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE JULY 2016

The **Centennial Celebration Membership Awards** recognize Lions and Lions clubs that contribute to membership growth during our Centennial Celebration. Lions and Lions clubs can earn special recognition based on their efforts in two categories: sponsoring new members and chartering new clubs. The Awards program begins on April 1, 2015 and ends on June 30, 2018. All Lions and Lions clubs have the opportunity to earn recognition.

Individual Lions can sponsor a new member and be recognized as a **Centennial Sponsor**. Individual Lions can also help charter a new club and be recognized as a **Centennial Club Organizer**. After a Lion completes one of these actions, they automatically qualify to earn progressive levels of Centennial Lion Awards: **Silver Centennial Lion** – earned once the new member/club remains in good standing for a consecutive year and a day; **Gold Centennial Lion** – earned once the new member/club remains in good standing for two consecutive years and a day; and, **Diamond Centennial Lion** – earned once the new member/club remains in good standing for three consecutive years and a day.

Lions Clubs will also be recognized during the Centennial Celebration as **Premier Centennial Club and/or World Class Centennial Clubs**. Premier Centennial Clubs must induct at least three (3) new members during a fiscal year during the Centennial Celebration, and the new members remain active for **two** years and a day. Premier Centennial Clubs can also sponsor a new Lions club during the Centennial Celebration and the new club remains active for **two** years and a day.

World Class Centennial Clubs must induct at least three new members in **each** of the three fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration, and the new members must remain in good standing throughout the Centennial Celebration. World Class Centennial Clubs can also sponsor a new Lions club during at least **one** of the fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration and the new club must remain active for a year and a day.

Lions will be recognized for their achievements in the following ways: Lions who sponsor a new

member will receive a “limited edition” Centennial Sponsor Pin and Centennial Sponsor Certificate. Items will be distributed in Lions Clubs International’s New Member Kits. Lions who help organize a new club will receive a “limited edition” Centennial Club Organizer Pin and Centennial Club Organizer Certificate. Items will be mailed to the current district governor of each district with the new club’s official Lions Clubs International Charter

Progressive awards for Centennial Sponsors and Centennial Club Organizers will be based on the amount of time the new member or new club remains active.

Silver Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways for their achievements: members will receive a “limited edition” silver pin and be recognized on the LCI Centennial website.

Gold Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways for their achievements: members will receive a “limited edition” gold pin, be recognized on the LCI Centennial website and recognized at area forums, MD and district conventions.

Diamond Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways for their achievements: members will receive a special “limited edition” pin, their photo will be featured on the LCI Centennial website, they will be recognized at area forums, Multiple District and district conventions and at the International Convention and will be featured with fellow achievers in LION Magazine.

Clubs will also be recognized for their achievements. Premier Centennial Clubs will receive a “limited edition” banner patch, be recognized on the LCI Centennial website, be recognized on the LCI club locator with a virtual banner icon, they will be recognized at area forums, Multiple District and district conventions.

World Class Centennial Clubs will be recognized in the following ways for their achievements: clubs will receive a “limited edition” banner patch and plaque presented by the district governor during the following fiscal year, a certificate will be given to each active member of the club, the club will also be recognized in LION Magazine and on the LCI Centennial website and on the LCI club locator with a virtual banner icon. In addition, World Class Centennial Clubs will receive special recognition at area forums, multiple district conventions and at the International Convention.

The individual and club level qualification periods for earning Membership Awards can be found in this table.

Award Type	Qualification Period
Silver Centennial Lion	April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018
Gold Centennial Lion	April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018
Diamond Centennial Lion	April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018
Premier Centennial Club	(2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18)*
World Class Centennial Club	(2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18)*

* Qualification periods are based on full fiscal years.

Centennial Sponsors and Centennial Club Organizers will receive one award of the same type. For example, a Lion who sponsors multiple new Lions will receive one Silver Centennial Lion Award when the first new Lion they sponsor stays for a year and a day. However, a Lion who sponsors a new member **and** helps charter a new club can earn a progressive level award for both. Once the new member and the new club stay for a year and a day, the Lion is eligible to receive the Silver Centennial Lion Award for both.

The qualification period for the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards program begins April 1, 2015 and runs through June 30, 2018. Any new members sponsored or clubs chartered during this time will count towards Centennial Celebration Membership Awards recognition.

Other important points about the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards include:

- *New members must remain active for a consecutive year(s). Once a member drops for any reason, the sponsor cannot receive credit for that new member.
- *Award notification will be mailed by LCI to club secretaries along with the award.
- *Send questions to the following email address: CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org.
- *Learn more at lionsclubs.org/CentennialMembership

I encourage all Lions and Lions Clubs in our district to work toward achieving the membership goals of the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards program.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Bonura

1st Vice District Governor

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Home Club: South Carroll Lioness Lions Club



Happy 4th of July!



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2nd VDGE's Message

Thank you for your support and for voting for me as Second Vice District Governor for 2016-2017. It will be a pleasure for me to visit your Lions Club during this Lions year and when requested, will stand in for District Governor Brian Cox.

Also as Leader Dog Chair I want to thank all the Lions Clubs in our district for their support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Together we raised over \$25,000 to support raising puppies, training dogs and matching dogs to blind candidates in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Our joint bus trip with District 22D on October 26 will be a great time, not only to visit the center, but to fellowship with other Lions. We are happy that the bus filled up so quickly but are sad that we cannot run a second bus due to limitations at Leader Dogs. Presently there are about 10 people on the waiting list in case of cancellations.

As Roster Book Chair this year, I want to thank all the clubs who sent updated information for the new Roster Book. If you have any last minute changes to your club, please send them to me at gbeachy@verizon.net or call me at 301-707-7200. We are optimistically hoping to have it completed by Change of Banner on July 30 but more likely will have it done by the first Cabinet Meeting on August 14. Looking forward to seeing you in 2016-2017.

SVDG Lion Gerry Beachy

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CALENDAR

JULY

July 4: **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

July 22: **Hancock Lioness Lions Club** will hold a spaghetti dinner...see ad.

July 23: **Terra Rubra** crab feed—1 - 4:00 pm—cost \$35—Terra Rubra Lions Building

July 30: **CHANGE OF BANNER**—Terra Rubra Lions Building - look for more information in the weekly announcements..

AUGUST

AUGUST 14: FIRST CABINET MEETING—Terra Rubra Lions Building

Aug. 20: **Roaring Run** will hold a Cornhole tournament...see ad

Aug. 24: **Freedom District** will hold Zone Meeting

Aug. 27: Bocce Ball Tournament...see ad

Aug. 27: **Terra Rubra** crab feed—1 - 4:00 pm—cost \$35—Terra Rubra Lions Building

Sept. 16-24: GREAT FREDERICK FAIR

October 1: District 22W Social—Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Frederick, MD

October 29: Melvin Jones Brunch—Myersville Fire Hall...see ad.

DISTRICT NEWS

1 June 2016

Fellow USA/Canada Lions Forum Attendees,



On behalf of MD-22 Council of Governors, I am pleased to invite you to attend the annual MD-22 Forum Breakfast, which will be held 16 September, 2016, at the Omaha Hilton Hotel in the Washington Room. The doors will open at 6:45am and breakfast will begin promptly at 7:00am so that all can attend the 9:00am seminars!

The purpose of the breakfast is to give Lions the opportunity to meet the International guests who will be attending the various MD-22 Socials, greet the new 2016-2017 Council of Governors and to enjoy fellowship with those attending the Forum.

This year the breakfast will be served to each attendee. The menu is as follows: juice, scrambled eggs, egg toppings (on the tables), bacon, potatoes, assorted baked goods, jams, coffee and tea. Cost of the breakfast will be \$26.00 per person. As the hotel requires an accurate count of attendees, payment is expected in advance of the Forum. All checks, along with applications for attendance, must be received by me no later than 15 August 2016. This is an absolute deadline due to contractual agreement.

My address is:
Lion Cheri Bragg
105 Allan Ave.
Viola DE 19979
302-284-8052 cheri.bragg@yahoo.com

Make your checks payable to MD-22 USA/Canada Forum Breakfast. Once the number of breakfast attendees is given to the hotel, no refunds can be given.

We welcome all first time Forum attendees and know that you will enjoy the many learning opportunities, fun and fellowship visiting with Lions from the USA and Canada!

Yours in Lions Service,
Lion Cheri Bragg
MD-22 USA/Canada Forum Coordinator



CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

Clubs that strive for excellence in community service, membership growth, leadership development, communication, and club management deserve special recognition. These five elements are critical to the growth and continued progress of any Lions club and are the foundation of the Club Excellence Award.

Criteria Summary:

- * Conduct three or more serviced projects
- * Contribute to LCIF
- * Achieve a net growth in membership or sponsor a new club
- * Communicate the club's service projects effectively to the public and the membership
- * Have a majority of the club officers participate in a leadership program at the zone, region, or district level
- * Host meaningful meetings and submit club reports in a timely manner
- * Remain in good standing.

Qualifying clubs receive a banner patch and the club presidents receive a pin to recognize their accomplishment.

For more information, and to download an award application, go to the www.lionsclubs.org and type "Excellence Awards" into the search box.



MEMORIAL



LION JAMES CROWE, LAVALE LION

James L. "Jim" Crowe, Jr. 82, of Frostburg died on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at home. Born in Frostburg on September 24, 1933 he was the son of the late James L. Crowe, Sr. and Ann (Creegan) Crowe.



Jim attended St. Michael's School and was a graduate of LaSalle High Scholl Class of 1951 and graduated from the University of Montana. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force; worked in the U.S. Treasury Department.

Jim was a Past President of LaVale Lions Club and served as Club Director, Foundation Director, Third, Second and First Vice President as well. He was also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Jim was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Past Exalted Ruler of the Frostburg Elks 470; a member of the Frostburg K of C, Frostburg Moose; The Frostburg American Legion Farrady Post 24, and the Maplehurst Country Club.

Jim was an avid golfer and he loved to bowl. He loved his sports teams and was an avid fan for the Baltimore Ravens, Notre Dame, Fighting Irish, and the New York Yankees. He is survived by his wife Carolyn J. (Baker) Crowe, a son Michael Crowe of Arizona; daughters, Colleen Holland of Arizona; Lee Ann Wagtor of Florida, and Melanie Gray and husband, Rick of Frostburg. Also, surviving are six grandchildren.

LaVale Lions Club held a Memorial Service Friday. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Saturday, June 11, 2016.. American Legion Farrady Post 24 held military honors at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church or the LaVale Lions Club.

St. Michael's Catholic Church

44 East Main Street, Frostburg MD 21532

LaVale Lions Club

PO Box 3235, LaVale MD 21504-3235

July 2015 – June 2016) Year deceased Lions & Lioness in date order as of 06.24.2016.

"WE REMEMBER THEM"

DOD- HOME CLUB -MEMBER'S NAME

1. June 26, 2015 Oakland-Mountain Lake Park Lions Club Bowie Linn Grant
2. August 23, 2015 Hagerstown Lions Club Bradford Downey
3. Sept 1, 2015 Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club Emma Foltz
4. Sept. 5, 2015 Valley Lions Club James Handley
5. Sept 17, 2015 Frostburg Lions Club Kermit "Jake" Failing
6. Sept 18, 2015 Deep Creek Lake Lions Club Richard Schiff
7. Oct. 1, 2015 Francis Scott Key Lions Club Lester Rice
8. Oct. 8, 2015 Hagerstown Lioness Club Doris McConnell
9. Oct. 10, 2015 Hagerstown Lions Club Theodore "Ted" Hull
10. Oct. 3, 2014 Hampstead Lions Club Joseph Bach
11. Oct. 12, 2015 Yellow Springs Lions Club Norris "Pete" Jacques
12. Oct. 12, 2015 Thurmont Lions Club Jeanne Barkman
13. Oct. 20, 2015 New Market District Lions Club Richard "Rick" Lancaster
14. Oct. 26, 2015 Frostburg Village Branch Club Alice Reuschlein
15. Nov. 5, 2015 Deer Park Lions Club Marvin "Bob" Sussman
16. Nov. 19, 2015 Hagerstown Lioness Club Betty Vanlaningham
17. Dec. 10, 2015 North Branch Lions Club Mary Amoroso
18. Dec. 10, 2015 Roaring Run Lions Club Jacqueline Flanagan
19. Jan. 4, 2016 LaVale Lions Club Edward Nolan
20. Jan. 6, 2016 Francis Scott Key Lions Club E. LaRue Sipes
21. Jan. 13, 2016 LaVale Lions Club Richard "Robbie" Robertson
22. Jan. 19, 2016 Frostburg Village Branch Club Irene Richards
23. Jan. 20, 2016 Middletown Lions Club Debra "Debbie" Fisher
24. Feb. 2, 2016 LaVale Lions Club James "Gene" Summers
25. Feb.27, 2016 Deer Park Lions Club Joseph Kase
26. Feb. 29, 2016 New Windsor Lions Club Wayne Blacksten
27. Mar. 7, 2016 Terra Rubra Lions Club Robert Sell

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LCIF NEWS

Submitted by IPDG Kent Eitemiller
2015-2016 - District 22W LCIF CHAIR
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District 22W LCIF Coordinator
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Fellow Lions,

As of the end of May, District 22-W has donated \$34,223.07, which is 92.49% of our goal of \$37,000.

Also, as of the end of April, 37 out of 58 clubs have made a donation or have a club member who has made a personal donation. That is 63.79% of the Clubs.

Please include **LCIF** when you are making your budget for this coming Lions Year. Remember, Donations of any amount can be made and kept on account for a future Melvin Jones Fellow.

Thank you to all of the Clubs and individuals who donated to LCIF during this Lions Year. Hopefully, enough donations will be sent in through the month of June to allow us to achieve our goal.

VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT

Lions Clubs International would like Lions to support **HR 2290** - Amendments to the Volunteer Protection Act (VPA) that would provide liability protection to local groups composed entirely of volunteers who perform vital community service work.

NOTE: This protection does not extend to harm caused by willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, flagrant indifference, or operation of any vehicle where a license or insurance is required. For more information, see: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/advocacy/vopa.php>.

LVRF UPDATE

LVRF Chair PDG Karl E Gude

As we look forward to celebrating 100 years of Lionism, the Lions of MD 22 will be celebrating **25 years of LVRF** so mark your calendars for **November 19, 2016**.

This year's rally it's going to be a big one! We have some changes happening at LVRF too. Our AA Kelly is moving on and we will be looking for a replacement. Thank you Kelly for your service, we all wish you well. For the present time PDG Susan Timmons will be taking over Kelly's duties. Thank you PDG Susan

We have a new Email lvr.info@gmail.com and phone 410- 955-1883.

As I start my term as Chairman of LVRF I want to thank IPC Rodney for all his hard work and a job well done. I am looking forward to helping your LVRF grow. This is every Lion's foundation in MD 22 and I hope you all take as much pride in it as I do. I am humbled to be your chairman for the next 2 years.

New King Lions, please if you have not had a program at your meeting for LVRF in a few years, think about it. Just ask one of your trustees. We all love to talk about LVRF! We have lots of exciting things going on in new research and new programs to share.

One last thing if you do a Vision day for LVRF, thank you!! If not how about trying one?



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FORWARDED BY DIABETES CO-CHAIR DONNA JACKMAN

The following is a letter from a mother whose son attended the Diabetes Camp Merrick

...“What! YES!!!” (Imagine ecstatic jumping and dancing!) “I’m going to Camp Merrick!? I can’t believe this is happening!! That’s AWESOME!” “When am I going?”

Do you know how happy your generous sponsorship of a week at Camp Merrick made Ben? For Ben, this means “everything.” In Ben’s words: “I get to meet other people with diabetes—finally. I don’t know anybody else with diabetes except one person—and I hardly ever get to see him.” Ben shared that it’s important to be with other people who have diabetes because “they know how it feels to have diabetes. “And, ever since I came back from Camp Merrick, I’ve asked, “When am I going to Camp Merrick again?” Camp Merrick is a lot of fun. My favorite part was getting to swim every day and it’s a sleep-over camp! The counselors are really nice. Most of the counselors have diabetes, but my counselor didn’t (but I still liked him).”

For me, as a mother of a child with diabetes, it means being able to breathe easy, relax, and rest assured that he is safe in the hands of competently trained counselors, counselors-in-training, and nurses. Even the other kids are more expert in diabetes care than me (since Ben’s just been diagnosed a year ago this month)! The camp is such a wonderful place—everything you’d imagine a rustic kids’ summer camp to be with activities like archery, canoeing, swimming in the river and pool, high ropes course, bonfires, outdoor games, even karaoke and dances! Even the food is good—and yes, that includes desserts! Camp Merrick is everything you’d want your child to experience in a summer camp and more. Monitoring his blood sugar level and learning how to manage his diabetes more independently and thoughtfully is more than he could every get out of any other camp. This guidance coming from other diabetic campers or counselors, carries a lot more weight than coming from me or others who don’t have diabetes. And, finally, if you’re a parent, you know your heart is filled with relief, joy, and gratitude when you see your child connect with a real friend who really relates to what he’s going through.

So thank you! That hardly seems adequate to express my heart-felt gratitude for your sponsorship of Ben’s week at Camp Merrick. And from Ben: “Thank you. Thank you! You guys are awesome for doing this for me.”

PEACE POSTER CONTEST LION’S YEAR 2016-2017

Submitted by Lion Allan Chrest, Peace
Poster Chairperson

Now is the time for clubs to order Peace Poster Contest kits from LCI, and also to plan contests at the club level. The contest theme for this year is "A Celebration of Peace". Kits may be ordered at lcistore.org or by calling 800-710-7822. The cost of the kit is \$11.95 plus S&H, and each kit is good for one school or youth group. Please read the contest rules carefully, as they must be strictly adhered to. More dates for the district judging, etc. will follow in future newsletters. Clubs may have more than one entry in the contest.

If I can be of any assistance, or if you would want me to speak to your club, please email me at achrest1980@live.com.

Let's get the youths in District 22-W involved, and make this the best Peace Poster Contest yet.

TAYLORSVILLE-WINFIELD LIONS CLUB INSTALLS NEW MEMBER

At its June 27th regular meeting, the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club welcomed its newest member, Bobbi Reeder. Shown in the photo are (l-r) District 22-W Governor Robert Mitchell who performed the installation ceremony, Lion Bobbi Reeder and sponsoring Lion, Mindy Coates



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Clubs in District 22W donated the following amounts to these special programs (through the Cabinet Treasurer) during 2015-2016 year?

Camp Merrick - Blind and 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

NOTICE TO INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES, AND TREASURERS:

Lions Clubs International provides club leaders with many different resources to help them perform their duties. Webinar sessions are available to you online at LCI or you may use the following link to go to the archived leadership webinars at [members.lionsclubs.org http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/leadership/archive.php](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/leadership/archive.php)

LIONS HOLD SENIORS' PROM

Williamsport Lions held a "senior's" prom for residents of Homewood Assisted Living on June 4 .

Thirty residents along with some family members and Homewood staff enjoyed an afternoon of live music and dancing.

Residents were given a corsage or boutonniere as they entered through a flowered arch and enjoyed punch and snacks as they listened and sang along to the music of Sweet Life.

Everyone had a good time and Homewood says they are looking forward to the event again next year



Shown here is Lion Lou Stevens
dancing with one of the guests

DISTRICT NEWS

WHITE CANE BANQUET DONATION

Ellen O'Malley, President of the South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club, presented a donation of \$150.00 to Tracee Gruber, Director of the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland on May 24 at the annual White Cane Banquet hosted by the Hampstead Lions Club at the Hampstead Fire Hall. Accepting the donations on behalf of District 22-W was District Governor Robert Mitchell and Lion Mike Ritchie, Sight Conservation Chairman for Lions District 22-W. **A total of \$6,697.00 has been donated or pledged by Lions Clubs from Carroll and Frederick Counties.**



Pictured above Left: Mike Richie, Sight Chair, Tracee Gruber, Director of the Medical Eye Bank of MD, Ellen O'Malley, President of the South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club, DG Robert Mitchell

DO YOU KNOW HOW THE FUNDS ARE USED FOR WHITE CANE DONATIONS?

Submitted by 1st VDG Susan Bonura

The funds donated by Lions in the past have been used to purchase specialized equipment such as an operating microscope. In 2015, the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland received 985 corneas. Of those, 384 were transplanted domestically, 177 were transplanted internationally and 142 went into the Eye Bank's sterile cornea program for Vision Graft. To date in 2016, the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland has received **397 corneas** with 153 being transplanted domestically, 78 transplanted internationally and

internationally and 87 went into the eye bank's sterile cornea program for Vision Graft. Tissue Banks International has 7 eye banks around the country with corporate headquarters in Baltimore. Other locations include Boston, MA; Los Angeles, CA; Orlando, FL; Richmond, CA; Albuquerque, NM; and, San Antonio, TX. They received 9,727 corneas in 2015. To-date in 2016, they received 4,329 corneas. Of these, 3,676 were transplanted domestically in 2015 and to-date in 2016, 1,551 were transplanted domestically. 1,708 were transplanted internationally in 2015 and to-date in 2016, 569 were transplanted internationally. 1,869 went into the eye bank's sterile cornea program for Vision Graft in 2015 and to-date in 2016, 1,327 went into the program for Vision Graft.

Tracee Gruber, Director of the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland, stated, "Lions club's donations are often used to update equipment; this year's donations will help purchase a new Slit Lamp Microscope. The instrument consists of a high-intensity light source that can be focused to shine a thin sheet of light into the cornea. It is used in conjunction with a bio-microscope. The Slit Lamp facilitates an examination of the anterior segment and posterior segment of the human cornea, which includes the eyelid, sclera, conjunctiva, iris and natural crystalline lens. We also plan to purchase a Konan Specular Microscope, this microscope assesses cell loss or damage due to extended contact lens wear, surgery and the aging process. It is also an excellent tool for screening for corneal disease such as fuchs-guttata, keratoconus, trauma, etc.

Another use of the donations will aid in the purchase of a new Autoclave. An Autoclave is a pressure chamber used to carry out industrial processes requiring elevated temperature and pressure different from ambient air pressure. The Autoclave performs sterilization of our medical instruments in a chemical industry to cure coatings and vulcanize rubber and for hydrothermal synthesis."

The Medical Eye Bank of Maryland is part of Tissue Banks International (TBI). Information about TBI can be found at <http://www.tbionline.org/> or at 1730 Twin Springs Rd., Suite 210, Baltimore, MD 21227, or by phone at 410-752-2020.len

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LIONS CLUBS ZONE III GOLF TOURNAMENT

For the 15th year, 6 local Lions Clubs - Deer Park, Freedom District, Greater Carroll, Roaring Run, South Carroll and Taylorsville-Winfield - joined forces to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association, which provides research, education and advocacy to people throughout the state of Maryland who are affected with diabetes or at risk for developing the disease and the Lions Vision Research Foundation, Inc. (LVRF), which supports low vision research and rehabilitation to minimize the disabilities caused by low vision and blindness. Participation in past tournaments has enabled these Carroll County Lions to donate over \$78,000 to Lions vision research programs and the American Diabetes Association. In 2015, \$5,638.69 was donated to diabetes research and Lions vision programs.

As a result of this year's tournament, **\$14,000.00** will be divided between the American Diabetes Association and the Lions Vision Research Foundation, Inc.

This year's Captain's Choice Golf Tournament was held on Friday, May 27, 2016, at the Oakmont Green Golf Course, 2290 Golfview Lane, Hampstead, Maryland. Eighty-eight golfers enjoyed lunch, green fees and golf cart, gift bags, team prizes, refreshments on the course, dinner and door prizes.

The lowest scoring and first place team included Freedom District Lions Bud Latham, Tom Gillen, Jim Moore and Adrian Das. They also won the first place plaque for the lowest scoring Lions Club team. Lion Bob Garber of the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club won the putting contest. No one was able to achieve a hole-in-one, nor win a 2016 Chevy from Jeff Barnes Chevrolet, 6110 Sykesville Road in Eldersburg.



Left to right-Winning Team: Freedom District Lions Bud Latham, Tom Gillen, Jim Moore and Adrian Das. They also won the first place plaque for the lowest scoring Lions Club team.



TAYLORSVILLE WINFIELD INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

At its regular meeting on June 26, Lions Club's District 22-W Governor Robert Mitchell, installed the new officers of the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club that will serve the club for the year beginning July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. Officers installed were: (1 to r-seated) Immediate Past President Tom Harney, President Linda Brady and Director Mindy Coates - (2nd row) Director Bob Garber, Director Josh Jessee, LCIF Director Richard Staiger, Lion Tamer Mel Wroten, Tail Twister John McBride, Second Vice President Jim Lutz, Membership Director Jerry Stroter, First Vice President Duane Voitel, Secretary Kent Eitemiller and Treasurer Forrest Hudspeth. Missing was Director Tony Sager and Liz Eitemiller



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TOUCHSTONE STORY #8

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After trying unsuccessfully to enroll Dr. Glenn Wheeler in the only guide-dog school in the U.S., Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schuur, and S.A. Dodge of the Detroit Uptown Lions Club took matters into their own hands. If their visually impaired friend and fellow Lion couldn't attend a school in New Jersey to be paired with a guide dog, a training center and canine companion would have to come to him.

While dogs have assisted the blind for centuries, modern dog training methods trace their roots to Germany when thousands of soldiers returned home from World War I blinded from poison gas. As training techniques spread to other countries, including the U.S., demand for these valuable dogs grew. With a well-trained guide dog and instruction, the visually impaired could better navigate an increasingly busy world. The dogs could warn their handlers of everything from oncoming traffic to obstacles in grocery store aisles.

To help their friend and others like him, Nutting, Schuur, and Dodge led their club in establishing a guide dog training school close to home. In the fall of 1938, the initial program graduated four student dog pairs, including Wheeler and a dog named Hilda. Searching for a name for their new venture, three Detroit-area Lions Clubs held a contest for the entire Lions organization. The Coulterville Lions Club of Illinois submitted the winning entry: Lions Leader.

On April 4, 1939, Lions incorporated the Lions Leader Dog Foundation as a nonprofit, rented a small farmhouse for the operation in Rochester Hills, Michigan, and graduated its first official class at a cost of US\$600 per team. A year later, the school dropped the word "Lions" from its name because the project was not an official program of Lions Clubs International, and the group wanted to expand its base of donors.

Know today as Leader Dogs for the Blind, the school has graduated more than 14,5000 guide dogs since

opening its doors. But its impact has been far greater. As one of the first service dog schools, it helped to popularize the idea of service dogs and started a movement by Lions to support training programs. By the mid-20th century, Lions were supporting guide dogs schools in the U.S., Italy, France, and Germany.

The school's training methods have changed over the years, and its programs have expanded to help those with hearing loss, diabetes, and other health issues. But, its purposes has not altered. The center exists to provide help, not to make a profit. Although clients were once required to pay up to US\$150 for training, the service has been free since 1959. Clients also receive housing and transportation while at the center. Today the average cost of training a dog is US\$37,000, and Lions clubs and other individual donors and organizations provide all funding.

What started as an idea to help one man has turned into an effort that has helped many more. Currently supporting training schools in Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Norway, South Africa, and the U.S., Lions are helping thousands of visually impaired people to find new independence—and often a new best friend.

AWARDS PRESENTED DURING WEST HAGERSTOWN LIONS 36th CHARTER CELEBRATION

The club was honored to have 13 other clubs represented at their celebration as well as DG Bob Mitchell and the District 22-W Cabinet officers, and including Past District Governors.

District Governor Bob Mitchell presented a **Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Thelma Myers.** Lion Thelma has been actively involved in Lionism for 40 years, has been involved in the Hagerstown Lioness Club, The Beaver Creek Lions Club and presently serves as 1st Vice President of the West Hagerstown Club. She served in many positions in the Lioness Club as well as president. Thelma was very active in the Beaver Creek Lions Club, and has continued her dedication and service to the West Hagerstown Lions Club.

President Elizabeth Stone presented **Lion Donna Jackman with the 2016 Lion of the Year Award** which was voted by the club membership. Donna serves as the club's secretary/treasurer, does the club's newsletter and serves as District 22W and Multiple District 22 Diabetes Chairman.

Perfect attendance awards and awards for number of years of service were presented to Lion Thelma Myers with 40 years of service and Lion Jim Roby with 38 years of service.

DISTRICT NEWS

FREDERICK COUNTY CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP

The United Way of Frederick County is holding a community drive to supply backpacks for Frederick County Public School students in need .

At least 11,000 of Frederick County's school-age kids live in poverty. They could fill the Harry Grove Nymeo Stadium twice and then some. That's 11,000 reasons to join United Way's Backpack Drive! THE GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO COLLECT 2,000 BACKPACKS BY FRIDAY, JULY 15! There are many ways you can get involved today.

*Drop off **new, unused**, large and durable backpacks at United Way, 629 N. Market Street in Frederick.

*Make a tax-deductible donation at www.unitedwayfrederick.org/backpacks donation section; specify Backpack Drive

*Hold a drive at your organization or become a community collection site [Contact jkwame-napoh@uwfrederick.org or 240-578-4009]

*Become a sponsor and donate backpacks in bulk (with special recognition on the United Way website and social media)

*Share this message

To learn more, please go to www.unitedwayfrederick.org/backpacks



Melvin Jones Fellow Brunch

October 29, 2016

Myersville VFD
301 Main Street
Myersville, MD 21773

Menu: Egg Casserole or Omelet's, Bacon and Sausage Patties, Home Fries, Biscuits and gravy, Fruit Cocktail, Pastries, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Orange Juice

Cost \$16.00

Time 10:00 AM

Special Guest Speaker: PDG Ken Chew (MD-22 LCIF Chair)

Note: Melvin Jones Fellow may bring a guest
Send reservations and a check made out to District 22W with full payment

no later than October 22, 2016
to:

IPDG Kent Eitemiller
7202 Patton Drive
Woodbine, Md. 21797



BITS & PIECES

SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS LIONS INSTALLATION

The officers and directors of the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club were installed at the annual Installation Night meeting held on June 2 at Messiah Lutheran Church's Celebration Hall. Past District Governor Gary S. "Buck" Fisher, from the Mid-



dletown Lions Club, installed the officers. Seated in the front row (left to right) are Kay Field, Second Vice President; Susan Bonura, Treasurer; Pauline Rosier, President; Barbara Drought, First Vice President; and Sue Miller, Secretary. Standing (left to right) are Judy Flynn, Director; Rochelle Schneiderman, Membership Chair; Martin Bonura, Tail Twister; Diane Fischer, Lion Tamer; PDG Buck Fisher; Pauline Fredritz, Director; Terri Parkent, LCIF Chair; Peggy Dagley, Director; Linda Smith, Director; and Ellen O'Malley, Immediate Past President.



NEW MARKET LIONS HOLD VISION SCREENING OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

Several New Market District Lions held a vision screening at Montgomery United Methodist Church for their Children's Center on May 9 and May 11.

In all 54 children were screened with some assistance from the Damascus Lions Club. Two of the children were found to be in need of a further referral. One of the children already had glasses so his issue was known, but the other child was a new referral. The center director and the teachers were all very appreciative of our service. Participating from our club were Lions Lynwood Browning, Annette Breiling, Richard Pickett and Marge Shiflett and William Shiflett.

CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION A GREAT EVENING

The New Market District Lions Club had its Charter Night celebration on Monday evening, May 9th at the Red Horse Restaurant. Our special guest and speaker was Elizabeth Day, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community Foundation of Frederick County, who described the start of the Community Foundation and the path it has taken to where it is today.

One of the highlights of the evening was a surprise for **Lion Secretary Bobby Rakestraw** when he was made a life member of Lions International. Congratulations, Lion Bobby and thanks for all you do for the New Market District Lions Club.

WARNING

Submitted by PID Joe Gaffigan

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DISTRICT 22-W LIONS MARCH IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Lions of Multiple Districts 22 (Maryland, Delaware and DC) and 24 (Virginia) appeared in the National



Memorial Day Parade; Liberty– Unionville had four Lions in the parade, Sue Ensor, Robert Hensley, Jack Niemiec and Bill Strauss. Other Lions from our district were: Perry Hamilton of the Brunswick club, International Director Dick Liebno of the Deer Park club, PDG Buck Fisher of the Middletown club, 1VDGE Susan Bonura and Lion Martin Bonura of the South Carroll Lioness Lions club, DGE Brian Cox and Lion Susan Cox of the Terra Rubra Club and Lions Tony O’Toole and Joann Bannon of the Yellow Springs club.



VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Twelve (12) students from area middle and high schools were recognized by the Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) for the high number of volunteer community service hours they had performed. The 3 eighth grade students with the largest number of service hours from Oklahoma Road and Sykesville middle schools as well as the top 3 seniors from Liberty and Century high schools were each presented a certificate and check to acknowledge their achievement.



The winners are pictured above. Front row (left to right): Kaitlin Conway (Sykesville Middle), Shannon Dunne (Century High), from Liberty High: Courtnee Harpine (Scholarship Winner) and Maura Wetzel, Abigail Simon (Century High-Scholarship Winner), from Oklahoma Middle: Sofia Corona, Jared Grisham and Emily Brecker

Back row (left to right): Rich Luebke, FDLC Chairman, from Sykesville Middle: Emma Reilly, and Haley Mills-Germac, Caleb Shumpert (Century High), Ellen Shatto (Liberty High), Matt Saxton (Century High), and Joe Wisniewski, FDLC President

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HAGERSTOWN LIONS PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Massey H. Roe Youth Foundation annual scholarship presentation was held at the May 31 meeting of the Club. Five students were chosen to receive \$1,000 college scholarship awards for the 2016-2017 academic year (\$500 for fall and spring semesters based on a full academic load of 12 credit hours). Three of the recipients were present at the meeting to thank the Club and share a brief summary of their background as well as hopes and dreams for the future. **At the banner: (L to R) Taylor McCauley, Madeline Madison, and Terra Cook.**



HAGERSTOWN LIONS INSTALL GARDEN SIGN



The sign to be posted at the club's butterfly Waystation Project at the soccer complex west of town is displayed by Special Projects Chair Brooks McBurney and out-of-view Lion Dave Kaplan, Project Coordinator



TAYLORSVILLE-WINFIELD LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS LOCAL YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

At its June 13th regular meeting, the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club presented a \$500.00 donation to the Winfield Baseball Association. The youth baseball organization uses the club's baseball fields and park in Winfield as its home field.

Shown in the photo are (l) Lion Bob Garber, chairman of the club's Lions Park Committee and Mr. John Pierce, President of the Winfield Baseball Association.



Mr. Pierce also gave a short report of the association's recent baseball season and thanked the Lions for allowing the association to use the club's park and ballfields.

Lions Logo Refresh

In nearly 100 years of use, the Lions logo has changed and evolved. But it has always stood for the same idea: **We Serve**



1917: Note the visual pun in this early logo: a Lion and a club.

1920: This rendering with monogrammed L and back-to-back lions is the basis for the logo today.



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Current



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LIONS TO THE RESCUE!

Linton Springs Elementary School needed some Lions to help train their incoming 5th graders in the art of flag folding. Lions Forrest Hudspeth and PDG Bob Disinger volunteered to do the job on June 15th. They demonstrated the correct technique to fourteen 4th graders. After Lion Forrest trained the first team of students, each team were then told to train the remaining students who did not have any practice. They all ended the lesson by raising the flag on the school's outside flag pole - in the rain!



THURMONT LIONS HOLD COMMUNITY NIGHT –

A night to remember why we are Lions!

For the past ten months Lion President Bill has led the club as they hosted Pit Beef Sandwich sales, sold food at the Community Show and Colofest, sold Christmas trees and Christmas ornaments, held a cash bingo and assisted with not one, but two, benefit breakfasts. They continued old traditions – such as our Community Calendars and started new ones – such as selling brooms.

Along the way, they assisted individuals with eye glasses, water bills, medical equipment and medical bills. Previously, the club made donations to Catocin High School's Safe and Sane program, Lions Clubs International Foundation, MD Medical Eye Bank and Low Vision Research Foundation. Members give so much of themselves to make things happen. One Lion funded a scholarship, and another Lion made the club's donation to the library's "Nighttime on the Deck" sponsorship possible. Members give their time to other causes as well – volunteering at carnivals, Guardian Hose Company, church, Food Bank, other non-profit organizations and many more. Thurmont Lions should be proud that their hard work is making our world a better place through the grants that were given to 26 different organizations. Just to mention a few: Eight schools in the Catocin feeder district, Guardian Hose Company, District 22-W Diabetes Committee and Hearing & Speech Committee; MD Parents of Blind Children; Catocin Community Medical Fund; Thurmont Food Bank; Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership; 1st Lt Rob Seidel Wounded Soldiers Fund; The Make a Difference Day in Thurmont; CHS and TMS Leo Clubs; Seton Center and many more. We are proud to be a Thurmont Lion! (Submitted by Lion Susan)

Thanks!


LEO NEWS

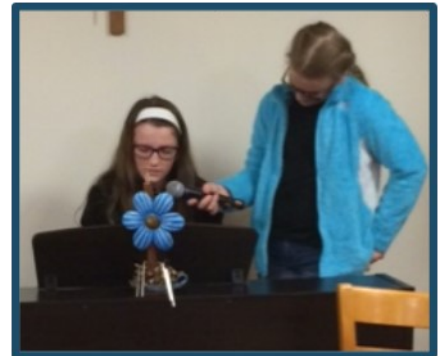


THURMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL (TMS) LEO CLUB

ADVISORS: Lions Gayle DiSalvo, Leah Zufall—TLC & Rachel Stecyk TMS School Advisor

During the May meeting the Leo's held their elections for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. The new officers are:

- President - Faith Davis
- Vice President – Brynn Shank
- Secretary – Logan Schobie
- Treasurer – Paige Romeril
- Public Relations – Emily Williams
- Board of Directors –Andrea Lopez, Gabby Barth, Quinn Law-Knotts



A Garden Social was held at St. Joseph's Ministries with the help of the Leo's. Fun was had by all even though it was raining, and the event had to be held in doors. Trivia games were played and delicious refreshments were served. The Leo's even provided entertainment as they played the piano and sang. The staff and residents have enjoyed the time that the Leo's have spent with them this school year. They have been invited back to help and entertain the residents next year. **WAY TO GO LEO'S!**

Lions Gayle and Leah would like to congratulate all of the TMS Leos for a fantastic year, their fundraising goal achievements and recognition in the community. (Submitted by Lion Gayle)

CATOCTIN HIGH SCHOOL (CHS) LEO CLUB

ADVISORS: Lions Wendy Candela, John Hart (TLC) Kathy Hermann and Ms Ekenrode CHS School Advisor

Our CHS Leo's in the Senior Class of 2016 have graduated, but 25 Leo's attended our Hershey Park trip for the **Third Annual Catoclin Leo Meet 2016** on Memorial Day. We had a blast!!!

The "Wash Your Wheels" for food fundraiser was held at the Town Office from 10:00 – Noon, Saturday, **June 4th** Watch for events on Thurmont Lions and CHS Leo facebook pages.

Check out the Frederick News Post "Things to Do" Hoping some of our activities will show up in the free Connector we get every week.

Don't forget to visit us on Facebook and Twitter. Our website shows news and events along with our tweets. Go to <http://e-leoclubhouse.org/sites/catoctin>. (Submitted by Lion Wendy)



FUNDRAISERS

BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT DATE; SATURDAY—AUGUST 27

Final Registration: August 20th

Cost: \$100 which will be donated to the winning teams charity of choice.

**HAVE YOUR CLUB SPONSOR A
TEAM OR TEAMS!**

4 or 6 person teams

LIONS members only

2 -90x13 stone courts

3017 Walnut Street Manchester, MD.

Bocce Ball is the world's oldest sport. It is a sport known to revive the body and mind and next to soccer, the most popular game in the world. Throwing balls toward a target is the oldest game known to mankind. As early as 5000 B.C. the Egyptians played a form of bocce with polished rocks. Graphics representations of figures tossing a ball or polished stone have been recorded as early as 5200 B.C. Throw out a pallino & become part of the long heritage of the game; from great thinkers such as Galileo and daVinci, to rulers Augustus and Queen Elizabeth, to the noble Sir Francis Drake and even American's own George Washington.

Truly, this simple games enjoyed by all humans, no matter the class, all over the world.



SILVER RUN-UNION MILLS LIONS CLUB 23rd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: Friday—September 9th

**TIME: Registration & Continental Breakfast
7:am**

**8:00am Shotgun Start format Captains
Choice**

**LOCATION: South Hills Golf Course
Westminster Road in Hanover PA**

Cost: \$80 per golfer which includes green fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, sodas, beer, and prizes.

BUFFET LUNCH: pork BB, fried chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad and dessert

HOLE In One SPONSOR—\$5000—Miracle Ear of Westminster

Individuals are welcome—we will try to place you with a foursome.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

John Hopkins, 343 W. Deep Run Rd., Westminster, MD 21158 - for additional information or questions, please do not hesitate to call John Hopkins (410)848-6855.

P.S. If you care to supply some business cards, we will display them in a business card rack on the prize table.



FUNDRAISERS!

ROARING RUN LIONS CLUB



DATE: Saturday, August 20

**PLACE: Roaring Run Lions Club Park,
3233 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg,
MD**

STARTING TIME: 9:00am

ENTRY FEE: \$40.00 team of two

**Along with the regular divisions there
will be a junior division and Lions only
division'**

**Separate High Point competition open
to all for a fee, 50/50
Delicious Food & drinks for sale**

RAIN OR SHINE!!!

Not an ACA sanctioned tournament.

INFORMATION: Call 410-848-2371

HANCOCK LIONESS LIONS CLUB

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER



WHEN: FRIDAY July 22nd

**WHERE: WIDMEYER
PARK Hancock, MD**

TIME: 4:00 – 7:00 PM

*Spaghetti with the Mrs. Kerns
sauce that you love!*

Salad, Garlic Rolls, Dessert and Beverage

By DONATION

*HELP US FUND THE CAUSES WE BELIEVE IN:
LOW VISION, HEARING AND SPEECH, DIABETES
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