



DISTRICT 22W NEWS

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DG'S SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2012

- 4 - Mid-Winter Conference, Salisbury
- 6 - Kitzmiller OV
- 16 - Halfway OV
- 17-19 - Leadership Institute, Emmitsburg
- 23 - Greater Carroll CN
- 27 - Zone meeting at Harney

MARCH 2012

- 1 - Glade Valley OV
- 9-10 DGE School, Salisbury
- 10 - 22-B Social
- 11 - COG Meeting
- 17 - LVRF Trustee Meeting
- 20 - Potomac Valley CN
- 22 - Deer Park CN
- 26 - Middletown CN
- 26-Taylorsville-Winfield CN
- 28 - New Windsor CN
- 30-Tri-State, hosted by Brunswick

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



“Believe in Lions, Believe in Service, Believe in Miracles”

What's Your Positive Message?

I have some very good things to talk about everywhere I go as a Lion, and I hope you do too. The Lions of District 22-W, that's all of us, and especially 'YOU,' as a group, are a force for good in Western Maryland. That fact shows up time and time again in news articles, e-mails, blogspots, and websites, and in stories I hear from the heart. And each one tells a story of how caring, like-minded men and women see the significance of organizing as a group with highly principled values towards assisting the unfortunate, those with needs that can't be met elsewhere, and by making their communities a better place to live.

As Lions we benefit from a wonderful legacy, as we move forward meeting the challenges of today's needs. And we are thriving. Our projects, membership, and community outreach are growing. Our Lions are dedicated, willing to learn, willing to serve, and willing to go where needed. We are hoping to move in new directions in several areas of the district. We have already moved in new service directions regarding the environment, shaping the lives of our youth, and improving the sight and health of many. We have ventured into new projects where hunger is a growing concern. And we'll do more.

As winter starts to fade and we 'get going again,' I'm looking forward to some great events and projects. In addition to our fund raisers, tree plantings, and service projects, there is the Regional Lions Leadership Institute, a Club Extension Workshop, friendship nights, Charter Night celebrations, the Melvin Jones Luncheon, Leader Dog Rallies, White Cane Dinners, our Multiple District Convention, and the National Memorial Day Parade. There is a place for all of our Lions in these events and activities, and I encourage you to find that participating in these events is worthwhile for you too.

“Believe in Lions, Believe in Service, Believe in Miracles” is my positive message, and I hope that it is yours too.

DG Stephen Finger

Words of Wisdom

"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light"

Helen Keller



**Trees Planted thus far by the District
22W Lion's Clubs: 2,248**

Clubs Participating: 20

Thirteen clubs have received trees from the District Governor, but have not yet reported them on the WMMR Online Club Service Activity Report.

Let's keep that number growing!

1st VDG's Message

Fellow Lions,

You should be aware by now that the GLT and GMT committees have been working on a District Mentoring program and the Club Excellence Process. You will be hearing a lot about both of these programs, which are vital to the health of our Clubs and our District.

Many new members leave within the first two years because they don't feel like they are part of the organization. The remedy is simple; mentor new members from the first day they join. The more they know about their Club, District, Multiple District, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation, the better they feel about

being a Lion and belonging to such a great organization.

The Club Excellence Process requires your club to look at community needs, make a club evaluation, set goals and objectives based on these findings, and then to implement programs to help the community and strengthen your club. The GLT and GMT Committee members are eager to help; all you have to do is ask.

At the last Cabinet Meeting, Lion Elwood Glass, 22-W PSVS Chairman, reported that Lions have already screened more children than all of last year; what great news! However, we can do much better, as this was accomplished by a small percentage of clubs. Just think how many children could be helped if all of our clubs participated in this children's sight saving program.

The financial cost for clubs to participate in PSVS is minimal; about \$100 a year. Four to five Lions are needed to conduct screenings. Finding a child with Amblyopia (lazy eye) and knowing that they will now have a lifetime of sight is one of the greatest rewards you will receive as a Lion.

Please contact your Region PSVS Coordinator to get training for your club and begin participating in saving the sight of our children. For every child that we find with Amblyopia there are ten or more that need our help. Let's find them, screen them and not let them down.

Again, I am asking for **Help.**

**If you are interested in serving on a District committee, please call or email me.
paulcannada@comcast.net, 301-271-2924.**

Lion Paul Cannada, 1VDG

2nd VDG's Message

Fellow Lions,

I wasn't going to write an article for this newsletter, but there is something that I would like to bring to your attention. As I travel around the district, I find that I see many puzzled looks as I

salute the flag during the “Pledge”, instead of placing my hand over my heart.

Due to the urging of Senator Jim Inhofe, “Senate Bill 1877” was passed and stated that all active service members not in uniform and all Veterans may now salute the flag during the “pledge”.

I am proud to have served this great country and I would hope that all Veterans who are Lions would join me in the salute to America when the pledge opens the meeting.

Convention information should be arriving soon, please keep those dates (May 9-12) open and I hope to see you in Salisbury.

Lion Kent Eitemiller, 2VDG

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2012

- 4 – Funkstown Lions, Shrimp Dinner.
- 4 – Mid-Winter Conference, Salisbury, MD.
- 6 – Region II, Zone I Meeting.
- 6 – Kitzmiller Lions, DG’s Official Visit.
- 7 – Yellow Springs Lions, Citizens & Montevue Bingo.
- 7 – Sharpsburg Lions, Pie Call at Reeder’s Memorial Home.
- 8 – Smithsburg Lions, Valentine Dinner.
- 8 – New Windsor Lions, St. Valentine’s Day Sweetheart Banquet.
- 9 – Region IV, Zone III Meeting.
- 9 – Silver Run/Union Mills Lions – Valentine Dinner.
- 9 – South Carroll Lioness, Oakland Manor Assisted Living Facility visit.
- 9 – Sharpsburg Lions, Sing-a-long at Fahrney Keedy Memorial Home.
- 11 – Terra Rubra Lions, \$1200 Cash Club/Dinner.
- 11 – Smithsburg Lions, Food Stand at Trainfest.
- 14 – Happy Valentine’s Day!
- 14 – Taneytown Lions, Sweetheart Dinner.
- 14 – Yellow Springs Lions, Valentine Meeting.
- 14 – Union Bridge Lions, Valentine Party.
- 15 – Hampstead/RoaringRun Lions – Joint Meeting.

- 16 – Williamsport Lions, Homewood Bingo.
- 16 – Halfway Lions, DG’s Official Visit.
- 17 – Hampstead Lions, Atlantic City Bus Trip.
- 17-19 – MD22 Leadership Institute, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland. (Flyer & Registration Attached)
- 18 – Deer Park Lions, Basket Bingo.
- 20 – Smithsburg Lions, Blood Drive.
- 21 – Deer Park Lions, Mardi Gras & Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.
- 22 – New Windsor Lions, Recognition of the Agribusiness Community.
- 23 – Greater Carroll Lions, Charter Night.
- 23 – Deer Park Lions, Valentine’s Dinner.
- 25 – Williamsport Lions, Lions Night Out, Washington County Playhouse.
- 25 – Deer Park Lions, Basket Bingo.
- 26 – Terra Rubra Lions, Daytona 500 Party/Dinner.
- 27 – Region IV, Zone I Meeting.
- 27 – Hancock Lioness, Fun Night/Pound Party.

March 2012

- 1- Hagerstown Lioness, Annual Ham Sandwich Sale.
- 1 – South Carroll Lioness, Meeting cancelled.
- 1 - LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the Lions International Environmental Photo Contest.
- 1 – Glade Valley Lions, DG’s Official Visit.
- 4 – Libertytown/Unionville Lions, Annual Country Breakfast.
- 5 – New Market Lions, Friendship Night and Farmer’s Night.
- 7 – Roaring Lions Class.
- 8 – Smithsburg Lions, Sub Sandwich Sale.
- 8 – Deer Park Lions, Friendship Night.
- 9-10 – DGE School, Salisbury, MD.
- 10 – Terra Rubra Lions, Mystery Bingo.
- 10 – Smithsburg Lions, Sub Sandwich Sale.
- 10 – Middletown Lions, Breakfast.
- 10 – District 22-B Social. (Details Attached)
- 11 – Council of Governor’s Meeting.
- 14 – South Carroll Lioness/Freedom District Lions, Joint Service Meeting.
- 15 – Sharpsburg Lions, Country Ham Sandwich Sale.
- 15 – Williamsport Lions, Homewood Bingo.
- 16-18 – Clear Spring Lions, Minstrel/Variety Show.
- 17 – New Market Lions, Big 20 Fundraiser.
- 17 – Williamsport Lions, March Madness Bonanza & Auction Fund-raiser.

- 17 – **LVRFB Trustee Meeting.**
- 20 – **Potomac Valley Lions, Charter Night.**
- 21 – **New Windsor Lions, 25/25 Drawings Dinner.**
- 22- **Silver Run/Union Mills Lions, Friendship Night.**
- 22 – **New Windsor Lions, Blood Donation Drive.**
- 22 – **Longmeadow Lions, Donation Night.**
- 22 – **Williamsport Lions, Student Guest Night.**
- 22 – **Deer Park Lions, Charter Night.**
- 25 – **Cabinet Meeting, Region I.**
- 26 – **Taylorsville/Winfield Lions, Charter Night.**
- 26 – **Middleton Lions, Charter Night.**
- 28 – **New Windsor Lions, Charter Night.**
- 30 - **Brunswick Lions Club hosts the 26th Annual Tri-State Meeting, Lovettsville, VA.**

April 2012

- 5 – **Friendsville Lions, Charter Night.**
- 6-7 **Smithsburg Lions, Easter Flower Sale.**
- 7 – **Smithsburg Lions, Easter Egg Hunt.**
- 8 – **Thurmont Lions, Community Easter Egg Hunt.**
- 11 – **Region IV, Zone I Meeting.**
- 12 – **Region IV, Zone III Meeting.**
- 12 - **Terra Rubra Lions, Charter Night.**
- 13 – **Longmeadow Lions, Sandwich Sale.**
- 14 – **Glade Valley Lions, 20/20 Dinner/Drawing.**
- 14 – **Taylorsville/Winfield Lions, Basket Bingo & King Tut Fundraiser.**
- 14 – **Melvin Jones Luncheon.**
- 16 – **Clear Spring Lions, 62nd Charter Night.**
- 18 – **Smithsburg Lions, Friendship Night.**
- 18 – **Roaring Run Lions, Charter Night.**
- 18 – **Longmeadow & Chewsville Lions, Joint Charter Night. Guest Speaker: Susan Gray, recipient of Leader Dog, 2008-2009.**
- 19 – **Williamsport Lions, Homewood Bingo.**
- 20 – **Libertytown/Unionville Lions, Liberty Open Golf Classic at “The Links at Challedon”.**
- 20 – **Yellow Springs Lions, Basket Bingo.**
- 21 – **Silver Run/Union Mills Lions, Scholarship Bingo.**
- 23 – **26 Leader Dog Banquets.**
(Schedule listed in “Take Note”)
- 23 – **Smithsburg Lions, Blood Drive.**
- 25 – **New Windsor Lions, Heritage Essay Contest Winners announced.**
- 26 – **Williamsport Lions, Charter Night.**
- 27 – **Williamsport Lions, Annual Golf Tournament, Beaver Creek Country Club.**
- 28 – **Thurmont Lions, Pit Beef Sandwich Sale.**
- 28 - **Carroll Manor-Urbana Lions, Basket Bingo.**

- 28 – **New Market Lions, Basket Bingo.**

May 2012

- 4-6 – **LaVale Lions, Chicken Barbeque.**
- 9 – **New Windsor Lions, Community Educators Recognition Night.**
- 9-12 - **Multiple District 22 Convention, Salisbury, Maryland.**
- 15 – **Libertytown/Unionville Lions, Education Night.**
- 19-20 – **Smithsburg Lions, Pride Days.**
- 20 - 27 - **New Market Lions Fund-Raising Cruise aboard the “Celebrity Summit” to Bermuda.**
- 23 – **Smithsburg Lions, Recharter Night.**
- 23 – **New Windsor Lions, Armed Forces Veteran Appreciation & Banner of Honor Dinner.**
- 24 – **White Cane Banquet, Region IV.**
- 26 – **Thurmont Lions, Sandwich Sale.**
- 26 – **Friendsville Lions, Chicken Barbeque.**
- 28 – **National Memorial Day Parade - Washington, DC.**
- 31 – **Grantsville Lions host “The Kelly Miller Circus”**

June 2012

- 13 – **New Windsor Lions, Fire Company Carnival Fund-Raiser.**
- 16 – **Thurmont Lions, Sandwich Sale.**
- 22-26 - **International Convention, Busan, Republic of Korea.**
- 23 – **Frederick Lions, 90th Charter Night.**
- 27 – **Smithsburg Lions, Installation of Officers.**
- 27 – **New Windsor Lions, Installation of Officers.**



District 22W is proud to announce the following recipients of rewards/recognition for their clubs/community:

The following three awards were presented at the District 22W Third Cabinet Meeting:



District Governor Stephen Finger presenting a Certificate of Appreciation from LCIF to PDG Barbara McKenney.



“The resolutions from the House and Senate of the State of Maryland in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, which were presented to the District Governor at the District 22W Social, were, in turn, presented to the Sharpsburg Lions Club represented by (L to R) Lion Aldeth Moore, PDG Roger Moore and PDG Tom Jeffs.



District Stephen Finger presenting the 100% District Participation Certificate to Lion John Parker, Leader Dog Chair, and member of the Potomac Valley Lions Club.



District Governor Stephen Finger presenting the Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque to Lion Gary Mullins of the Libertytown/Unionville Lions Club.

Bill Thompson (Middletown) and Richard Lancaster (New Market), were also honored by their clubs with Melvin Jones Fellowships.

TAKE NOTE



Sandra Parker, President of the Potomac Valley Lions Club presenting a check from her club to Lonaconing Convalescent Chair IPP Denny Youngblood, as a donation for his club's efforts to provide a 'safe and centrally-located, secure weather-tight facility with easy accessibility, for storage and repair of convalescent equipment.'

The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of \$2,500 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to

be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by

March 1, 2012.
(Scholarship Application Attached)

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

James J. Minnich, PDG
Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chairman, 22-D

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LCI Service Awards

The LCI Service Awards recognize Lions and Leos who exemplify the true belief in service. Projects and activities that are submitted should exemplify the objects of the association.

Award Categories

Award categories for the Service Awards include:
Best Long-Term Environmental Project
Outstanding Service to the Blind or Visually Impaired
Best Hunger Relief Program or Activity
Best Connection to Youth Program*
Leo of the Year**
Lion of the Year**

Nomination Process

Nominees must be nominated by a district governor, council chairperson, past international director, past international president, international director or executive officer.

To nominate a Leo, Lion, project or activity:

1. Complete a nomination form (Attached) for each nomination.
2. Prepare a detailed report about the nomination that includes:
A description of the nominee or project

Statistical information

Photographs of the nominee or project
3. Submit the completed nomination form and report to:

**Public Relations Department,
Lions Clubs International,
300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842
USA**

Note: All nominations must be received in Oak Brook no later than **March 1, 2012.**

***Only Lions clubs and Lions districts can be nominated for Best Connection to Youth Program.**

****Leo of the Year and Lion of the Year, the only individual awards given, can only be nominated by a past international director, past international president, international director or executive officer.**

Another Roaring Lions class is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 6:45 PM. The class will be held at the Mount Airy Fire Company meeting room (rear entrance) 702 North Main Street, Mount Airy, MD. Classes are 90 to 120 minutes long and students should plan on attending six class sessions. Please contact me at rcdisinger@aol.com if you wish to sign up. There is no charge for attending this course and all materials for the course are provided.

Lion Robert C. Disinger, PDG, Roaring Lions Chairman

The Leader Dog banquets are just around the corner, April 23-26, 2012. This year's speaker will be Lion Jim Platzer from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Lion Jim will be accompanied by his wife, Janice, and Leader Dog, Madison —Maddy. Jim's topic is "Turning Adversity into Blessings".

Following is the schedule for the Platzers and Leader Dog, Maddy:

Sunday, April 22 - The Platzers arrive at Dulles Airport. Reservations at Frederick Hampton Inn.

Monday, April 23 - 1:00 PM, Bishop Walsh School (Lions Quest Program in this school)

6:30 PM, Region I Banquet at Midland Fire Hall, Midland, MD.

Tuesday, April 24 - 6:30 PM, Region II Banquet at Washington Square Methodist Church, 358 Washington Square, Hagerstown, MD.

Wednesday, April 25 - 3:00 PM, Region III LEO's at Thurmont Regional Library.

6:30 PM, Region III Banquet at New Midway Fire Hall, 12019 Woodsboro Pike, Keymar, MD.

Thursday, April 26 - 7:00 PM, Region IV Banquet at Gamber Community Fire Department, 3838 Niner Road in Finksburg, MD.

Friday, April 27 - Departure from Dulles Airport.

Lions, Lioness, Leos

It's hard to think about attending our MD22 Convention when it's so cold outside, but May 9 - 12 will be here before you know it! Your MD22 Convention Committee is working hard to bring every Lion, Lioness and Leo a great 2012 MD22 Convention this year!

**Every Club should have received their Convention 50/50 tickets by now. Remember - the more tickets sold, the bigger the CASH prizes given away on the last day of Convention. Make sure your Club members, or your Club purchases the tickets sent to each Club. There will be three (3) drawings, and somebody has to win!
See you in Salisbury in May!**

**PCT Charlene Travers, Chairman
PDG Sandi Halterman, Vice Chairman
PDG Bob Jones, Treasurer**

Addendum:

The registration forms for the MD22 Convention were mailed on January 25th. Unfortunately, we neglected to identify the "Headquarters Hotel." Please be advised that the "Convention Headquarters Hotel" is the Holiday Inn, 300 Salisbury Blvd. Salisbury.

On behalf of the rest of the committee please accept our apologies for this omission.

Attached is the corrected Convention Registration and Ticket Order Form.

Regards,
PDG Bob Jones, Treasurer

The Lions Club of Frederick, MD was chartered on June 7, 1922 and will celebrate its 90th Anniversary of Chartering on June 23, 2012 at the Holly Hills Country Club in Ijamsville, MD.

This was the first Lions Club to be chartered in Western Maryland and from which almost all of the clubs in District 22W trace their heritage.

Past International Director Robert Miller (Orwigsburg, PA) will be our Guest Speaker. A special 90th Anniversary Booklet is being planned. Reservation forms will be forthcoming as final details are confirmed.

It would be nice to have at least one representative from each of our District clubs in attendance. Watch your e-boxes and mail boxes for a formal invitation soon.

Lion Bill Strauss, Frederick Lions Club

My Fellow Lions,

Honorary Chairperson, 1st Vice President Wayne Madden, invites you to Tampa, Florida the weekend of September 13th - 15th for the 36th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Under the leadership of General Chairperson PCC Polly Voon, the Planning Committee is working hard to put together a forum you are sure to remember for many years to come. And Host Committee Chairperson PCC Jackie Cameron and the Lions of Multiple District 35 are ready to show you what southern hospitality is all about!

Remember, if you haven't already registered, it's never too early. You can register online by going

to:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/onlineregistration.html>.

The first issue of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Newsletter "Destination Tampa" is online and ready for you download.

The web address is:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/PR/Destination%20Tampa.pdf>.

Share the link with everyone in your district. Future issues of the newsletter will be online February 17th, April 27th, June 29th and August 17th. The August 17th issue will also be mailed to all registered attendees.

We'll be looking for you,

Lion Dave Skillin
Website/Newsletter Chairperson
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Tampa Bay 2012 Planning Committee

Please Note: The Lineboro-Manchester Lions Club will no longer meet at the Lineboro Fire Hall. Their second meeting of the month will be held at different locations. Please call PDG Andy for these locations.

SPOTLIGHT

ON NEW

MEMBERS



WELCOME NEW LIONS!

Hunter Craig, Deep Creek Lake Lions Club
John R. Grimm, Hancock Lions Club
Carolyn S. Andrews & Charles D. Andrews, Mt. Savage Mason-Dixon Lions Club
Randy L. Bachtel, David Andrew Cashman, Jo Ann Cashman, David Keefer, New Windsor Lions Club
Tina M. Davis, Smithsburg Lions Club
Frank Buchanan, Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club
Cindy McKane-Wagester, Thurmont Lions Club

Jeffrey Leppert, Westminster Lions Club
Annie W. Hadley & David W. Hadley, Westminster
Charles Carroll Lions Club
Charles R. Gaver, Sr. & Jacqueline M. Gaver,
Williamsport Lions Club
Travis Chensey, Scott Robinson, Valley Lions Club

District Governor Steve Finger and all of the Lions in the 22-W District, extend a very warm welcome to Lionism to all of you, wishing you very active and productive hands of service.

Our motto is “We Serve” and it may be easy to say, but when you actually put those words into action you realize that it is hard work; sometimes even messy and greasy when it comes to cleaning a deep fryer or a grill. And yet, in the end, you realize it was all for a worthy cause, and suddenly the mess and grease becomes a true labor of love to help our fellow man, and you’re ready for the next project!

That’s what Lionism is all about; all kinds of projects, big and small, that add up to total commitment, without regrets.

Our New Market Lions Club has upcoming fund-raising projects in March, April and May. We feel a great sense of accomplishment, giving back to the community as we participate in all of these great events.

Best wishes to you and your clubs; please remember to refer to your Roster Books to locate any of us, and to navigate the Lions International website:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>

Yours in Lionism and Service,

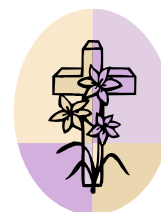
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WITH SYMPATHY



District 22D: Shirley Hlavac, wife of Lions District 22-D former First Vice District Governor Mike Hlavac, passed away on Saturday, January 14th.

Hagerstown Lioness: Lioness Clare McDaniel passed away on December 31st.

Hagerstown Lioness: Lioness Pat Kelley lost her father, Beverly Young, on January 5th.

Hancock Lioness: Lion Betty Bradley's daughter-in-law, Linda Bradley, recently passed away.

Potomac Valley Lions: Lion Julia Ravenscroft's grandfather recently passed away in Iceland.

West Hagerstown Lions: Lion Roxanne Rowland lost her son, Troy Collison, on January 25th.

ROSTER BOOK CHANGES

Page 19 & 58: PDG Allan Ward of the Cumberland Lions has a new email address: lionalward@verizon.net.

Page 26: C. Richard Masters, Membership Chair of the Halfway Lions has a new email address: a.masters@myactv.net.

EDUCATION CORNER

Lions have raised more than US \$415 million since 1990 to support the SightFirst program, which has saved the eyesight of millions of people worldwide.

[Aren't you glad that you're a LION!](#)