

Frostburg Lions holding membership drive

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FROSTBURG — The Lions Club of Frostburg is conducting a membership drive through May 1. Individual, as well as family memberships are available.

"We are in a position where we need to expand our membership," said Lions Susan Munck, membership chair. "We are seeking new people with new ideas, so we can expand our programs and activities."

The Frostburg Lions Club was organized in 1945, and has a proud heritage of service to the Frostburg community. From purchasing eye glasses for those in need, to granting a park to the City of Frostburg, Lions have been doing what is needed in the community. When it needs to be done, when it needs to be provided, when it needs to be given, you will find the Frostburg Lions Club.

This is the perfect time for folks who want to help make Frostburg a better place to live, work and play, to become a Lion. Munck said, "It doesn't hurt being a Lions, all you do is help people."

Frostburg Lions support a wide range of programs and projects in the area and around the world.

Diabetic children can now go to Lions Camp Merrick, in southern Maryland, using grants and special camperships through the Frostburg Lions Club.

The Vision Screening Program, for pre-school children in

Charity Navigator has given the Lions Clubs International Foundation a four-star rating, the highest offered. In May 2008 LCIF was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. The first time a service organization has been nominated.

"Membership has its rewards," said Munck, a Lion for more than 10 years. "Our reward is knowing we are helping people and making a difference."

Lions encourage the entire family to join. Family memberships provide an opportunity for the entire family to volunteer together. "Imagine teaching the kids the values you want them to learn," said Munck, "working side by side with parents." Lions are the only service organization that offers a family membership.

Senior citizens are an organizational asset. Seniors have years of experience, and time to help out with projects. A lifetime of experience can help when considering new projects as well. Grandparents can involve their children and grand children in Lions projects.

Young adult bring energy, and a modern youthful philosophy to community service. They have insight into what the youth need, in terms of Lions service projects.

Lions realize that time is a factor for many, but they have adopted a do "what you can, when you can and how you" atti-