

# Frostburg Lions Club to mark 69th anniversary of charter signing Oct. 8

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**FROSTBURG** — On Oct. 10, 1945, the Frostburg Lions Club began serving the Frostburg community, making the organization motto of "We Serve" a philosophy to live by.

Charter Night festivities will take place Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. at Zion United Church of Christ, 16 E. Main St. Lions from around the area will be attending, including Lonaconing, Westernport, Grantsville and Rawlings. Dinner will be catered by the Princess Restaurant.

District Gov. John Parker will be the keynote speaker. In addition, Parker will install new members in the Frostburg Lions and officially present the club banner to the newly formed Frostburg State University Campus Lions Club, sponsored by Frostburg Lions.

Members of the Frostburg Lions Club are the silent partners of service to the community. From country music

shows as fundraisers to giving a park to the city of Frostburg, Frostburg Lions are there, working hard to build a better Frostburg from the grassroots level.

Thousands upon thousands of man-hours have been expended, and tens of thousands of dollars raised and put back into the community during the 69-year history of the Lions Club.

The Cumberland Times-News reported on Oct. 9, 1945: that "The Frostburg Lions Club will become an official unit of Lions International, tomorrow, at 7 p.m. at a dinner at Gunter Hotel..." The Frostburg Lions original charter is still on display at that site.

The first officers installed were President Lion Darrell Zeller; Secretary-treasurer Alex Close; First Vice President Herbert Loar, Second Vice President Simeon Green; and Third Vice President Joseph Robinson. Directors were William Thomas, Joseph Freeland, Earl Blough and

William Sluss.

Other charter members were David Bender, J.W. Cornish Jr., Leo Dean, U.B.F. Edwards, Anthony Polk, William Farrady, W. P. Holmes, A.R. Irwin, Richard Johnson, G. Alvin Krelling, Dr. Krelling, Dr. James Kim, the Rev. Regis M. Larkin, Enoch Logdson, William Lemmert, Thomas McMoran, Richard Martrino, Elmer Myers, Thomas Powell, the Rev. William D. Reese, Olen Savage, William Skidmore, Allen Shrader, Charles Walbrecht and William Zeller.

A sampling of current Lions projects includes Mabel Myers Music Scholarship at Mountain Ridge, Coats for Kids coat drive, vision screening for children and recycling used eye glasses. Lions also purchase eyeglasses for those in need, and provide financial support for many projects and programs, locally and nationally.

Anyone interested in becoming a Lion may contact the Frostburg Lions at 301-687-0212.