

Frostburg Lions Club celebrating 72nd year

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FROSTBURG — The Frostburg Lions Club is celebrating its 72nd anniversary. The club was chartered Oct. 10, 1945, and is still viable and vibrant, continuing to put forth the Lions International motto of “We Serve.”

Since the early beginning, the Frostburg Lions Club has maintained the ideal of community first, striving to assist where possible, always giving a lift up and never a handout. From the annual coat collection for children to food drives for the local food pantry, you will find Frostburg Lions.

“We have several important initiatives that we put forth: environment, youth, vision, hunger, diabetes and pediatric cancer. We have

projects centered on each of these,” said Frostburg Lions President Bill Munck.

Munck said that Lions projects are wide and diverse. From food drive, toy collection, recycling and diabetes education, emergency preparedness, sponsoring of ball teams, vision screening for children in partnership with LaVale Lions and an endowment at Frostburg State University for disabled students, Frostburg Lions are there.

Over the years, the Frostburg Lions Club has purchased hundreds of pairs of glasses for those in need and gave a park to the city. Grants are made annually to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Wilmer Eye Institute and the Eye Bank of Maryland, as well as many local organizations and groups.

“When people support a Frost-

burg Lions fundraiser, they can rest assured that 100 percent of their money is returned to our community,” Munck said.

Darrel Zeller was the first president of the Frostburg Lions, with the announcement of the chartering appearing in local papers Oct. 9, 1945.

The 47 Frostburg Lions and their guests attended the first Charter Night, including Frostburg Mayor Marshall Skidmore and Lions District Gov. E. Leister Mobley of Hagerstown. The Frostburg group was sponsored by Cumberland, Lonaconing and Mount Savage Lions.

Frostburg Lions meets twice monthly at Zion United Church of Christ, 160 E. Main St. Anyone interested in becoming a Lion or attending a meeting can call 301-687-0212 for additional information.