

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 22-W
MINUTES SECOND CABINET MEETING
March 28, 2015
LaVale VFD, LaVale, MD

Attendance (63): CC Richard Liebno (Deer Park), DG John Parker (Potomac Valley), CT Lenny Gares (Potomac Valley), CS Gerry Beachy (Grantsville), 1st VDG Bob Mitchell (Taneytown), 2nd VDG Brian Cox (Terra Rubra); PCC Bob Muchow (Thurmont); Past District Governors Roger Moore (Sharpsburg), Stephen Finger (LaVale), Tom Jeffs (Sharpsburg), Marion Carmack (New Market District), Kent Eitemiller (Taylorsville-Winfield), Bob Miller (South Carroll Lioness-Lions), Paul Cannada (Thurmont), and Och Ochoa (Terra Rubra), Region Chairs Charlie Croft (LaVale) and Cartha Johnson (Thurmont); Zone Chairs Jack Suter (North Branch), Iris Norris (Middletown), Wayne Sherfey (Taneytown), Bill Strauss (Libertytown-Unionville), Robert Stockslager (Silver Run-Union Mills), and Sheila Hamilton (Brunswick). Lions Donna Jackman (West Hagerstown), Bill Baschke (West Hagerstown), Thelma Meyers (West Hagerstown), Mary Chaney (West Hagerstown), Aldeth Moore (Sharpsburg), Sue Beachy (North Branch), Sandy Parker (North Branch), Myron Horn (Freedom District), Perry Hamilton Brunswick), Morris Bonde (Middletown), Nancy Bonde (Middletown), Ann Keyfauber (Middletown), Faye Conley (Hancock Lioness), Karen Morgan (Hancock Lioness), Jane Falkler (Hancock Lioness), Karen Welsh (Hancock Lioness), Sam Foster (Taneytown), Liz Eitemiller Taylorsville-Winfield), Betty Stockslager (Silver Run-Union Mills), Elwood Glass (LaVale), Champ Zumbrun (LaVale), Ellen Gerke (Hagerstown Lioness), Scott Younce (LaVale), Jerry Chambers (LaVale), Sue Miller (South Carroll Lioness-Lions), Sandy Moore (Mason Dixon), Harry Hutzell (Mason Dixon), Louis Nasser (North Branch), Sue Ensor (Libertytown Unionville), Heloisa Santamaria (FSU Campus), Leah Yazdani (FSU Campus), Larry Gray (Terra Rubra), Faye Conley (Hancock Lioness), Karen Morgan (Hancock Lioness), Jane Falkler (Hancock Lioness), Karen Welsh (Hancock Lioness), Francis Lynch (New Market District), Frances Carmack and Larry Gray, Claire Smith and mother, and Mitch Edelman (essay contest winners).

The honorary committee met at 12:00 PM.

The cabinet meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Lion Charles Croft, Region I Chair, at the LaVale VFD in LaVale, Maryland. After song, pledge and prayer, the meeting was adjourned for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Region Chair Charles Croft introduced the head table, council chair, past council chairs, PDGs, region chairs, zone chairs, and club officers then turned the meeting over to District Governor John Parker.

District Governor John Parker Remarks

He thanked Region I Chair Charles Croft for setting up the meeting. He asked everyone to show their membership application. The district now is down in membership by 38. We took in 120 members but lost 168 due to death or other reason. He reminded all about the voting cabinet: the voting cabinet includes IPDG, DG, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, CT, CS, Region Chairs and Zone Chairs

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Lion Kent Eitemiller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 31-January 2015, second by Lion Wayne Shirfey, motion carried.

District 22-W Cabinet Treasurer's Report – Lion Lenny Gares, CT

For your review, attached is a PDF reflecting the District 22-W treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. PDG Paul Cannada spoke about the Emergency Contingency Fund. SVDG Brian Cox moved to move \$1000 from Non-designated funds to the Emergency Contingency Fund (if the money is available), motion was seconded by FVDG Bob Mitchell, motion carried. IPDG Kent Eitemiller reminded us that the turnover amount cannot be less than 80% of the previous turnover amount. DG John will take that under advisement.

Correspondence – GERRY BEACHY, CS

We received a thank-you letter from the American Diabetes Association for our \$5,000 donation and our \$10,675 donation.

Reports of Cabinet Officers and Committee Chairs

Region I Chair, Lion Charlie Croft

LaVale Lions Club will host the 4th Cabinet Meeting on March 28 at the Lower LaVale Fire Department. He has an invitation on the tables. He is impressed with all the activities and the level of service of the clubs in Region I.

Zone 1

Deep Creek Lions Club:

May 16: Boat auction, Lions Field, Bumblebee Road, McHenry. July 3: Boat parade on the lake. Date TBD: We will host "blind campers" from Maryland School for the Blind for camping and summer recreational activity on the lake. August (day TBD): Guest bartender night at the Sand Trap, Oakland golf course.

Friendsville Lions Club:

We will be working our booth for the Friendsville's 250 anniversary Celebration Event June 20th called "Youghiogheny River Flotilla". We will also be working our booth on Annual Friendsville Days July 24th & 25th with a band and meal Friday evening.

Kitzmiller Lions Club:

Cooking chicken dinners with southern rescue squad for spring fling on May 16. Cooking chicken dinners for Nethkin Hill Church on May 23. Kitzmiller homecoming chicken dinners and food booth on July 25. Food booth at the Garrett County Fair the first week of August. Financially supports the Kitzmiller After School Program

Oakland-Mt. Lake Park Lions Club:

March – Zone 1 Meeting. Easter Egg Hunt at Broad Ford Park for 12 and under kids (4000 eggs). April - Fundraiser dance with the band Remedy. Pre-School Vision Screening. May - White Cane Days. June - Redneck Dayz. July - Change of Leadership/Garrett County Fair

Zone 2

Frostburg Lions Club:

Our club signed up 3 new members and are working on others. The club just finished setting up a new web site. The club continues to collect and recycle electronic items with the funds going towards our Summer Lunch Box Program. More than 25% of our members are involved in our Summer Lunch Box Program. Our club sponsors a basketball tournament. Our club supports the Mountain Ridge High School Band. NOTE: We are deeply saddened by the passing away of their Vice President Tina Gormley. Tina was the driving force behind the Mountain Ridge High School Band and a very dedicated Lion as well as a wonderful person, wife, mother and friend. With the help of DG John Parker and First Lady Sandy Parker we started a branch club at Frostburg Village.

Frostburg State University Campus Lions Club:

The campus club is now meeting every other Monday at 7:00 PM in the Lane Center at Frostburg State University. Registrations for Relay for Life are still being taken. The club is participating in the April 24 Relay for Life in Frostburg and invites all Lions, their families and friends to sign up on their Campus Club Lions Team! Lion President Leah Yazdani will attend the cabinet meeting on March 28 to answer questions about the registration. Many of the members are attending meetings with their sponsor club, Frostburg Lions. Volunteer activities include: Helping in the food pantry/food bank, the animal shelter, Habitat for Humanity and United Way, and with Frostburg Grows (an environmental project). Several members went to New Jersey to help with the Hurricane Sandy on-going activities. Two upcoming fundraisers: Bob Evans Restaurant on March 25 and April 26, and the club will have their first chicken BBQ with assistance from DG John Parker, CT Lenny Gares, Zone Chair Jack Suter and Guiding Lion Sandy Parker on April 12 at City Place, Frostburg. President Leah Yazdani and Treasurer Valentina Amaris-Villa attended the District 22-W Membership Recruitment and Retention Training in Terra Rubra on March 14. The Lions have set up an information table on several occasions at the campus to invite new members. District Governor John Parker attended the campus clubs meeting March 9 and inducted four members!

Grantsville Lions Club:

The club is working on the entertainment grant from Garrett Arts Council for Grantsville Days 2016. We have received 9 pledges from business sponsors including our biggest sponsor, Somerset Trust again donating \$2500. That brings the total to around \$7000.00. The total needed is at least \$25000 and we are working on it. The club was notified by the Grantsville Arts Council that we will be receiving the remainder of our entertainment grant for Grantsville Days this year. The club is planning on painting the roofs of pavilions 1 and 2 at the park. The club is talking about purchasing a new sign for the park. The club will be coordinating the Grantsville Days Parade.

Lonaconing Lions Club:

The club continues to bring canned food items to each club meeting. The club continues to collect and loan out hospital equipment. We do Pre-Examination on pre-school children aged 3 and 4 to see if they need glasses. Some fund raisers we do are: Christmas Seals: The seals are mailed out to homeowners in the Georges Creek area and the club ask for a small donation. The seals are used for Christmas packages and letters. Discount Cards: They are a laminated card with 15 area businesses where you can get a discount if you buy their product. The cost of the card is \$5.00. Sunday In The Park: We set up our version of Putt-Putt Golf and give away a liter of soda pop to the lucky winners.

North Branch Lions Club:

The club helped 2 people with a vision test and purchase of eye glasses. The club collects eye glasses at 5 locations. The club is purchasing a new Lions sign for the town of Westernport, MD. Lion Jack is repainting the Lions sign for the town of Bloomington, MD. The club continues to bring canned food items for the Piedmont, WV Food Pantry at each club meeting. The club has partnered with the Lonaconing Lions Club for the distribution of hospital equipment. The club is in the process of starting a branch club at Moran Manor. The club is in the process of replenishing our supplies for the several Chicken Bar B Q's we have planned. Also being planned our Make A Difference Day projects.

Potomac Valley Lions: No report

Zone 3

Cumberland Lions:

Still collecting food for the hungry, conducting on-going sales of brooms and jelly. Will host their first chicken barbecue in April.

Oldtown Lion:

Hosted DG John Parker on March 19. On-going collection of food items, aluminum cans and eye glasses. Will conduct their April chicken barbecue on April 11 and will participate in Oldtown Summer Fest with a two day chicken barbecue June 27 & 28. Installation of officers and charter night celebration on June 19.

Mason Dixon Lion:

Conducted Spring Bingo on March 14 and hosted Easter Egg Hunt on March 28 at the Mt. Savage United Methodist Church. Will be celebrating the club's 40th charter night celebration on Saturday, April 18. The club is currently planning their Earth Day Project slated for April 22.

LaVale:

Recently completed the club membership goal of 15 X 15 with the induction of a class of 11 new members on March 3(four other new members inducted separately). Will be hosting the Region 1 Leader Dog Program on Monday, April 20 and the Regions 1 & 2 White Cane Dinner & Rally on June 2. Will be partnering with the Allegany County Planning Office and the Allegany County Board of Education in supervising high school youth in planting trees at the Allegany County Fairgrounds on Friday, April 24. May chicken barbecue scheduled for May 1, 2 & 3, 2015.

Region II Chair – Lion Randy Taylor

With the spring season clubs in region II are very busy. Here are some of the activities clubs would like everyone to know about:

Zone I

Clear Spring Lions:

Will have a food stand at the Fort Frederick Market Fair from April 17-19

Halfway Lions: no report

Hancock Lions:

On each 1st Saturday of the month the club does 'Breakfast in the Park' in Widmeyer Park; and on each 2nd Saturday they sell BBQ chicken on Main St in Hancock

Hancock Lioness:

Several members will be attending both the Leader Dog Banquet and the Multiple District Convention in May.

Williamsport Lions:

The club's 71st Charter Night will be held at Nick's Airport Inn on April 18th where PDG Och will induct 6 new members to our club. Our 22nd annual golf tournament will be held at Beaver Creek Country Club on April 24th. For information see flyer attached to 22W weekly announcements. 8 members will be attending the Multiple District Convention in Dover. Bi-annual steak feed will be held at American Legion on May 28.

Zone II

Chewsville Lions: no report

Hagerstown Lions: no report

Hagerstown Lioness: no report

Longmeadow Lions: no report

West Hagerstown Lions:

Will host the Region II Leader Dog Banquet on April 21 at the Washington Square United Methodist Church. Parking and access in the rear and an elevator is available for the rear entrance to the 2nd floor. Our regular meeting is cancelled on the 20th. We present our scholarships to our winners on May 4 and the winners and their families will be our guests. Our last Ham Sandwich Sale will be held at Washington Square United Methodist Church on May 12 & 13. Sandwiches are \$2 for Baked Ham and \$3 for Country Ham. If you would like to order sandwiches contact any member and you can pick up your order either day at noontime. We feed the Wagon Train participants breakfast on Sunday May 17. Four of our members will be attending Multiple District Convention to represent our club from May 18-21. Our May 18 meeting is cancelled. We will celebrate our 35th Charter Anniversary on June 1 at our regular meeting place. Officers for the 2015-2016 year will be installed on June 15 at our regular meeting place.

Zone III

Boonsboro Lions:

Will be doing a chicken BBQ on Main St in Boonsboro on April 25 and May 16

Funkstown Lions: no report

Sharpsburg Lions: no report

Smithsburg Lions:

Are very busy throughout the months of April and May. Easter is a big event as this club sells flowers on April 3 & 4 at the Mountain Valley Fruit Stand on Rt. 64 in Smithsburg. There is a club sandwich sale on April 16 and Blood Drive on the 20th of April. In May, the club will participate in Smithsburg Pride Days by both being in the town parade and having a food stand on the street on the 15th. During that same time they will be raffling off a gas powered leaf blower, weed trimmer & I-Pod and also giving away 2 scholarships.

Region III Chairman - Cartha Johnson

Catha thanked DG John Parker for asking her to be Region Chair. She thanked the Cabinet for their help and also the Region III Zone Chairs. The region wide zone meeting will be April 9 at the Myersville Lions Club, Phyl Thompson is taking reservations, cost is \$12. The Leader Dog Banquet will be April 22 at the Libertytown VFD, cost is \$16 and Bill Strauss is taking reservations. Silent auction items for all the Leader Dog Banquets should be given to the Region Chairs.

DG John Parker read a letter of thanks from LCI President Joe Preston for Region Chair Cartha. She was presented a pin.

Zone 1

Emmitsburg:

Lion FVDG Bob Mitchell was successful in his LCI research for us in recognizing the Charter Member status of Lion Jim Hahn who had a little over a year's leave of absence 24 years ago and who returned to the fold 23 years ago. FVDG Bob will be presenting a Charter Member lapel tack to Lion Charter Member Jim in the near future to officially recognize his "corrected" membership status. We enjoyed success of our recent March 14th fundraiser, a dance featuring the acclaimed "Rock & Roll Relics". Lion Rachel will be scheduling a PlusOptix training session for our Preschool Vision Screening (PSVS) team sometime soon after Easter. Lion Jenni was successful in her bid for Frederick County grant monies to help defray advertising costs for our annual Emmitsburg Heritage Day event, scheduled June 27th. Lion Charter Member Jim collected and packaged for delivery 210 pairs of eyeglasses. Our club added a new member this month.

Middletown:

The Middletown Lions Club had its third pancake breakfast on March 21. As reported at the last zone meeting, in January we distributed \$40-gift certificates to 20 needy Middletown school children to purchase boots and/or shoes. The program was very successful and appreciated, so we honored Mr. Dave Shafer, the school guidance counselor, who made it all possible. Besides the "Boots and Shoes Project", he was honored for helping us select two needy elementary school students to receive athletic scholarships allowing them to participate in Middletown Valley Athletic Association sports. We resumed our preschool vision screening program and conducted a class to familiarize members with the process of testing and recording. We will test children at four Middletown preschools in April. We presented two Middletown Elementary School students with first and second place awards in the American Heritage Essay Contest. On March 23, we celebrated our 84th birthday at our Charter Night, and will hold a Friendship Night on April 27. Our club will conduct its second barbecue this Lions year, on May 9.

Myersville:

FUNDRAISERS HELD: Club Participated in all You Can Eat Breakfasts: February 7 and March 7. FUNDRAISERS TO BE HELD: All You can Eat Breakfast April 4. SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Support for Youth: Members worked with project SUCCESS Students who are 18-21 years of age attending a secondary transition education program to learn life skills and vocational training. Contributed \$200 to the Project Success students to help in their activities. Contributed \$250 to Mountain Valley Boys Baseball Team. Support Families in Need: The Club loaned a wheel chair to a cancer patient. Members provided assistance at the Middletown Food Bank: approximately 80 hours in February and March. Contributed \$500 to the family of 17 year old Claire Greene – she was killed in a car accident. Support for Community: Performed community service by contributing and installing shelving units and cleaned up the closet in the Town area of the Fire/Hall Municipal Building which holds town decorations, etc. Vision Support: Packed thousands of glass cases, glasses, and sunglasses for shipment...22 hours. FUTURE ACTIVITIES: Club will host the Region III All Zone Meeting on April 9th.

Thurmont:

In February, our club had the privilege of hosting Scout Night. Scouts and leaders from Troop 270, along with parents and friends were present as we recognized Eagle Scouts and named the Ross Smith, Sr. Award recipient. Our club has proudly sponsored Scouts since 1932. The club also received a surprise that evening when Region Chair Lion Cartha Johnson presented IPP Don Keeney with the Club Excellence Award for 2013-2014. The Literacy Committee also delivered 10 literacy bags each to primary and elementary schools in our local district. The bags will be used to support literacy among early readers. In March, the club held Barter Night (fondly known as our annual night of re-gifting) with all proceeds going to support our administrative account. We held Youth Night when the winners of the Essay and Peace Poster contests along with the LEOs of the Year were honored, and we ended the month by holding a Longaberger basket/Coach purse bingo. The upcoming events for April are a community Easter

Egg Hunt, 2015 Teachers Reception, and the Leader Dog Banquet. The club will also hold a combined meeting w/Emmitsburg. The Pit Beef Sandwich Sales will start. Upcoming events for May will include Education Night & Teacher of the Year, Multiple District 22 Convention and Community Night.

Yellow Springs:

The club sent a check to Frederick Veterinary Services for \$110 to help pay for services rendered to "Bentley" Leader Dog for Mr. Gilbert of Prospect Blvd. FSK Lions also gave \$110 so this leaves the balance at \$110. (Possibly the Frederick Club may also help). Our meeting for the 24th will be held at 5 o'clock at the ARC Building at 620 Research Ct. (off Solarex Ct). We will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance with Community Living. We will be having Bingo April 7th at Montevue & Citizens nursing homes at 7pm.

Zone 2:

Brunswick:

The club provided eye exams and eye-glasses to four recipients. Sponsor Fishing Derby on Sunday, April 19th in partnership with Brunswick Hardware and City of Brunswick. The club members prepared 'Meet the Brunswick Lions' information for distribution to new residents of Brunswick by Brunswick Main Street. A one-day Championship Gun Shoot is scheduled for March 22. Club members visited two longtime members, Lion Bernie Burch at Northampton Manor Nursing Home and Lion Ernie Nuse at home in the care of Hospice. The new owner of the Family Vision Center, Dr. Ormes was invited to talk to the club. She has offered to continue partnering with the Club.

Carroll Manor – Urbana:

The club had to cancel a meeting and fund raiser because of inclement weather. President Sam Bailey has recently been in the hospital several times for extended periods.

New Market District:

Our club hosted very successful Big-20 Banquet at Urbana Fire Hall. We will sponsor Basket Bingo in April. We hosted a membership drive - 'Welcome to New Market'. We support two New Market Elementary Schools - May 2015.

Monocacy Community:

The club Held a successful coat and other winter apparel drive. They needed to cancel two meetings due to inclement weather. They are planning a Friendship night in May.

Mount Airy 4 County:

The club will host a Chili Cook-off in downtown Mt. Airy on April 18. A Golf Tournament is being planned for June on date to be determined. We co-host the Annual Diamond Jubilee Banquet on May 13. Together with our Community Partners, we invited citizens, age 75 and over to a free dinner with entertainment at the American Legion. Attendance is usually 175 to 200 seniors.

Zone3

Frances Scott Key:

The club collected 1500 pairs of used eyeglasses for sorting and distribution to areas where the population does not have access to affordable eye care. They donate to the Frederick Food Bank. The club sent a check to Frederick Veterinary Services for \$110 to help pay for services rendered to "Bentley" Leader Dog for Mr. Gilbert of Prospect Blvd. PDG Ochoa conducted a membership training for the whole club at their request. The club has inducted a new member.

Frederick: no report

Glade Valley:

Clubs collect used eyeglasses for sorting and distribution to areas where the population does not have access to affordable eye care. Club members who served in Armed Services were awarded a quilt by Quilter Club! Donations were made to the Senior Ladies of \$400 and Youth Group \$100. 51 cans of food were collected and given to food bank. Visitations to Myersville and Monocacy Lions Clubs! The club collected used eyeglasses for sorting and distribution to areas where the population does not have access to affordable eye care. The club honored Boy Scout Troop 1070 at a dinner meeting and donated \$120 to them. They hosted regional Zone meeting and Sec. A visitation was made to Gettysburg Lions Club, Club worked on Fund Raiser Big 25, 45 hrs. and accepted by Transfer Lion Roland Hobbs from Hagerstown Lions Club.

Libertytown Unionville:

The club sponsors Miss Frederick & Miss Fredericks Teen each year. They attend and assist us at our fundraisers. They attend our annual Country Breakfast, the Liberty Open Golf Classic, the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Dept. Carnival and The Great Frederick Fair. They pose with each foursome at the Classic and the resulting pictures are processed and 4x6 Prints distributed to each golfer after the round. They help make the funnel cakes and pizza sold at both the carnival and the fair. Additionally, their presence is an attraction to our location especial to children which of course includes the rest of the family.

Mouny Airy:

Two Lions coach and set up various teams in the local recreation league for youth basket and baseball.

Region IV Chairman – Laura Ganske

Zone 1

Zone meeting at Harney Fire Co, Feb. 23rd at 6:29 pm menu: oyster and roast turkey \$20 RSVP to Wayne Sherfey 410-756-5957 before Feb 15

Harney:

Feb. hosted the last zone meeting. April- hosting an Easter egg hunt

Taneytown:

March- 10 week club drawing, pancake breakfast

New Windsor:

March- 25 week drawing, Blood drive. April- Easter egg hunt

Union Bridge:

Feb- soup sale, pottery bingo

Terra-Rubra:

March- hosting a sportsman drawing, Scholarship Bingo, Blood drive. April- hosting an Easter egg hunt.

Zone 2

Hampstead:

Hosting Hampstead Day May 23 at the Arcadia Carnival Grounds from 8am to 4pm

Lineboro-Manchester:

Added 1 new member Feb 4, March 4 hosted Peace Poster contest winners and their families, Hosting Bull and Oyster Roast March 28 at the Lineboro Fire Hall. April 11 the club will provide chips and water for the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" for Rape Crisis. April 24 the club will provide milk and cookies at the MVHS for "The Battle of the Books"

Silver Run-Union Mills:

Basket Bingo April 11 at St Mary's Evangelical Lutheran church. April 25 hosting a fishing rodeo at their park and pond.

Valley: no report

Westminster:

Mulch sale April 18 7:30 am until sold out. April 18 hosting a basket Bingo at the Westminster VFW. Doors open at 5:30

Zone 3

Greater Carroll:

The club provided a meal (2nd) for the community in cooperation with Westminster Brethren Church, is receiving scholarship applications for our Carroll County Public School scholarship, organizing the annual Crab feed, working on the 10th annual Walk in Westminster, charter night (established 2005), members (Lion Emerson Bair and Lion Mike Mykulyn) will attend the Convention in Dover, continuing to gather canned goods for Feed the Hungry campaign, and - working with a McDaniel College fraternity.

Deer Park Lions Club:

Worked the pancake supper at Deer Park Church on Shrove Tuesday. The Basket Bingo had to be rescheduled to April 4th because of weather. The club will sponsor a Finksburg Baseball team The Club purchased a Hemi-Walker for a teenager who recently suffered a stroke, 5 pieces of medical equipment loaned out. Collected 84 pair of glasses in Feb, bringing total to 1,224 pair, Donated 2 pairs of glasses, performed pre-school vision screening for 39 children bringing total for year to 144 children screened. Fundraisers: Ruffling off a 55" Curved screen, 4KHD TV in support of Richard Liebno's campaign for International Director, holding a dinner fundraiser for Richard Liebno on May 3rd at the Westminster VFW, Leader Dog banquet on 4/23 at the Gamber Fire Hall, Basket Bingo on 4/4 and Mulch Sale at the Deer Park Church on 4/11 and 4/18. Charter Night will be 3/26/15. The \$1600.00 TV was donated by Bill Stonesifer.

Freedom District Lions Club:

The club has conducted preschool vision screening of 274 children at 8 sites and have referred 25 children for additional testing by an eye care specialist - the club still has 4 more preschool screenings scheduled this Lions business year; we are holding a Community Pancake Breakfast jointly with the Century High School LEOs and Liberty High LEOs on Saturday, March 28th; honoring veterans at our April 8th meeting; conducting annual flag presentation/education to 5th graders at local elementary school in April; conducting a Stop-the-Hunger event on Saturday, May 9th; recognizing our LEOs in May for a great year; planning to award three \$1,000 college scholarships this spring; recognizing 8th graders & seniors at four local schools for their outstanding volunteer service hours; currently conducting our annual Vidalia Onion sales fundraiser and selling carnival 50/50 raffle tickets; continuing to loan medical equipment and collect eyeglasses.

Roaring Run Lions Club:

The club made a donation with Reese Community Vol. Fire Department to the Finksburg Library for some new book shelves, working with Finksburg Baseball and Softball to prepare the fields for the upcoming season, made a upgrade to the well at the community park, the club will sponsor a Softball team this year, planning an Easter Egg hunt at the Finksburg library, is planning our basket bingo and Finksburg days. Also looking forward to hearing from all of our scholarship applicants. We will be awarding the winners in June. Also, donating filled Easter baskets to Shepard staff. The club heard from Tim Weber about addiction and made a donation two Weber Sober Homes. Charter Night will be held on April 15th at Piney Branch Golf Club.

South Carroll Lioness Lions:

The club visited the Oakland Manor residents, collected card fronts for the ARC, coupons for the troops, postage stamps for recovering troops, and Campbell's labels and Box Tops for Education for the Maryland School for the Blind. The Club received "thank you" notes from the following for our recent donations: Carroll Hospital Center Auxiliary Tree of Lights, American Cancer Society, Carroll Hospice Care, Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) and CHANGE, ESCAPE Ministries, and New Life for Girls. The Joint Service Club Meeting with the Optimist Club was postponed due to weather. Continue to hold Wednesday AM Bingo at the Wendy's in Eldersburg. The club organized a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Will provide Easter dinner for a needy family. A wine tasting

fundraiser for Susan's campaign fund will be held at Elk Run Winery on June 14th. Upcoming Fundraisers are the Double Basket Bingo and Safeway raffle.

Taylorsville – Winfield Lions Club:

The club was presented with a donation of \$540.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meeks for the purpose of helping to purchase a diabetes campership. Our annual Spring Diabetes Campership dance will be held at the Winfield Community Fire Department hall on Saturday, May 2 from 8 PM to 12 midnight. Conducted 87 pre-school vision checks at St. James Nursery School in Mount Airy with four referrals for follow-up, provided donations to the Media Instructors/Librarians of Winfield Elementary School and South Carroll High School for the purchase of books and educational materials, the club recently announced that we would again be presenting three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at South Carroll High School, presenting our annual "American Flag History" program for fifth grade students at Linton Springs and Winfield Elementary Schools, preparing our park and ball fields for the spring 2015 youth baseball program, annual club yard sale is scheduled for May 9 and 16, Food collections for the Food Bank at Ebenezer UMC are conducted by the club on a regular basis, conducts a bingo party and ice cream social once a month on a Saturday at a local nursing home. Our charter night is March 23. Our next major fundraising activity will be our Spring Basket Bingo held on April 11th

Standing Committee Reports

Alert & District Safety - Lion Myron Horn

No report

American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism Essay Contest - Lion Susan Bonura

Today we recognize five outstanding essayists in the American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay contest. This year there were entries from three regions in our district with 12 clubs participating as well as participation from Lions and adult non-Lions. Region II clubs participating were Hagerstown and Williamsport. Region III clubs participating were Middletown, Libertytown-Unionville and Thurmont. Region IV clubs participating were Hampstead, New Windsor, Taneytown, Taylorsville-Winfield, Terra Rubra, Deer Park and South Carroll.

Thanks to the region and zone chairs who helped with the coordination and judging of the contest. Without them this program would not be successful.

Thanks also to the Lion chairs from each of the participating clubs: Deer Park Lions Club - Lion Richard Carlson, Hagerstown Lions Club - Lion Scott Nicewarner, Hampstead Lions Club - Lion Mat Tiaht, Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club - Lion Susan Baldwin, Middletown Lions Club - Lion Lynne Price, New Windsor Lions Club - Lion Larry Thompson, South Carroll Lioness Lions Club - Lion Judy Champ, Taneytown Lions Club - Lion Sam Foster, Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club – Lion Barbara Brimigion, Terra Rubra Lions Club - Lion Susan Cox, Thurmont Lions Club - Lion Wes Hamrick, Williamsport Lions Club, Lion Mary E. (Betty) Barr.

Thanks to the parents for their support of their most talented children and thanks to the talented adults who participated. Thanks to Cornelius Queen from the Office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen for providing the US flags. Special thanks to Lion Cartha Johnson for presenting the awards today. Elementary school winner Claire Smith read her essay. The recipients receive a certificate, a flag that flew over the Capitol, and a check for \$100. They also received a book done by Lion Bill Strauss. The Lions winner, Lawrence Gray from the Terra Rubra Lions Club read his winning essay. The non-Lion adult winner, Mitchell Edelman read his winning essay.

Chaplain – Roger Moore, PDG

In this Lions Year, I have endeavored to complete my responsibilities to both our Lions' families and to Lions, themselves. My total for this year so far is fifty cards sent. This includes get well cards, thinking of you cards and too many sympathy cards. As your acting Chaplain, I hope this report meets your approval and understanding of what a difficult job this is--due to so many sympathy cards.

Constitution & By-Laws – David Brauning, PDG

The Constitution & By-Laws Committee has not had anything to change, etc. this year. Therefore I have nothing to report at the Cabinet meeting.

Convention Committee – Steve Finger, PDG

98th Lions Clubs International Convention - The Convention will be held in the beautiful city of Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, **June 26th – June 30th, 2015.**

Our Multiple District Convention Coordinator, PDG Paul Hawkins of District 22-C has two opportunities to enjoy the luau at the Hale Koa Hotel, either event offered up to enhance your convention experience:

Invitation our Multiple received from Multiple 24 to join them in a luau at the Hale Koa hotel on Sunday, June 28th in Honolulu. The Hale Koa is within easy walking distance of the Sheraton Waikiki. The MD 24 luau is a special event and will be limited to Lions attendees. The price of the luau is \$65 per person. There are no Convention related activities on Sunday night and all Lions of MD 22 are invited to purchase a ticket. I have attended the luau at Hale Koa on two occasions and it is worth \$65.

I had also inquired about the luau. Through a Lion I met in Toronto, **I was put in contact with Glenn Medeiros who performs in the show conducted at the luau. He has offered us a special "Friends & Family" rate for the regularly scheduled luau on Monday, June 29th.** The luau on Monday is open to the public and will not be limited to Lions. I could only obtain 40 tickets that are available at the special rate of \$45. Note that the PIP/PID and DG/PDG Banquets are also scheduled for Monday, June 29.

International Convention Committee Vice Chairperson, PDG Mary Lee Phillips reports that the MD-22 Lions will be participating in a joint breakfast with the Lions of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Here's the detailed information:

The Mid Atlantic Breakfast hosted by Multiple District 14 at the 2015 LCI convention in Honolulu is scheduled to run from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2015, in the Mauna Kea Room of the Hawaii Prince Hotel. We are hopeful the speeches will be short, though, so we can end the breakfast a little earlier than scheduled and no one will be rushed to get to the Second Plenary Session of the convention, which is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. in the Hawaii Convention Center.

We have arranged for a "Local Style Breakfast" consisting of Chilled Passion-Orange- Guava Juice (POG), scrambled eggs, assorted rolls and bread, Portuguese or Link Sausage or Bacon, Freshly Brewed Blend and Decaffeinated Coffee and Prince Tea selection. **The cost per breakfast payable to MD-14 (PA State Council of Lions Clubs) will be \$29.00. The deadline for RSVPs will be Friday, June 5.**

93rd Multiple District 22 Convention – Registration for this convention for 22-W was at 43 as of Thursday, March 19, 2-15. We are expecting many more than that. Good reason to book a room at the Dover Downs Hotel and Casino: **Valet Parking is only \$5.00 FOR THE ENTIRE STAY!**

International President Joe Preston will be attending. There will be expanded hours for exhibits, sales, and merchandise. There will be new menu offerings never before offered at our convention

There will be five seminar rooms for seminars: LYF is sponsoring a seminar by LCI on **Lions KidSight USA**. There will be a seminar LVRF on **LVRNET**, and seminars on **Member Retention, LCI Centennial Challenge**, and **Leader Dogs for the Blind**.

We will be participating in the **World Wide Service Week** while at the Convention by asking each registrant to bring a **children's book, part of the Reading Action Plan!**

Hotel Registration:

Convention Hotel Discounted hotel rates have been negotiated by the convention committee and are available only if you identify yourself as being with the **MD 22 Lions Convention**.

Dover Downs Hotel and Casino (Headquarters Hotel)

1131 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19903

King or Double	\$135.00 plus 8% Tax and \$6.00 fee
Junior/Executive Suite	\$195.00 plus 8% Tax and \$6.00 fee
Series 25 Suite	\$275.00 plus 8% Tax and \$6.00 fee

CUT-OFF DATE For Rate Guarantee Reservation is April 17, 2015

Registration Process:

Here are the instructions for booking hotel rooms:

Option 1: Call Reservations Department at 800-711-5882 and reference **Group Code GMD2215**.

Option 2: Book online

- 1) Go to website **www.doverdowns.com** and click Hotel Reservations (left side of page)
- 2) **Enter code lions2015 in Special Code Offer** box, and click 'Get Rates'
- 3) **Enter password: lions2015 and click 'submit' (all lowercase)**
- 4) Select desired check-in date, number of nights, bed type, etc. and click 'Get Rates'
- 5) Select room option preference and click 'Book It'
- 6) Complete transaction.

There is a need for volunteers on the decoration, tail twister and sergeant at arms committees. Steve introduced the candidates for International Director, PCC Bob Muchow and CC Dick Liebno whom we will vote for endorsement at the convention. Delegates must get their delegate cards certified before 10:30 AM on Thursday, May 21, 2015.

Diabetes Awareness – Lion Donna Jackman

I have had several parents contact me for information on this summer's camp schedule for Camp Merrick. I have just received the information for the 2015 Diabetes Camps.

The cost for each camper remains at \$850.00 per camping period. The Family Camp will be held from July 1st –July 4th. We do not pay any of the costs for this camping period. The first regular camping session will be from July 5th thru July 10th. July 12th thru July 17th will be the second camping session. July 19th thru July 24th is Sibling Week. Brothers and sisters of a diabetic can attend this session to learn more of what they can do to support their brother or sister who has diabetes. We will pay to the diabetic child, but we do not pay anything toward the sibling's fees.

If your club wants to help to send a diabetic child to camp to enable them to learn how to deal with their affliction, please make your check payable to DISTRICT 22W DIABETES FUND and on the memo line put CAMPERSHIP. Mail your checks to me Donna Jackman, 12145 Itnyre Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783.

In all the years I have worked with this program, I have never had a complaint from a parent or child. We have received nothing but raving reviews of the camp and the children love it. Parents have expressed nothing but appreciation for our support as the program has made a tremendous difference in their diabetic child life. Camp teaches the child proper care of his/her body, and how to avoid the horrible effects diabetes can have on their body. The lessons they learn in a pleasant surrounding will help them throughout their lifetimes. The psychological effect camp has for a child is priceless. They see and realize they are not the only one with diabetes and other children are enduring the same changes as they are facing. This association relieves much tension and eliminates peer pressure.

We are all aware that diabetes affects the eyes, heart, circulatory system and nervous system. Teaching these children how to make food exchanges, proper eating planning and proper care of their feet and eyes helps them to avoid the pitfalls of diabetes.

If you know of a child who has diabetes between the ages of 7 and 15 and who could profit from attending camp, please have the parents get in touch with me to explain the process. If the parents feel uneasy, please give me the information and I will contact the parents to give them information.

Lion Donna spoke about the motorcycle ride for diabetes. She needs a new chair to coordinate the ride. CC Dick Liebno and Lion Sue Ensor volunteered to help.

She reported that 2 kids have signed up for Diabetic Camp Merrick so far. The cost is \$825 this year.

District Tail Twister – Lion John Bildstein

No report

Environment – Lion Francis “Champ” Zumbrun

American chestnut trees:

The Maryland Forestry Board Association is providing 50 American Chestnut Trees for the W-22 Lions Clubs to plant this spring in western Maryland. Please contact me if your club is interested in planting American chestnut trees.

Heritage Legacy Trees:

Seed for the yellow poplar Liberty Tree is still at the State tree nursery and three other tree nurseries. I will not know the success of germination until the end of April. The seed of the Washington Elm will be collected this spring at Garrett County. We might be able to pull off a fall planting later this year. I will report on the success and progress of the seedlings in the next report.

Natural Resources Careers Camp (NRCC):

If you know of any High School students interested in pursuing a natural resources career, this is the camp for them to attend. Maryland and Mid Atlantic high school students pursuing a career in forestry and natural resources may attend. The class this year will be held from July 19 through July 25, 2015 held at Hickory Environmental Education Center in Garrett County, Maryland. Do not wait until they are in college, let the students explore natural resource careers this summer with NRCC. The students will explore fire suppression, wood products and tree Identification. The NRCC tuition is \$450 plus \$125 activity fee. Many forestry boards will offer generous tuition assistance with a full scholarship. NRCC is sponsored by the Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy Boards and supporting natural resource organizations. If you know of a student interested please have them submit an application online before May 1, 2015.

<http://www.marylandforestryboards.org/nrcc.cfm>

Ethics Committee – Lion Randy Taylor

No report

Finance Committee - Steve Finger, PDG and Kent Eitemiller, IPG

No report

Global Leadership Team (GLT) - Lion Martin Bonura

MD22 Regional Lions Leadership Institute held on February 20-22, 2015 – The following District 22W Lions participated in Basic class at the Institute: Lion Thomas Berry from Silver Run-Union Mills, Lion Jerry Chambers from La Vale, Lion John Warnick from La Vale, Lion Mike Madeja from Deer Park, and Lion Michael Garner from Taneytown. The following District 22W Lions participated in Enhanced class at the Institute: 2nd VDG Brian Cox from Terra Rubra and Lion Joanne Janssen from New Market. The following District 22W Lions participated as instructors at the Institute: Lion Susan Bonura from South Carroll and Lion Martin Bonura from South Carroll. CC Richard Liebno from Deer Park was an observer and assistant.

First District Governors/District Governors-Elect School for Constitutional Area 1-A held on February 28 – March 1, 2015 in Boston – 1st VDG Bob Mitchell attended this training.

March 7-9, 2015 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Calgary, Canada – Lion Sam Foster attended this institute that focused on building the skills of lion leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels.

MD22 District Governor Elect School at the District 22B Social on March 6-7, 2015 – 1st VDG Bob Mitchell and Lion Susan Bonura attended the DGE School. Lion Martin Bonura and Lion Rodney Timmons were instructors. CC Richard Liebno was an observer.

District 22W Leadership Training – An informational training was held on March 21, 2015 in Myersville for Lions nominated by members of the Honorary Committee and recommended by 1st VDG Bob Mitchell. The following Lions attended this training:

Lion Jack Niemiec	Lion Don Keeney	Lion Sandy Parker
Lion Pol Heiney	Lion Bob Bastress	Lion Mike Mykulyn
Lion Barb Brimigion	CT Lenny Grimes	Lion Sam Foster
Lion Sandy Moore	CS Gerry Beachy	1 st VDG Bob Mitchel

Lions Gary Buchman, Susan Bonura and Martin Bonura we the instructors for the presentation part of the program and were joined by DG John Parker, PDG Susan Timmons, and PDG Stephen Finger for the afternoon focused discussion.

District 22W Club Officers’ Training – Club Officer Training – Training for all club officers for 2015-2016 including presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs, zone chairs, and region chairs will be conducted at:

- Allegany College of Maryland, 12401 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD 21502, on Saturday, June 6, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Road, Westminster, MD 21157, Room M157/159, on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All officers should attend this training as it will cover material never presented before.

Global Membership Team (GMT) – “Och” Ochoa, PDG

We have had a busy year, we still have a lot of work, to do, the most important thing in our Lions clubs is Membership, and we need to recruit new members, all we have to do **IS JUST ASK**. Your GMT team has been very busy; we have had Membership Training for all District Membership Chairpersons and I want to thank each Chairperson for taking the time to come out and Learn How to Recruit New Members. That's the Easy part, difficult part is, what we do to keep the members we have. A lot of good ideas have come out of these training sessions, from having a Friendship night and GMT Work Shops - **But** the most important thing that came out of these training sessions, was the club assessment survey telling us how members feel and why they are not happy and that is why we are losing Members. Keep in mind, **RETENTION –RETENTION –RETENTION IS THE LIFE LINE OF OUR ORGANIZATION**. I want to thank my GMT team and all the other Lions who have worked hard to make this a great year and our District Governor for being on his team.

He told us RETENTION, RETENTION, RETENTION.

Hearing and Speech – Lions Brooks Widder

No report

Historian – Lion Barbara Weaver

The last two histories have not been completed as I am waiting on a decision from the District on how to proceed. I have had two inquires as to when the histories will be ready. I have had a request from the Frostburg Lions Club to research some information for the Club regarding past district governors.

Honorary Committee – Kent Eitemiller, PDG

The following items were all approved at the Honorary Committee Meeting

Item 1: Request for date approval from the FVDG of the 4th Cabinet Meeting to be held in 2016.

Item 2: Election/Approval of the Finance Committee for the next Lions Year.

IPDG John Parker – 1 of 2

PDG Kent Eitemiller – 2 of 2

Item 3: Election/Approval of the 3 members of LYF Board.

FVDG Bob Mitchell - 3 of 3

Gary Buchman – 2 of 3

PDG Gary “Buck” Fisher 1 of 3

Item 4: Election/Approval of the 3 members of the LVRF Board.

Bob Johnson – 3 of 3

Sandy Parker – 2 of 3

Rodney Timmons – 1 of 3

PDG Tom Jeffs will act as the Nominating Committee Chair for International Director portion of the election at the convention.

Information Technology – Lion Jeff Moody

I am building the new multiple district 22 website.

The URL is <http://www.e-district.org/sites/md22>

I will be adding info from all of the districts as I receive them.

International Relations - Joe Harris, PDG

The International Club-Twinning Program is a reciprocal program between clubs of different countries. Its purpose is to give Lions and Leos of different cultures an opportunity to learn more about each other. Twinning should only take place between like-clubs: i.e. Lions with Lions, and Leo with Leo.

The first step in finding a Twinning Club:

1. You met a fellow lion at an international function or convention.
2. Your club is part of a district that reaches across our borders into Canada or Mexico.
3. You have roots or relatives in a country other than the United States.

4. You met a fellow lion on a cruise or vacation.

Contacting LCI to establish a relationship with a twinning club:

1. Contact me, Lion Joe Harris, District International Relations Chair and I will walk you through the steps for you to find a twinning club using your computer and the LCI website. It is a little tricky and takes some time.

Early contact should include

- Communicating an interest in becoming a twin
- Details about the club you chose to twin with
- Club activities of both clubs
- The community
- Local Customs

Each club in our district should have a Club Twinning Chairperson or Club International Relations Chairperson. This person should educate himself with twinning by using the information available on the Lions International website.

Upon acceptance of the club twinning invitation, any club in our district should have their Club International Relations Chairperson notify the District International Relations Chairperson (Lion Joe Harris). There is a form to be completed if the two clubs wish to apply for the TWINNING PATCH issued by Lions International. In my estimation, it is easiest to call Lions International and ask how to download this form or I can email it to you.

Some clubs exchange membership rosters to enable members and their families to correspond with their twin. In some instances, school children correspond with school children of the twin club. Another consideration is that both clubs join together in a service project possibly on behalf of a third club or country. This is a voluntary and mutual endeavor. Each club should contribute to the twinning.

I would be happy to discuss twinning with any club representative. Just give me a call.

Leader Dog – Lion Susan Bonura

I would like to express my appreciation to the following Lions Clubs for allowing me to make a presentation about Leader Dog's Canine Development Project at their meetings in the last few months: Monocacy Community, Walkersville Leos, Cumberland, Hagerstown, Frostburg, New Windsor, Greater Carroll, Westminster, Yellow Springs, Thurmont, Brunswick, South Carroll, Middletown, Hampstead, Smithsburg, Williamsport, Hancock Lioness, Mt. Airy 4 County, Myersville, West Hagerstown, LaVale, Roaring Run and Taneytown.

Clubs to be visited after this cabinet meeting include: North Branch, Sharpsburg, Libertytown-Unionville, Silver Run-Union Mills, Harney, Grantsville, Frederick, Deer Park and Lonaconing.

I wish to thank the Yellow Springs Lions Club for being the first club in our district to make a contribution to the Canine Development Project! Thanks so much Yellow Springs!!

Next year's Leader Dog Chair will be CS Gerry Beachy. He will be continuing the presentation about the Canine Development Project for clubs not scheduled this year.

Our Leader Dog banquets will be held the week of April 20-23. Hosting clubs are LaVale in Region I, West Hagerstown in Region II, Libertytown-Unionville in Region III and Deer Park in Region IV. Our speaker will be Carroll Jackson who will be accompanied by his Leader Dog Hunter.

At the second cabinet meeting, we collected \$208.70 towards a veterinarian's bill for Leader Dog Bentley Gilbert. The total bill was \$301.36. The Francis Scott Key Lions Club paid the balance remaining of \$92.66.

We have again received a bill for Leader Dog Bentley Gilbert in the amount of \$329.55. The Francis Scott Key Lions Club and the Yellow Springs Lions Club have agreed to assist with a payment of \$110 from each club, leaving a balance of \$109.55. The Frederick Lions Club has also been contacted for their assistance with this bill.

As I believe this will be an ongoing need, I have asked Cabinet Secretary Gerry Beachy to pass the hat once again for Bentley's veterinarian's bills. Thank you so much for your help!

CC Dick Liebno spoke about Lion Susan Bonura visiting the clubs about the Canine Development Program. Leader Dog is trying to raise \$14.6 million and have raised about \$8 million so far to renovate the facilities.

IPDG Kent reported that he had money left over to print his final report and recommended taking money from that line item to pay the remaining bill. Lion Wayne Sherfey moved to take the remaining balance from the line item for printing the final report to pay the veterinarian bill for the Leader Dog, FVDG Bob Mitchell second, motion carried. CC Dick Liebno encouraged us to attend the convention in Hawaii to vote to retain 3 directors in this country. They are proposing to move them to another country. CS Gerry Beachy reminded everyone to complete the delegate form found in the Lions Magazine.

There is a high school senior from South Carroll High School going through the process of getting a Leader Dog.

Leo Chairperson – Lion Eileen Disinger

I am happy to announce Terra Rubra Lions Club has chartered Silver Oak Academy Leo Club. This brings are total of Leo Clubs to 13. New Windsor Lions Club and New Market Lions Clubs are still in the planning stages for their Leo Clubs. I am also happy to announce 3 Leo of the Year Awards have been submitted and they are being reviewed by the committee.

Boonsboro High School Leo Club:

11 Charter Members – Charter Night 01-12-15 - 12 total members to date

The club is working on a fundraiser for endangered animals. They are selling book bags, tote bags, duffel and tote bags with HS logo.

April 19th – participating in the town clean-up day Painting a Mural in the High School courtyard. Planting flowers in courtyard

Boonsboro Middle School Leo Club:

No report

Catoctin High School Leo Club:

Summer Lunch Program, Jul 21-25 , 2014		
TLC Community Show, Sept 2014		
TLC Colorfest, Oct 2014		
Feed the Hunger Games Food Drive, Oct 2014		
Halloween in the Park, Oct 2014		
Veterans Day Celebration, Senior Center, Nov 2014		
Thurmont Holiday Gallery Stroll, Dec 2015		
Teens for Jeans, Jan-Feb 2015		
Thurmont Senior Center Valentine's Day Party, Feb 2015		
Thurmont Food Bank Moving Project, Feb 2015		
TLC Basket Bingo, Mar 2015 (future)		
Thurmont Tree Planting Project, Mar (future)		
Thurmont Lions Easter Egg Hunt (future)		
Wash Your Wheels for Food Bank (future)		
Leo Membership Total = 37 (Registered on MyLCI)		
Leo Club Fundraisers/Drives	22.5	Service Hours
TLC Fundraisers	125.5	Service Hours
Pending TLC Service Project	0	Service Hours
Community Service	133	Service Hours

TOTAL 2014/15 Service Hours as of 3/18/2015	~330 Service Hours
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Century High School Leo Club:

- August 2014 – provided \$1100 worth of school supplies to needy students at local elementary schools
- September 2014 – provided gifts to teachers at Century to show appreciation
- October 2014 - greeted and served customers at the Freedom District Lions’ pancake breakfast
- November 2014 – in collaboration with Liberty Leos and Freedom District Lions provided meals for 25 needy families in the Sykesville/Eldersburg area
- December 2014 – in collaboration with Liberty Leos and Freedom District Lions provided Christmas gifts for 25 children from 8 needy families in the Sykesville/Eldersburg area
- February 2015 – collected monies from students for Pennies for Patients of the Leukemia Society
- March 2015 – greeted and served customers at the Freedom District Lions’ pancake breakfast
- April 2015 – planning two car washes to raise funds for activities
- May 2015 – in collaboration with Liberty Leos and Freedom District Lions will participate in Stop Hunger Now project to provide 10,000 meals for needy children around the world

FSK High School Leo Club:

No report

Liberty High Leo Club:

- On March 5th there was a planned a joint service meeting that Dakota Ryan (the president of the LEO club) was scheduled to attend to represent the club and give a report on our activities (weather cancellation)
- Pancake Breakfast: The project is on March 28th and we will be assisting the Lions with this project, serving breakfast and helping with other tasks as needed.
- Cancer support - There will be a cancer walk at Mount St. Mary's on March 31st from 7pm-7am. It is a cancer walk that goes on overnight, and some members had shown interest in attending.
- Cards and Care Packages: Collect from the Liberty community and then package supplies into boxes to ship to soldiers overseas. Send magazines, snacks, water, candies that don't melt, hand written cards as well, etc. We have a teacher contact with family in the military who will help identify the recipients.
- We are also working with others at Liberty to collect toiletries and supplies for local needs in our community.
- Service Project showcase: The project leader will be representing Liberty High School at Westminster High School in a joint service club meeting. He will show photos representing the projects we have done to help out the community.
- Survival Bracelets (current fundraiser): Making survival bracelets out of 550lb par shoot cord. Bracelets are unique and seem to sell well everywhere. Many places we could sell, many colors available. Easy and fun plus great return on our efforts. Each member was asked to take a few to sell to jump start the fundraiser.
- Car wash at Arby's- Saturday, April 18th.
- Fundraiser planned together with Century Leo club.
- Cancer walk: At the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Several clubs from Liberty taking part in it. In support of the “Make a Wish Foundation”. April 19th
- Leader Dog banquet April 23rd - the club has approved a \$100 donation for Leader Dogs, and Leos are invited to attend the banquet as guests of the Lions club.
- Stop Hunger Now!
- We will work with the Lions and the Century Leos to assemble 10,000 meals for the hungry of the world in a single morning. Project is on May 9th (a Saturday), from 9-11am.
- Mothers' Day: a project to brighten the day for local nursing home residents by visiting to deliver bouquets of flowers. This will be on May 10th but the times have not yet been arranged Leo Awards and Appreciation Night. Leos are invited to attend a Lions dinner meeting in May.

Mount Airy Middle School Leo Club:

No report

Silver Oak Academy:

Charter Celebration April 18th, 2015

Springfield Middle School Leo Club:

No report

South Carroll Leo Club:

FEED THE HUNGRY – Several Leo's helped at Taylorsville United Methodist Church in Taylorsville to package 10,000 meal to feed the hungry in Africa.

February we had no meetings because of school closing.

In March the Leos held a board meeting and decided to sell Panera Bread Coupons again at TWLC Basket Bingo. They have also been collecting can goods and 1 Ham to provide an Easter Dinner for the Cavalier Pantry at the high school. The weather has played a huge roll in this new clubs planned activities.

The Board will bring up at our March 23rd meeting to make a donation of \$100.00 to 5k Run for Ava – Watkins Park on April 11th. The Board also discussed donation for Leader Dog.

In May the Leos will help TWLC with a yard sale and possibly have their own table of treasurer and baked goods.

Thurmont Middle School Leo Club:

Thurmont Middle School Leo Club sponsored by the Thurmont Lions Club

Currently have 22 members – Inducted the officers at the November Leo meeting. New members were inducted during the December meeting

TMS President: Leo Annalise Lewis, TMS Faculty Advisors: Rachael Stecyk and Leroy Hand, TLC Advisors: Lions Joyce Anthony and Gayle DiSalvo

Fundraising events held and results: Community Show Food Booth, Thurmont-Emmitsburg Community Show, September 5-7, 2014

Leo's volunteered a total of 31 hours helping as food runners and any job that needed to be done.

Colorfest, Thurmont Lions Club Food Booth, October 11-12, 2014 Leo's volunteered a total of 38 hours helping as food runners, Snickers/Oreos/Twinkies fryers and runners and any job that needed to be done

Held a food drive for the 7th and 8th grades for the Thurmont Food Bank in December collecting approximately 350 items

Held a second food drive for the 6th grade for the Thurmont Food Bank in January collecting 400 items

During the month of January a Coat and Blanket drive was held. Their objective was to help individuals, young and old, who did not have the basic resources needed to keep warm and healthy during the cold weather. There were a total of 237 coats and blankets collected. Thank you letters were prepared for the JerMae Estate Community, Weller Church, Thurmont Lions Club, students, parents, teachers, friends, etc. for their support of this heart-warming project.

Leo's jumped rope and shot hoops to raise funds for the American Heart Association. They raised \$365.

Leo's are kicking off their pennies campaign on "Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Pennies for Patients" program

An "All you can eat" spaghetti dinner will be held on April 28th - busy selling tickets

Donation to Leader Dog Program

Service activities held and results: Spy school program at the Thurmont Regional Library on September 10, 2014. There were multiple stations set up (fingerprinting, invisible ink, code wheels, agility course, memory, etc.). There were six Leos volunteering each manning a station for one hour.

During the month of October, the TMS Leos promoted and supported awareness of breast cancer. Posters were placed around the school and "pink" items were placed in the office ("pink" pencils, bracelets, wrapped candy) for all to help themselves to support the Leo's project.

Held a toiletry drive to benefit the Thurmont Food Bank for their Make a Difference Day project from October 8-16, 2014. Approximately 300 items were collected and delivered to the Thurmont Food Bank.

Plan to participate in "Christmas in Thurmont" by helping at the entrance table, etc. (Activities to be determined)

Donated \$9.00 to support a Leo ad in the District Governor's Social Book.

Volunteered at the Thurmont Senior Center on November 8 to help with the celebration honoring our local Veterans and their families – worked in the kitchen serving food and also helping to keep the tables cleared

Created Christmas cards for the veterans – portion of the cards were sent to Operation Second Chance for veterans at Walter Reed Hospital, and the remaining portion delivered to Kountry Kitchen to be given to; a Thurmont mother who has a son on active duty for his unit

Promoted and supported Awareness of Breast Cancer – Placed posters around the school and “pink” items were placed in the office (pencils, bracelets, wrapped candy) for everyone to help themselves in support of the Leos*

Held two spirit-giving projects for the holidays -- (1) made cookies for the custodians and cross guards at the Thurmont Middle School; and (2) filled small red Christmas stockings with peanut butter candies to deliver to the residents at St. Catherine’s Nursing Home in Emmitsburg -- the Leo’s helped with the resident’s bingo activity whereby the stockings were used as bingo prizes.

On February 13th, the Leo’s participated in the Thurmont Regional Library and Senior Center Valentine’s Day Party helping the seniors to make crafts, valentines and enjoyed treats and snacks with them.

On March 14th helped to move books from the Thurmont Regional Library to a temporary storage house

Planned April – June events- Leo’s will be helping: the town of Thurmont personnel to plant trees and shrubs; TLC Easter egg hunt; TLC basket bingo

Number planning to participate in the Leo Leadership weekend: No participants – information was not received regarding the event

Planned fundraisers and causes: Will be following the ‘dosomething.org website for future projects. Possible a car wash

Any other significant information you would like to share: Inducted the 11 new TMS Leo members during the December meeting

Leo President Annalise and Leo Devon attended the TLC 85th Charter Night. After their charter was re-dedicated, President Annalise spoke

TMS Leo Club celebrated their 5th anniversary in October*

Celebrated International Leo Day on December 5th

Thurmont Lions Club Leo Advisors gave a pizza party to the Leo’s at Rocky’s Restaurant on December 30th as a fun time for their support and dedication to the community

Electing officers for the 2015-2016 school year

Submitting an application for “Leo of the Year”

Submitting an application for “Leo Club Excellence Award”

Walkersville Middle School Leo Club:

No report

Williamsport High School Leo Club:

No report

LCIF – Kent Eitemiller (2014/2015) – IPDG

As of the end of February the district is far behind in donations to LCIF. Only 27 of the 57 clubs or members of clubs have made a donation as of the end of February, 2015. This equates to only 47.37% of the clubs making a donation. The Clubs and Club Members have donated \$17024.00 which includes the \$1,000 donated in honor of the guest speaker at the District Social. The grand total is only 39 % of the district goal of \$44,000. Please consider honoring one of your members by contributing \$1,000.00 and naming a Melvin Jones Fellowship in their honor. The Melvin Jones/LCIF Banquet is scheduled for April 11th at Terra Rubra and the flyers/invitations have been sent out. As of the middle of March I have not received many reservations. PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK IN ASAP. The guest speaker will be PID Joe Gaffigan.

Lioness Coordinator – Lioness Jane Staley

No report

Lions Quest – Lion Sam Foster

No report

I would like to thank our GLT District Coordinator Martin Bonura and DG John Parker for selecting me to attend the Advanced Lions Leadership institute in Calgary. At the Institute I had the opportunity to study and discuss a number of

topics that are of great importance in a leadership role in our association. I had the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other Lions and to build new relationships.

I feel that this Institute has enhanced my knowledge of leadership fundamentals, membership programs, and LCIF. Other sessions sharpened my skills related to conflict resolution, project management, teamwork, and delegation. I now hope to use these new skills for the benefit of the club and district and to further leadership development by sharing this experience with others. It's up to me.

The class theme was: "Stampede To Lead" and on Facebook: "Stampede To Lead #1 ALLI 2015"

Lions Quest - Co-Chair Sandy Parker:

LCI's Lions Quest Department, Michelle Anderson, Educational Program Specialist and Penny Willis, Training and Program Development, invited me to participate in a marketing research call regarding the Lions Quest program. The new marketing staff person, Maurice Van Horne, is working to develop new marketing strategies and materials for the program. The one hour discussion covered the following:

Why the long time stakeholders are passionate about the program:

- What gets them excited and what gets the teachers they work with excited about the program?
- Why do they think it's important to take the time to teach these skills?
- Is it all about the program or does the LCIF connection come into play?
- What are some words and sentences they use when they talk about Lions Quest that resonate with educators?
- What will get teachers and administrators interested in the program?
- What 2 or 3 points does the marketing message need to emphasize?
- What doesn't get people excited about Lions Quest, i.e., what have we done in the past that did not resonate with educators? Anything to avoid?

The conference call on January 14, 2015, was very beneficial and enjoyable. In February, I received a follow up e-mail from LCI. A suggestion I mentioned about marketing the Lions Quest program is being considered. Stay tuned!

She encouraged the clubs to make a special donation to help meet our share of a Lions grant for \$25,000. We need to raise about \$8,333.

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Below is a letter that I requested Cabinet Secretary Gerry Beachy to send to each club requesting financial support to start drawing down on the grant from LCI:

February 22, 2015

Dear Fellow Lions of District 22W,

Hello from Lions Quest Co-Chair Sandy Parker. On behalf of District 22 W, I am requesting your help in obtaining the matching funds for the LCIF Lions Quest Core 4 grant. It was an honor to be approved for a \$25,000 grant last August, and we have a match of \$8,333. The grant is written for a three-year period. We are six months into this 3-year grant period and, to date, I have received donations from two of our 57 clubs in the amount of \$700.00. There are funds in the district budget (Lions Quest line item) of approximately \$3,200 (this includes the \$700.00 mentioned above). Last week I was contacted by LCIF. They are requesting information about when the workshops will take place. I have intentionally delayed the drawdown because I cannot commit District 22W into a financial obligation unless the District is in agreement to meet the required matching dollars. I need your support to move forward.

A brief summary of the grant:

Year 1: Implementation of Lions Quest at the Jefferson School at Finan Center in Allegany County -- (2-day training workshop)

Year 2: Implementation of Lions Quest at Silver Oak Academy in Carroll County (2-day training workshop)

Years 2 & 3: Pilot the Skills for Adolescence: Out of School Training for each region in 22W (Four one-day training workshops)

Please take this information to your clubs and let me know if you are committed to this grant. My contact information is listed below. Donations should be sent to District 22 W Cabinet Treasurer, Lenny Gares, 18627 Rose Hill Drive, Rawlings, MD 21557.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information and any questions. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Yours in Lionism,
Lions Quest Co-Chair
Lion Sandy Parker
Rt. 1, Box 122A 30
Keyser, WV 26726
E-Mail: sparker@pennswoods.net

Lions Vision Research Foundation – Lion Rodney Timmons

The convention is fast approaching. Be sure to include the LVRF seminar on May 21st in your plans. If you wonder what LOVRNet is about and how the Lions participate, you will want to attend. Dr. Massof is the speaker and he will talk about the Lions participation, tell about progress to date and the future.

Interest has been shown in other parts of the country. This gives us a promising outlook for improving low vision care throughout the nation. Come see what your part will be as a Lion volunteer.

I always leave excited by the thought that Dr. Patz vision, involving the Lions, is helping the vision impaired right here in our multiple district and beyond. Helen Keller asked the Lions to be the knights for the blind and advised Dr. Patz that, "if you want to get something done ask the Lions."

I want to thank all the clubs and Lions for the contributions that were made here in 22W. Your efforts are noticed at LVRF. If you can give an hour to share the vision at the LVRF booth at the convention exhibit hall, please contact me or PCC Clare Newcomer.

Lion Sandy Parker encouraged Lions to get involved with LOVRNET.

Newsletter Editor – Lion Phyllis Thompson

No report

Nominations – Paul Cannada, PDG

We are voting on 5 candidates at the Mult. Dist. 22 Convention: 2 running for endorsement of International Director: PCC Bob Muchow and CC Dick Liebno, FVDG Bob Mitchell for District Governor, SVDG Brian Cox for First Vice District Governor, and Lion Susan Bonura for Second Vice District Governor.

Peace Poster Contest – Walter Russell, PDG

Make sure to order the Peace Poster Kits and to check with your school or schools with the title of the theme this year which is "Share Peace".

Pin Coordinator – Lion Linda Sherfey

No report

Preschool Vision Screening – Lion Elwood Glass

The re-organization of the Lions Multiple District 22 Preschool Vision Screening Program and the Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation as mandated by the current Council of Governors is nearing completion. The new name for the organization, at this time, will be 'Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation'. The representatives from each sub-district will now be known as Trustees and the two trustees appointed by District Governor John Parker are Lion Elwood Glass (LaVale Lions) and Lion Ron Kafchinski (Deer Park Lions). Lion Elwood Glass was appointed To Chair the Preschool Vision Screening aspect of the Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation and also be the sub-district 22-W representative. Lion Ron Kafchinski, the other sub-district 22-W representative was elected as Secretary of the Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation. Further information will follow as available on other re-organizational efforts.

The following is the report of vision screening activities to date in District 22-W.

Number of clubs active in vision screening.....	19 Lions Clubs 1 Lioness Club
Number of screening sessions.....	157

Number of children screened..... 2938
Number of children referred for professional evaluation.... 290 (9.87%)

We can be very proud of the work and dedication by members of the screening groups of the PSVSP for our district. So many lives may be changed by their efforts.

Public Relations and Publicity – Lion Bill Strauss

The most visible to the greatest audience publicity event of the year, the participation of Lions from Multiple Districts 22 and 24 (all of Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia) in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D. C., will take place on May 25th. I will participate on the Parade Committee at the request of PDG “Woody” Woodard as in past years in the areas of publicity and registration of Lions from District 22W.

The Lions unit of the parade is made up of three units. The first unit is the “Sea of Purple” of the banners of all the clubs. This is followed by marching Lions, LEOs and Lionesses. The third unit is the float. Plans for the Lion dignitaries are not complete, but one PID is committed and one PIP is interested in participating.

What makes the Lions unit impressive is the banners. We ask all clubs to seriously consider participating this year. In addition to your banner, all that is required is one or two Lions to carry it. Clubs who sponsor LEO clubs are encouraged to get them involved – they could carry both their banner and the club banner. Last year’s participation was down from previous years – we don’t want that trend to continue.

Research and Long Range Planning – Clare M. Newcomer, PCC

No report

Sergeant At Arms – Lion Tony O’Toole

No report

Sight Conservation/Eyeglass Recycling – Lion Robert Martin

No report

Sight Conservation/White Cane – Lion Mike Ritchey

No report

Social – Tom Jefts, PDG

On October 4, 2014, District 22W’s Social was held in Hagerstown, MD at the Clarion Hotel and Hager Hall Conference Center 192 Lions, Lioness and Guest’s, from around the Multiple District were in attendance.

PID Dr. H. Hauser Weiler from Lancaster VA was the Guest Speaker.

A donation to LCIF was made in His Name.

A final report will be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary and the Balance of the Social Fund sent to next year’s Social Committee Chair around the First of April.

Song Leader – Bob Miller, PDG

No report

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2014 – Richard Liebno, CC

No report

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2015 – Kent Eitemiller, IPDG

The date this year is: Sept. 17-19, 2015. He encouraged us to attend.

Vehicle Tags – Lion W. Roger Sauter

No report

VIP Committee/Lions Information – Marion Carmack, PDG

He encouraged us to attend the Mult. Dist. Convention. PDG Steve Finger told us that valet parking for the entire convention is \$5 plus tips.

Youth Foundation – Buck Fisher, PDG

No report

Youth Foundation - Robert Disinger, PDG

No report

First Vice District Governor – Lion Bob Mitchell

As always District 22W has been very busy in the time since our last Cabinet meeting. In spite of the inclement weather we experienced this past winter season, all clubs have pulled together and have worked very hard to make their communities better places to live.

I had the opportunity to attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Annapolis on February 7th. This meeting primarily was to discuss the upcoming Multiple District Convention on May 18 through 21st. The Convention Committee is hard at work to make this year's Convention one to remember. I urge everyone to attend the Convention, it's a great event and extremely fun spending time with all the Lions from Multiple District 22.

On February 28th through March 1st I attended the Constitutional Area 1-A First Vice District Governors GLT Area Training in Milford, MA. This training consisted mostly of preparing goals and action plans in the areas of leadership and membership. The instruction was very good and the interaction and networking with all the other First Vice District Governors was very valuable.

The District Governors and Vice District Governors training that was held March 6th through March 7th, was as usual very informative. Our District 22W Global Leadership Team and the Multiple District 22 Global Leadership Team do a great job in preparing our future leaders for their very important tasks of leading our Districts. The District 22 B Social was also held on March 7th and was a very nice evening. It was a Eastern Shore fare themed Social and the atmosphere was very casual and relaxed and the Eastern Shore fare was delicious.

I look forward to attending the upcoming Multiple 22 Convention being held in Dover, DE. It's a great time to come out and network with all the Lions from the Multiple and also forge new friendships and have fun.

I will be continuing to travel our District and visit as many clubs as possible and look forward to attending many upcoming events. It is so gratifying to attend these functions and hear about all the hard work that is done throughout the District to make all our communities better places. Thank all of you for being a part of our great organization, its all of you that make District 22W the best.

Second Vice District Governor - Brian Cox

Thanked everyone for his support this year and all Lions for what they have done this year.

Old Business

Lioness Jane Falkner encourage each club to donate to the medical van being proposed by SVDG Brian Cox.

New Business

Upcoming dates:

April 12 FSU Campus Club Chicken BBQ at Frostburg City Place starting at 9 AM support of Relay for Life

April 20-23 Leader Dog

April 24 Relay for Life: relayforlife.com

FSU Campus Club has a team and invites all Lions Clubs to join them

April 30 PU-101 deadline

May 18-21 Mult. Dist. 22 Convention

June 26-30 LCI Contention Hawaii

DG John told us he inducted 4 new members at the FSU Campus Lions Club. They haven't dropped any original members.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Attachment: District 22W Finance Report