

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 22-W  
SECOND CABINET MEETING – NOVEMBER 15, 2015  
Hagerstown, Maryland**

**Attendance (65)** - DG Bob Mitchell (Taneytown), IPDG John Parker (Potomac Valley), FVDG Brian Cox (Terra Rubra), SVDG Susan Bonura (South Carroll), CS Gary Buchman (Freedom District), CT Barbara Brimigion (Freedom District), **Region Chairs:** Frank Schaller (Smithsburg), Bill Strauss (Libertytown Unionville), **Zone Chairs:** Sandy Moore (Mason-Dixon), Lois Conrad (Williamsport), Pol Heiney (Hagerstown), Wayne Sherfey (Taneytown), Andrew DeMario Jr. (Lineboro-Manchester), Bob Bastress (Freedom District), **International Director:** Richard Liebno (Deer Park), **Past Council Chairs:** John Hopkins (Silver Run – Union Mills), Bob Muchow (Thurmont), **Past District Governors:** Paul Cannada (Thurmont), Marion Carmack Jr. (New Market District), Andrew DeMario Sr. (Lineboro-Manchester), Buck Fisher (Middletown), Tom Jefts (Sharpsburg), Cecil Massie (Union Bridge), Bob Miller (South Carroll), Roger Moore (Sharpsburg), Margarito “Och” Ochoa (Terra Rubra), Walt Russell (Frederick), **Lions:** James Fair (Taneytown), Debbie Fisher (Middletown), Aldeth Moore (Sharpsburg), Sue Miller (South Carroll), Sue Beachy (North Branch), Gerry Beachy (Grantsville), Anna Jefts (Sharpsburg), Bonnie Schaller (Smithsburg), Bob Johnson (Thurmont), Cartha Johnson (Thurmont), Dick Nye (Williamsport), Stan Stouffer (Williamsport), Larry Miller (Williamsport), Phyllis Thompson (Myersville), Bill Thompson (Myersville), Susan Cox (Terra Rubra), Michael Garner (Taneytown), Barbara Weaver (Smithsburg), Linda Sherfey (Taneytown), Richard Hosfeld (Valley), Martin Bonura (South Carroll), Allan Chrest (Silver Run – Union Mills), Nadja Muchow (Thurmont), Myron Horn (Freedom District), Joann Russell (Frederick), Donna Jackman (West Hagerstown), Thelma Myers (West Hagerstown), Elizabeth Stone (West Hagerstown), Jane Falker (Hancock Lioness Lions), Faye Conley (Hancock Lioness Lions), Sue Ensor (Libertytown-Unionville), Elwood Glass (LaVale), Bill Nairn (Hagerstown), David Kaplan (Hagerstown), Richard Pickett (New Market District), **Lioness:** Tammy Needy (Hagerstown Lioness), Lesley Smith (Hagerstown Lioness), Ellen Gercke (Hagerstown Lioness)

The Honorary Committee of Past District Governors met at Noon.

The cabinet meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Lion Frank Schaller, Region II Chair, at Elks Lodge #378, 11063 Robinwood Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland. The pledge was led by ID Richard Liebno, the song by PDG Bob Miller, and the invocation prayer by PDG Roger Moore. The meeting was then adjourned for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:45pm. RC Frank Schaller introduced those present according to protocol and then turned the meeting over to DG Bob Mitchell.

**Opening Remarks: Lion Bob Mitchell, DG**

DG Bob Mitchell thanked RC Frank Schaller for his efforts in arranging for the location of the cabinet meeting and those present for attending today to work on the district’s business. He

reminded all that the voting cabinet consists of the IPDG, DG, FVDG, SVDG, CS, CT, Region Chairs and Zone Chairs.

**Reading of Minutes from August 9, 2015 Cabinet Meeting: Lion Gary Buchman, CS**  
SVDG Susan Bonura moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August 9, 2015 cabinet meeting and that they be approved as previously distributed; the motion was seconded by FVDG Brian Cox; the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Lion Barbara Brimigion, CT**

As of November 7, 2015, District 22W has a cash-on-hand balance of \$80,571.09. This includes \$25,074.85 in the Administrative Operating account, \$55,406.24 in the Service Programs account and a donation of \$90.00 to Lions District 22W Foundation (see attached report). All clubs in our district have now paid their first semi-annual dues billing.

Money has been transferred from the Preschool Vision Equipment Service Program to Lions Savings Kids Sight (LSKS) to rectify a mistake made during the previous administration whereby the funds for two checks should have been sent to LSKS. I have received a donation from the Roaring Run Lions Club for the Leader Dog Canine Development Center, a donation from Oakland-Mt Lake Park for Leader Dog, a donation from LaVale Lions Club for Lions Quest, Medical Eye Bank of Maryland and Lions Saving Kids Sight. All checks are being forwarded. Since the preparation of the attached treasurer's report on November 7<sup>th</sup>, a check in the amount of \$7,650.00 has been sent to the American Diabetes Association.

Please note that the semi-annual billing which covers district & multiple district dues for the January-June 2016 period will be distributed to each District 22W club during the week of February 1, 2016. This second billing invoice will be based on each club's membership count as of December 31, 2015 according to the records of Lions Clubs International. This is also in accordance with our district's Constitution and By-Laws (on page 19), so please do not alter the invoice. If your club has lost members, please withdraw them from your membership in the MyLCI system before December 31<sup>st</sup> or you will be billed for their district and multiple district dues. Club payment of this billing is due by April 1, 2016. Additional information on this semi-annual billing can be found on page 113 of the District 22W roster book.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending an audit was made by RC Frank Schaller and seconded by IPDG John Parker; the motion carried.

**Correspondence – Lion Gary Buchman, CS**

All correspondence has been shared with clubs in District 22W via the "Weekly Correspondence" emails distributed each Monday or special emails as needed.

**Region I Chair – Lion Sandy Parker**

I will be absent from the Cabinet Meeting attending the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Chicago, Illinois from November 14-16th.

### **Zone 1: PDG Barbara McKenney**

**Deep Creek Lake Lions Club:** The club has been busy staffing the concession stands at Northern High School football games. The club also staffed a concession stand at the Autumn Glory festival, which draws a large crowd from the community and surrounding areas.

**Friendsville Lions Club:** The club participated and supported the Region I LVRF Golf Tournament. The club also was represented at Region I's LVRF banquet.

**Kitzmillier Lions Club:** The club supported the LVRF Golf Tournament and attended the LVRF banquet. The club is busy with community projects.

**Oakland-Mountain Lake Park Lions Club:** The club recently held a yard sale, handled chair rentals at the Autumn Glory Festival; held a 5K run/2 mile Walk for Sight with 400 participants; operated the concessions stand for the tournament of the bands; ran the concessions stand at Southern High School for 20 sporting events (football, soccer); hosted a Halloween parade in Oakland with games, cake walks and presented 400 – 450 treat bags.

### **Zone 2: Lion Bill Munck**

**North Branch Lions Club:** Carskadon Mansion Drywall Restoration; Food Drive - collected 500 cans for food pantry; attended first cabinet meeting in LaVale; members attended Region I-wide Zone Meeting; donated to Third Street fire victims relief fund; held Board of Directors Meeting; Movie In the Park, prepared snack bags; celebrated Charter Night - DG Visit; recycled 58 pairs of glasses; had Chicken BBQ; was host club for the LVRF Golf tournament; purchased glasses for 2 people; attended and donated at the annual LVRF banquet in Frostburg.

**Frostburg Lions Club:** Had 5th annual Pet Food Drive to benefit Ark of Hope Animal Rescue; Provided vision educational information at the Frostburg Farmers Market; Provided ALERT Emergency Preparedness literature at the Frostburg Farmers Market; Recycled toners, ink cartridges and cell phones; Eyeglasses Recycling - 46 pairs in August; Provided transportation to doctors appointments for Seniors; Provided 150 FEMA Ready Kids Activity Books through Lunch Box Program; Hearing Aid Recycling - 5 pairs of digital hearing aids; members attended Region I-wide Zone Meeting; met with Frostburg Lions/Village Lions to plan mutual activities; Summer Lunch Box ended - 6,700 lunches to kids, 700 lunches to seniors - 25 Lions participated; coordinated a dinner DG Bob Mitchell had with leaders of the Frostburg Lions, FSU Campus Club & Frostburg Village Lions; Distributed ALERT & Vision Literature at Craft Fair; participated with Region I Golf Tournament for LVRF; Attended and donated at the annual LVRF banquet in Frostburg; Served as chaperones for Ravens football game; Held vision screening training conducted by Lion Elwood Glass; celebrated 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Night on October 14th; conducting 7th annual Coats for Kids Coat Drive; we trimmed bushes and shrubs for Seniors.

**Frostburg Village Branch Club:** Pushy Partners - Provide assistance in pushing residents in wheelchairs to activities - everyday activity; Village Lions: Socialize & visit with patients and staff on a regular basis; Village Lions Fall Flower Bulb Sale; Village Lions: Regular monthly meetings to plan future activities; Village Lions & Frostburg Lions met to plan mutual activities;

had DG Bob Mitchell's official visit; Assembled goodie bags for LVRF Golf Tournament; Literature Booth At Fall Craft Sale/Festival; Sold Bon Ton Coupon Books; Participated in Frostburg Lions 70th Charter Night; Village Lion Charter Member Lion Alice Reushfine passed away; Coat Drive - Coats for Kids & Adults.

**Frostburg State University Campus Club:** Provide volunteer van drivers for Frostburg Summer Lunch Box Program; had DG Bob Mitchell's official visit; Developed 3 Service Projects: Frostburg Grows, Salem House, and Animal Shelter Volunteering; Helped Cumberland Lions with fundraiser, planning spring chicken BBQ with Cumberland Lions; Will participate in Relay For Life with a team "Lion King"; Developing fundraiser for this semester; Developing a Chocolate Tasting for a fundraiser next semester; Participating with Frostburg Lions In Coat Drive.

**Lonaconing Lions Club:** Visitation with Grantsville, LaVale, and Friendsville Lions Clubs; Provide assistance to local persons who need rides for shopping, doctors, etc; Partner with Shrines, providing personnel for van driving, and other activities; Partner with area ambulance, providing cleaning and stocking of vehicle and fund raising; Partner with Knights of Columbus to provide community assistance and service as needed; Pickup and deliver medical equipment as needed and necessary; Partner w/local volunteer fire company to assist with calls, equipment and fundraising; Provide transportation for blind individuals to doctor's appointments; Partnership with local library, providing assistance as needed or requested; Attended first cabinet meeting in LaVale; Recycle eyeglasses - 30 pairs; Provide transportation for Amish family to doctor's appointments in Johnstown PA; Partner with Lonaconing Historical Society to sell building replicas; Partner with park staff to clean Dans Mountain Park picnic areas, and assist with repairs; helped with blood pressure screenings at Lonaconing senior center; Fixed and boxed 70 boxes of food for 70 Needy Families; Developing Partnership activities with Rotary Club; Attended vision screening training; Loaned 16 Pieces of medical equipment this month; Visitation w/Frostburg Club; Purchased meals for needy Families; Purchased 3 books for the Lonaconing Library; Developed plans for partnership with Knights of Columbus for coming year; had Charter Night observation; Assisted Frostburg Lions Club with vision screening.

**Potomac Valley Lions Club:** Attended first cabinet meeting in LaVale; Hosted Region-wide Zone Meeting; held annual picnic at Fore Sisters Golf Course & DG Bob Mitchell's official visit; held Chicken BBQ fundraiser; Annual community picnic - Lions partnership with Fire Dept. and other groups; Participated in LVRF Golf Tournament; Attended the District 22W Social; Attended and donated at the annual LVRF dinner in Frostburg.

**Grantsville Lions Club:** Garrett County Fair Kettle Corn Booth; Attended first cabinet meeting in LaVale; Eyeglasses Recycling - 298 pairs; Kettle Corn @ the Western MD Truck show; Joint Meeting with Confluence, PA Lions; Purchased glasses for 2 individuals; Partnership with North Branch Lions Club to help clean up the Veterans Park In Westernport; Helped LaVale Lions with Chicken BBQ; Sold Kettle Corn at Grantsville Elementary Fall Festival; held 54th Annual Charter Night.

**Zone 3: Lion Sandy Moore**

**Cumberland Lions Club:** The club held its 22nd Annual Fiddle and Banjo contest followed by a concert on Oct 24 at the Palace Theatre in Frostburg. This was accompanied by a Chicken BBQ held at City Place.

**LaVale Lions Club:** Completed two successful chicken barbecues (September and October) with a total of over 21,000 dinners served. Donated uncooked chicken to local food bank and some cooked chicken to the local rescue mission. Recycled cardboard, plastic bottles and soda cans from both events. Also, completed highway clean up during October. We have ongoing pre-school vision screening and distribution of hospital and convalescent equipment service projects. Planning friendship/Lions information dinner for Tuesday, November 3 for prospective members as part of 2015/2016 membership campaign "Break the Glass Ceiling" by passing the 100 member mark. Will be hosting DG Bob Mitchell on November 17 for his official visit. On November 21, will be hosting 20 underprivileged children for the annual Christmas shopping trip to local Wal-Mart. Club buys needed clothing items for the children and will host them at breakfast following shopping. Christmas tree sale starts the first Friday in December. Also, as part of Make A Difference Day we had two of our members perform a combined 26 hours at the recent Mission of Mercy Dental Event at the Allegany County Fairgrounds.

**Mt Savage Mason-Dixon Lions Club:** The club participated in the Mt Savage Labor Day parade where we threw candy to the children. In September, we manned a booth at Mt Savage Iron Rail Days where we sold apple butter as a fundraiser and talked to prospective members. We held our Fall Bingo fundraiser in October. Our Oct 24th Make A Difference Day project was our 3rd Annual Community Halloween Parade and Costume Contest Party. We sponsored a parade with over 100 costumed walkers, three fire companies, antique tractors and fire trucks and dance troupes and floats. The parade was followed by a party at the fire hall where the Masonic Temple prepared and distributed hot dogs, the Lions gave treat bags and juice boxes. The club also gave the costume winners gift card prizes by age groups in categories of Prettiest, Ugliest, Funniest, and Most Original/Unusual. Upcoming events are the Lions Club Community Christmas Tree Lighting Party on Sunday Nov. 29th at the Mt Savage Fire Hall. The club decorates the trees in town and then the old man himself, Santa (Pres. Harry Hutzell) arrives by fire truck to light the trees. The club sponsors a party with a program, refreshments and treats and the children have an opportunity to visit with Santa. The club holds its own Christmas party usually at the December dinner meeting.

**Oldtown Lions Club:** The club is selling car raffle tickets; drawing is Dec. 26th, tickets come from Lions Club in Delaware. On Dec. 5th at the Oldtown Vol. Fire Hall we will have a Senior Citizens Christmas Party where Santa comes and gives everyone a gift. We will have finger foods, door prizes for everyone and entertainment. Then on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Christmas dinner for all members - at this time we will fill approximately 20 fruit baskets and give to the sick or shut-ins. In the spring we are planning a Chicken BBQ in April or May (weather permitting). In June, we will have a 2-day BBQ at Oldtown Summer Fest. Also, in June we attend the Fishing Rodeo to help the handicapped - at that time a trophy will be given out for the prize catch. In the spring we also take orders for Vidalia Onions.

**Region II Chair – Lion Frank Schaller**

**Zone 1: Lion Lois Conrad**

**Clear Spring Lions Club:** Made a \$1,000.00 donation to Farmer's & Hunters Feeding the Hungry; donated to Clear Spring High School for the Interstate Classic Cross Country Meet; held a fundraiser at the Fort Frederick French and Indian War Muster by selling hot dogs, drinks etc; held DG Bob Mitchell's official visit on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> which included the induction of a new member; club will ring the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>; hold our annual Chicken and Waffle supper on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>; the Club's Holiday event will be held at the Washington County Playhouse on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Halfway Lions Club:** There was no service or fundraising in October. In November we will assist the rec center with feeding the needy for Thanksgiving. In December there will be an "adopt a family" for Christmas, utilizing school as a referral source for approximately 2-4 families.

**Hancock Lions Club:** In October – sold BBQ chicken, chicken breast & steamer sandwiches, & funnel cakes at the Apple Butter Festival in Berkeley Springs, WV; provided float and participation in Hancock Annual Halloween Parade. In November – the club will be celebrating its 63rd Charter Night on November 9<sup>th</sup>. In December - we will provide a free Christmas dinner for the townspeople of Hancock, MD and the surrounding area. We served in excess of some 630 meals last year, including around 200-250 shut-ins, which are delivered to their door. The event is one of Hancock Lion's Club's longest traditions. Through the entire year, the Hancock Lion's Club is active in collecting eyeglasses and distributing various hospital equipment throughout the region to people in need. We also receive calls from Meritus Hospital for anyone needing assistance in our area. In addition, Hancock Lion's Club members are busy throughout the year, with other committees and activities of, and through the town, giving of themselves to anyone in need throughout the area through various programs...i.e. Christmas for others, CAMP JOY, etc.

**Hancock Lioness Lions Club:**

Five members assisted with Eye/Vision Screening for the children at Hancock Elementary School and Good Shepherd Preschool; two members attended the District 22W Social where Lion Faye Conley received a International President's Certificate of Appreciation; we collected 93 food items in September & October for the back pack program for the children; we made Funnel Cakes for Canal Apple Days Festival and entered a float in the parade - which won second place; several of our members assisted the Hancock Lions Club with making funnel cakes at the Apple Butter Festival in Berkeley Springs, WV; Five members attended and made a donation the Region 2 LVRF banquet; for Make a Difference Day project we gave food baskets to the residents of Monterey Houes in Hancock; we had two potential new members attend our meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>; we had a bake sale at the Halloween Parade on October 28<sup>th</sup> and entered a float in the Halloween Parade. In November/December - we will make a donation to Sight Firs II (LSKS); several of our members plan to attend the Berkeley Springs Lions Charter Night; we will assist the Hancock Lions Club with serving a dinner to the community in December; and we will make a donation to Christmas for Others.

**Williamsport Lions Club:** In September - the new Volvo Power Day funnel cake fundraiser on the 19th was a disappointment due to Volvo's event planning and lack of promotion, but with Volvo's planned changes to the event, we expect to have it become a major fundraiser in future years. The proposed Rodeo Jam fundraiser on the 26th did not take place - the event was cancelled by its organizers. In October - President Dick Nye attended the District 22-W District Social and the club held DG Bob Mitchell's official visit on October 13<sup>th</sup> which included the induction of two new members; we conducted trash pickup along Virginia Avenue; visited & conducted bingo at Homewood Retirement Village; donated Pumpkin funnel cakes at Children's Village safety day; three Williamsport Lions attended & made a donation at the Region 2 LVRFBanquet in Chewsville; had the Mayor of Williamsport and Town Clerk as program speakers to discuss the \$8 million C&O Cushwa Basin Canal Aqueduct and Lift Bridge Project which is now fully funded and scheduled for completion in August, 2017. In November - our MADD project will be tree trimming and maintenance with the Town of Williamsport's annual Fall cleanup; we plan to attend the Cabinet Meeting; host the Region 2 Multi-Zone Meeting; conduct bingo at Homewood Retirement Village; responsible for meal preparation at the town's Shepherd's Table program serving a weekly free meal to those in need. In December - we plan to have Homewood Bingo Christmas Party with residents; prepare annual Christmas Baskets and Toys for distribution in Williamsport. We also serve with our annual Mitten Tree for Potomac Center residents, and sponsor Coats for Kids collection at the Valley Mall. We will join with other organizations in the town's annual Charlie Brown Christmas Tree Displays at the Springfield Barn. .

## **Zone 2: Lion Pol Heiney**

**Chewsville Lions Club:** No report.

**Hagerstown Lions Club:** The club contributed funds & manpower towards a project sponsored by Washington County Public Schools to feed hungry children during the summer; we inducted two new members during September/October; held DG Bob Mitchell's official visit on October 20<sup>th</sup>; on November 2<sup>nd</sup> members of the club participated in San Mar's Food Collection and Distribution Day to provide food to those in need in Hagerstown; the club held its annual John Harrison Memorial Pancake Day fundraiser on November 7<sup>th</sup> (over 1,900 tickets were sold as of 11/03/15); on November 14<sup>th</sup> we will pack Luminaries.

**Longmeadow Lions Club:** In late August, the club moved to a new meeting location - the Railroad Junction Family Restaurant at 301 Burhans Blvd. in Hagerstown; we continue to collect used medicine bottles (150 to date) for the "Malawi Project"; five members volunteer at a Food/Clothing Bank one day each month; donated 85 "Lions Coloring and Activities Books" to the annual Hagerstown Children's Book Drive; conducted a Sandwich Sale fundraiser in October; having a joint Christmas meeting with the West Hagerstown Lions Club in December at which toys & games will be collected for Salvation Army; members will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**West Hagerstown Lions Club:** The club has just completed a very successful Ham Sandwich Sale; four members attended and made a donation at Region 2 LVRFBanquet; we will be selling

crafts made by some of our members at various Craft Shows and the Hagerstown Market House; having a joint Christmas meeting with the Longmeadow Lions Club in December at which toys & games will be collected for Salvation Army; members will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at entrance to JC Penny's inside the Mall.

### **Zone 3: Lion Eric Davis**

**Boonsboro Lions Club:** The club had a chicken BBQ in October and is participating in the District 22W Peace Poster Contest. Our Make A Difference Day project is to supply winter coats to the students who participate in South County Micah's Backpack Program. We purchased a total of 83 coats and delivered them to four elementary schools. The club is sponsoring a substance abuse seminar on November 18<sup>th</sup> titled "The Truth about Heroin and Substance Abuse in Washington County".

**Funkstown Lions Club:** Club members collected trash along Alternate Route 40 and had a Halloween party.

**Sharpsburg Lions Club:** The club is conducting a Country Ham Sandwich Sale as a fundraiser in November and will be visiting Fahrney Keedy Memorial Home.

**Smithsburg Lions Club:** The club participated in Vision Days events on October 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>; sold 288 subs as a Sandwich Sale fundraiser; had a Halloween give-a-way at Smithsburg Fire Department on October 29<sup>th</sup>; and will be holding train show on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Region III Chair – Lion Bill Strauss**

The Region is having its second Region III All Zone meeting on November 18, 2015. Zone Chair Don Keeney and the Thurmont Lions Club are sponsoring the event. It will be held at the Mountaingate Family Restaurant in Thurmont. We are continuing the format of the meeting initiated at the first Region III All Zone meeting by minimizing our oral club reports (full published reports will be given to all in attendance) in favor of a program of interest to Lions. We are very fortunate to have with us at this meeting PDG Ken Chew of District 22D, Co-Chair of the LOVRNET Committee of the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF). He is coming all the way from Wilmington, Delaware to speak to us. His topic is LOVRNET which is an acronym for "Low Vision Rehabilitation Network". He is the author of "LOVRNET ~ Emerging From A Dream" on page 7 of LionsVision newsletter, delivered by mail to all Lions of Multiple District 22 in late September.

### **Zone 1: Lion Don Keeney, Jr.**

**Emmitsburg Lions Club:** In August, the Emmitsburg Lions conducted a health fair in partnership with the Gettysburg Hospital's community outreach through WellSpan. This included blood screenings, vision acuity and hearing screenings, and informative health related presentations. We served more than 100 participants. During September and October, the Emmitsburg Lions teamed with members of the Thurmont, FSK, and Middletown Lions to conduct preschool vision screenings to about 250 children in the Head Start program of Frederick County. Our club is planning additional PSVS in November. The club assisted two



clients in September and one client in October with eye examinations and corrective eyewear. Our chicken BBQ fundraiser scheduled for October 3 was rained out with a negative impact on our Activities fund. Lion President Cliff Sweeney has set up a Wing Feed committee to initiate a new fundraiser for early next year. The club oversaw with the help of other groups the Halloween activities in Emmitsburg, complete with trick-or-treat, parade, costume awards, games, music, and a party at the fire hall. In November we gear up for our two-month annual Christmas Food Drive where we will provide Christmas food baskets for over 50 of our area's families.

**Middletown Lions Club:** The Middletown Lions Club has had a busy quarter. In August, we finished up another successful season of ice cream sales. We also invited representatives from the Middletown Boys Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scout troops to attend one of our meetings where we gave them our donations. In addition we collected school supplies for distribution to needy students and paid for one eye exam. In September, we held our third chicken/ pulled pork BBQ. We also set up a Lions information tent at the BBQ and had several people interested in becoming members. One of these became an active member in October and the others are still potential members. We participated in the Middletown Heritage Days Parade where our float won third place and hosted our annual joint picnic with Myersville Lions Club. In October, we participated in the Frederick County Health Fair for Make a Difference day. We did 51 children's vision screenings there and additional preschool vision screenings at our local library. Members walked in the Diabetes Walk and the club donated as well. We participated in a successful fundraiser through Boscov's Department Store shopping passes. Donations were made to LVRF and the Lions Youth Foundation. Our first pancake breakfast of the Lions year was held on Oct. 17th. To wrap up the month we sponsored the annual Middletown Halloween Parade, as well as participated with a float. Upcoming events include participation in holiday assistance for needy families and our Christmas Pancake breakfast with Santa on December 19th. Our collection of eyeglasses is ongoing.

**Myersville Lions Club:** The Myersville Lions Club continues having breakfasts on the first Saturday of each month at the Myersville Fire Hall. Our October breakfast was the largest we have ever had with over 300 guests in attendance. Work is in progress on the yearly calendar the Club sells. The Myersville & Middletown Lions held a joint meeting at a picnic hosted by the Middletown Lions Club. The club had the official visit of DG Bob Mitchell on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> where he presented the "Unsung Hero Award" to Lion Sandy Moss. Three of our members attended the District 22-W Social. Service Projects: our members have been working especially hard at the Middletown Food Bank helping to unpack 200 turkeys and turkey dinners as well as shelf and separate food received from the November Boy Scout Drive. (The drive supplies food for the Food Bank for six months.); members are collecting pill bottles to send to Longmeadow Lions for shipment to Africa. Our club provided pumpkins for the Myersville Harvest Festival for children to decorate.

**Thurmont Lions Club:** We started September by participating in the Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Fair where we sold food items and manned a Lions information table. FVDG Brian Cox joined our September 23 meeting to introduce his vision for the District 22 Mobile Health Unit. In October, we participated in the Catocin Colorfest with record sales for this two-day

event. We held Make a Difference Day; a combined effort between the Thurmont Lions, the Thurmont Food Bank and the Thurmont Clothes Closet held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall. The event concluded with a ceremony naming of the Thurmont Police Officer of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. The month ended by enjoying a wonderful evening celebrating our 86th Charter Night. DG Bob Mitchell, ID Richard Liebno and PID Ted Reiver were among the many distinguished guests. Awards were presented throughout the evening to include: one 10-year Chevron, one 15-year Chevron, two 20-year Chevrons, two 25-year Chevrons, a 45-year Chevron and a 60-year Chevron that was awarded to Lion Vic Jagow. Also, three members received District Governor Medals of Commendation, two members received the International President's Certificate of Achievement, four Membership Key Awards were also presented and Lion Larry Mundy received the District Governor's Unsung Hero Award. Our Thurmont Middle School and Catocin High School LEO Clubs were also re-dedicated with each LEO club president participating. We paused at the end of the evening to honor those members who passed during the year – Lion Ross DiSalvo and Lion Jeanne Barkman. One new member was inducted this quarter with two new member inductions pending. In November, the club plans to hold Friendship Night and Christmas Tree sales begin. In December, the club will be participating with Christmas in Thurmont; the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Community Remembrance Tree; Christmas Extravaganza to benefit LCIF on December 12<sup>th</sup>; and the club's Christmas Party.

**Yellow Springs Lions Club:** Monthly Bingo at both Citizens & Montevue Nursing Homes continues. We also continue to participate in the Yellow Springs Elementary School Backpack Program, packing food bags for students to supplement their weekend food as needed. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, we sponsored a Halloween Party for Community Living (150 people). We also participated in the Trunk or Treat program at Brookehill UMC in Yellow Springs. We are in the planning stages to participate in the Adopt a Road program. We are also planning to support a program with The Patty Pollatus Fund and Hospice.

### **Zone 2: Lion Laura Hauns**

**Brunswick Lions Club:** Our fundraising continues with bi-weekly Turkey Shoots on the 2nd & 4th Sundays hosted by Lions Merryland Park, Inc. We sponsored a successful BBQ. We sold almost 90% of available tickets for our November raffle. We supported Carroll Manor-Urbana Lions Club's Country Breakfast. We support our "Leave No Lion Behind" by visiting our club members who are in nursing homes, shut-in or recovering from health issues. We prepared and distributed 100 new 'Brunswick Lions Club' brochures. We contacted co-Chairs of Lifestyle Committee at Brunswick Crossing to talk about hosting a Friendship event at their Community Center. We made visitations to the Middletown Lions, Mt. Airy Lions, Lovettsville (VA) Lions, and the Harpers Ferry-Bolivar (WVa.) Lions. We presented a Melvin Jones Fellow award to Lion Ann Smallwood and Lion Bobby Smallwood received the club's Unsung Hero award. Lion Perry Hamilton and Lion Sheila attended the District 22-W Social. Dr. Carolyn Ormes, Doctor of Optometry at The Brunswick Family Vision Center provided five eye exams and eye glasses at no direct cost to children and adults. We helped Lovettsville VA Lions serve beer at their Oktoberfest. We provided eye exams and eye-glasses to two children and three Senior citizens. We supported the BHS FFA Community Show, the BHS Railroaders, Diabetes Research and the District 22-W Social.

**Carroll Manor-Urbana Lions Club:** We had District Governor Bob Mitchell's official visit on October 12<sup>th</sup> with an excellent turnout. The club served the food for the Fire Department's Gun Raffle and assisted the Flint Hill Methodist Church at their Bazaar. The club held a breakfast at the Flint Hill Methodist Church on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas Party is on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**New Market District Lions Club:** We experienced the loss of a very outstanding Lion in our club with the death of Lion Richard Lancaster in October. We had a very good turnout at the District Governor Bob Mitchell's official visit on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Three Lions attended the LVRFB banquet and the club made a donation. Two of our club fundraisers got off to a good start; the BIG TWENTY raffle and basket bingo for the week of November 21. We started a food packback program with one of our local elementary schools. We are planning a Friendship Night in late January. Visitations are well under way and the out of district visit was made while two Lions were on a cruise trip. The Club plans to continue our feed the hungry project by collecting food at our upcoming basket bingo.

**Monocacy Community Lions Club:**

The MCLC Club participated in Children's Dignity Week on September 1st by having a speaker from Heartly House give a presentation of the services they provide. Our club donated 40 children's books (for all ages, from newborn to pre-teen), as well as coloring books and crayons. It was decided that our Club and others in the District could/should partner with this worthwhile organization. On Saturday, September 5th, several Lions participated in Downtown Frederick's First Saturday. We had a table on the 'Square Corner' where we had information regarding Leader Dog. The theme for First Saturday was 'Dog Days of Summer' so this was deemed appropriate. We raised \$40 in our collection jar, had bookmarks with dog stamps and markers for our children's activities. Many people stopped by our table during our four hours to hear how wonderful the Lions Leader Dog program is. On Saturday, September 12th we had a Membership Booth at the Urbana Fire Department Yard Sale. Guiding Lion Cartha Johnson and Lion Mark Voss manned the booth where we had four prospective members interested. We increased our membership by one member, Dr. Bob Gertz' wife Sharon Gertz joined our Club.

**Mount Airy 4 County Lions Club:** Our club is putting 100% of our time into Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. We are feeding 50 families on each holiday.

**Zone 3: Lion Jack Niemiec**

**Francis Scott Key Lions Club:** Our club continues to collect recycled eye glasses; purchase eye glasses for the needy; collect items for the Food Bank; conduct vision screening with the Emmitsburg Lions Club (screened 250 kids); had our MADD activity (vision screening) at Frederick Health Fair at the Frederick Fair Grounds on October 24th with Emmitsburg Lions Club and Middletown Lions Club; on November 24<sup>th</sup> we are having charity/membership night - two charities: Kids These Days & Special Olympics; made donation to Student Peace awards; selling of our annual Christmas Greens; ringing the Bell for Salvation Army in December; sponsoring a family or families with for a holiday gift program.

**Frederick Lions Club:** The club held its 17th annual golf tournament in September raising nearly \$5,000 to assist community with vision care needs. The club has also, in partnership with the Yellow Springs Lions Club, been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Frederick County for vision care assistance. The club was pleased to sponsor the LCI Peace Poster contest at a local school and presented the winners at a special luncheon on Nov. 5th. This holiday season, the club will once again be “ringing the bell” for the Salvation Army and will be donating funds for books to a local program promoting family literacy.

**Glade Valley Lions Club:** The club honored all new teachers and their principals in the Glade Valley area schools at a dinner meeting; donated \$200 to Senior Citizens organization of Walkersville, \$150 to schools in Walkersville, \$250 to Historical Society of Woodsboro, and donated 39 cans of food to local food bank. We inducted a new member Lion Sandra Zimmerman; and holding a Friendship Night at November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Libertytown Unionville Lions Club:** The club started August off with the Libertytown Volunteer Fireman’s tractor pull where we sold funnel cakes and pizza from our trailer. The club sold pizzas and funnel cakes at the Libertytown VFD Carnival from August 17-22. The club also entered an element in the Libertytown VFD Parade and won \$150 for the “Overall Best Community Appearing Award”. In September, the club sold pizzas and funnel cakes for the Taneytown Lions family days on September 10-13 and at The Great Frederick Fair, September 18-26. In October, the club donated \$100 to sponsor Kathy Siggins in the Alzheimer’s walk. She was our speaker at the October 6 meeting. The club sold pizzas and funnel cakes at the XLR8 Diesel truck show in Woodsboro on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. That Saturday was also the date for our newest fundraiser, Quarter Mania. Based on this experience, the club plans to have another Quarter Mania in April 2016. The club also had seven entries in the Walk for Diabetes on October 11 and donated \$500. The club contributed \$1,000 to LVRF at the LVRF Banquet on October 31st.

**Mount Airy Lions Club:** The club made donations to Making Strides against Breast Cancer and the Alzheimer’s walk. Our service activities include collecting eye glasses and loaning out hospital equipment to those with a need; we bought eye glasses for one person. We celebrated the club’s 75<sup>th</sup> charter night on November 7<sup>th</sup>; we are getting ready to give out food baskets at Thanksgiving; and the club will be buying Christmas gifts and food baskets for the holidays in December

#### **Region IV – Lion Evan Gillett**

A big thank you to the Lions clubs of Region IV for the tremendous support of the LVRF banquet; 12 of 15 clubs attended and made a donation. This is special thing that our Multiple District supports and based on the speakers at this year’s banquet it is a model that other Lions and medical services are looking to copy. LOVRNET is an important part of the work done in LVRF and is a great way for Lions to get involved. The majority of clubs in Region 4 participated in Make A Difference Day and did a variety of projects around Carroll County. As the weather turns colder our Lions clubs are looking for ways to help the less fortunate in our community by collecting coats, food and toys. As Region Chair, I would like to congratulate all

the Westminster Lions, past and present, on their 75<sup>th</sup> Charter Night. This Club is an inspiration to all of us.

**Zone 1: Lion Wayne Sherfey**

**Harney Lions Club:** Attended the LVFR Banquet and made a donation; did restoration work at Harney Cemetery for their Make A Difference Day project made a donation to Carroll Hospital Center in memory of deceased Lions; working on the Christmas Child program.

**New Windsor Lions Club:** Collecting food for Feed The Hungry program; attended the LVFR Banquet and made a donation.

**Taneytown Lions Club:** Members attended the District 22W Social; attended and made donation at LVFR banquet; worked our food trailer at the Taneytown's Fall Harvest Fest; conducted a Basket Bingo on November 6<sup>th</sup>; will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> (6:00-11:00am); starting a Ten-Week Club Drawing; conducted a Make a Difference Day project; and will hold a Veterans Program in November.

**Terra Rubra Lions Club:** Crab Feasts are over, hosted the LVFR Banquet for Regions 3 and 4, made our donation to LVFR, and members attended the District 22W Social.

**Union Bridge Lions Club:** No report.

**Zone 2: Lion Andrew DeMario, Jr.**

**Hampstead Lions Club:** Held 64<sup>th</sup> Charter Night, continue to collecting eyeglasses, held 570 Feed and Raffle, attended the LVFR Banquet and made a donation,

**Lineboro-Manchester Lions Club:** Inducted a new member at Charter night on Oct. 21st; Club President meet with the Town Council, Town Administrator and Finance Director; formed a new committee to pursue grants for the club; closed the Community Swimming Pool after the summer season; hosted a Bocce-Ball Tournament; and made a donation to American Diabetes Association by supporting Region Chair Evan Gillett in the Kiss-A-Pig contest.

**Silver Run-Union Mills Lions Club:** Five new members were inducted by DG Bob Mitchell during his official visit on Sept. 24th. For Make a Difference Day project the club collected food, coats and donations for the Humane Society. Our fundraisers include: annual Old Fashion Corn Roast, Golf Tournament, Quarter mania, a Quilt Raffle, and Mona Car Breakfast. Current service projects include: Blanket Baltimore, Feed the Hungry, and collection of eye glasses. We are writing cards and making care packages for troops overseas. Members attended the District 22W Social in Gettysburg, Pa.

**Valley Lions Club:** Purchased a bike for a Halloween Party at Pleasant Valley Fire Department, painted the Lion's pavilion, and will host the next Zone meeting for Region 4 / Zone II.

**Westminster Lions Club:** The club celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Charter Night & service to the Westminster community on November 5th. At Westminster's Fallfest, the club had a Food tent,

Dime pitch and manned a ticket booth; we held a Quarter Manina fundraiser; currently selling Turkey Raffle tickets; planning a Veterans Day Celebration; and collecting food for Feed The Hungry project.

**Zone 3: Lion Bob Bastress**

Zone III held their first committee meeting to plan the annual Zone Golf Tournament scheduled for next May 2016.

**Deer Park Lions Club:** Vision Screening was held at Westminster Branch Library; have collect 10% of our goal of 4,000 canned food items; sponsoring the Westminster Toy Train Show at Ag Center on November 22<sup>nd</sup>; having a Pancake Breakfast on December 5<sup>th</sup>; also planning a Christmas Dinner. Holding a Florida Citrus Fruit Sale as a fundraiser.

**Freedom District Lions Club:** DG Bob Mitchell made official visit on September 23<sup>rd</sup>; held 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FDLC Golf Tournament with 98 golfers on September 25<sup>th</sup>; members collected funds for LVRFB outside local Safeway as part of “Vision Days” project on October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>; members attended District 22W Social & LVRFB Banquet; participated in Frederick’s Walk For Diabetes on October 11<sup>th</sup>; hosted a Friendship Night for prospective members on October 14<sup>th</sup>; have conducted pre-school vision screening services at several locations to date including Sykesville Fire Department “open house” on October 18<sup>th</sup>; also distributed ALERT pamphlets at the “open house”; 13 members collected trash along portion of Route 32 as our Make A Difference Day project on October 24<sup>th</sup>; conducting annual Florida Citrus Fruit Sale fundraiser; collecting used or new Coats & Sweaters through January 2016; continuing to loan medical equipment to those in the community and collecting eyeglasses at multiple locations & support SeeMore Group; started collection of empty medicine bottles; celebrated 69<sup>th</sup> charter night on November 11<sup>th</sup>; preparing with the Century & Liberty LEO Clubs to feed Sykesville/Eldersburg families in need at the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

**Greater Carroll Lions Club:** Held successful Crab Feed, Fish and Loaves committee continues to collect canned goods.

**Roaring Run Lions Club:** Activities: Purchased 3 new wheel chairs, Hosted a friendship night, members attended the District 22W Social and the LVRFB Banquet, ran the Corn Maze at the Ag Center for a weekend. Hosted DG Bob Mitchell’s official visit on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Fundraisers: Completed our Surf and Turf Raffle, held a Basket Bingo. Next fundraiser will be a Chicken and Shrimp feed in April. Projects: lawn work for handicap member of the community, Feed The Hungry program, collect coats for the Sheppard’s Staff. Plan to give food cards out for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and will visit a nursing home for our Cakes and Carols event.

**South Carroll Lioness Lions Club:** Have one new member, Make a Difference Day project collected 555 items for the Carroll County Cold Weather Shelters, Fundraising: Quarter Mania, Boscov’s coupon sales, taking orders for Texas Roadhouse gift cards, Planning a fundraising dinner at SVDG Susan Bonura’s home on Friday, January 8, 2016. Activities: regular visits to Oakland Manor, collecting Box Tops for Education, participated in 2015 Frederick Step-Out

Walk to Stop Diabetes and Kiss-A-Pig contest, Christmas Cards for Soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital, Tail Twister Tea, members attended District 22W Social and LVRF Banquet.

**Taylorsville- Winfield Lions Club:** Collecting Coats for the Sheppard's Staff, held a Basket Bingo on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, will hold a Holiday Themed Basket Bingo on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, held a Friendship Night. Planning a Dinner Theater Night, Hat and Scarf program at South Carroll High School, Attended the District 22W Social and LVRF Banquet. Provided an Eye exam for one person, Hold a monthly bingo at an assisted living facility, Donated to Kiss-A-Pig Contest.

### **District 22-W Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **Alert & District Safety – Lion Myron Horn**

Last month I was part of a movement to establish a Disaster Response Organization in China. It started when our MD VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Assisting after Disaster) President, Pascali Papouras, who was attending the National VOAD Conference invited some Chinese delegates to attend our State meeting. Well we ended up with a Chinese contingent of sixteen emergency management professionals attending our MD VOAD meeting in August. Since our District is a member of MD VOAD, I was attending the meeting.

Here are some of the principles that we agreed on:

All disasters must first be local.

An appropriate response must have various organizations working for a common goal.

A partnership already exists among the VOAD organizations. The Chinese were hoping to duplicate this type of partnership.

Because we work together prior to a disaster, we can fill the gaps that might occur during the disaster.

It takes a large quantity of people devoted to serve others to create an appropriate response.

Naturally, I was wearing my Lions apparel, so when we broke for lunch, many of the Chinese delegates wanted to talk to me about how the Lions of China could be involved. I felt that all the Lions were reaching across the Pond through me that day.

#### **American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism – Lion Larry Stambaugh**

If your club has not started on this project, it is TIME to go. You need to get going now and if you need information or help please contact me. Essays in each category are to be judged by the sponsoring club. Winners should be recognized by your club, once the essays have been judged at the club level a suitable prize and certificate should be given to each level winner.

Each club's winning essays in each category ( Elementary , Middle, High School, Adult Non-Lion, and Lion/Lioness ) are to be submitted to the Zone chairperson by January 31, 2016. The Zone chairperson will evaluate the essays and submit one winning essay in each category to the Region chairperson by February 14, 2016. The Region chairperson will evaluate the essays as

submitted by the zone chairperson and will submit one essay in each category to the District chairman by February 28, 2016.

Thank you and let's get ALL CLUBS INVOLVED !!!!!

**Awards (clubs & officers) – Lion Liz Eitemiller**

This is just a reminder that if your club is doing the “Feed the Hungry Program” or the “Reading Action Program” to please send the information to me on a monthly basis. If you are doing anything to feed the hungry this holiday season (or anytime in the year) to please contact me with your totals. For every dollar you spend to feed the hungry you get credit for 2 cans of food towards your club goal. If you want to know what your goal is for your club please contact me with your name and club name at: lizeitemiller@yahoo.com . If you are donating any books for the “Reading Action Program” I need to know that as well. As of 10/23/2015, I have only 6 clubs reporting with a total of 5,032 items of food given. As for the “Reading Action Program” I have one club that has reported to me with a total of 85 books.

**Centennial Celebration – Lion Martin Bonura**

Lions Clubs International is celebrating 100 years of service and we're getting ready for our next 100 years! The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special Limited Edition awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs.

Lions can be recognized as a Centennial Sponsor by sponsoring a new member and receive a Limited Edition pin and certificate. Lions can help organize a new club and be immediately recognized as a Centennial Club Organizer and receive a Limited Edition pin and certificate.

A video of Lions clubs participating in the Centennial Service Challenge was shown prior to the cabinet meeting. These videos are available at [Lionsclubs.org](http://Lionsclubs.org). Lions clubs can celebrate and serve by organizing Centennial Service Challenge projects to benefit youth, vision, hunger, and the environment and share their successes with local media and report their club's service activities online to MyLCI. During the 2014-2015 Lions year, only 14 of the 58 clubs in District 22W reported accomplishing a service project in each of the above four (4) Centennial Service Challenge areas. We know more than 14 clubs accomplished this goal, but your club must report its projects to the MyLCI website to receive award recognition. Lions can participate in the Centennial Membership Awards by inviting new members and sponsoring a new club and encourage new members to participate in Centennial service projects.

**Chaplain – PDG Roger Moore**

We continue to send cards for District 22W to families who lose a Lion member and also to any sick, disabled or shut-in Lion that we are aware of. If a card is needed, please notify PDG Roger Moore at 240-469-4674 or email [lionsramoore@myactv.net](mailto:lionsramoore@myactv.net).

**Constitution and By-Laws – PDG Dave Brauning**

No report.



### **Convention (MD-22 in Hagerstown) – PDG Steve Finger**

I will be absent from the Cabinet Meeting attending the LCI Faculty Development Institute in Schaumburg, Illinois from November 12-16th.

The 94<sup>th</sup> annual Lion Multiple District 22 Convention is on track to be held May 16-19, 2016, at the Hager Hall Conference Center and Clarion Hotel on Dual Highway in Hagerstown. We are honored to be able to host Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada as our international guest and keynote speaker, for the entire convention! What an opportunity this is for our Lions to meet the International President!

We have formed a District 22-W Convention Host Committee that has about 20 members now. The MD-22 Convention Committee has asked that the host committee coordinate all our actions with them in advance. They have asked us to look into facilitating activities in the Hagerstown area to make the convention experience a great one for our Lions. In particular, they have asked up to look into coordinating a Lions Night at the Hagerstown Suns ball park; trip to the Casino in Charlestown; Shopping Tour; Winery Tour; and Battlefield Tour. The host committee will have a presence at each hotel the committee has agreements with and hand out information about Washington County, etc. We also have received a suggestion to have a fun bowling tournament at the bowling center across from Hager Hall as a way to socialize and raise funds for LVRF.

The major fund raiser to offset costs for the MD-22 Convention is the 50/50 raffle and this year is no exception. 50/50 raffle tickets are in the process of being distributed to all District 22W clubs. Please contact cabinet secretary Gary Buchman if your club has not received their Convention 50/50 raffle tickets. The ticket cost is \$1.00 each or a book of 10 tickets for only \$5.00! This is real bargain and a chance to win some nice cash prizes. Try to get those raffle tickets all sold by January 2016. There are more tickets available from the MD-22 Convention Committee.

### **Convention (International in Japan) – PDG Steve Finger**

The 99<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in Fukuoka, Japan on June 24-28, 2016. MD-22 delegation is assigned to the Hakata Excel Hotel Tokyu, in the hotel district of the city. Lodging is \$202.81/night plus 18% for a total of \$239.32. Round trip airfare from Washington D.C. to Fukuoka is ranging from about \$1,700 to \$4,400. Early registration discount for registration is now \$130.00, but will increase to \$180 on January 9, 2016.

Events are scheduled in the Fukuoka Yahuoki Dome, the Marine Messe Fukuoka, and the Fukuoka International Congress Center. Plan now for your international trip to exotic Japan. Japan does not require a visa for U. S Citizens staying less than 91 days. Goway Travel has several pre and post-convention tours available for your touring pleasure.

Registration and other convention information was email to all District 22-W clubs on November 1, 2015. Please let me (PDG Steve Finger) know if you are planning on attending the 99<sup>th</sup> LCI Convention in Japan in 2016. This will help the MD-22 International Convention Committee with planning.

### **Diabetes Awareness – Lion Donna Jackman**

This year's Frederick Walk for Diabetes was held at Baker Park in Frederick Maryland on Sunday, October 1, 2015. Our District had seven clubs represented in the Walk. Members from Middletown Lions, South Carroll Lions, 4 Country Lions, Taylorsville/Winfield Lions, Libertytown-Unionville Lions and Terra Rubra participated in the Walk. We had 26 walkers participate in the Walk. These walkers raised \$3,141.25. I was pleased with the participation, and the amount of money raised which all goes to research to find a cure for diabetes.

I was very disappointed in this year's Kiss-A-Pig Contest. We only had five candidates participate in this year's contest. Lion Tom Harney was the winner with \$4,525. The first runner-up was 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Susan Bonura with \$1,580. The club's in our District did not support the candidates as they have in the past. Our total for this year's event was \$7,650. This is the least we have raised on this event since we first started it 18 years ago. All money raised from this event goes 100% to research to find a cure. It was very disappointing that the clubs did not support our candidates as they have in the past. We were over \$8,000 the first year we started this contest. We have been over \$10,000 every year since then. I would appreciate knowing why the clubs chose not to support our candidates this year.

We sent 15 children to Lions Camp Merrick this past summer. Every child that attended benefitted from his or her experience at camp, and they tell me the wealth of information they learned. Each child has stated they learned "a lot" to help them avoid all the disastrous things that can happen to a diabetic if they don't take care of themselves and eat properly. All the children want to go back again next year.

I have not been told if there is going to be an increase in the camp fee for 2016, but with the rising cost of food I will not be shocked to see an increase in the fee for each camper. Please put your donation to support sending these children to camp in your club's budget for our current Lion's year. Thank you.

### **Diabetes Awareness Motorcycle Rally – International Director Lion Richard Liebno**

This event is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016. We are currently working on the route.

### **District 22-W Foundation – PDG Paul Cannada**

Good news! On November 9, 2015, the State of Maryland approved our request to establish a Lions District 22W Foundation, Inc. We now need to prepare the paperwork for 501-C3 tax exempt status, develop the foundation bylaws, etc. We hope to have the foundation set up sometime after the first of the new year. We also are continuing to gather information in support of the Mobile Health Screening Unit project. Clubs can begin making donations to the Lions District 22W Foundation and designating the checks towards the Mobile Health Screening Unit or something else.

### **District Tail Twister – Lion John Bildstein**

No report.

### **Environment – Lion Francis "Champ" Zumbrun**

Heritage Legacy Tree Program: Four seedlings were successfully germinated from the St. John's College Liberty Tree. Some of these seedlings will be planted on public land at formal ceremonies next spring. Detailed plans will be announced in the future in case any Lions Club members would like to participate.

Also I will again be collecting root shoots from the Washington elm tree at Oakland , MD in the next few weeks as well as fruit from the St. John Liberty Tree at Oakland.

I am hoping some members in a Carroll County Lions Club will collect seed from the Manchester oak in Carroll County this fall.

For the Lions Clubs centennial, I am hoping our District 22-W will contact the Lions Clubs International office to inform them of our plans to collect seed from a tree associated with Lions Club founder Melvin Jones and that they will put us in contact with the right people to move this proposal along. Melvin Jones was born at Fort Thomas, Arizona. Maybe there is an old tree growing by his childhood home from which we could collect seed. Maybe there is an old tree in Chicago, Illinois near the Insurance firm where he worked or at his home where he lived.

#### **Ethics – Lion Lenny Gares**

No report.

#### **Finance – PDG Kent Eitemiller & IPDG John Parker**

The final audit and IRS 990 form were submitted by PCT Lenny Gares and approved by the Finance Committee.

#### **Global Leadership Team – Lion Martin Bonura**

Lion Martin Bonura – GLT of 22W reported training for cabinet officers was provided at the first cabinet meeting on August 9, 2015 at LaVale. Information fliers on the MD-22 Regional Lions Leadership Institute training program to be held February 19-20, 2016 at the Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury was distributed to all attendees at the cabinet meeting. Lions are encouraged to sign up to attend this training. MD-22 Long Range Planning Committee has asked the MD-22 GMT & GLT to sponsor a MD-22 Membership Symposium in the future. These teams are interested in talking to Lions who have sponsored five or more new members to gather ideas on membership growth that could be shared at the Symposium.

#### **Global Membership Team – PDG Margarito “Och” Ochoa**

We are now in our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and our membership has been going up and down. I know that our Clubs have been working hard to increase membership, but we can't coast now. The Holidays will soon be here and typically recruiting slows down during this time. The GMT TEAM wants to use this time to help Clubs in planning Friendship nights and to train Membership Chairs on how to recruit new members. The GMT TEAM met this past month and discussed how we were going to assist clubs in their assigned regions on writing membership plans and attaining the

Goals of the District Governor. We are also planning a new member orientation class, to help new members fit in to Lions.

Region Chairs, please work with your Zone Chairs to find out which Clubs are having problems with membership. Region Chair Evan Gillett visited The Valley Lions Club and he reported that they requested the help of the GMT Team. We are taking steps to help them in how to recruit new members.

As of this date I have only received a few membership plans from clubs. Region Chairs, please contact your club presidents and remind them to submit their membership plans to me. The GMT TEAM is setting up a membership information table at every cabinet meeting. For assistance in setting up a membership information table at your club fund raisers, please contact GMT Specialist Lion Cartha Johnson at 301-371-9129 or via email at [carthajohnson@aol.com](mailto:carthajohnson@aol.com).

If your Club does not have a club brochure please let us know so we can help you develop one.

If you would like to see which GMT Specialist is assigned to your region, you can check the last cabinet report or contact me at 717-263-9620 or via email at [ogc95@comcast.net](mailto:ogc95@comcast.net).

At the cabinet meeting, GMT Specialist Lion Cartha Johnson set-up a Lions Membership Information Table and distributed “helpful hints” information to all attendees. In her presentation, Lion Cartha stressed some of the following points:

- importance of choosing the proper community event to set up a Lions table
- how to attract visitors to your table (a free raffle, brochures, Lions table covering, etc.)
- give some thought on who your audience will be at the event
- your club needs to do “follow-up” on any prospective members who were identified at the event
- Lions Cartha & Bob Johnson are willing to help clubs prepare a brochure

### **Hearing and Speech – Lion Brooks Widder**

No report.

### **Historian – Lion Barbara Weaver**

Lion Barbara Weaver reported she had not done a District 22W Historian’s Report for several years. She shared concerns that her reports on the history of District 22W had become a duplication of effort or a “Reader’s Digest” condensed version of each District Governor’s year-end “final” report and maybe something else should be substituted in the place as the Historian’s report. During the discussion that followed it became apparent that District officers, Committee chairpersons, and Clubs need to be more diligent in providing Lion Barbara Weaver with information that should be included each year documenting significant events that occurred in the district, a committee or club; this should also include more information on the chartering of new Lions clubs & the identification of its charter members; etc. PDG Marion Carmack, Jr. and PDG Andy DeMario, Sr. offered to share documents and other information with Lion Barbara Weaver that might fill in some missing gaps in the district’s history. DG Bob Mitchell asked

Lion Barbara Weaver to contact him for further discussion once she has received some of the information offered.

### **Honorary Committee – IPDG John Parker**

IPDG John Parker asked all veterans to stand and be recognized for their service to our country. The 2014-2015 Final Report for District 22W will be emailed next week. Fourteen past district governors were present at the Honorary Committee meeting held prior to the cabinet meeting. The committee interviewed Lion Gerry Beachy, candidate for Second Vice District Governor for 2016-2017. We discussed with GMT chair PDG Margarito “Och” Ochoa about the responsibilities of the Region Chairs and Zone Chairs – and making possible changes in the future.

### **Information Technology – Lion Jeff Moody**

No report.

### **International Relations – PDG Joe Harris**

There are several situations that could lead your club to twinning. Perhaps, you met a fellow Lion at an International Forum or Convention and you would like to learn more about his country. Twinning will allow you to accomplish that as well as promote so much about your own country, and region to a fellow Lion from across the seas.

Following are methods to use to find a club to twin:

Google [lions clubs twinning](#) and you will have a multitude of information to search through concerning twinning including a list of clubs that are interested in twinning. The list includes the club name, contact person’s email address, country, and most importantly, whether they speak English or not.

Search the LCI Club Locator. Ask for assistance from your District’s International Relations chairperson which in this case is the author of this report – PDG Joe Harris.

Perhaps, you have a friend or acquaintance that belongs to a Lions Club in a country other than the US. Contact him.

After making a choice to twin with a particular club it is time to Establish a Relationship:

- Your initial contact with the club you are wanting to twin with should include your desire to twin, club details, club activities, community characteristics, some of your customs as well as similarities or differences in history, culture and language.
- Exchange club bulletins, pins, banners.
- Exchange Photographs, Newspapers, Membership Rosters.

And do not forget to fill out the application: INTERNATIONAL CLUB TWINNING RECOGNITION APPLICATION which can be found by googling: [lionsclubs.org/twinning](http://lionsclubs.org/twinning). Then search for the correct form.

Twinning provides Lions, LEO's and Lionesses the chance to learn about Lions Clubs of a different country other than ours. Twinning is not to be initiated so as to find or adopt ways to further financial or material gain. Have fun and I know your clubs service projects will improve and expand from all the new ideas you gain.

### **Leader Dog – Lion Gerry Beachy**

My wife, Lion Sue, and I attended the summer meeting at Leader Dogs for the Blind on August 7, 2015. We were given an excellent tour of the facility, including the new Canine Development Center still under construction.

Deer Park Lions Club told me they raised nearly \$3,000 for the Canine Center. They mailed the check to Leader Dog. North Branch Lions is donating \$25 and Grantsville Lions are donating \$100. I spoke with Friendsville, Kitzmiller and Cumberland and asked them to donate to Leader Dog and to the Canine Center. I am asking for 100% participation by all clubs in 22W to both Leader Dog and the Canine Center. I will be contacting other Lions Clubs to arrange for a talk about Leader Dogs for the Blind and the new center. A video is available showing the progress of the center at:

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/local-leader-dogs-get-new-home/36078578>

Our speaker has been chosen for April 18-21, 2016 Leader Dog Rally banquets. She is Bunny Tabatt with her dog Dixie. The Region I Rally will be held on Monday, April 18th at the Southern Rescue Squad in Oakland. The Region II Rally will be hosted by the West Hagerstown Lions Club on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Region III Rally will be hosted by the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Region IV Rally will be hosted by the Deer Park Lions Club on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We also are discussing the possibility of scheduling a bus trip in the future from District 22W to visit the Leader Dog School in Michigan.

### **Lioness Report – Lioness Lesley Smith**

The Hagerstown Lioness Club just completed their yearly "Vision Screening" of all Elementary and Middle School students throughout Washington County. Screening started on September 8<sup>th</sup> and was completed on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The club has been screening students in Washington County for over 23 years. This year the total number of students screened was 8,236, also the club logged in over 900 community service hours.

On Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Lionesses partner with the Hagerstown Lions Club for their "Pancake Day", providing baked goods to sell.

Also the Hagerstown Lioness Club again will partner with the Bon-Ton Department store for "Fall" Community Event Days this November 11<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>. This is again one of the club's large fundraiser. If anyone is interested in purchasing a community day booklet please see any club Lioness to purchase one. On Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> the Lionesses Club will partner with Salvation Army for the Ringing of the "Bell". As well on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> helping the American Red Cross by gift wrapping in front of the Hagerstown Bon Ton Department Store.

**Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) – PDG Kent Eitemiller**

As of the end of September five clubs have made donations to LCIF totaling \$6,000. This is a good start. I encourage every club to make donation to LCIF. The disasters never to seem to stop happening all around the world. Currently LCIF has a special fund set up for refugee relief in Syria. The floods in South Carolina were devastating. Just imagine having all of your possessions ruined with no flood insurance. Thousands of dollars are being sent to Lions Districts in the south for flood relief. All donations qualify for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Remember you do not have to contribute toward a Melvin Jones in one year. Donations can be accumulated and used at a later date. Many clubs have “undesignated funds” at LCIF that can be used for a Melvin Jones. I can give this information the President or Secretary of any club. Just call or email me and I will let you know how much is on account for your club. Remember to save the date for the Melvin Jones Banquet on April 30, 2016 at Terra Rubra. PDG Charlene Travers will be the guest speaker and tell us about how LCIF helped her district when Hurricane Sandy hit Maryland. Please keep supporting LCIF and feel free to call me with any questions.

**Lions Quest – Lion Sandy Parker & Lion Sam Foster**

We are presently coordinating dates with Silver Oak Academy to present a Lions Quest Workshop on social emotional learning (SEL) at the high school level.

Going forward we are still in need of funds and are appealing to the clubs in District 22W to donate to the Lions Quest initiative.

**Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation – Lion Elwood Glass**

The Preschool Vision Screening groups of District 22-W are again off to a very good start for Lions year 2015-2016. The dedication of these groups continue and the results are evident in the statistics accomplished for this year. The screening totals that I have at this time are as follows:

Number of clubs active in vision screenings at this time.....	9
Number of screening sessions.....	64
Number of children screened.....	1602
Numbers of children referred for professional evaluation.....	143 ( 8.9%)

District 22W now has a total of six (6) WelchAllyn Sure Sight instruments and also have a total of four (4) of the newer PlusOptix instruments. The results of the screenings are very evident in the communities of our district as we as Lions continue our efforts to detect the factors of amblyopia and improve the lives of the children that we screen.

This is a great program - get involved - help save the sight of a child...

**Lion Vision Research Foundation – PDG Susan Timmons**

Total Donations from Clubs at the three LVRF Banquets, proceeds from Region I Auction, Region III & IV Pie Auction, Quilt Raffle, Oyster Sales, 50/50 donation and the excess of meal cost is \$23, 323.45

Region I - \$ 9,483.45 donations including auction  
 Region II - \$3,255.00 donations including \$50 in 50/50 funds plus  
 Region III & IV - \$9,526.00 donations

Quilt Raffle Proceeds	607
Oyster Sale	80
Pie Auction	126
Meal Income exceed cost	246

Any additional donations received will be taken to the LVRF Rally- “The Mane Event” and presented during the event at Wilmer Eye Institute on Saturday, November 21, 2015.

On Saturday, November 21, 2015 - The Mane Event, LVRF Rally will be held at the Koch Cancer Research Building, 1550 New Orleans Street, Baltimore, MD. Program begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch and Tours of Wilmer Eye included. RSVP to lvrf.kelly@gmail.com

The winner of the Quilt Raffle benefiting LVRF was Lion Donald Talbert, Longmeadow Lions Club Secretary. Lion Michelle Mitchell, District 22W’s first lady drew the winning ticket at Terra Rubra’s LVRF Banquet on October 31st.

**Lions Youth Foundation – Lion Gary Buchman for PDG Gary “Buck” Fisher**

The LYF board is seeking the help of Lions Clubs in MD-22 to find ways to engage Lions and youth more in any grant proposal requests that are submitted to LYF. This could include the participation of LEOs in the club’s grant project. The trustees also are looking at ways LYF can streamline the timeframe during the grants decision process. The LYF board met on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Grants were recently approved for the Brookside Lions Club (22D) and Darlington Lions Club (22A). PCC John Lawrence (22B) has been appointed to the LYF board and will be updating the foundation’s website at MD22LYF.org. LYF thanks clubs for their donations! The trustee representatives for District 22-W are DG Bob Mitchell, CS Gary Buchman and PDG Buck Fisher. In addition, PDG Bob Disinger, PDG Cecil Massie and Lion Debra Fisher serve as members on the LYF board. Please contact any of these Lions if you have a question about the LYF and/or your club would like a program speaker at a future club meeting.

**Make A Difference Day – Lion Linda Sherfey**

As of November 5<sup>th</sup>, only 10 clubs had reported their Make A Difference Day (MADD) activities. Clubs can still conduct a MADD activity through the end of the calendar year. Please send notice of your club’s MADD activity to Lion Linda Sherfey at [lwsherfey@verizon.net](mailto:lwsherfey@verizon.net). We are looking for 100% participation from all clubs in District 22W.

**Newsletter – Lion Phyllis Thompson**

No report.

**Nominations – PDG Paul Cannada**

We have received the proper paperwork for the position of First Vice District Governor from the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club endorsing the candidacy of Lion Susan Bonura for this



position for the year 2016-2017. We also have received the proper paperwork for the position of Second Vice District Governor from the Grantsville Lions Club endorsing the candidacy of Lion Gerry Beachy for this position for the year 2016-2017.

### **Peace Poster – PDG Walt Russell**

The final judging for the District 22W Peace Poster Contest will be held on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm) at the Banner School in Frederick. The judging for the MD22 Peace Poster winner will take place on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

### **Pin Coordinator – Lion Linda Sherfey**

A total of 273 District 22-W (2015-2016) pins have been sold with sales totaling \$825.00 as of November 7, 2015.

### **Public Relations & Publicity – Lion Bill Strauss**

The facebook page set up in 2012 for then District Governor, PDG Paul Cannada for Make a Difference Day (MADD), is still active. All clubs having MADD activities were encouraged to post a description of their activities and photographs. The FB page is “District 22W Lions Make a Difference Activities”. For those who cannot post, please send the article and pictures to me at [williamstrauss@msn.com](mailto:williamstrauss@msn.com) and they will be posted for you.

One of the easiest ways to get your message out is with the use of facebook. Why not set up a facebook page for your club. The way facebook operates, your club’s activities will be distributed throughout our region – and beyond. Here again, if you need help, please ask me for assistance.

The Centennial of LCI is just around the corner. Several years ago, Congress approved a bill to create a commemorative silver dollar for 2017. Below are the two designs which have been submitted. The Post Master General will make the final selection. I called LCI to see if we had any influence in his choice and received a negative answer. There is also no scheduled date for when the decision will be made.



Please see page 22 in LION Magazine for an article about our participation in the National Memorial Day Parade last May.

Our participation in this parade is the most visible public relations activity in our district. There is some doubt that we will get an LCI PR Grant this year. To raise funds so that we can participate next spring, Lions T shirts and reflective draw string back packs are available for \$10 each and patriotic neck coolers are available for \$5 each. Please contact me if you are interested

in purchasing any of these items. All clubs are urged to make donations in any amount. Contact either PDG Woody Woodard at [woodywoodard@cox.net](mailto:woodywoodard@cox.net) or Lion Mike Yuenger at [myuenger@comcast.net](mailto:myuenger@comcast.net) to make a donation.

### **Research and Long Range Planning – PCC Clare Newcomer**

The Multiple District 22 Long Range Planning Committee met on Saturday, September 26th. DG Bob Mitchell attended in my absence. Thank you DG Bob.

Items discussed included:

- **Redistricting**

Membership in Districts 22–A,B,C and D has steadily declined over the past 10 years. This is a long trend and will take time to turn around. All districts (except 22W) need to rethink how they approach membership. What has been done in the past is not working.

It was noted that District 22-W has a working membership team with our Global Membership Team (GMT). Looking into holding a “membership summit” with 22W’s GMT leading and all districts brainstorming and discussing what works and does not work.

Consensus of the group was that Redistricting should be the last option.

- **Convention**

The group agreed the MD22 convention should be self sustaining and not subsidized by the Multiple. They made following suggestions to Council of Governors at the October COG meeting...

Reconvene the Finance Committee to look at initiating a registration fee for the convention. The committee feels the fee would be \$10.00 or less.

Convention format should not be changed. Having all Districts meeting at one convention has a positive impact. A Friday, Saturday & Sunday convention should be looked into to allow working Lions to attend.

Appoint a separate committee to research and solicit proposals for future conventions. This will take some pressure off the convention committee.

- **Long Range Plan**

Committee members agreed that the Multiple should have a comprehensive long range plan that would be a living document that could be adjusted as future events dictate. Plan to include GMT, GLT and the three MD22 Foundations. The goal is to have a plan prepared to submit to the Council by the end of this Lion year.

### **Sight Conservation/White Cane – Lion Mike Ritchey**

The tentative dates and locations for the 2016 White Cane/MD Medical Eye Bank banquets are as follows:

Region I: Monday, June 13, 2016 at Luke City Hall (host: North Branch Lions Club)

Region II: To Be Determined

Region III & IV: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at Hampstead Fire Hall (host: Hampstead Lions Club)

**Sight Conservation/Eyeglasses Recycling – Lion Robert Martin**

No report.

**Social – PCC John Hopkins**

The District 22-W Social was held on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center located at 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. There were 225 dinners paid for, 17 of which were guests. Brigadier General Wilma L. Vought USAF Retired was the Key Note Speaker.

The Social Committee consisted of PCC John Hopkins, PDG Andy DeMario, Lion Bill Strauss, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Susan Bonura and Lion Martin Bonura, Lions Laura and Tim Ganske, Lions Linda and Wayne Sherfey. Entertainment was provided by the Dan Vogel Trio. The Color Guard was from the JROTC at Gettysburg High School and the Bag Piper was Paul Cora.

All helped make it a special evening to honor District Governor Robert Mitchell and First Lady Michelle.

A \$500.00 check was turned over to PDG Och Ochoa for the 2016-2017 Social. A final audit will be supplied and other monies will be turned over at a later date.

**Song Leader – PDG Bob Miller**

No report.

**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2016 (Omaha) – Lion Richard Hosfeld**

Lions at this time are asked to “SAVE THE DATE” September 15-17 2016 for Omaha, Nebraska. This will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership forum with Dr. Gary Anderson PID as Forum chair. In addition to the four motivational banquets and seminars this year the entire Forum attendees will be performing four giant service projects on Saturday afternoon.

Early bird registration and many Forum details are available at 2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum website. **760 Lions already have registered for the September 2016 forum.**

Region Chairs and Zone Chairs: please contact me at 410-848-1107 or via email [3dhhosfeld@gmail.com](mailto:3dhhosfeld@gmail.com) for a short program about the Omaha forum at your Region or Zone meetings.

**Vehicle Tags – Lion Roger Sauter**

No report.

**LEO Report – Lion Eileen Disinger**

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Thurmont Lions Club to present the Leo of the Year Award and Medal to Leo Marah E. Williams who is a member of the Catoctin High School Leo Club. I also attended Liberty High School Leo Club on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to present them with the Leo Club Excellence Award for 2014-2015. We should be very proud of the Leo's accomplishments within our District. Below is a report from each Leo Club in District 22W:

- Boonsboro Middle School Leo Club

The Boonsboro Middle School Leo Club had only one meeting so far this year due to the schedule of faculty advisors obligations. Our meeting was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> to induct new members and install officers for this school year. The club will discuss/plan new projects for the school year.

- Boonsboro High School Leo Club

The Boonsboro High School Leo club has been meeting the second and fourth Monday's of each month. In September their project was to collect personal hygiene items. In October, the project has been to collect canned foods for the Maryland Food Bank. They spent one meeting making boxes and posters for the food drive which ended Oct. 30. This past meeting was spent discussing ways to help beautify the campus. The Leo Club also has plans to have a card drive for the military during the holiday season. This group does not lack for ideas or enthusiasm.

- Catoctin High School Leo Club

We inducted 10 new members at the meeting on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. Our club membership is currently at 40 members and we are still growing. So far this Leo year, the club has put in a total of 140 service hours as posted on MyLCI in support of Thurmont Lions Club and our community. We are currently working on our "Smash Hunger" food drive competition between classes. The CHS Leo Club is meeting every second Thursday of the month on Club Day to "Make a Difference 2015". The winning first block class with the largest donation gets a prize....likely, Dunkin Donuts for breakfast. CHS Leo's stepped up to volunteer to help with "Halloween in the Park 2015" on Saturday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>...fun was had by all! Our Leo Club President Marah Williams was awarded LCI Leo of the Year 2014/15 at our recent Charter Night on Oct 28, 2015. We plan to celebrate CHS Leo Club Charter at our next meeting with treats and re-dedication to the charter inducting additional members. Check out PAGE 53 of your Lions Magazine, October 2015 issue! We will be starting up our preparations for "Teens for Jeans" drive through next February 2016. We hope to collect enough to be recognized and awarded a \$5,000.00 school grant and other prizes for the school. Jeans collected will be distributed among the homeless organizations in our area.

- Century High School Leo Club

Club members elected Abby Rose as president, Ashley Mitchell as secretary, and Brandon Knorr as treasurer. Club planned to induct 24 new members on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in a joint induction ceremony with Liberty High's Leo Club at Liberty High's auditorium. Club has collected tooth brushes for the National Pediatrics Association for use with children in Vietnam. The club held a car wash in September and a restaurant night at Chic-fil-a as fundraisers. We are currently selling fruit as a fundraiser. We are planning to provide Thanksgiving dinner to needy families in the Sykesville/Eldersburg area and provide gifts for children of needy families at Christmas.

We are collecting unclipped coupons for military families. Also collecting dresses for girls who are in Johns Hopkins Hospital for their dance

- FSK High School Leo Club – No Report

- Liberty High Leo Club

The Liberty LEOs have been busy recruiting new members for this new school year. Meetings are held one morning each week at 7 am. Club members marched in the Homecoming parade through local neighborhoods with other school organizations to promote awareness of our club, and to enjoy the festivities. Together with the Century LEO Club, we will hold our annual induction ceremony with a guest speaker and initiation of new members in early November.

Officers of both schools met together at Panera Bread to plan the details of the ceremony. We are currently involved in collecting orders for the citrus fruit sale, with a contest of a gift card to be awarded to the highest sellers.

- Mount Airy Middle School Leo Club - No Report

- Silver Oak Academy – No Report

- South Carroll High School Leo Club

The South Carroll Leos have met twice since school started. They have done a window for Homecoming and went to The Meadows Nursing Home for Make a Difference Day. They played bingo with the residents and handed out flowers and cupcakes to all. They will be helping at the Taylorsville/Winfield Lions Club's Basket Bingo as well as having their own Basket raffle at this event. They are also planning on taking care of a family-in-need for Christmas.

- Springfield Middle School Leo Club

The club meets the first and third Monday's of each month at 2:30- 3:15 pm. The club's 16 members are working hard to collect can goods for their school food bank. Their goal is 500 lbs. The members are also collecting medicine bottles to donate for doctors to give out medicines in other countries. Also collecting bottle caps to help patients receiving chemo treatments. They will be helping at the Lions Bingo every 3rd Thursday at Homewood Nursing Home. They are also getting ready to march in the Williamsport Christmas Parade on December 4. The club marched in the Homecoming parade for Williamsport High School. Trash pick-up was done at the Williamsport basin near the canal. Christmas cards and singing will be done near Christmas again this year at the nursing homes in the area.

- Thurmont Middle School Leo Club

The first meeting of the TMS LEO Club was held on September 2nd. There were 22 in attendance, 11 new and 11 returning members. First order of business was for the Leo Advisors Lion Gayle DiSalvo and Lion Leah Zufall to install the 2015-2016 officers. President - Annalise Lewis, VP - Owen Bubczuk, Secretary - Faith Davis, Treasure - Morgan Clark, PR - Keera Irons, Directors - Zoe Scheetz, Lynn Morlier, Devon Brewer. Congratulation to all the 2015 - 2016 officers, we look forward to a wonderful year. The Community Show held September 11,12,and

13 had many of the TMS LEO Club members helping the Thurmont Lions Club at the food booth. The total number of hours donated by the club was 43 hours. Colorfest was held October 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>, and again the TMS LEO Club was there to help with the total number of hours being 36 hours. The Make A Difference Day project was selected to be a collection of toiletries and school supplies for the food bank. Posters were made during the October meeting and placed around the school. The reason that this project was selected was to help the food bank and those who use it to have items that most don't usually donate, but are needed in everyday life. The school supplies was to help replenish items that students might need at this time. Other projects discussed were Pennies for Patience and Hoops for Heart just to mention a few of the other ideas the Leo members had. Leo president Annalise Lewis and member Jacob Fuller attended Thurmont Lion Club Charter night on October 28th. Several of the TMS Leo's are volunteering for the 4H riding therapeutic program coming up in November.

- Walkersville Middle School Leo Club

Walkersville Middle School Leo Club had a meeting on October 19, 2015 where we inducted all the Leo's for the new year and the officers for each position they will hold. We had 7 Glade Valley Lions and 4 parents in attendance. Our first service projects will be to repair and repaint the split rail fencing in front of the school, clean up the landscaping at the school's entrance and, to collect can foods for our community food bank. Our club has 25 active members and meets on the first and third Mondays of each month.

- Williamsport High School Leo Club

The club meets the second and fourth Wednesday's of each month 3:30-4:15pm. Members are collecting clothes and toys for Christmas. The club is also collecting bottle caps to help chemo patients. Also collecting medicine bottles to donate for doctors to give out medicines in other countries. The Leo's also will be helping with bingo at Homewood Nursing Home starting in November. Also will be marching in the Williamsport Christmas Parade on December 4th. The club marched in the Homecoming parade for Williamsport High School. The Leos are helping to paint the lines in the parking lots for Williamsport Park. Trash pick-up was done at the Williamsport basin near the canal. Christmas cards and singing will be done near Christmas again this year for the nursing homes in the area. The Leo members will be asking area businesses if they are in need of volunteer services at any time of the year.

### **International Director's Report – ID Lion Richard Liebno**

At the Lions International Convention in Hawaii, a decision was made to create the third vice president position again on the International level. There will be at least two candidates for this position on the ballot at next year's International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan. One candidate is from Iceland and the other from Korea.

Our upcoming centennial is an exciting time for us as Lions. I want to remind clubs that if they bring three (3) new members into their club in any given year they will be recognized as a Centennial Club. Also, please report your club's projects towards the Centennial Service Challenge and any other service activities to MyLCI. That is the only way LCI knows the good things you are doing in your community. Additional information is available on the various

centennial activities at Lions100.org. Please continue to work on growing our membership at the club level.

### **First Vice District Governor Report – Lion Brian Cox**

It has been an exciting time the last few months in our district. I have been out assisting our Governor by representing him at some Club charter nights. I was honored to present Melvin Jones fellowships and install new members into clubs. I have visited clubs during their fundraisers and helped (or got in the way) throughout our district.

I attended the Multiple District-22 LVRF meeting at Johns Hopkins and Lions Youth Foundation meeting held outside Annapolis representing our District. I attended the quarterly GMT planning meeting in Hancock and the Mobile Screening Unit meetings in Thurmont.

If you would like me to visit your club, please contact Lion Cartha Johnson or myself to check on my availability. I look forward to visiting the clubs in our district to learn how they are each making a difference everyday in their communities.

Please plan to attend the Multiple22 Convention at Hagerstown May 16-19, 2015

Unfortunately, the LEO Conference that was scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Terra Rubra Lions Club was cancelled due to lack of support from the Lions and LEO clubs. We need to be available to give our LEO clubs support and training.

There will be a fundraiser to support my campaign for 2016-2017 district governor on Saturday, December 5th (1:00pm) at the Terra Rubra Lions Club. Additional information will be distributed in the “District 22W Weekly Correspondence” email.

### **Second Vice District Governor Report - Lion Susan Bonura**

It was my pleasure to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 17-19, 2015. I would like to encourage all Lions to attend the next Forum in Omaha, Nebraska, September 15-17, 2016. You will learn a lot and have a fun time too!

I recently completed the Second Vice District Governor Online Training course. One of my areas of responsibility includes increasing understanding and support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The mission of LCIF is "To support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects." LCIF was founded in 1968 and has awarded over 12,000 grants totaling more than US\$900 million in four key areas of sight, youth, disaster relief and other humanitarian efforts. You can find out more about LCIF at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org).

A second area of responsibility is to promote the use of the association's web site and the internet for obtaining information, filing reports, purchase club supplies, etc. If your club has not yet discovered the benefits of technology and the internet, it is time to get up-to-speed! The web address for Lions Clubs International is [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). Your club's officers should be

submitting membership and activity reports using MyLCI on a monthly basis. This is an easy, paperless way to get into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

I would again like to encourage clubs to participate in the American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay contest. This year's chairman, Lion Larry Stambaugh, has issued the following topics: Elementary grades: What is patriotism and how do you display your patriotism? Middle school: Does patriotism mean an unquestioning loyalty to the United States or does it mean something more? High school: Is patriotism the dream of freedom, justice, fairness, and equality to all and what are you doing to make this dream a reality? Lions and Lionesses: As a Lion, how can you insure that the future of America is principled around patriotism? Adult, Non-Lion: How would you promote America's precious national heritage and the great price which so many paid for it?

"With realization of one's own potential and self-confidence in one's ability, one can build a better world." (Source of quote – Anonymous)

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** FVDG Brian Cox stated that some clubs were missing 2014-2015 award badges or chevrons earned last year related to the "Strengthen the Pride" Membership Incentive program and/or Feed the Hungry program. IPDG John Parker has ordered badges and chevrons for those clubs. SVDG Susan Bonura moved to reimburse IPDG John Parker for his "out-of-pocket" expenses for the badges & chevrons in the amount of \$134.00 from the Administrative Operating account; the motion was seconded by CS Gary Buchman; the motion carried.

**Closing Remarks: Lion Bob Mitchell, DG**

It's a great pleasure to serve as District Governor and thank you for all you do. The next cabinet meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at the Libertytown Fire Department Hall in Region III.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.

Yours in Lionism and Service Together!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lion Gary W. Buchman*  
District 22-W Cabinet Secretary 2015-2016  
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Attachement:

1. District 22W Treasurer's Report thru 11/07/15