



Lions District 22-A

# InSights



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Fellow Lions,

Moving along but slowly. On my club visitations many things have come to my attention. **First, I'd like to thank all the clubs who have hosted me for a Governor's visitation. We presently have 26 clubs in our District and I've visited 8 clubs with 6 others scheduled. Remaining Clubs, please** respond to Lion Suzette, my administrative assistant, who is scheduling my visitations with you.

Please allow me to share some successes and opportunities from LCI, and let it be known that LCI and the District need your assistance.

## Successes

Constitutional Area 1 (US, Bermuda, and Bahamas) has cut net membership loss in half, as compared to this time last year. Today we are only -409. That is an improvement of 417.

Your focus on Membership Satisfaction has resulted in a 16% decrease in members dropped as compared to this time last year.

## Struggles

MyLion was a struggle. However, LCI staff worked diligently to enhance the service reporting platform. Therefore, it is now possible for clubs to report their service going back to July 1, 2019.

Chartering of new clubs is a struggle. We are behind as compared to last year. Further, we are not meeting the total clubs pledged by my class of Governors. The dreaded December Drops are lurking around the corner.

The Global Action Team is ready to assist you and we need your assistance:

1. Please consider sponsoring at least one new member in the next 45 days.
2. Enter at least one service activity in MyLion. Please report any problems that need to be addressed.

Plan now to begin a new club in January 2020.

Happy Holidays to you and Your Family!

*Yours in Service,  
DG Sam*



SEE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT PAGE!



November 27, 2019

FROM THE DESK OF: DG Sam Foster, District 22-A

SUBJECT: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Vacancy

Importance: High

TO: District 22-A Governor's Honorary Committee

District 22-A Cabinet Members

District 22-A Club Presidents

District 22-A Lions

Dear Lions,

1. We all know the challenges our District has faced in providing District Officers. I spoke to a few Lions regarding our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor positions. Lion James Katzaman, a highly motivated and dedicated Lion, has agreed to accept an appointment of Acting 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, to proceed through the chairs, and he gets the full support of his club to do so.
2. Pursuant to District 22-A Constitution and By-Laws, Section 8, I am appointing Lion James Katzaman to the position of Acting 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for District 22-A effective December 1, 2019.
3. This Lion will serve as Acting 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor until another 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor has been elected in a special election or until the start of the term of the Vice District Governor has been elected at the annual election at the District Convention.
4. Lion James Katzaman is a member of the Linthicum Lions Club. LCI records show that Lion James Katzaman meets the qualifications for appointment.
5. I've had extensive conversations over the past weeks with LCI and PDG John Andrews (Constitution and By-Laws Chair) and we have agreed that under our District 22-A Constitution and By-Laws, we will hold a special election for the position in January 2020.
6. Candidates for Vice District Governor in this special election shall submit their intention to run along with their qualifications to the Nomination Committee within thirty (30) days of the notification to the club that a vacancy in the office exists.





# Save the Date

## 2020 Leader Dog Rally

"Bark, Brew and Wine"

April 18, 2020

Klausmeier Farm

4014 Perry Hall Road

Perry Hall, MD 21128

2 to 6 pm

An event to be remembered



Individuals and Clubs are invited to sponsor a puppy; Leader Dogs for the Blind is a 501(c)3 entity and all donations are 100% tax deductible.



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[LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy](http://LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy)

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- ▶ An official sponsorship certificate
- ▶ **First 80 sponsors also receive a matching plush puppy!**



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YEARS



**Ben**  
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**Cheyenne**  
Illinois



**Ella**  
Michigan



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Michigan



**Pluto**  
Michigan



**Uma**  
Michigan

☐ **YES!** I would like to sponsor a puppy!

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring (*please circle ONE puppy*) Ben Cheyenne Ella Mission Pluto Uma

Please make check payable to "Leader Dogs for the Blind" with "Puppy Sponsorship" in the memo.

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You can also sponsor a puppy online at [LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy](https://LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy)



## LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

If you missed the LVRF rally on November 16, you missed an excellent event. The morning began with coffee, pastries, and socializing followed by stimulating presentations. Dr. McDonnell, Director of Wilmer Eye Institute, spoke on the State of the Institute and Lions Low Vision Center (LVC) chief, Dr. Judy Goldstein, gave an update on the fellowship program. Assistant Professor Ashley Deemer (previously a fellowship recipient) spoke on the latest research being conducted at Wilmer. We were also introduced to the current fellow, Dr. Micaela Gobeille. It goes **without saying, the patient testimonial of Thomas Lenhart left no doubt in anyone's mind as to the life-changing services provided by the Lions LVC.**

A highpoint of the program was the Fireside Chat with former Senator Barbara Mikulski. Senator Mikulski lavished praised on the efforts of the MD22 Lions and the cooperative relationship between Wilmer and the Lions. She reminisced on her friendship with the esteemed Dr. Patz and provided a little history on his role in bringing Lions and Wilmer together. (Dr. Patz's family was also in attendance.)

In keeping with the theme of the program, "Summit for Sight" PDG John Shwed donned his mountain-climbing gear to present an overview of the LVRF. Club and personal donations were presented resulting in \$44,352.40 for LVRF to be used for operating funds, the Fellowship Endowment and associated programs.

LVRF Chair Larry Burton reminded the Lions of his three goals for LVRF.

1. To raise \$100,000 by the end of the Lions year for the endowment
2. To submit at least one grant for funding
3. To obtain donations from 100% of all clubs in MD22

The LVRF Trustees realize how far funds are stretched in some of the smaller clubs; however, a show of 100% support by the clubs in MD22 goes a long way in impressing grantors. As we near the halfway point in the Lions Year, LVRF Trustees will be contacting those clubs who have not yet donated to solicit their support. Your club's

donation, no matter how small, goes a long way in helping LVRF achieve its goals.



The rally also provided guests with tours of the Low Vision clinic, a boxed lunch, and of course, more socializing. If you missed it – there's always next year!

LVRF Chair PDG Larry Burton, Mrs. Arnall Patz, Senator Barbara Mikulski, and Dr. Judy Goldstein pose immediately after the Summit for Sight Program.

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Interviewers are still needed for the LOVRNET program – if you would like to volunteer, please visit the LOVRNET website and click on the VOLUNTEER button – it's that simple!! <https://www.lovrnet.org/>



**Louisville  
Kentucky**

**September 17-19, 2020**

**We can't wait to see you, in Louisville, Kentucky,  
for the 44<sup>th</sup> USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum!  
September 17-19, 2020**

**Fun, Fellowship and Fantastic Leadership Seminars!**

Louisville has so much to offer you...

- Quality Restaurants - Museums – Distilleries
- Take a ride on The Belle of Louisville
- Visit Churchill Downs
- Take a walking tour of Historical Victorian Mansions
- Visit Fourth Street Live
- **Taste some of Kentucky's finest bourbon**
- Take a stroll in the wonderful city parks (most within walking distance of the convention center)
- And so much more awaiting your arrival!

**Don't Delay...Register Today!**

Our USA /Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee, along with the Kentucky Lions Host Committee, are working very hard to provide you with three (3) days of a great leadership experience! We welcome all Lions, Leos & Guests to our Forum!

- Here are just a few events planned for the Forum:
- Walk ½ mile, one mile, or 1 ½ miles in our Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness
- Receive certification from Lions University
- State-of-the-Art motivational speakers
- Quality entertainment
- Informative sessions to enhance your leadership role in Lionism
- Attend a first-timers class; and be recognized
- Purchase the latest gifts and Lions merchandise from the store
- **Numerous exhibitors (including a display of this year's peace poster winners)**
- Design a derby hat (or bring your own); enter it in a contest to win FREE registration to the 2021 Forum in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Actively participate in the service project
- **Most of all...come have FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and**
- **LEARN** to be the best leader in Lionism you can be!

**Register NOW!!! (Prices will increase in the spring)**

**To register, visit <https://lionsforum.org/>**

**“And We're Off...To Winning Leadership”**





## ABERDEEN LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



**Empty Stocking Collections** - Our toy collection is down this year. Toys can be dropped off at Cynthia A. Moats Office or at Century 21 The Real Estate Center. Gary Wolfe will most likely be picking up toys around the first week of December.

**Christmas Food Basket** assembly and delivery will take place on December 21 at Burton Manor. We can always use extra help picking food up at ShopRite at 8am to take to Burton Manor to assemble and deliver to the residents and families in need. Please let me know if you know a family in need that lives in Aberdeen.

Terry Klein



**Get ready to experience service in full color.**

Online registration is officially open for LCICon 2020 Singapore, where Lions and Leos from around the world will reunite through colorful expressions of service, culture, entertainment and celebration. Take advantage of early pricing and save US\$75 on your registration through January 10, 2020.

<https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2020/>



## BALTIMORE BROOKLYN LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Reverend Billy Humphrey was the guest speaker at the Brooklyn Lions Club meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Reverend Humphrey is the pastor at the Pathway Church of God in Brooklyn on 9th Street and is the Executive Director of the City of Refuge located at Pontiac Avenue and 9th Street in Brooklyn. Reverend Humphrey explained how the City of Refuge started and what it does. City of Refuge seeks to help lead families out of poverty and into a journey of self-sufficiency. It operates a food bank, homeless drop in, youth dinner & program activity, clothing closet and has ties to some vocational and job assistance programs. They provide homeless outreach and assist in providing housing. They assist in a 12-step recovery program. City of Refuge has been active in Brooklyn for 15 years. The Brooklyn Lions donated to the City of Refuge to help them with their mission and made them aware of the Lions Club's program to help people in need obtain eyeglasses. The Lions hope to find other ways to assist the City of Refuge.

## CHURCHVILLE LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



*Roadway trash pick up on October 5 2019 by Lions Tom Lochner, Peggy Sullivan, Karen Foster and Buck Doss.*





## BEL AIR LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

### Bel Air Police Child Safety Fair

The Bel Air Lions sponsored the annual Child Safety Fair with the Bel Air Police Department on October 5. There was a moon bounce, Kona Ice and a petting zoo, and parents could obtain Identification Cards from the Bel Air Police for their children. The Lions also did vision screening for about 50 children; six of which were recommended for follow-up by a vision professional.



### Community-based Youth Service Group Inducted as VolunTeen Leo Club

Recently, 21 officers and board of director's members of the VolunTeen Youth group were inducted as the first members of the VolunTeen Leo Club in association with the Bel Air Lions Club. The induction was held at the Maryland Golf and Country Club on September 15.



*VolunTeen Leo Club President Drew Evans accepts the Club Charter from the Bel Air Lions Club Advisor Dave Guzewich and President Bobbie Whitlock*



*VolunTeen Leo Club Officers and Board of Directors accept new club banner from the Bel Air Lions Club President Bobbie Whitlock and Leo Club Advisor Dave Guzewich*

### Fall Clean Up at the Garden for the Senses

The Bel Air Lions led by Lion Maria Boller conducted two fall cleanup days at the Garden for the Senses at the Rockfield Manor Park in Bel Air. This garden area has been sponsored by the Lions for many years as a garden targeted for the visually impaired. In the first phase, Lions trimmed shrubs and dug out overgrown flowers in preparation for planting more flowers and mulching.





## DARLINGTON LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

The Darlington Lions have had a busy fall, conducting several fundraisers with various partners. Our chicken BBQ was done jointly with a local church and we appreciate the support from those Lions from Aberdeen, Aberdeen Lioness, Bel Air, Churchville, and Jarrettsville who came and enjoyed a meal. We grilled up Italian sausage, hot dogs, and fries with the Mason-Dixon Lions of District 14-C at the Darlington Applefest. And we've continued to join with the Darlington Volunteer Fire Company to hold monthly bingos. In all we've raised more than \$4300 from our efforts.

Our service efforts have included environmental thrusts of recycling aluminum and conducting a clean-up of our adopted road. Our community recycling trailer gets emptied monthly and over the past 12 months we have turned in more than 1300 lbs of aluminum and received \$382 for the club's coffers.



*Lion Kirk Wimer mans the Darlington Lions info table at the volunteer fire company open house. Eye screening of kids was also conducted as part of the event.*

We have also increased our public relations efforts to increase our presence in the community by participating on the fire company's open house and the elementary school PTA's fall bazaar. At the open house, we also used our Welch Allyn Spot vision screener to assess 20 children under the age of ten.

Finally, we had our annual shrimp dinner meeting and had 49 in attendance with included visitations from Lions of Aberdeen, Churchville, Eastern Regional, Glenwood, and Havre de Grace. We thank them for their support.





## EASTERN REGIONAL LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



*At the District Social on November 9 Lion Nancy Ruff was presented with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation.*



*Lions tent at our Flea market held in conjunction with Drug City's car show.*



*At the Cabinet Meeting DG Sam presented Lion Nancy Ruff with a Diamond Centennial Membership Award for recruiting and retaining new members.*



*Marie, Dawn, Paul, Nancy handing out treats to kids at the Annual Trunk or Treat at Dundalk High School.*





## GLENWOOD LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

*Editor's Note - My apologies to the Glenwood Lions Club and Lion Harrison. This information was submitted over several months ago and I forgot to include it in previous issues.*

Fellow Lions and Colleagues,

Following are abbreviated summaries of the projects and activities pursued by our three LEO Clubs during the past academic year. I trust that you will take a moment to browse through the reports as they provide some measure of insight to the commitment of our devoted LEO students to "SERVE." A review of the reports will readily attest to the broad range of engagements experienced by our students.

Personally, I want to extend sincere appreciation, on behalf of our Glenwood Lions Club, to the faculty advisors (A. Cole, M. Little, D. Carroll, P. Watt, S. Bader, K. Bensen, M. Powers) & para-educator (K. Jeffrey) & parental assistant (J. Taylor) who found time in their daily instructional schedules to spend extra time with students. **KUDOS** to parents for supporting our LEO students throughout, as evidenced by arranging transportation beyond normal school day-hours and pitching in with resources and skills as needed. And, let us not forget those administrators who have given sanction to this **partnership**, building principals, M. Kitterer, S. Conroy and G. Cash. What a privilege it is to be a member of this **team**.

A special note of gratitude to fellow Lion, Larry Orwig, who stands willingly poised to fill the void when I am unable to follow through on any LEO obligation.

THANKS to **all** who have made 2018/19 another unforgettable year in the LEO legacy.

Harrison

### BUSHY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### LEO CLUB PARTNERSHIP

#### WITH GLENWOOD LIONS CLUB

2018-2019

#### LEO CLUB ADVISOR/S:

Angela Cole, Honorary member of Glenwood Lions Club

Michelle Little, Assisting

Debbie Carroll, Assisting

Judy Taylor, parent aid

#### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Molly Ketterer

Total Club Members, June, 2019 = 47 (Grade 5)

### MAJOR PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

- Club selected school "spirit days" and made posters throughout the year to hang around the school
- Made about 15 fleece blankets for Johns Hopkins hospital
- Hosted 2 bake sales (Spring Fling and BINGO night)
- Leos collected and sorted plastic bottle caps. The bottle caps will be sent to "Green Tree Plastics" in Evansville, Indiana. In exchange for the bottle caps and a fee, Club will receive a park bench for the school. (If you know of anyone visiting the Evansville area this summer and would like to deliver about 300 pounds of bottle caps and return with our bench, it would save the Club on shipping costs.)
- Conducted a food drive to assist the inventory at the Glenwood United Methodist Church "Food Pantry"
- **Giving Tree** - Collected hats, mittens, gloves & scarves at holiday time. Items went to the Howard County Public School Systems distribution location in Columbia for sharing with needy youngsters
- Club members gather recycling from classrooms every week
- Club members hosted the annual "Flag Day" ceremony - (Please join us next)

### Folly Quarter Middle School Leo Club

#### End Year Report

2018/2019

#### Leo Club Advisors:

Patricia Watt, Honorary Member GLC (Grade 7 Science Teacher)

Shaeleen Bader, Co-Advisor (Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher)

Kelly Bensen, Co-Advisor (Grade 8 English Teacher)

Kathleen Jeffrey, Co-Advisor (Paraeducator)

Building Principal: Scott Conroy

#### Primary Projects:

**Candy for Troops** - members promoted and collected Halloween candy from students and staff, which they mailed to troops overseas, along with handmade cards of appreciation

**Thanksgiving Baskets** - collection of food, household and personal items for 8 needy families identified by the Neighbor Network - an established non profit community outreach group

**Giving Tree** - students and staff members selected and purchased gifts identified for 6 needy families - with assistance from Neighbor Network

**Used Eyewear Collection** - promoted contributions to LIC collection box in Front Office

**Meals for Grassroots** - members cooked a full dinner for 50 residents at the shelter

**Animal Shelter** - members researched animal shelters and rescue groups in the area and baked dog biscuits to donate to them

**Hospital Blankets** - members sewed fleece blankets for the children at Johns Hopkins Hospital

**Homeless Blankets** - members worked with one of our staff members to create "yarn" out of plastic grocery bags that is used to knit waterproof blankets for homeless people



## GLENWOOD LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS continued

### GLENWOOD LIONS CLUB

### LEO CLUB PARTNERSHIP

### SUMMARY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19

#### GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Leo Club Advisor: Mary Powers, Grade 6 English teacher & Honorary member GLC

School Principal: Gina Cash

Total Club members as of June, 2019 = 28 (Grades 6-8)

#### PRIMARY PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES:

**September, 2018** - Club recruitment was completed this year under the umbrella of a school-wide leadership team. Students completed a form that represented their choice for preferred club participation.

**October, 2018** - Club leadership skills were developed through election of Club officers and discussion of projects to be undertaken during the year.

**November, 2018** - Developed a format for first project - "Literature Lock-in" and Book drive. Prepared promotional materials for both efforts.

#### **January/February, 2019** - Held "Book Drive."

Collected/sorted/boxed over 3,000 books and distributed as follows:

- 1923 books to Highlandtown Elementary School in Baltimore City
- 415 books to Oakland Mills Middle School
- 758 books divided between the reading program at Wilde Lake High School and the Glenwood Senior Center.

#### **March 8, 2019** - Held "Literature Lock-in"

- Adult help
  - Glenwood Public library's young adult librarian, Lori Conforti
  - Our school librarian, Courtney Moore
  - One additional teacher, Lisa Sceputa.
- 89 readers attended the event, almost twice the attendance of the past year.

- A donation of \$182 was also made to both the Howard County Library's Adult Literacy Program and to Small Miracles for a total of \$364

#### **April/May, 2019** -Bike Drive

- Planned and completed promotional activities including social media, morning TV announcements, posters and word of mouth
- May 6- We prepared bikes for pick up - removed peddles, adjusted handle bars and seats for 63 bikes and collected \$110. Will reevaluate the effectiveness of this effort considering the donation system at the landfill for next year.

#### **June 2019**

- Assisted Bushy Park Elementary School LEO's with the coordination of the Year-End Celebration (Ice Cream party) to be held at their school.
- Prepared to make presentations on June 13th to Bushy Park ES LEO's, summarizing our Club's activities for the past school year.

**For the year-** Leo Club member, Riley Suszkiw, was nominated for "Leo of the Year" recognition.

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> the Glenwood Middle School LEO Club held their annual "Bike Drive." Approximately 12 club members participated - assisted by the Club's advisor, Lion **Mary Powers**, her husband, several members of the **Glenwood Club (Pete Adams, Gloria Nutzhorn and Harrison Morson)** and several parents of student club members. Also on board were representatives from "Bikes for the World," the non-profit organization with whom our LEO Club partners for this project.

2019 represents the 10<sup>th</sup> year that the LEO Club has sponsored the "Bike Drive" project. The May 4<sup>th</sup> event resulted in the collection of **66** bicycles accompanied by parental cash donations of **\$100**. The efforts of the 10 year partnership has achieved a total of **1606** bicycles collected. **KUDOS TO OUR LEOS AT GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL.**







## SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



On Saturday, November 2nd, Severn River Lions got together with former Lions from the East Anne Arundel Lions Club to dedicate a bench "In Honor of Lions Edith & Albert Ramsay for their Lions Community Service" at Sunrise Senior Living in Severna Park. Lion Al passed away at 100 years old in 2015 but Edith is still going strong for being 105!

### Lions Passion to tour Yuengling Brewery

Never mind early morning wakeup calls, traffic around the Baltimore beltway during busy business travel; Severn River Lions were determined to tour the Oldest Brewery in the USA "Yuengling Brewery". SRLC arrived on time for their 10:30 am tour. Pottsville Lion and IPP Charlene Hertog greeted our group at the Brewery, walked the tour with us and Lion Debbie (Yuengling Marketing employee and former Pottsville Lions President) gave the Tour.

During the tour Severn River Lions Ashley Sanford, Jim Coolbaugh, Chuck Horne, Clem Kusiak, Jeanne Kusiak, Tom Violette and Paul Nelson witnessed firsthand how brewing begins within heated brew tanks, filling of kegs, hand dug caves through solid rock in the side of a mountain where storage of beer was made possible due to the constant temperature of 50 degrees. Next came filling operations of bottles (12 oz and quart size) and canning operations.

Added to the tour, Dick Yuengling walked through the Museum, stopped to say hello and also allowed a photo. Following our tour, Lion Debbie hosted us to each of the fine brews produced by Yuengling in the brew room of the museum.

Lunch came about at the Pottsville Zone restaurant previously planned by Lion President Frank Mahoney. Hospitality is always great when visiting Lions stop in Pennsylvania. District Governor Jessica Karrar was kind to share lunch with us in addition to sharing goals of the District. President Frank talked about the Pottsville Club. Lion Clem was nominated to talk about the Severn River Club.







Fellow Lions,

We all know "We Serve" and are transforming millions of lives around the globe. The needs of Humanity have increased. We see the effects of disaster around the world, global epidemic of diabetes, vision impairment, rise in hunger, childhood cancer, environmental impact, needs of our future Youth. We cannot increase our service impact without our partner Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF launched a comprehensive capital campaign in July 2018 to raise \$300 million by year 2021. Our goal is to serve more than 200 million people a year by 2021.

LCIF, our partner, is working with us to provide immediate relief to the families who are struggling to get back on their feet in areas impacted by disasters such as the Bahamas, California, flood areas in Mississippi. LCIF also provides grants enabling us to positively affect our communities near and far.

Our generous donations to LCIF help us respond wherever we are needed around the world. We all relish the news of our heroes forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too. Everybody has a story to tell or share. Wouldn't you like to be a part of some body's story about how you affected or transformed their life? All of us have a heroic mission. Sometimes we stay in our comfort zone just staying in our small community. This world is so vast. Don't die with your music still in you. All of us want to do so much more, but limit ourselves listening to somebody else. I remember Henry David Thoreau's word: "Some of us hear a different drummer and we must march to the music we hear." What do you hear? Here is an opportunity to give a little more. Stretch yourself. Give a little more than planned and see how that feels. Your focus on giving is a wonderful opportunity to explore and experience the blessings of generosity.

The opportunities are boundless. Each and every club can participate in this campaign. Each member can donate in various ways. Your club can be a "Model Club." At its various levels, you can ask your non-Lion friends to donate, and you can ask any business to donate. Each member of your club can pledge to donate \$100 per year for 3 years and be a 100-100 Club, earn credit towards Melvin Jones Fellowships etc. etc. I know club finances are very tight in various clubs. How about donating in little creative ways. You can donate several 50/50 drawings. Look at your club's sacred cows - you might be donating to a particular organization year after year; can you change the amount or even skip and support our PARTNER, LCIF? Individually we can donate in our father's, mother's, children's, grandparent's name. If we skip observing some of the Hallmark Holidays (Mother's Day, Father's Day, Valentine's day, grandparents' day etc.) the world will still be revolving; BUT we will be writing a beautiful story of someone and changing their lives. How about sports fans? Can you have a little fundraiser while watching your favorite team playing – whether at home or at the stadium? We can do so much more than what we think.

Please let me know how I may help you in this endeavor. I can speak to your group during my visit in my language and accent problem ☐. You can donate at the LCI website; but if you give the paper work to me I will expedite faster. Please spread the word in your club and wherever you can.

We all have shown up here in this world with a purpose. I recall Leo Tolstoy's famous novel "The Death of Ivan Ilyich." Somewhere in that play it says, "What if My Whole life has gone Wrong?" Please don't die with your music still in you.

**May your generosity serve you and all beings.**

With much gratitude and wonder to you all,  
Bijoy Mahanti  
Your District LCIF Coordinator





## OCTOBER CABINET MEETING



**PCC Mahesh Chitnis, Area Leader, Global Action Team (NJ, NY, DE, MD, DC) speaks at Cabinet Meeting**

**DG Sam getting his Global Action Team Ambassador pin from PCC Mahesh**







## MD22 Lions Institute February 28 - March 1, 2020



### MD22 Regional Lions Institute for 2020

Friday, February 28, 2020  
Saturday, February 29, 2020, &  
Sunday, March 1, 2020

**Best Western Plus Ocean City**  
**6007 Coastal Highway**  
**Ocean City, MD 21842**  
**410-524-6100**

The \$50.00 registration fee covers the cost of training, materials and meals. It does not cover hotel costs. The rate for Thursday, February 27 is \$59.95 plus 11% tax (6% state and 5% county). The rate for Friday, February 28 and Saturday, February 29 is \$79.95 plus 11% tax (6% state and 5% county). Rates are based on one – two adults per room. Each additional adult is \$10 extra per adult per night. Breakfast is included in the group rate to each registered adult each day. Breakfast includes one breakfast entrée, one coffee, and one juice. Each person should call the hotel directly at 410-524-6100 and ask for the *Lions Institute* room block, or book online with the following link, [https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.21062.html?groupId=1B4F19G3](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.21062.html?groupId=1B4F19G3). Book your hotel room by January 31, 2020.

**Register for the Institute by returning the completed registration form and \$50 registration fee to MD22 Lions Institute, 1743 Deer Park Road, Finksburg, MD 21048. Make checks payable to MD22 Lions Institute. The Institute is open to the first 30 Lions to register!**

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute is designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- Encourage club members to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities.
- Familiarize club leaders with the operations, issues, and opportunities of their clubs.
- Promote leadership skills critical to the success of their position.
- Foster a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

### MD 22 Lions Institute Courses

**Lions Fundamentals** – Identify significant events in LCI history; apply the Lions Mission Statement, Code of Ethics, and Purposes; Recognize the structure of the association; Describe the benefits of Lions membership

**Working in Teams** – Identify the four characteristics of effective teams; Recognize the four stages of team development; Utilize a variety of strategies to move your team to a level of high performance

**Diversity** – Define diversity as it applies to Lions Clubs International; Identify the dimensions of diversity; Recognize the benefits of a culture of diversity; Develop strategies to effectively overcome the challenges of diversity in our clubs and districts; Create a climate that supports diversity in our clubs and districts

**Local Issues and Opportunities – Retention** – The only way to increase membership is to recruit more members than we lose. Learn tools to retain members by identifying their satisfaction, why they leave, and what we can do to keep them as successful Lions.

**Public Speaking and Presentation** – Prepare a speech outline; Implement techniques of effective speech delivery

**Time Management** – Describe the importance of time management; Recognize common obstacles to effective time management; Identify strategies for achieving effective time management

**Personal Mission Statement** – Write your own personal mission statement

**Member Motivation** – Identify the levels of needs that affect human motivation; Recognize the stimulators and obstacles that influence motivation; Create an action plan for motivating Lions club members

**Goal Setting** – Recognize the value of setting goals; Identify the characteristics of an effective goal statement; Set and prioritize goals; Develop an action plan for goal achievement

#### Questions?

Contact PDG Susan Bonura  
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[pdgsusanbonura@gmail.com](mailto:pdgsusanbonura@gmail.com)

**Register Now – Deadline January 31, 2020**  
**The Institute is open to the first 30 Lions to register!**





**MD22 Lions Institute  
February 28 - March 1, 2020**



**Registration fee is \$50 for each participant, not including hotel costs.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

District 22- Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club

Years a Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
Your club Secretary has your number

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest office/position held in Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Upcoming Events*

|     |    |                                     |
|-----|----|-------------------------------------|
| Dec | 7  | 22-D Social                         |
|     | 8  | Council of Governors Meeting        |
|     | 14 | LYF Trustee Meeting                 |
| Jan | 18 | LVRFB Trustee Mtg                   |
|     | 25 | Full Cabinet Mtg                    |
|     | 29 | LASH Exec. Committee Mtg            |
|     | 30 | Honorary Committee Mtg              |
| Feb | 3  | Region 1 Mtg                        |
|     | 15 | LASH General Membership Mtg         |
|     | 28 | Region 2 Mtg                        |
| Mar | 7  | 22-B Social                         |
|     | 8  | Council of Governors Meeting        |
|     | 14 | LYF Trustee Mtg                     |
|     | 21 | LVRFB Trustee Mtg                   |
|     | 30 | LASH Exec Comm Mtg                  |
| Apr | 11 | LASH Eyeglass Sorting, MSB          |
|     | 15 | Report 2020-21 Club Officers to LCI |

Submit brief articles on service activities or ads for fundraising events to InSights' Editor Lion Sue Parks (SPARKS@RRNRLC.ORG).

Only email copy is acceptable.

**Deadlines for materials:**

1/20/20 for February issue

3/20/20 for April issue

5/20/20 for June issue



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

October - November 2019

*Lisa Bornt - Darlington*

*Sponsor - Kirk Wimer*

*Holly Stanford - Edgewood*

*Sponsor - Linda Laorange*

*Eric Stewart - Edgewood*

*Sponsor - Stephen Laorange*

*Peggy Hoban - Joppatowne*

*Sponsor - Michael Donoghue*

*Meghan Shuttlesworth - Joppatowne*

*Sponsor - Michael Donoghue*

***Congratulations new Lions and their sponsors!***



## MEMORIALS

*Bonnie Kroll - Eastern Regional*