



We Serve

Lions District 22-A

InSights



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Fellow Lions:

Welcome to the fall 2020 edition of Survivor. I say that half in jest because our prime consideration is to make sure we take care of ourselves and each other so we can serve our communities throughout District 22-A in the safest ways possible. Even though many of us have had to keep our heads down through much of this year, it's great to note how many of our clubs continue to make a positive impact among their neighbors.

For instance, you might see elsewhere in this newsletter how Darlington Lions probably surprised themselves with their barbecue chicken dinner. They netted more funds this year than last, even with taking added precautions during a pandemic. So, good things are possible as long as we're smart about how we operate.

Another surprise is that we suddenly have a District Lions Quest program again. The new principal at Our Lady of Victory Elementary School in Catonsville was a satisfied Lions Quest customer in Frederick, MD, in District 22-W. He asked Lion Martin Bonura, the Lions Quest coordinator in 22-W who to contact in our area and Lion Martin referred him to me. Lions Quest, which helps young people develop the skills and strength of character needed to succeed as adults, has been dormant in 22-A for a few years. So, who is our Lions Quest Chair now? That would be me, until we can find someone to head our revived program. Meanwhile, without prompting, Baltimore Forty West Lions, who live and meet close to Our Lady of Victory, generously donated \$500 toward Lions Quest. Our District presented five teacher's kits to the school. District 22-W has room in its online Lions Quest training program and will cover expenses for Our Lady of Victory teachers. We're also applying for a LCIF grant to help defray our costs and added a Lions Quest line item to our District budget so we have seed money handy for future projects. Why? The principal said he will encourage other schools in the Baltimore Archdiocese to join in. If all this sounds like tail wagging the dog, you get the idea, and that's a good thing. Anyone interested in joining the fun, please contact me.

On another note, our District 22-A Social will not occur as planned Nov. 7. Where, when and if it will take place is a good question. Right now, the date frontrunner is the second Saturday of April. Don't hold me to that because all the other Districts' Socials and other events have shifted to spring too, with fingers crossed. We'll put the word out as soon as we have any particulars.

Having the social would be nice, but let's keep our priorities in mind:

- hold the line on membership and ideally add new Lions.
- If possible, donate to LCIF which has been fighting major disasters all over the U.S. and the world.
- Keep your emphasis on Your Club, Your Way, which means our eyes have to focus on ourselves and our local communities.

Remember, we are strong when we build from the ground up. Tell me and anyone else in the District Cabinet how we can best serve you.

Thanks again for all you do.

DG Jim



Lions Association for Sight and Hearing (LASH)

1. LASH Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, and Cell Phone - Drive Thru and Drop-Off

Date changed to Sunday, 11 October, 10 AM - 2 PM, rain or shine (We will have pop-up shelters in event of rain.)

Location Change: 1705 Poplar Place, Dundalk, MD 21222

Items must be pre-sanitized and sorted (see below)

2. Saturday, October 17, 10 AM - first General Membership Meeting via Zoom

3. Clubs please send contact information on club sight and hearing Points of Contact (POCs) to Dave Ellis (dmellis@comcast.net). Indicate if POC is for sight, hearing, or both.

LASH Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, and Cell Phone - Drive Thru and Drop-Off

Due to special COVID-19 related handling requirements from organizations receiving our donated items and trying to minimize exposure to each other, we are going to have a drive thru, drop off situation. That means that participating clubs must **sanitize**, **sort**, and **box/bag** eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones prior to drop off. We recognize that this is extra work for you, but LASH does not have the manpower to do all the sanitizing and sorting work itself. This is a difficult time to serve, and your extra effort is greatly appreciated.

Location: 1705 Poplar Place, Dundalk, MD 21222. If you use Google Maps, it will show you the back door to Poplar Hardware. Poplar Place is a one-way street that runs behind the Poplar Place Center on the corner of Merritt Blvd. and Wise Ave. There is a parking lot belonging to Northshire Electric perpendicular to Poplar Place, where the collection trailer will be located. Traffic will be directed clockwise around the trailer. Put your sorted items in bins alongside the trailer. Wear a mask to protect yourself and others while making the drop off.

Driving Directions: Take I-695 Exit 39 to Merritt Blvd. Proceed straight through light at German Hill Road. Stay in left lane. About 1/4 mile on right is a Denny's Restaurant. Shortly after that there is a left turn lane for Westfield Road. Turn left onto Westfield Road. Go to stop sign and turn right onto Weldon Road. Turn right onto Trappe Road. Proceed about 100 feet and turn left onto Poplar Place. Stay straight behind shopping center and look for trailer in small parking lot to the left. Traffic goes around the trailer for dropping off items, then proceed down Poplar Place to Wise Ave. Turn right and take ramp on right onto Merritt Blvd. Stay in left lane. Look for ramp to left for main highway going toward Towson. Then look for I-695/I-95 signs.

SANITIZING AND PROCESSING GUIDANCE

IMPORTANT

While processing eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones, it is recommended you wear protective gloves, mask and face shield or some form of eye protection in event of cleaning agent splash.

EYEGGLASSES:

Sorting: NO cases; separate into 4 batches:

- 1) frames with Titanium - look for "Titanium" on ear piece;
- 2) readers;
- 3) regular prescription glasses and prescription sun glasses;
- 4) non-prescription sunglasses

Sanitizing: use warm soapy water to wash eyeglasses, rinse, dry

HEARING AIDS: (Guidance from Towson University Speech, Language & Hearing Center)



Sorting: NO cases; toss out all hearing aid cases, cleaning tools, etc. All hearing aids should be placed together in a box or a zip lock bag. To keep a set of hearing aids and accessories together, put them in a baggie.

Sanitizing: Carefully wipe down all the hearing aids and associated accessories with alcohol pads or Clorox wipes. (Alcohol pads are best, and probably easier to come by these days! - or a bottle of alcohol that gets used on a paper towel). Just be careful the wipe you're using isn't too soaked, and try not to let moisture get into the microphone ports or the receiver sound ports.

If there are any other accessories that are donated (such as batteries, blue tooth streamers, microphone clips, etc.), we're happy to take those as well. Just same thing, wipe them down with alcohol pads or Clorox wipes.

CELL PHONES: Same guidance as for Hearing Aids. **NO** cases; carefully sanitize phone itself; phone chargers will be accepted. If possible, attach charger to phone with rubber band or tape to keep them together. You could also put them in their own baggie.

Dave Ellis
LASH President

In the latest LASH news:

The Towson University Institute for Well-Being, Centers for Speech & Language and Hearing and Balance, have re-opened for one-on-one work with hearing aid customers as of August 24, 2020. Any clubs receiving hearing aid applications should process them as usual and forward them to me at: LASH, Attn: Hearing Aid Program, P.O. Box 821, Bel Air, MD 21014. The application fee via check or money order payable to LASH, remains at \$25. Clubs who sponsor hearing aid clients must send me their sponsorship check (payable to LASH with client's name in the check memo) in advance. Clubs sponsoring for the full amount of the hearing aids should send \$600. You will be notified if there is an overage or an additional balance due.

Dave Ellis
LASH President





Graphic by Lion Bill Strauss

LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION NOVEMBER 2020 EZ RALLY

DATE: November 21, 2020

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Wherever you're most comfortable

RSVP: LVRF.rally@gmail.com - provide your name, club, district, and phone number

Zoom info will be provided and limited to first 500 who RSVP.

Club Donations - VIDEO!!!

As you may know, we usually accept Club donations at the annual Rally. This year, we are requesting that you make a short (20 second) video announcing your Club's donation to LVRF.

Email your video to Megan Leffner - mleffner@jhmi.edu. Each email should include who is speaking, which club they represent, from which district, and the details of the donation. Absolute deadline for submitting videos is 11/15/2020 to allow time to assemble to a master donation video.

Make your donation payable to LVRF, with EZ Rally on the memo line, and mail to Lion Paul Leatherman, LVRF Treasurer, LVRF, PO Box 1714, Baltimore, MD 21203.

Contact Lion Sue Parks, LVRF Administrative Manager, for more information: 410-979-3901 or LVRF.rally@gmail.com.





Helping young people develop the skills and strength of character necessary to succeed as adults is nothing new. It's an eternal hope. Yet, it took teenager Rick Little back in 1975 to start what in four decades has become Lions Quest, a program that has grown to include 40 languages in over 105 countries around the world.

One of the latest iterations is taking shape at Our Lady of Victory School, serving pre-kindergarten through eighth grade near Baltimore. Sponsored by Lions Clubs International District 22-A Lions in central Maryland, the program is monitored by Baltimore Forty West Lions Club, which is headquartered next to the school.

Principal Ryan Hellem has seen Lions Quest change lives at his previous school in Frederick, MD, and was anxious to put the program in place at Our Lady of Victory. School guidance counselor Jackie Oliver-Coates will help oversee the program that will initially involve five teachers, building on more than 40 years of success.

In the mid-1970s, Rick Little conducted a survey of over 2,000 high school students to determine the issues that concerned them most. He consulted experienced teachers who suggested including a teacher workshop that would serve as a classroom model. The program was so successful at the high-school level that soon middle and elementary schools were asking for age-appropriate positive youth development programs. Little eventually founded and served as chief executive officer of the International Youth Foundation.

In 1984, Lions Clubs International Foundation gave its first LCIF grant to Quest International to help further expand the program. From that point, support of Quest became a key tenet of LCIF's service to youth. LCIF has supported Quest at the organizational level through grants and technical collaboration, and at the local level through club involvement in community implementation of the program in schools. To date, LCIF has awarded more than 360 grants for a cumulative total of more than \$20 million to expand or establish Lions Quest programs across the United States and around the world.

Lions such as those in District 22-A have been key to the success and expansion of Lions Quest, supporting the program through local funding, coordinating teacher training, co-hosting parent meetings, speaking to youth and undertaking joint service projects with students.

For more information about Lions Quest and getting the program started at other schools, contact District Governor Jim Katzaman.



ABERDEEN LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

We're Still Serving!

Covid 19 has put a serious crimp in the Aberdeen Lion Clubs' ability to reach out and serve in many of our traditional service projects. Fortunately, though, one such service project has not been affected by the Pandemic. That service project is the Medical Loan Closet.

The need and request for walkers, bedside commodes, shower seats, transfer benches wheelchairs etc., has not diminished. If anything, those needs and requests have increased over the last several months. The Aberdeen Lions Club continues to provide area residents with these items either directly to the person needing them or through a network of physical and occupational therapists that provide them to their clients and patients. It is important to note that these items are available to all Lions and to anyone requesting them.

We stock our Aberdeen Lions Club with donations from folks that find they no longer need these items and want them to be used again. I've traveled to Delaware and Baltimore County and Baltimore City to pick up Medical Items. Folks I've never met drop off Medical Items at my house often! We also are very fortunate that many of our Lions are on the constant look-out for Medical Items that we can use. Lions Lowell Moxley and Lioness Lion Brenda Conjour are always dropping off items to for the Medical Loan Closet. Thank you, Lions.

We also work closely with the Havre de Grace Lions Club and their Medical Loan Closet Chairperson Marcy Boyle; Lion Marcy and I work together to provide the requested item should one of us not have that item in stock. Lions Herman and Lambert also work with me to fetch Medical Items from the trailer. Thank you, Lions!

On occasion, when there is a need, we do go out into the market and purchase items that we don't have in the Medical Loan Closet Trailer. The word has gotten out that we provide these Medical Items at no charge and gladly accept their no-longer needed Medical Items. We find that the folks that get them greatly appreciate this service that the Aberdeen Lions Club provides.

Please spread the word that we accept and lend out, Medical Items to anyone requesting them! Anyone can contact me (call or text) at 410.404.5373 or email at: Aberdeenhappenings@comcast.net. The Aberdeen Lions Club has had a Medical Loan Closet for over 50 years! From its humble beginnings in the basement of Lion George Lefevre's home to the 43' storage trailer that we have today, we continue to provide those in need with Medical Items.

Thank you, Lions, for your support and thank you, the folks that continue to donate their no-longer needed Medical Items to the Aberdeen Lions Club! It's greatly appreciated!

We're still serving!
Lion Mark Schlottman
Medical Loan Closet Chairperson

BEL AIR LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

The Miracle League Gets Started

The Harford County Miracle League baseball kicked off its first outing hosting several adults from the ARC at Schucks Regional Park near Harford Community College. Four VolunTeens joined Lions Ken Zorbach, Wayne Dudeck and Dave Guzewich to help these individuals enjoy a baseball game. The Miracle League was founded by Tom Walls (Plaza Ford) & Family. It began with the simple idea, provide children and adults of all abilities the chance to play baseball.



Several Improvement Projects at the Bear Legacy Adventure Trail

The Lions club did several projects at the Bear Legacy Adventure Trail during the summer. We added a stairway to the tree house platform so that adults could climb up. We added ramps to two boardwalk sections to make them safer for walkers and bikers. We added a blackboard to the outdoor classroom, and we cleaned up the grills at the picnic area.



Keeping Shamrock Park Clean!

The Bel Air Lions donated 6 new trash receptacles for the Shamrock Park in Bel Air.



DARLINGTON LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

The Darlington Lions joined with the Darlington United Methodist Church (DUMC) for a very successful Chicken BBQ. While the BBQ is an annual event, modifications were made in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, so only pre-order, drive-by carryout meals were available to the public. A total of 280 meals were sold. Eighty (80) of those meals were purchased by Farmers Insurance with the requirement they be given to families in need. Mason-Dixon Community Services was contacted and generated a list of families and individuals to receive the meals. The meals were delivered allowing for a service component to our fundraiser. The proceeds from the event which included donations from area businesses, were split with DUMC and netted \$3,000 for the Lions.



The Lions were invited to serve as the color guard for the local fire department's 9/11 memorial ceremony. King Lion Pam Burton served to call the event to order and lead the pledge of allegiance while VP Joe Foltz and Secretary PDG Larry Burton carried the flags and posted the colors for the event.

Lastly, the club furnished a rest stop with refreshments at a local park for cyclists participating in a fundraising ride for the Perry Point Fisher House. Lions Kirk Wimer, Sherry Gentry, and Pam & PDG Larry Burton manned the station on a beautiful morning and provided the riders with sustenance at the 22 mile-marker of their 60-mile trek.





GLENWOOD CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

During the month of June 2020, the Glenwood Lions Club recognized the Howard County Police Department’s designated **Explorer Scout of the Year, 2019, Lt. Randall Givens**, with the presentation of a commemorative plaque. Unfortunately, the ceremony could not be held under traditional circumstances due to the current COVID 19 pandemic. Arrangements were made for delivery of the plaque award to the Howard County Police Department where thereafter an appropriate celebration was held.

The presentation is depicted in the two attached photos taken in front of the Howard County Police Department’s headquarters in Ellicott City.



Left to Right: PFC. Antonio Vitale, Sgt. Matthew Mergenthaler, Explorer Scout , R. Givens, PFC. Stephen Willingham & Sgt. Allison Ehart



Explorer Scout: Lt. Randall Givens

The Glenwood Lions Club also recognized the designated Howard County **Police Officer of the Year, 2019, PFC. CHRISTOPHER ATTANASIO**, with a plaque award. A photo of that presentation was not available.

Similar recognition is given to our local area Fire Department. However, no awardee was selected for the past calendar year. It has been a tradition for our Club to annually pay tribute to the services provided by the first responders in community.

Harrison Morson
Special Recognition Night – Program Coordinator
Glenwood Lions Club
September 14, 2020



GLENWOOD CLUB HIGHLIGHTS *continued*

Lion J. Harrison Morson (second from right) of the Glenwood Lions Club received the Lions Clubs International Leadership Award for his outstanding work in service to the community for many years. Lions Clubs Past International President Clem Kusiak (right) presented the award along with Past District 22-A Lions Governor Samuel Foster (second from left) who nominated Lion Harrison for the honor. PDG Angela F Bruce, President of Glenwood Lions Club, also attended.

A former educator, Lion Harrison has been a dedicated member of the Association of Lions since October 2002. He took on the role of Leo Club Advisor through which he acts as liaison with school advisors and students. He has generated excitement in the students and on their projects. Lion Harrison is also the Glenwood Lions' point person for Bikes of the World, leading the Folly Quarter Middle School Leo Club to assist with repairing bikes, which are sent for use by those in need in other countries.



District 22-A Lions recognized Lion Harrison for these efforts and more, along with the example he sets for others to serve their communities.

SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



Severn River fielded a foursome for LVRF's Virtual Golf Tournament. On 8/23/20 Severn River Lions Clem Kusiak, Rollins Clark, Carroll Hicks and friend Coleman Eldridge visited the Compass Pointe Golf Course in Pasadena, recorded their scores, and submitted them to LVRF. LVRF raised over \$8,000 with this Tournament!



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Submit **brief** articles on service activities or ads for fundraising events to InSights' Editor Lion Sue Parks (rich99991@verizon.net).

Only email copy is acceptable.

Deadlines for materials:

11/20/20 for December issue

1/20/21 for February issue

3/20/21 for April issue

5/20/21 for June issue

REMINDER TO CLUBS

Short articles with pictures (jpgs) should be submitted by the deadlines shown above. These articles must be submitted separately from your club newsletters. Thanks.

Upcoming Events

Given current events, schedule is subject to change.

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| Oct | 3 | Region 1 Meeting |
| | 11 | LASH Eyeglass Drop-off |
| | 17 | LASH General Membership Meeting |
| | 24 | Region 2 Meeting |
| | 24 | LYF Trustee Meeting |
| | 29 | Honorary Committee Meeting |
| Nov | 3 | Election Day |
| | 11 | Veterans Day |
| | 14 | Full Cabinet Meeting |
| | 21 | LVRF Virtual Rally |



MEMORIALS

Norris Willey - Aberdeen
Edward Harrison - Clarksville



Update October Leader Dog

"Bark, Brew and Wine"

Postponed Until Spring 2021

If your Club has not made a donation, please consider making one. For those of you who purchased tickets we can roll your ticket purchase to 2021, donate the money in your name to Leader Dogs, or provide you a refund. Please contact PDG Angela Bruce by email at Highland47@outlook.com with your decision.

Thank you for your support of this annual event .

PDG Owen Landis, Chair PDG Angela Bruce, Co-Chair