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Dear Fellow Lions,



Our District Social is over. PDG Dan Scott 's District Social team consisting of Chairs for Program Book, Sue Parks, Silent Auction, Charles Jacobs and Brenda Conjour, Hospitality, PDG Senora Haywood, Decorations, Joan Jones, Kersey Jones, Carol Mahanti and others assisting them did an awesome job making the event memorable for everyone. All of you who came to share your energy at the Social lifted me

up. It made me realize how much we have really missed being engaged with others, communicating with others, being in a community with others, and being uplifted with others.

Ellicott City/Columbia and Edgewood Clubs fulfilled their obligations of donations and became Model Clubs of Campaign 100. Our District Membership is 621 with a net loss of 4 since the beginning of the year. Service reporting remains a challenge so we are reprinting some information from the June 2021 InSights on why Reporting Service is so important. Please help each other to get better. Succession planning and unfilled leadership positions is another big challenge to overcome. But please remember always we are stronger than our circumstances. We will overcome with each other's involvement. Our next Full Cabinet Meeting is on January 29, 2022; please put it on your calendar and make a point to attend.

You might be wondering about the picture of fallen leaves. As I am writing this, I am watching the leaves falling from our maple trees and wondering, what a world it would be if the trees were too afraid to let their leaves go. There would be no Spring. Same



thing happens to our lives----if we don't just let things flow and go. Then what is coming could never come. There is time for everything under the sun. There is hope in every season.

With the Thanksgiving Holiday just past and all other Holidays coming in December is a wonderful time to explore the Power of Gratitude. In fact, Holiday or not, we can practice gratitude daily. Life changing gratitude is a chosen, cultivated way of living, especially when we can be grateful in challenging circumstances.

Wishing you and your family a Joyous Holiday Season and be safe and healthy. With much gratitude for everything you do, Bijoy

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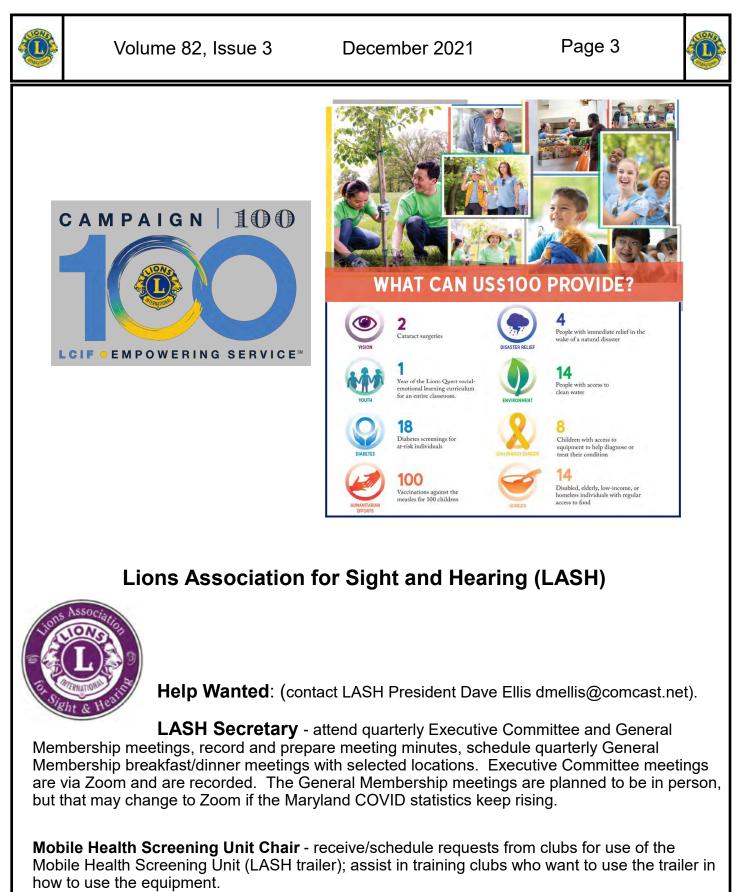
My Fellow Lions,

I take the privilege to remind ourselves about our foundation: Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). We cannot enhance our service activities without LCIF help. During this 2021-2022 Lion Year, LCIF has already awarded 359 Grants, Total Funding \$15,662,418.00. I am pleased to inform you that our Severn River Lions Club just received a grant for a service activity with a Cub Scout Pack. Other clubs in our District have received Grants to purchase Vision & Hearing equipment, Emergency Relief Grant etc. LCIF is always there for us. Campaign 100 has raised \$236,944,255.00 funds with a Goal to raise \$300 Million by June 30,2022. The need continues to rise due to Pandemic and Natural Disasters, Climate Change effects etc. We need to rise to help our Foundation.

As we, the caring Lions are changing the world in need, it takes funding. NOW is ALWAYS time to help someone. We all love Holidays for so many reasons. It is usually a time to reflect on our blessings. Let us share our blessings with someone who is not as privileged as we are. You may notice that our actions have a significant impact on others today. NOW would be a good time to lend a helping hand to those in need because you can make a difference. Would you not raise your Spirit of Giving during this Season to donate whatever amount your HEARTS DESIRE to LCIF / Campaign 100?

There are many ways you can donate to LCIF; you may contact me or check the LCI website. <u>Icif.org/donate</u>.

With much gratitude and wonder, Bijoy



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Reprinted from 6/21 InSights

Why report service

How do clubs and districts individually benefit from reporting service?

- Reporting service helps transfer knowledge and best practices to your club's future leaders. Club officers can review past service activity reports, learn from the successes of the club's previous activities and better plan for their future activities.
- Reporting service is a matter of local pride. Reporting puts your club on the map as leaders in your local community, and it's an important way to share success with other clubs in your district and around the world.
- A high percentage of clubs reporting service is a sign of a healthy district.
- Reporting service allows you to become eligible for service awards.

How do clubs and districts collectively benefit from reporting service?

- Reporting shines a light on how and where local clubs are making a difference.
 This elevates the profile of Lions Clubs International as a global service club organization.
- Service reports provide tangible evidence of our global engagement and impact to prospective partners of Lions Clubs International. These relationships strengthen the organization and yield benefits at the local level.
- People want to participate in real, visible change. Service reporting allows clubs to continually engage communities, tell stories more effectively and ultimately grow their member base.

How does reporting service benefit the people we serve?

- Service data helps everyone understand the needs of communities around the world and how our Lions and Leos are serving those needs.
- Because service activities are scalable, one small service project can become the next global initiative of the organization. But Lions Clubs International is not aware of such projects unless they are reported.
- Service data enables Lions Clubs International to identify best practices that can be shared globally.
- Measurement leads to insight. Setting higher goals each year mobilizes the organization toward growth.
- Service reports show how Lions and Leos around the world are using funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation grants to serve their communities. This visibility encourages Lions and Leos to think creatively about their own projects and apply for LCIF grants themselves.

Additional benefits

- Reporting is the final step in completing a service project. If it's not reported, it's not done!
- Reporting service is a lot like voting. You
 may think your report doesn't make a
 big difference, but the only way we'll be
 successful is if everyone does their small part.
- Reporting is considered service in itself. The time clubs and districts spend reporting their service are considered volunteer hours, and can be reported in MyLion.



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22-A FALL GALA in the **HISTORY BOOKS!!**

On the evening of November 12th, Lions and guests gathered from around the Multiple District to honor District Governor Bijoy and Lion Carol Mahanti. The Double Tree Hotel at BWI provided a great facility and a wonderful meal. International Director Larry Edwards who noted his term had been extended

due to COVID, was our international guest. A huge Silent Auction benefited the multiple charities the District Governor has selected. Toward the end of the evening, DG Bijoy and ID Larry presented some international awards.



Social Chair PDG Dan Scott introduces DG Bijoy and Lion Carol

ID Larry Edwards said a few words





Club President Alan Goldschen accepting recognition for Ellicott City/Columbia Lions Club's Campaign 100 Model Club donation requirements. (L-R PDG Ken Chew, MD22 LCIF Coordinator, DG Bijoy, ID Larry, Lion Allan, PID Joe Gaffigan.)





ID Larry presented Bel Air Lion International President's pin for recruiting 14 members over the







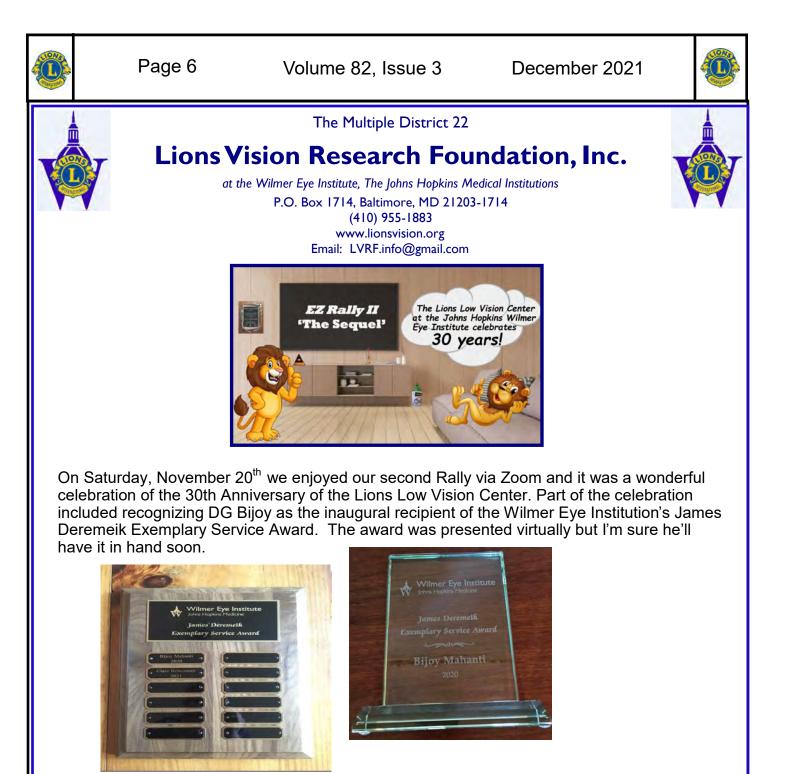








Bel Air Lion CS John Mosier and Severn River Lions AA Suzette Kettenhofen and Sue Parks were recognized with International President's Certificates of Appreciation.



You may also recall that the Pike Creek Green Hills Lions Club in 22-D issued a challenge - they would match dollar for dollar funds raised up to \$30,000. I'm pleased to advise that the \$30,000 goal was reached. 22-A Lions Clubs stepped up to the tune of \$6,920 and funds are still coming in. This means that a minimum of \$60,000 has been raised from this year's Rally for the Lions Low Vision Fellowship Endowment. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lion Sue Parks

LVRF Administrative Manager, Donor Recognition Chair, 22-A Trustee



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Aberdeen Lions Club was pleased to induct new member Bob Royster at our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 9th. Lion Bob was recently promoted by the Harford County Police Department to the Rank of Captain. Lion Bob is no a stranger to Lionism because his father, who resigned for health reasons, was a long time member of the Aberdeen Club.



L-R King Lion Carol Mahanti, son of Bobby Royster, new Lion Bobby Royster, former Lion Bobby Royster, Sr, and Lion Mark Schlottman.

DARLINGTON LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

The Darlington Lions have ramped up activity this fall starting with the induction of three new members; Jerry Candelaria, Lynn Hade, and Kathleen Foley. All three have gotten immediately involved assisting with the club's environmental programs - the monthly emptying of the community aluminum recycling trailer and the semi-annual clean-up of our adopted road.

The club also partnered with the Mason-Dixon Lions of District 14-C to serve hot dogs, sausages, French fries and beverages at the Darlington Applefest. This marked the 15th year the two clubs have joined forces at this event. And speaking of fundraising partnerships, 2021 marks the 10th year for our joint monthly cash bingo with the Darlington Volunteer Fire Company. Even after a decade, the venture is still going strong, as we had a record crowd in November and split more than \$2300 for the evening.

PDG Larry constructed a shelf in the club's loan closet using materials donated by club members to help accommodate the large inventory of items the club maintains. We currently have a surplus of walkers and 4-foot pedestal canes, so contact PDG Larry if you are in need of a few.

The club also hosted a community Christmas display lighting and caroling gathering. Cookies and cider were made available to those in

attendance and provided for Lions and community members to share in fellowship.











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We are again working with our Cub Scout Pack 688 to raise funds for the purchase of a much needed trailer to replace an ancient one which has become a safety hazard.



We've applied to the Lions Youth Foundation for a grant which has been received. We're also looking for a grant from LCIF which we understand has been approved. We've been in touch with some corporate entities and all of our members and are well on our way to matching the funds.

Next step is designing the wrap which will include the Cub Scout,



Severn River, LCIF, and LYF logos. We'll keep you posted on this project which we expect will be delivered to the Scouts in the spring.

Since the pack started their camping events, they have recently increased to 122 campers and their need for a more reliable trailer with additional space will support ongoing and future activities, to develop the Scouts as future leaders in our communities.



FALL GALA

Severn River Lions Chris Werth, Suzette Kettenhofen, Sue Parks, Sheila LoCastro, Dick Motley, and Chris Werth had a good time at the gala honoring DG Bijoy. (Lion Jackie is taking the picture.)



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In 2022, the premier Lions event of the year is happening in beautiful Montréal, Canada. With tons of amazing architecture, a buzzing arts scene, and amazing and diverse restaurants and cafés, you'll have the time of your life at LCICon 2022. Take a look at what you'll experience!

When Lions and Leos come together to celebrate, the future of service gets brighter. That's why we're thrilled to see you at LCICon 2022 in Montréal, Canada next year!

Take in Montréal's rich history and culture at LCICon 2022! From beautiful architecture and a buzzing arts scene to a wide variety of cafes, restaurants and shops, Montréal offers an LCICon 2022 experience like never before! At the Palais des congrès de Montréal Exhibit Hall, where the convention takes place, you'll be greeted by beautiful contemporary windows and modern art that truly represents the incredible diversity of Lions Clubs International. Connect with Lions International staff as well as Lions and Leos from around the world in the Exhibit Hall while exploring the many facets of our organization. And if you're a delegate from a club in good standing, vote in the International Election.

Join us in the famous Bell Centre, to listen to a wide variety of topics from world-renowned keynote speakers at our Plenary Sessions. And, of course, hear from our organizational leaders about the past, present and future of Lions International. But that's not all — at the International Show, which will also take place in the Bell Centre arena, you can catch world-class entertainment!

It wouldn't be LCICon without service opportunities — which we'll tell you about closer to the date. Take part in, or simply enjoy, the Parade of Nations featuring thousands of Lions from all over the world.

Staying safe

As always, safety is always a top priority for us. This year, we will be partnering with local officials to apply all recommended health and safety guidelines. We'll let you know more about the safety procedures as we get close to LCICon 2022.









MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE January 14 – 16, 2022 Washington College Chestertown, Maryland

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WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

To make your clubs more effective in serving your community To learn about your strengths and weaknesses To become a more effective leader To improve your public speaking and communication skills To learn more about Lionism and its role in your community To develop interpersonal skills To develop new friendships from throughout the Multiple District To get new ideas in service projects and fund raising in your Clubs



All in a beautiful campus setting Shared suite with bath Great food Time for fun and fellowship Meet old Lion friends and make new ones Accomplished instructors Come away inspired

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The tuition is \$200,00. This includes two nights lodging, six meals, and all instructional materials. Ask your club or district for a partial sponsorship.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Contact your District Global Leadership Team Chair (PCC Harold Boccia, hboccia50@gmail.com PCC John Lawrence, 410-725-0150, ions@johnlawrence.name or PDG Ken Chew, 302-798-6520, 1941akc@gmail.com

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| Registration fee is \$200.00, and must accompany this Registration Form. If fee is being subsidized by your district or club, their portion will be billed later. | | | | | |
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