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Fellow Lions,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and is looking forward to the upcoming holidays! Our Lions Year is almost to the half-way point and we have a bit of catching up to do, okay a lot of catching up. Roster Books have been distributed - if not directly to your club, then to your Zone Chair. Be sure to contact me if you haven't received yours.

I have been visiting clubs as their schedules permit. One thing I've learned from the club visits I've made so far is that our Lions are actively serving our communities. You are just not actively blowing your own horns. Please, report whatever service you are doing on **MYLION** and to me for inclusion in InSights.

If COVID taught us nothing else, we learned to be flexible. We can't meet in person? Gas and inflation highest we've seen in a while? Isn't Zoom wonderful! We can't do massive service projects? Let's do individual small projects. Sounds to me like **"YOUR CLUB, YOUR WAY"** is alive and well!

I don't think I tuned in to "Your Club, Your Way" when it was first introduced - back around 2013 or so. Just kept on with the status quo. Ten years ago, Lions Year 2012-2013, we had 35 clubs in 6 zones in 3 regions. That means we've lost 13 clubs in these past 10 years. Has the need for service been reduced? A resounding 'NO!'

Bottom line - we need to strengthen the clubs we have left and build new clubs to fill in the holes in our service areas. Easy? Not at all! But start thinking 'Your Club, Your Way.' You're working alongside a volunteer who doesn't like or can't make it to club meetings - invite them to become a 'service member'. Count the service projects the same as you count meeting attendance and that makes for an Active member. More on this in future issues.

On the last page of this InSights, you'll find Roster Book changes and corrections. One of the big changes I'll mention here is that we have finalized the location, date etc for the District Social. The Roster Book shows a 5/20/23 date but Saturday nights were cost prohibitive. Therefore, we moved to Sunday afternoon, May 21, 2023 from 2-6 pm. Mark your calendars!

I do want to point out that there's important information about the availability of over-the-counter hearing aids on page 13 of this issue. Please be sure to take a look, especially if your one of many who has given up on hearing aids due to the cost.

Please enjoy the upcoming holidays!

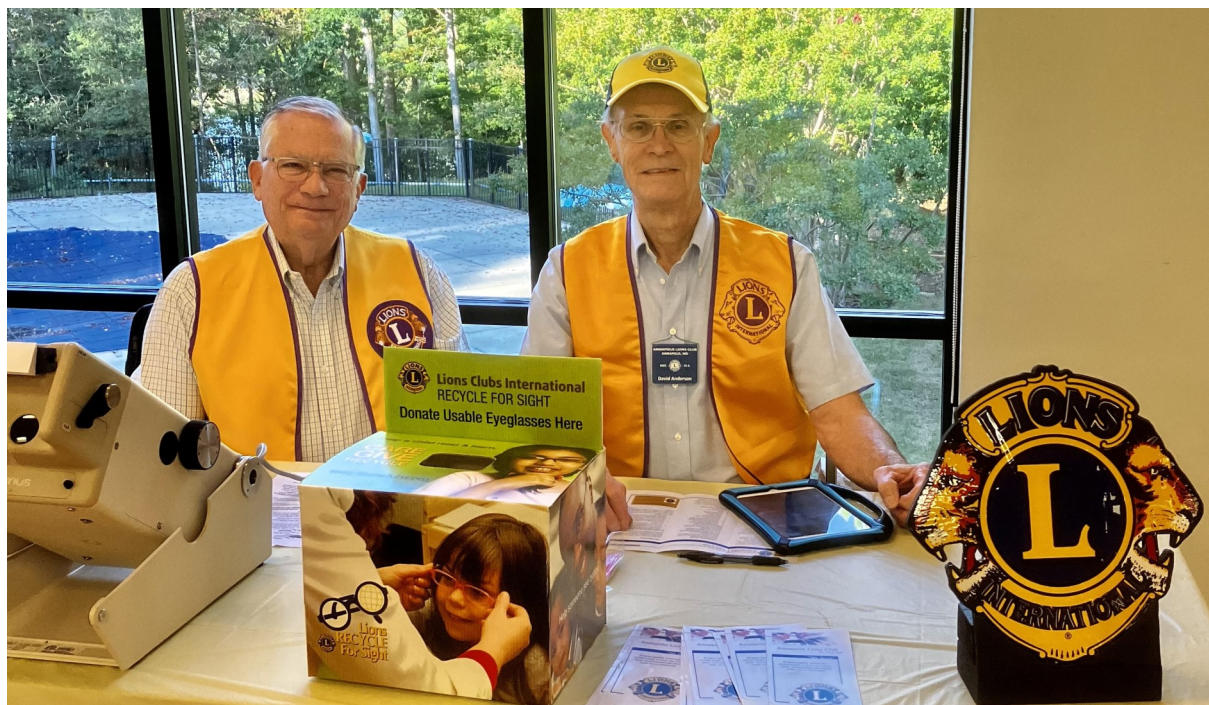
Yours in Lionism,
DG Sue Parks





ANNAPOLIS LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Annapolis Lions held their Annual Florida sale on Saturday, November 19th. Left to right are Lions Gene Zeiser, Dave Anderson, Bart Johnson, and KL Jeff Fair.



KL Jeff Fair and Lion Dave Anderson perform vision screening at Heritage Harbor Health Fair in September.



BEL AIR LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Trees Arrive...Finally!

After multiple delays due to heavy snowfalls in Canada, the first shipment of trees arrived in the afternoon on Wednesday, November 23rd. Approximately 60 people participated in the unloading and tagging process of the 900 trees including 20 Lions plus Lion spouses Linda Wilson and Gayle Zorbach and Ami Biondi's daughter, Alyssa. There were also 37 student and adult volunteers. The truck driver was amazed at how organized our unloading process was. We started selling at 4 PM. Alice Leeds was the first cashier of the season. Total money intake was \$2,280. We sold 22 trees in the 6-8 ft range and one 9-10 ft tree. We are selling the 6-8 ft trees for \$90 and the 9-10 ft trees for \$135. Lion Don Stewart organized the truck unloading and got covered in snow and tree needles. Lion Dave Guzewich oversaw tree lot opening. Lions Larry Shannahan, Robin Young and Chris New counted trees as they came off the truck. Lions Phil Raub and Wayne Dudeck directed trees to the racks. Lion Rick Sharesky, who helped us renovate the shed, measured trees before they went to the racks, and everyone else tagged or lugged trees (except Lion Dave Ellis who wandered around taking pictures and cheering everyone on!)



Lion Don Stewart coordinates the unloading of trees.



Lion Larry Shannahan counts and directs traffic.



Lions Todd Boyle (left) Ken Zorbach (middle) and KL Ken Waldner (right) do some heavy lifting unloading trees



BEL AIR LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS *continued*



Group photo of the many young volunteers who helped with Christmas trees

VOLUNTEEN LEOS HIGHLIGHTS

Thanksgiving in a Box

The VolunTeens assembled and delivered over 300 Thanksgiving in a Box packages for several organizations across the county.



Thank you Volun-teen for donating to our Thanksgiving Holiday Project!



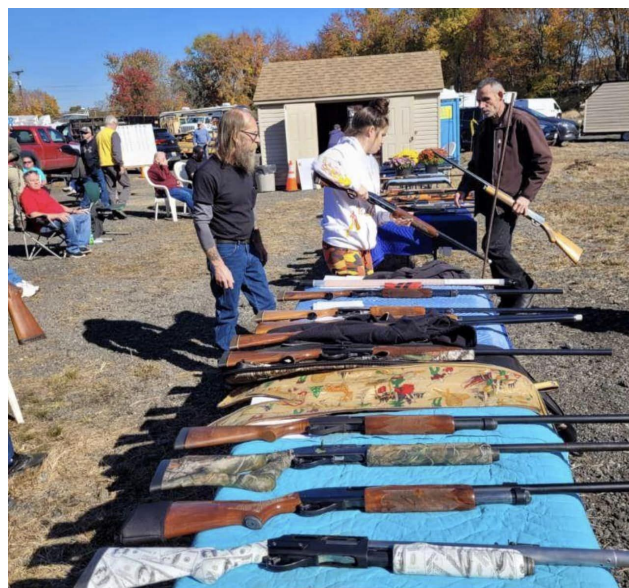


CHURCHVILLE LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



DG Sue visited Churchville Lions Club in October and inducted new member JD Devido.

L-R: DG Sue, KL David Reed, JD, and sponsor, Lion Fred Guenther



Churchville also reported a very successful turkey shoot season.



ELLICOTT CITY-COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

During DG Sue's visit to the Ellicott City-Columbia Lions Club, they reported monthly service at the Howard County Food Bank in September, October, November and coming up in December. They also reported participating in the Columbia Latin Health Fair. They also made donations to LCIF, LASH, Horizon Day Camps, Athletes Serving Athletes, Laurel Advocacy, and the Food Bank. Finally, they noted multiple vision and hearing screening opportunities in the near future. Thank you Ellicott City Columbia Lions for all you are doing! You are a small but mighty TEAM!



*From Left around the table:
PDGs Angela and Bob Bruce,
Club Secretary Lion Alan
Goldschen, DG Sue, KL Tom
Hartman, Lion Sue Hartman,
Lion Susan Goldschen, and
Lion Rich Aquino*

EDGEWOOD LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Edgewood reported that they celebrated their 75th Charter Night on the 12th of September at Miller's Ale House.

They will be financially supporting *Family Outreach* in their endeavor to supply food for the needy.

In lieu of a regular meeting, they will be celebrating the holidays with a Christmas Luncheon at Pat's Pizzeria in Edgewood.

And last, but certainly not least, the *Edgewood Lions Club* is supporting the *American Legion* at the *Annual Children's Christmas Party*, Friday, December 16th, at the *American Legion* in Edgewood from 5-9 PM. Santa and his elves will arrive on a fire engine and there will be free hotdogs for everyone and small gifts for the young children.

HARFORD COUNTY LIONS CLUBS HIGHLIGHTS



Bob Griffith and his grandson, Tommy Nigrin, take their time to explore the newly opened train garden at Brooms Bloom Dairy in Bel Air on Nov. 25. The Harford County Lions Clubs have partnered with Brooms Bloom and assembled the new train display in the building that formerly held Christopher's Train Garden at Brooms Bloom. The free Christmas Train Garden is open weekends through the holiday season. More photos, Page 10. **MATT BUTTON/THE AEGIS**

A model Christmas

Harford Lions open train garden

By Matt Button

The Harford County Lions Clubs recently partnered with Brooms Bloom Dairy in Bel Air to offer a free Christmas model train garden open on weekends through the holiday season. Members from several Lions Clubs came together and assembled a new train display in the building that formerly

held Christopher's Train Garden at the dairy.

The train garden officially opened Nov. 25 with a ribbon cutting where incoming County Executive Robert Cassilly did the honors before touring the space with his grandchildren. Ray Cooper, father of Christopher Cooper, who the original train garden was named in memory of, took a minute to thank those involved in the project from its origin in 2008 to the current train garden.

Christopher Cooper, a Harford County teen who loved trains, died in November 2007 at age 15 from a medical condition.

His family set up and operated the holiday display for more than a decade.

"We had a lot happiness, a lot of smiles," Cooper said standing before the small group gathered just outside the building. "We're very grateful to the Dallam family and the community for allowing Christopher's Train Garden to exist when it was here, and we're very happy to see the tradition continue on from this point and see the Lions Clubs keep it going."

There are nine Lions Clubs serving Harford County including Churchville,

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HARFORD COUNTY LIONS CLUBS HIGHLIGHTS continued

10 The Aegis | Friday, December 2, 2022



The Harford County Lions Clubs have partnered with Brooms Bloom Dairy in Bel Air to offer a free Christmas Train Garden in the building that formerly held Christopher's Train Garden on weekends through the holiday season. **MATT BUTTON/THE AEGIS PHOTOS**

Model

from Page 1

Bel Air, Darlington, Aberdeen, Joppatowne, Edgewood, Fallston and Jarrettsville.

"Lions Clubs do many unique services in their individual communities but this is a joint effort across the county" said Fred Gunther, member of the Churchville Lions Club, who led the effort. "It's a great family opportunity and of course to perhaps enjoy meals or snacks at the Brooms Bloom Dairy."

While the train garden has just opened, Lions Club members are hoping to eventually offer more of a sensory experience for blind or sight-impaired individuals.

The Lions provide many services to the Harford community each year including sight and hearing conservation services, support to many youth programs, medical items lending closets, tackling food insecurity, and support to local groups and activities including events like the Darlington Apple Festival and the Bel Air Police Children's Safety Day each year.

The garden will be open each weekend Friday-Sunday from 11-5 p.m. through Dec. 18, at 1700 S. Fountain Green Road in Bel Air.



A small group gathers to officially open the new holiday train garden at Brooms Bloom Dairy in Bel Air on Nov. 25.



Our Train Engineers Members

Big thanks to the Lions working many long hours on the creation of the Harford County Lions Train Garden and overseeing the operation of this train layout during the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Doug Bonney, Chairman
Lion Joe Foltz, Darlington Lions
Lion JD DeVido, Churchville Lions
Lion Jim Hutchins, Churchville Lions
Ray Cooper, creator of Christopher's Train Garden



L-R: Lion Rocky Gonzalez, VP Churchville; incoming county executive Bob Cassilly, Doug Bonney, Chair of Train Engineers Committee, FVDG John Mosier, and not shown, Lion Fred Guenther who took the picture.



GLENWOOD LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

On November 3rd, PDG Susan Bonura, Multiple District 22 Marketing Chair (below left), visited Glenwood and gave a presentation on Marketing. Glenwood was also excited to induct two new members, Liisa Hart and Marlene Nordbeck, both were sponsored by PDG John Cullison.



L-R - PDG John Cullison, Liisa Hart, Gary Hart, and Marlene Nordbeck, Liisa's mom.



LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
WASHINGTON, DC

Multiple District 22
Hosting the
LCI Convention

July 2-6, 2027

"Put Out the Call" to
Volunteer Lions Family

lciconv2027host@gmail.com



JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Jarrettsville Lions celebrated the Winter Holidays, Christmas and Hanukkah, with our dinner at Pond View Farm on December 1st. They are again supporting some Holiday Families with Walmart gift cards and Mason/Dixon Community Services with a generous fruit donation. Also, they tripled support to Wreaths across America, with 100 wreaths to honor our veterans. Some of our members will take part in placing the wreaths on December 17th.

SERVICE AWARDS

King Lion Rick presented service awards at the November 21st meeting. The Service Award recognizes individual Lions on every 5th year of service.

Congratulations to all!

Awards presented to those who were not in attendance;

10 years Lisa Calary & Ken Bowers

15 years Jim Eyler

20 years Kevin Dufour

25 years Jerold Wassel

Awards presented to those in attendance:



Elon Ruschell
10 years



Mike Day
50 years



Arnold Neuburger
60 years



Dan Scott
45 years

SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



We returned to volunteer for the Bay Bridge Walk at the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Pictured L-R: Catherine Violette, Carroll Hicks, Laurajean Council, Tilghman Brice, guest Tony, Chris Werth, Jackie Hetrick, Pat Clark, and Rollins Clark. Not pictured, Suzette Kettenhofen, Bill and Dixie Stack.

Severn River's first fruit sale of the season on 11/19 was unbelievably cold, but we made it with the help of the Severna Park High School band kids.





For FY 2022-23

6 people received hearing aids. Sponsors: 2 LASH, 2 Perry Hall-Kingsville, 1 Aberdeen, 1 Bel Air

7 hearing aid applications just received to process

42 persons with their hearing screened

Screening events:

15 October - 31 individuals had their hearing screened at the Howard County Latino Fair sponsored by Howard County Hospital by the Ellicott City-Columbia Lions Club.

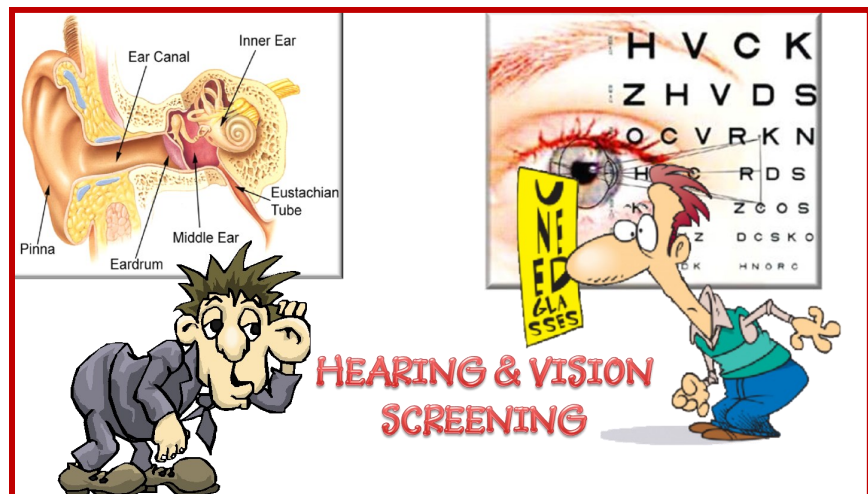
Upcoming health screening plans:

- LASH has been invited to participate again in the 25 Mar 2023 B'More Healthy Expo at the Baltimore Convention Center. This would be LASH's 4th time there. Each time, LASH screened 150-200 people.
- LASH is working on upgrading and modernizing its health screening equipment. Planning on purchasing 4 new Maico hearing screeners. Budgeted \$6,000 and are looking for an organization to match the funds.
- **Lots of vision and hearing screening training** - With all the requests for screening, LASH is planning to visit clubs to train members how to use the screening equipment, so when a screening request comes in one or more club servicing areas, LASH can provide the equipment for the clubs to operate. LASH also plans to assemble a group of trained volunteers to call upon to do screening in Baltimore where there are no clubs. This is going to be a big training effort. It is important to be ready as the COVID doldrums are shed and Lions get excited about getting out and doing health screening again. Getting out into the communities will spread Lions visibility and goodwill. If we have to turn down screening requests due to the lack of trained screeners, communities will wonder about the benefit of having a Lions Clubs International.

Eyeglasses/Hearing Aids/Cellphones Collection and Sorting:

- We collected 83 sets of hearing aids
- 11 District 22-A clubs (26 Lions) participated: Aberdeen, Baltimore 40 West, Bel Air, Clarksville, Darlington, Fallston, Jarrettsville, Linthicum, Long Green Valley, Reisterstown, Severn River
- 2 Lions from Hurlock Lions Club from District 22-B attended to see the setup and experience the sorting event in order to bring back some ideas for District 22-B

Lion Dave Ellis
22-A Vision & Hearing Chair





Over-the-Counter (OTC) Hearing Aids

The long-awaited ruling by the Food and Drug Administration has gone into effect. The sale of over-the-counter hearing aids without a medical examination or doctor's referral is now permitted. It is estimated that millions of Americans with mild to moderate hearing loss will have direct access to this new class of hearing aids.

The Food and Drug Administration said "This rule is expected to help us achieve quality affordable health care access for millions of Americans in need". Devices will be sold online or over the counter at pharmacies and other retail stores. The devices are intended for adults with mild to moderate hearing problems. The FDA estimates that nearly 30 million adults could potentially benefit from hearing aid use, but only about one-fifth of people with hearing problems use the devices currently.

Audiologists want to caution everyone that in many cases it may be difficult for people to determine, on their own, the extent of their hearing loss much less what the best hearing aid solution might be for them. Further, without a hearing test, consumers may get frustrated and give up. For an example of much lower costs BUT without professional guidance and support, visit this web site – hearingassist.com/Walmart and see for yourself the kinds of devices coming on the market.

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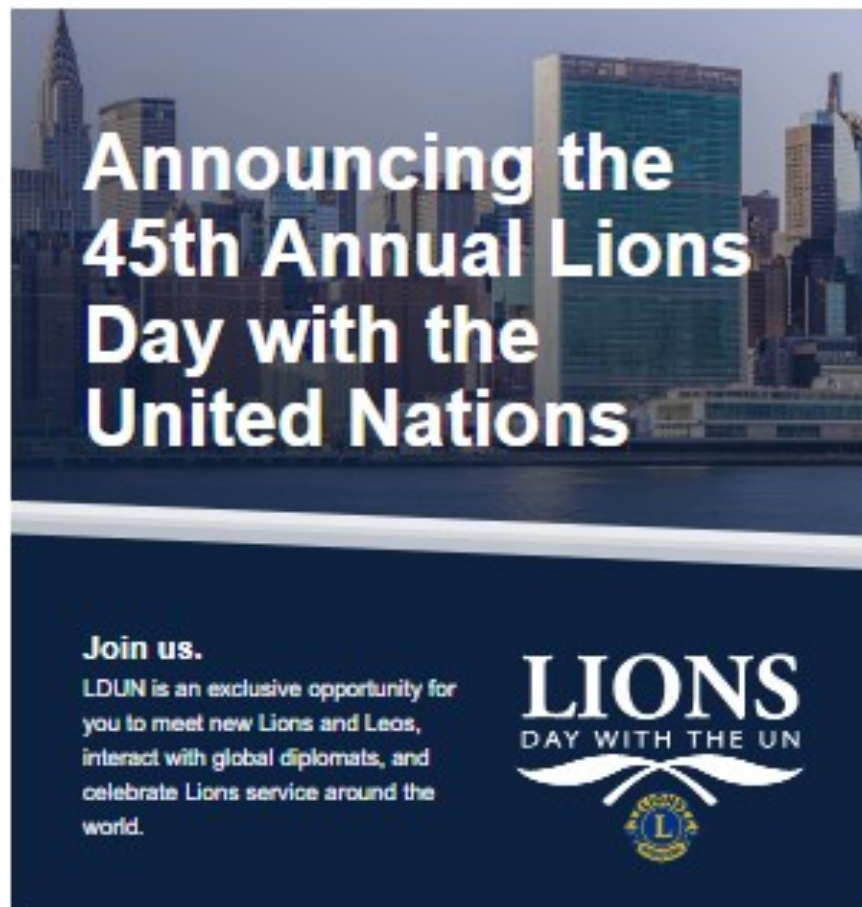
NEWS FROM LVRF!!!

You'll recall that the Pike Creek - Green Hills Lions Club (22-D) issued a **Challenge** to all the Lions Clubs in Multiple District 22. The Challenge Grant matched District Lions Clubs' Contributions to LVRF's Lions Low Vision Fellowship Endowment Fund dollar for dollar up to a maximum of \$30,000. **I am happy to report that donations from the clubs of Multiple District 22 exceeded the \$30,000 requirement and resulted in total donations to the Lions Low Vision Fellowship Endowment in the amount of \$84,000!!**



Pike Creek - Green Hills Lions Club also issued a **Challenge** to the District Governors and Trustees in Multiple District 22. If 90% of the Clubs in a District contribute at least \$50 to LVRF Lions Low Vision Fellowship Endowment Fund during the period July 1, 2022 to March 1, 2023, the Pike Creek-Green Hills Lions Club will donate \$1000 per District to LVRF. **District 22-A Clubs have taken up the challenge and to date about half of our Clubs have made at least a \$50 donation.** Please help out and get your donation in to LVRF! Thanks.

DG Sue Parks
LVRF Donation Recognition Chair



Lions Day with the United Nations

Lions Clubs International will celebrate 77 years of partnership with the United Nations during Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN). This event commemorates our long-standing relationship as a consultative NGO to the UN dating back to 1945, when Lion leaders were asked to help develop the NGO charter for the UN.

Be a Part of Our Global Partnership

Join Lions, Leos, UN diplomats, dignitaries and other guests in the global conversation about this year's theme, "Hunger, Nutrition and Wellness." #LDUN

Be an active part of our global partnership! The 45th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations will take place on **Friday, March 3, 2023 in New York City**. This event and supporting materials will be offered in English only.

For questions or further information, please contact us at ldun@lionsclubs.org.



A Lions Family & Friends Cruise to Bermuda August 26-31, 2023

Sponsored by the ***Takoma Park Lions Club***
Proceeds to benefit
Lions Clubs International Foundation

Join fellow Lions (and honored guests, *PID Joe and Lion Eileen Gaffigan*) as we set sail from the Port of Baltimore onboard Royal Caribbean International's "Vision of the Seas" for a 5-night excursion to the beautiful island of Bermuda.

Discover a history-filled paradise full of pink sand beaches. Explore British colonial landmarks like the Royal Navy Dockyard (where we will dock). Take a dip in the blue waves at Horseshoe Bay Beach and wander through the vibrantly painted streets of St. George's and Hamilton to see the Gothic-style towers of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity. Need to scratch your itch for outdoor adventure? How about a hike, golf, or snorkeling among shipwrecks and coral reefs?

And the best news of all... No waiting in airports or worrying about missing a flight. The Port of Baltimore (with parking onsite) is only an hour or two away from all the clubs in Multiple District 22.

See more information about this event at the end of this newsletter.





REMINDER TO CLUBS

Thank you to the Clubs who have been submitting articles. Please submit your short articles with pictures (jpgs) that you think may be of interest to the rest of the District. These articles must be emailed to me separately from your club newsletters which are often locked into formats I can't use.

Send your articles and photos to InSights' Editor DG Sue Parks (rich99991@verizon.net).

Only email copy is acceptable.

Deadlines for materials:

1/20/23 for February issue

3/20/23 for April issue

5/20/23 for June issue

7/20/23 for August issue

9/20/23 for October issue

Upcoming Events

Dec	3	District 22-D Social
Dec	4	Council of Governors Meeting (COG)
Jan	21	LVRP Trustee Meeting
Jan	26	LASH Exec Committee Meeting
Jan	28	Full Cabinet Meeting
Jan	29	Honorary Committee Meeting
Feb	4	COG Mid-Winter Conference
Feb	11	Reg 1 Meeting - Zone 1 Host
Feb	18	LASH General Membership Mtg
Feb	25	Reg 2 Meeting - Zone 2 Host
Mar	3	Lions Day at the UN
Mar	4	District 22-B Social
Mar	5	COG Meeting
Mar	18	LVRP Trustee Meeting

ROSTER BOOK CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

BALTIMORE FORTY WEST – pages 22 and 26

4th Tuesday 6 PM

Double T Diner

6300 Baltimore National Pike

Catonsville, MD 21228

(Rt 40 West & Rolling Road)

DARLINGTON - remove LEO club indicator – page 15

ELLCOTT CITY/COLUMBIA - meets at 5:30 pages 22 and 35

LYF – add Kirk Wimer and IPDG Bijoy Mahanti as LYF Trustees, delete Will Feuer – page 73

Calendar and Inside Back Cover

District Social is now scheduled for 5/21/23 from 2 - 6 pm at the Annapolis Elks. Save the Date - much more info coming on our 'Sail-a-bration of Service'!



Bel Air

Joseph Meholic - Sponsor Philip Raub

Churchville

JD Devido - Sponsor Fred Guenthner

Glenwood

Lisa Hart

Marlene Nordbeck

Sponsor - John Cullison



MEMORIALS

Ketan Patel - Aberdeen Lions

Joshua Dill - Glenwood

Albert Craemer - Reisterstown