

District 22-A Lions News and Views



My Fellow Lions:

April is now over. Has your club submitted its list of officers for 2017-2018 (PU-101) to LCI? This is important for many reasons; the primary reason being for communication. The dates for the LASH General membership meeting and the Club Officer training have changed. See the end of the News & Views for the new dates.

Last month, I asked for a Lion to serve as a trustee for LYF. Lion Bijoy Mahanti of the Aberdeen Lions club stepped up. Thank you, Bijoy. It turns out we need a Lion to step forward and serve as a Trustee on the Board of LSKS. This position is for three years. Please let me know as soon as you can. On April 29th, seven of us participated in a membership summit with Lions from 22-C and 22-W. There were a total of 40 Lions in attendance. Ideas from that summit will be disseminated to all clubs soon.

The two parts to membership are adding new members (hopefully younger ones) and "closing the back door" - getting long time members interested again and keeping them from leaving Lions. When you are thinking of someone to ask to join, don't forget about former Lions. Maybe the circumstances that caused them to leave Lions have changed and they would like to join again. Do you ask Lions who are leaving why they are leaving? We received our VSP vouchers. We received 100 adult vouchers and 25 childrens vouchers. They will be distributed through LASH. Contact Lion June Livingston when you need vouchers.

The National Memorial Day Parade is in Washington, DC on May 29. Information and the registration form are elsewhere in this issue of the News & Views.

When you are doing fund raisers or service projects, make sure you have something that says the Lions are doing the event. One idea I heard is to get those inexpensive "throwaway" signs like contractors use then leave behind when they do work on a house. They are just a wire frame with plastic for the sign.

The Multiple District Convention will be May 15-18 at the Grand Wyndham in Gettysburg. Please plan to attend. Zone Chair Angela Bruce is running for First Vice District Governor, so show up and vote, please.

If you are going to the International Convention in Chicago and would like to attend the Mid-Atlantic breakfast, information and a ticket order form are in this issue of the News & Views. **The ticket price has changed. The Council of Governors voted to subsidize the breakfast, so the price now is \$29 per person.** If you have one of the red and white striped "uniform" vests for the International Parade and will not be using it, please let me know so we can borrow it from you.

Don't forget, when you have a fund raiser or service project, please let me know. I would like to join you and help.

Thank you for everything you do for Lions.

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1st Vice District Governor Paul Rufe

“To whom should we donate our money?” “Whom should we support?” “How do we know what Foundation or program needs our help?”

These are a few of the questions I have been getting asked lately, so I thought I would share my thoughts on the topic considering that we as Lions work so hard on fund-raising, and we want to be sure that we are able to do the most for our efforts. We have many great choices as to where to donate our money including, but not limited to, LCIF, LVRF, LYF, LASH, LOVRNET, LSKS.

All of these are good choices, but I would urge you to consider your local community needs. Maybe your church needs money for choir robes? Local food pantry shelves are getting low and need help to restock? Does your homeless shelter need supplies? What about school children who may not have what they need for school? Does your local youth sports team need equipment or jerseys?

However, don't forget that the more you do in YOUR community the more YOUR community will support you. You can usually get recognition from your local newspaper. The more people in your community see and hear what you are doing, the better the chance of adding to your membership.

All of these are great ways to invest your money in your community. Whether it be local or global, the bottom line is that it is YOUR Club, and that makes it YOUR choice!!

Keep in mind, as we have less than three months left of this Lions year, that if you have any service projects or fundraisers coming up, feel free to email me at wearelions@outlook.com, or call me at 443~858~0167. If I am available, I will gladly come and help out.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul".



May

8 Edgewood (my club meeting)
 15-18 MD-22 Convention
 17 LVRFB Board
 18 LYF Board

June

6 Bel Air Lions Club
 12 Edgewood (my club meeting)
 17 Club officer training
 20 Severn River Lions Club
 23 Cabinet Turnover meeting
 26 Edgewood (my club meeting)

District 22A/B Amanda Hitchkad Walk— Ripken Stadium

Friends,

Many Lions and Lions families are fighting cancer here in Harford and Cecil counties. The 4th Annual Amanda Hitchkad Celebration Walk will be at Ripken Stadium on Saturday, May 13. Over the past few years, this event has raised nearly \$500,000 that directly funds the Cancer LifeNet programs at the Upper Chesapeake Health in Bel Air.

Cancer LifeNet provides FREE services to any cancer patient and their families in Harford and Cecil counties whether the patient is actually treated at UCH or not. You may already know friends or family members that have been served by Cancer LifeNet. Cancer LifeNet does not pay for cancer treatments but pays for nurse navigators, financial and social workers, exercise programs, look good/feel good programs for patients and their families.

You are invited to participate in the “Lions Community” team and/or donate to the effort at the website below.

http://givetoday.uchfoundation.org/site/TR/Events/General/1580985483?pg=team&fr_id=1040&team_id=1020

The event only takes 2 hours in the morning. The walk is just a stroll on the field at Ripken stadium—so don't plan on much exercise! I look forward to seeing you there! Wear your hat!

Dave

David Guzewich
 President
 Bel Air Lions Club



District 22A Club News and Activities 2017–2018

Brooklyn Lions



Lion Helga and Jim Kimble are long time participants at the Eyeglass Sorting at the Maryland School for the Blind. Eyeglasses are packaged for shipment and use in third world countries at this event held in April and October of each year. The Brooklyn Lions and many other Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses for this project. Lions Jim and Helga collect eyeglasses from John Hopkins Hospital. Lion Cheryl Gifford collects eyeglasses from boxes she has placed in many Pasadena locations. The Lions also recycle hearing aids and cell phones.



Jim Kimble and Brooklyn Lions President Pat Pettway

On Saturday August 5, the Brooklyn Lions will be attending the Orioles game against the Detroit Tigers. Of every ticket we sell, the Orioles will give us \$5. This game is a Bobblehead giveaway. If you are able to help us out by attending or by getting the word out to friends and family, please contact Terri Mills at tmills123@verizon.net or Pat Pettway @ patpettway111@gmail.com. 410-688-9224.

I know \$5 isn't much, but it will help to pay for the 24 family Thanksgiving dinners, the attendance awards in 5 local schools, supply glasses to the needy in our community, and the donations to local food closets. The tickets are for the Eutaw Street bleachers under the scoreboard. They are \$29 each. Please call to reserve your tickets now!!



Lions: Steve Booth and Dennis Scarborough attended the District 22 A Eyeglass Sorting at the Maryland School for the Blind on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Dates to remember: MAY

May 10, 2017, Wednesday, 6 PM at Fred and Margie's Inn, 3605 Fairhaven Avenue, Baltimore MD. Board Meeting.

May 24, 2017, Wednesday 6 PM at Fred and Margie's

FISHING RODEO
 SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK POND
2ND SATURDAY IN JUNE
10:30^{AM} - 2:00^{PM}
FREE FOR KIDS 3 TO 15
 \$50 Tagged Fish
 \$10 Casting Contest
 CONOWINGO LIONS, DNR, DARLINGTON LIONS

Darlington Lions

The month of April started off with a huge success as our Easter Flower Sale attracted many customers who walked away toting their beautiful blossoms. Jean Emerson once again guided the project to record sales. The Club inducted a new member, Joe Foltz, who helped at the flower sale and got a taste of one of our many fund raisers. Welcome, Joe! Several of our Lions, Paul Supik, Kirk Wimer, Larry Burton, Leo Chase McCannon and a special guest, Aberdeen Lion Bijoy Mahanti, dressed as Ugly Waitresses for the annual Spaghetti Dinner. As they teetered on heels, adjusted wigs, and kept a ladylike demeanor, the Ugly Waitresses served a record number of hungry customers. Lion Carol Mahanti helped with clean up. Thanks to both Bijoy and Carol for their support! The Club is currently making plans for an upcoming Friendship Nite in May and the 41st Fishing Rodeo on June 10th.



Only three of the five Lions and Leos that showed up, PDG Larry Burton, Lion Paul Supik, and Lion Kirk Wimer at the Ugly Waitress Spaghetti Dinner. Great food! Say hi to Lion Pam in the background, HI PAM!



Some say we are ugly, some say we are cute, some say we are forms of humanity that should not exist, but in the end we are Lions.



Severn River Lions

On February 27, Lions Jackie Hetrick, Bill O'Neil, Bill Zelenakas and Ollie Wittig journeyed to Severna Park High School for the annual Parents' Night for the cast and crew of the Rock 'N' Roll Revival which is now in the twenty-eighth year of performance. The Lions visit was to present the Club's annual We Serve award to a deserving recipient. Lion Bill Z. said that the awards committee was challenged to select a finalist from the several qualified prospects, but this year's winners were a standout.

The 2017 We Serve Award winners, Randy and Donna Hoffman, have contributed to set design and build, (artistic and crafting), catering meals for the crews. The Hoffmans have been involved with the annual production for eleven years when their two sons, now both SPHS graduates, were involved and plan to "stay onboard." Lion Bill Z. was introduced and told the group about SRLC's numerous charitable projects and invited parents to attend a meeting to learn more about Lionism. Lion Jackie Hetrick, soon to be King Lion, was the presenter of the We Serve plaque to the Hoffmans and the couple received a hearty round of applause from the crowd. Rock 'N' Roll Revival began with one performance in 1989, has grown, and this year there will be seven performances all of which are sold out. SRLC is proud to recognize Randy and Donna Hoffman for their contribution to the community with this award.



Great Collection

On Saturday, April 8, Lions Dick Maurer and Ollie Wittig delivered two dozen cartons and bags of eyeglasses that had been collected at the club's thirteen collection locations. It was estimated that nearly 2,000 pairs of eyeglasses and several hearing aids had been collected the past several months' Lions from across the District gathered at the Maryland School for the Blind to sort, package, and prepare the glasses for shipment to a facility where they will be sanitized, graded, and readied to go to third world countries to assist the indigent population to see better and function in life. Vision preservation is one of Lions primary goals and the collection of used eyeglasses helps to represent this goal. The location of our club's collection sites can be found on the club website and lions are asked to remind friends, family, and neighbors to donate used eyeglasses to SRLC to support this worth cause. Go Lions! We Serve.



A visit by Zone Chair Nancy Ruff, pictured with King Lion Joinette.



Lions of Central Maryland 2017 STRIDES Color Walk/Run; for Diabetes Awareness

The Lions of Central Maryland 2017 STRIDES Color Walk/Run for Diabetes Awareness will again be held at FRIENDS PARK in Forest Hill Maryland on May 6, 2017. Onsite registration begins at 9AM.

Bring your family and friends along to enjoy our Color Walk/Run, For every 1/4 mile you travel, we will decorate your shirt with harmless colored powders in a different color. More mileage - more colors. This is fun for kids, teens and adults alike. Come share the benefits of walking outdoors and help prevent diabetes.

Sign up using the attached registration form and participation waiver. Mail your registraion form to: STRIDES 2017, PO Box 167, Bel Air MD 21014-0167.

The Walk is held every year to encourage people to learn more about diabetes and its serious complications. Studies have shown that lifestyle changes that include regular physical activity and a healthy body weight can reduce the risks of diabetic retinopathy and foot amputations.

We also want to highlight the activities of Camp Possibilities serving children with Type 1 diabetes and Camp Destiny for teens with diabetes.

Sign up a team! Come and enjoy the early Spring weather along the Ma & Pa Trail.

See you on the 6th!

John Mosier

LCIF position announcement for each Club

Dear Club Officers,

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Board of Trustees recently announced the addition of a new position in Club Leadership, the Club LCIF Coordinator. This individual serves as an ambassador for LCIF in each club and is equipped to educate Lions about the activities of LCIF and its importance to Lions Clubs International.

In previous years, LCIF Coordinators at the District and Multiple District levels have served as foundation ambassadors within their area. The addition of the Club LCIF Coordinator helps to support their effort and provide fellow members with timely information about important foundation initiatives. In order to make this program successful, we look to you for support in the following ways:

1. Ensure the club nominating committee has selected a Club LCIF Coordinator for a 1 year term (2017-2018) and this individual is identified through MyLCI or on your PU-101;
2. Devote at least one club meeting to an annual LCIF presentation provided by the Club Coordinator; and
3. Support the Club LCIF Coordinator in planning annual fundraising and recognition events within your club.

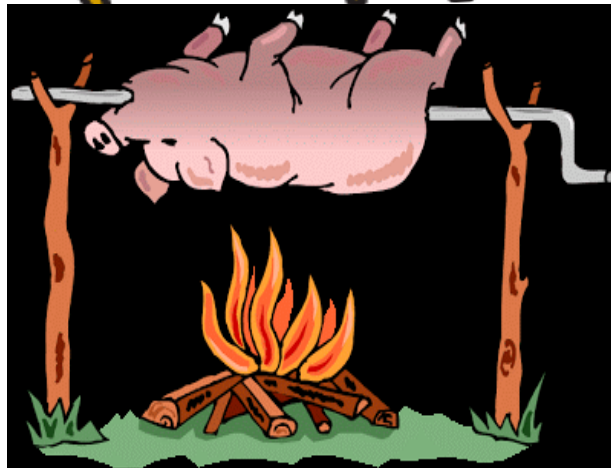
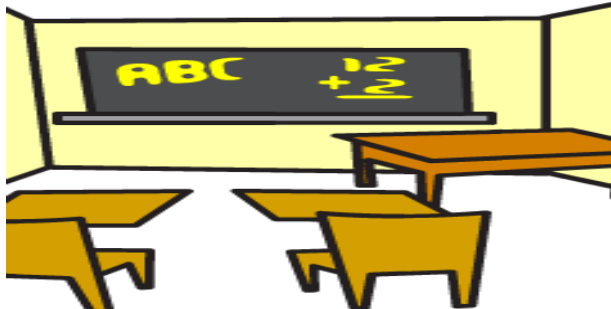
Thank you for your time and commitment to Lions Clubs International and to our Foundation. We are excited to have your support for this important role.

Sincerely,
The LCIF Board of Trustees



LVRF ORIENTATION AND BBQ

For FVDG, SVDG, VDG Candidates, Current and New Trustees, District LVRF Chairs, ALL Interested Lions



Topics

Goals to Advance the

LVRF Mission

Policy and Procedure

Development Past, Present and Future

Newsletter

Website

Donation & Recognition

Request Forms

LOVRNET

Lions Low Vision Fellowship Endowment

Classroom setting with bbq picnic to follow

Saturday, June 3, 2017 1:00 PM

Timmons' Residence, 724 Pensinger Road,
Greencastle PA 17225

RSVP: 717-597-4500 by: May 29, 2017 COST: FREE



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.
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LASH Update— May 2017

The new mobile health screening lab is going well. We are in with three grants and will be filling out at least one, maybe two more, to get the matching amount that will be required from LCIF to finance.

We are planning on spending \$53,000+/_ to outfit and to tag this 28 foot tow behind utility trailer so the Lions Clubs around the District can obtain authorization to use it at community events. We will let you know more as we know it. We are hoping to have this up and operational towards December of this year.

We are on the verge of letting the District know about the VSP Program. We have obtained 100 adult and 25 child certs to be distributed. Once Lion June Livingston has the objectives down, our District Governor will give us the highlights of the program. LASH is in need of money, all we can obtain. So, if your club has not sent in their annual budgeted donations, please do so we are at a negative balance right now. If your Club can spare more, please give so that others in our area can hear and see properly. Thanks for all your efforts. Several fund raising efforts will be undertaken to meet the cost of the Mobile Health Lab as well. LASH will be having a General Representative meeting on May 31, 2017 at a place to be determined. Food will be by Mission Bar -B-Q. So, you can see great food. Please let LASH know if you are coming and how many. We will be needing a vote on a re-write of our Constitution and By-Laws. So, all Club reps should attend, more on Club reps and such at the meeting. Second VP Lion Kirk will be calling all Club Presidents to confirm their SINGLE LASH rep for the upcoming Lion year, please have someone delegated to serve as your Club's representative!

EXAMPLE ONLY...LASH's new Lab will be similar to what District 22C has here but very different.



This photo, left to right ZC Nancy Ruff, PDGLarry Burton, FVDG Paul Rufe, DG Chuck Egender, DC Sue Parks and PIP Clem Kusiak

DISTRICTS A, C & W PARTICIPATED IN A TRI DISTRICT "MEMBERSHIP RETREAT ON SATURDAY APRIL 29

Purpose of the meeting: Review of 9 top rated ideas created by seasoned Lions seeking input from the 28 clubs and 40 plus Lions in attendance. Break out into sub groups based on the following.

RETENTION CATEGORIES: Welfare of Members - Respecting Members - Maintaining Members - Meetings

RECRUITING CATEGORIES: Attraction through Lions Information - Attraction through through Service Projects - Attraction through Fund-raising Projects - Attraction through Association with Others - Other Ideas.

Lion Martin Bonura, MD 22 Global Leadership Coordinator facilitated the retreat starting at 9: 00 am. Finishing at 4: 00 pm.

9 breakout groups were identified using existing and future leadership of the 3 Districts to facilitate table discussions, create a plan based on predetermined recommendations using the following format; How? (Action Steps) When? (Deadline for Completion) Resource? (Available help) Who? (person responsible for action) How will we know? (Action steps completed)

Lions Sue and Clem participated within the "Welfare of Members" group to create a plan consisting of the following: Call members if they are ill or missed a meeting to make sure they are ok; Encourage a feeling of family and have lots of fun; Recognize members for a " job well done"

Lion Chris participated within the "Attraction through Association with Others" group discussing the following: Ask spouses and other personal contacts; Establish relationships with schools and businesses; Study the "Recruiting Wheel"; Invite parents of scouts, Leos, sports groups sponsored by the by the club and Leos after they have turned 18.

All three of the SRLC enjoyed the event... GLT Chair Martin is creating a summary of all 9 categories submitted by the 40 plus participants. The next issue of the SSLC News letter will contain the summary.

A Lions Night out at the fabulous Baltimore Horseshoe Casino!

An evening of fun and lively entertainment!

Save the Date: November 4, 2017



Place your bets on this winning destination: downtown Baltimore has upped the ante on entertainment with the full-service Horseshoe Casino, chock-full of fabulous gaming options and dining destinations.





NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

Join Us For
a 6k Through
Federal Hill & The Inner Harbor

Our unique 6K run/walk kicks off at the National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute, winds through the quaint neighborhood of Federal Hill, passes through the scenic Baltimore Inner Harbor pavilion, then returns to the Jernigan Institute for the finish.

Date: Sunday, June 4, 2017 @ 8:00 AM

Location: National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute
200 East Wells Street at *Jernigan Place*, Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Information: (410) 659-9314 ext. 2236

The National Federation of the Blind raises the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. All Dot Dash proceeds support the innovative projects and programs that assist blind people learn, live, work, and play as active members of our communities. We believe in the full capacity of blind people. And with love, hope, and determination we transform dreams into reality.

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$30.00 before May 1 (Children age 6-12: \$5)

\$35.00 after May 1 (Children age 6-12: \$10)

\$40.00 on race day (Children age 6-12: \$15)

*Children age 5 and younger are free.

Visit <https://nfb.org/dot-dash>, or scan the QR code to register online or to make a donation.

Why a 6K? Literacy is the fundamental building block for success, and Braille is the primary literacy tool used by blind people. Braille is a raised dot reading and writing medium, where one Braille cell is composed of six dots. Unfortunately, less than 10% of blind youth are taught Braille. Our 6K Dot Dash is symbolic and is representative of our commitment toward ensuring that blind students are taught the fundamental building blocks that are essential for their success, Braille. Color

Lions News and Views



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Lions News and Views

Deadline needs to be the 20th of each month. Photos, articles and dialogs are welcomed. If we can read them and do a little editing.

Important dates this year

Here are important dates to mark on your calendars for this Lions year:

MD 22 Convention	May 15–18	Gettysburg, PA.
Amanda Hitchkad Walk	May 13	Ripken Stadium Aberdeen, MD
LASH General Dinner Mtg.	May 31	TBD
LVRFB BBQ and Orientation	June 3	Greencastle, PA
Save the Date	Nov. 4	Baltimore Horseshoe Casino



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Note : District 22A celebrates its 76th anniversary this year.