



Lions Clubs International

District 22A



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Message from DG Dan:



Congratulations Lions of District 22-A!!! In the month of October you, the Lions of District 22-A, brought 25 new Lions into the world of Lionism. Twenty-five more members to help us serve our communities and share the work we do as Lions. I want to thank each of you who sponsored a new member for your commitment to seeing your club and the District grow. As we know, there is no limit to what Lions can accomplish!



As we approach the holiday season, let us not forget this is an excellent time to provide service to those who need it most. I encourage you to find a homeless or women's shelter, a food bank, or family that your club can support. The holiday season is a time when many people feel depressed and lonely. As Lions, we can offer them support and comfort, letting them know we care. Your own holiday season will be more meaningful because of your service to others.

I am proud to say that I have visited 18 clubs. I am always excited to learn what each club is doing to serve their community. I continue to be gratified by your commitment to serve people in need. As we know, serving others is one of the most rewarding parts of being a Lion.

This Thanksgiving, I ask you to take time to reflect on the blessings in your life and give thanks for those blessings. Let us always remember those who are not as fortunate as we are and offer our hand to them.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Yours in Lionism,



First words from FVDG Doug

Fellow Lions,

This time each year we pause to give thanks for the good things in our lives. Most of us naturally think of our family first, then the hundreds of other things that make our lives worthwhile. High on my list is the opportunity to be a part of the Bel Air Lions Club. When my friend Howard Seeger introduced me to Lionism, I had no idea that Lions would become such an important part of my life. I give thanks for the opportunity to hear a third grader at Barclay Elementary School in Baltimore look up and say "thank you" after an eye screening. I give thanks for the opportunity to belong to an organization that receives sobering thank you letters from people who were provided with hearing aids. I give thanks for the opportunity to

contribute a minuscule part of the effort to eliminate river blindness. The list goes on. But most importantly, I give thanks for the opportunity to meet and work with so many truly remarkable people, both within my home Club and around our District. You are truly special in so many ways. As each of you think about your list of "thanks" this year, please know that hundreds of people in Central Maryland have *you* on *their* lists of thanks, all because "We serve."

Yours in Service,

SVDG Doug

**Second thoughts from SVDG Larry**

One of the benefits about being 2VDG is that clubs send copies of their newsletters detailing their various service activities. Getting this info from a number of clubs starts to provide a sense of the difference Lions in District 22-A are making. Road clean-ups are taking place, trees are being planted, and children are being given eye and hearing screenings.

In addition, there are numerous efforts dedicated to fundraising where it can be somewhat more difficult to see the tangible impact. However, at the recent Cabinet Meeting, a presentation by Mark Althoff, the Director of Development for the Maryland School for the Blind and new member of the Bel Air Lions Club, helped capture some of the impact of Lions fundraising. Lion Mark did some cursory research in a spotty

database and identified over \$400,000 donated by more than 100 Lions clubs across the multiple district over the past 60 years. Based on the discussion among those in attendance, the dollar amount is likely even greater. Similarly, on Nov 2, LVRF held a Lions Day at the Wilmer Institute to thank Lions for their contributions towards the establishment of the Low Vision Center at Johns Hopkins.

So while you are selling fruit and Christmas trees or serving up spaghetti or chicken dinners, take a moment to consider where that money is ultimately going and the folks that it will be helping. And know that this Thanksgiving, we should all be thankful for what gets done by Lions in District 22-A.

Yours in Lionism,

SVDG Larry

On the Road with DG Dan

Wed, Nov. 6: Reisterstown Lions Club

Sat, Nov. 9: District 22A Social

Mon, Nov. 11: Catonsville Lions Club

Tue, Nov. 12: Aberdeen Lions Club

Wed, Nov. 13: Cockeysville Timonium Lions Club

Thu, Nov. 14: Glen Burnie Lions Club

Mon., Nov 18: Jarrettsville Lions Club

Wed., Nov 20: West Arundel Lions Club

Thu, Nov. 21: Honorary Committee

Fri, Nov. 22: LASH Membership Meeting

Sat, Nov. 23: LYF Board Meeting

Tues, Nov. 26: Churchville Lions Club

Wed, Dec. 4: Folly Quarter Middle School Leo Club

Sat, Dec. 7: District 22D Social

Thu, Dec. 19: Perry Hall-Kingsville Lions Club

Aberdeen Lions Club



Lion Joe Swisher (Center) was recognized by Mayor Mike Bennett and the City Council (Council Woman Sandy Landbeck shown) for his 40 plus years as a board member of the Aberdeen Planning Commission, many of those years as Chair.

Lion Joe received a proclamation and a medal honoring his countless hours and dedication to the Planning Commission.

A well-deserved honor for a Lion that has devoted much of his life, volunteering in many capacities.

Thanks Lion Joe!

Lions Reading Action Program

In support of Lions Clubs International's (LCI) Reading Action Program, the Aberdeen Lions paid for and donated subscriptions to Reader's Digest magazine, large print version. Two subscriptions were donated to the Aberdeen Senior Center and two subscriptions were donated to the VA Medical Center at Perry Point, MD. The LCI Reading Action Program seeks to increase reading and literacy rates, calling for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the importance of reading.

Aberdeen Lioness Lions

Lion Allison



Four new Lions joined the club in October, inducted by PDG Dan.



Lion Amber



Lion Taryn



Lion Rose

Annapolis Lions Club

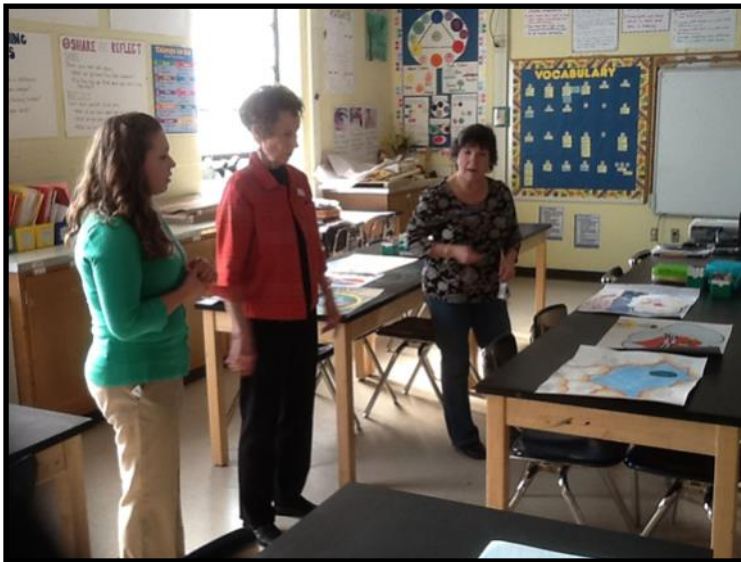
Annapolis Lions Club sent a donation to the Annapolis Salvation Army in the amount of \$100 to provide Thanksgiving dinner for 25 local needy.



Annapolis Lions first of the season Florida Fruit and Sausage Sale will be held on Sunday 17 November at the Navy Marine Corps Stadium.



Baltimore Brooklyn Lions Club



On October 14, Lions Debbie Adams and Jeanne Kusiak judged the 2013-2014 Peace Posters created by the Maree G. Farring Elementary School students. Chairperson Lion and Art Teacher Jessica DeRail worked with her students to accomplish their drawing.

Bel Air Lions Club

Our activities have been sight screenings and eyeglass purchases, parking help for community events, loan closet deliveries, diabetes health fair participation, hearing aid purchases, Child Find ID cards, higher education scholarships, youth opportunities funding, etc. Fund raising has just begun for our fruit sales and Christmas tree events. We look forward to another successful year!



Churchville Lions Club

The Churchville Lions had a record turn-out for our first Turkey Shoot of 2013 on Oct 26. Thank you to all those who attended, and we hope to see you back again. Turkey Shoots are Saturdays Nov 9, Nov 16 and Nov 23 at noon at the old Big M Drive-in.

Edgewood Lions

Photos of the induction of newest Edgewood Lion, Rev. Christine Parker, pastor at the Lord of

Life Lutheran Church in Edgewood, with her sponsor, Lion Margaret Sorenson.



Jarrettsville Lions Club



King Lion Steve Bevard presents a thank-you and check to Phil Hartline of the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Police, who maintain safe driving conditions during the Jarrettsville Carnival, Romancing the Chrome Car Show and other events.

The Twilight Market, held October 5, was another successful partnership among Jarrettsville Lions, the Harford County Public Library Foundation and other community groups. On the very warm day, visitors enjoyed the sunflowers, various vendors, food and beverages and music.



On October 26, the handy Lions of Jarrettsville replaced the roof on the home of a local senior citizen.



**A pride of Jarrettsville Lions
will be out in force on
Saturday, November 9, 2013
honoring our
District Governor Dan Scott
and Mary Beth**

Linthicum Lions Club

Thanks to everyone who attended the Linthicum Lions annual crab feast Oct. 26. They're still adding the income and expenses, but the preliminary number is 120 paid for admission, which would make it the largest crab feast in club history. The next Linthicum event is the fall fruit sale now set for pickups at 8-10 a.m. Dec. 14 at Linthicum Elementary School. To place an order or for more information, call (410) 804-5388, or email the club at linthicumlions@gmail.com. Also see the Linthicum Lions website at <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/linthicum/page-7.php>

Club members will also distribute ten \$30 gift cards for Thanksgiving food baskets.

At the club's Nov. 18 meeting, guest speakers Bob Muchow and Dick Bloomquist will talk about the latest developments in Lions Quest.

Overlea Lions Club

In October, the Overlea Lions helped sell shopping passes to the Boscov's Friends helping Friends event. Our club received \$5.00 for each pass sold.



Pictured are new Overlea Lions Club members and sponsors — listed on page 7.

Severn River Lions Club



King Lion Chris Werth, new Lion Jackie Hetrick, DG Dan Scott, new Lion Jay Middleton, PDG Dick Bloomquist



KL Chris Werth, Lion Ollie Wittig, Lion Tilghman Brice with trophies purchased by the Severn Rivers Lions Club to be presented to the winner of the 35th annual USBands Competition held at Severna Park High School on October 26.

A hearty welcome to our newest Lions!

Aberdeen Lions Club: Lion Nils Johnson - sponsor Lion Bijoy Mahanti.

Aberdeen Lioness Lions Club: Lion Rose Buonaugurio - sponsor Lion Leslie Zeigler;

Lion Taryn Martin - sponsor Lion Barbara Mortus

Lion Allison Shipley - sponsor Lion Barbara Mortus

Lion Amber Smith - sponsor KL Denise Smith

Annapolis Lions Club: Lion Scott Smith - sponsor Lion Bart Johnson

Lion Karen Pulliam - sponsor Lion Carol Kellner

Transfer in from Munich-Multinational, Germany...Lion Shawn Andersen

Bel Air Lions Club: Lion Carrie Cummings - sponsor Lion Pat Hogan.

Lion Ellen Pearce and Lion Mark Althoff - sponsor PDG Harold Boccia.

Bel Air HCC Campus Club: Haili Bradford, Mikayla Mislak, Miackenzie Noonan ,Veli Patel, Fortesa Salihu, Alexandra Stewart

Churchville Lions Club: Lion Shari Walker - sponsor KL John Walker

Darlington Lions Club: Lion Rev. James Ridout - sponsor Lion Pam Burton

Lion Eva Ferguson - sponsor Lion Ruth Cox

Lion Moose Ferguson - sponsor Lion Ruth Cox

Edgewood Lions Club: Lion Rev. Christine Parker - sponsor Lion Margaret Sorensen.

Glenwood Lions Club: Lion Janet Siebert - sponsor PDG John Cullison

Lion Joe Long - sponsor Lion Win Riley

Lion Charla Long - sponsor Lion Jean Riley

Lion Joan Pardoe - sponsor Lion Tom Pardoe

Jarrettsville Lions Club: Lion Ned Cockey - sponsor Lion Sam Brooks

Lion Leah Reynolds - sponsor PDG Harold Boccia (Bel Air)

Linthicum Lions Club: Lion Robert Bruce - sponsor Lion Tammy Durkin

Overlea Lions Club: Lion Mariam and Lion Fred Puhl - sponsor Lion Nomiki Weitzel

Lion Paul Smith - sponsor PCC Robert Eisenberg

Lion Thomas McMahan - sponsor Lion Bob Hoffman

Severn River Lions Club: Lion Jay Middleton - Sponsor PDG Dick Bloomquist

Lion Jackie Hetrick - Sponsor KL Chris Werth

Lion Diana Wailes - Sponsor Sue Parks



(Apologies from your newsletter editor if I missed anyone — what a great October!)

What wonders await you at the Fall Ball, District 22A's Fall Social?



More than **75 Silent Auction** items available to look at, enjoy, bid on and WIN!

And there will be a raffle for a **"Tub of Cheer,"** filled with liquors valued at approximately \$550!!

(Tickets are 3 for \$5; 5 for \$10; 20 for \$20)

Super Special raffle will be for an ocean front vacation week in Ocean City, MD at the Seawatch, with 2 bedrooms and den — a \$2000 value. Winner picks the week between May and Oct. 2014.

Raffle tickets are \$20.



LASH Eyeglass Drop-off, October 12, 2013



KL Dwight Hollenbach (Columbia), PDG John Andrews (Cockeysville/Timonium), Lion Joe Livingston (Fallston), Lion June Livingston (Fallston), PIP Clem Kusiak (Baltimore Brooklyn), KL Donald Holler (Baltimore Forty West)

Lions Association for Sight & Hearing of Maryland (LASH)

General Membership Meeting -- November 22, 2013
Blind Industries of Maryland, 3345 Washington Blvd,
Baltimore, MD (*directions on request*)

Special Olympics Maryland will show how Lions and Special Olympics work together in Maryland to support athletes at events and in their home communities. You will meet a Special Olympic athlete helped by Lions.

Social hour will begin at 6:15 PM, followed by a buffet dinner and the program.

Buffet menu: roast chicken, vegetable lasagna, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable medley, tossed salad, pie, iced tea. \$25 per person

RSVP by Tuesday, November 19 to LASH Secretary John Mosier (john.mosier@gmail.com) or 410-838-6873.



November 14 is Diabetes Day, and with it comes a reminder to all of us to choose healthy foods and exercise regularly. Walking is wonderful exercise and with the fall foliage all around we can take advantage of the beautiful scenery. A neighbor of mine who was insulin dependent started walking and eating better, lost many pounds and no longer has the disease. So grab your dog or a loved one and start today!

As Lions Clubs there is much we can do to help our individual communities to be aware of the dangers of diabetes and to overcome it. At the first cabinet meeting, I provided STRIDES folders to each club present and have mailed flyers to the others. Everything needed to start a walk is included. You can start small with just a walk around the park with your club and family members, or partner with other clubs in your area to do something larger. In the Harford County area, we have made arrangements to have a spring walk on the Ma and Pa Trail and will be inviting all the clubs in the District to join us.

If you would like to do something on a smaller scale, partner with your local hospital to see what their needs are. I have been in contact with the University of MD Hospital in Baltimore and Upper Chesapeake Hospital in Harford County. Both have requested "goodie bags" holding sugar-free candy, oatmeal, pedometers, etc. to give out to patients. This is also a way to promote your club. In Bel Air, we have made up bags with pedometers, encouragement bracelets saying "Go For It" on the front and

"Bel Air Lions Club" on the back. We included a Diabetes Awareness brochure from Lions Clubs International about a healthy lifestyle as well as a business card with information about our club. We hope also to give these out at a local Health Fair.

Many clubs are able to donate to Camp Possibilities or Camp Merrick for diabetic children or to Camp Destiny for teens and young adults. You could sponsor one or more needy child.

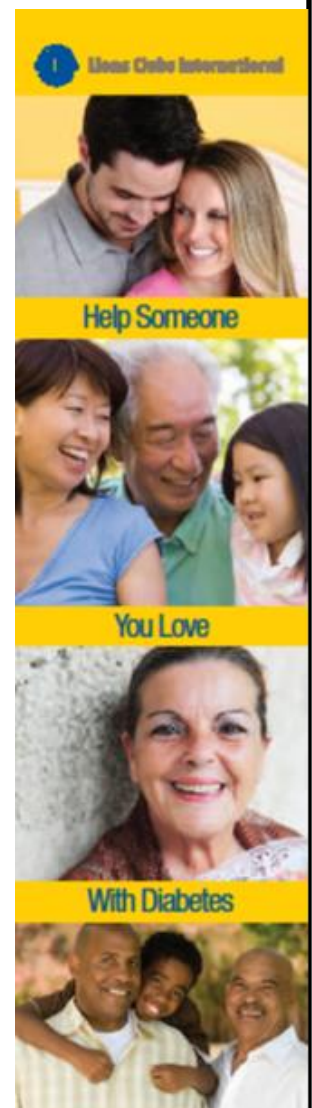
As you can see, there are a variety of ways you can help your community become more aware of diabetes, especially at this time when obesity is becoming such an issue. Each club can strive to do one new thing this year to make a difference. I would love to know what you have planned and am happy to assist you with ideas. You can reach me at

bobbieandbuffy@verizon.net

Lion Bobbie Whitlock (Bel Air)

District 22A Diabetes
Chairperson

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/diabetes/index.php>



LIONS — WHAT YOU DO IS IMPORTANT AND APPRECIATED!!

From Jane Gevecker-Mello, Aberdeen Lions webmaster: *The email below came to the Aberdeen Lions e-mailbox via our Lions Club's web site. I'm not sure if it was the Aberdeen Lions who interacted with Robin or if she just happened to find our web site & email address thru a google search. Lions definitely made a difference to two people that week.*

While at the Maryland State Fair this year my husband and I passed your Vision and Hearing Screening bus. I joked with him that he needed to get his hearing checked, laughing about his "selective deafness." Your volunteers were very pleasant, and while my husband was having his hearing tested the other volunteer asked if I would like to be tested while I was waiting. I said "why not" and did the screening.

My husband's screening showed mild hearing loss but mine showed a moderate to severe hearing loss. Your volunteer suggested that it may be a good idea to see a hearing professional for further testing.

I made appointments with a local audiologist, and my husband did indeed have a small hearing loss but not serious enough for intervention.

My hearing loss was much more profound and I was told that I would need a hearing aid in both ears! I guess the signs had been there for quite a while but I had not paid attention. Little things like my sister mentioning a squeak in my car that I did not hear or my friends always telling me when my cell phone was ringing.

I got my hearing aids on Monday and what a huge difference it is making in my life! There are so many things I did not realize that I was no longer hearing. I thought that hearing loss meant that you needed to "turn up the volume." I didn't know that you could lose certain sounds and ranges.

I cannot thank your organization and your volunteers enough for providing this service. If that bus had not been at the State Fair and your volunteers had not been so welcoming I would have probably not realized that I had a very real problem.

Sincerely,

Robin Evick





Aberdeen Lioness Lions Club
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TICKETS \$1.00 EACH or 6 FOR \$5.00
All proceeds benefit Community Projects

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Only new and gently used purses in good condition are accepted. Trendy and stylish purses are good, but dark solid colors are best. Trial size and regular size personal care items/toiletries.

Severn River Lions Club is participating. If your club wants to add items, please deliver to American Legion Severn Post 175, Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park. Contact Lion Sue Parks for more information: sparks@rrnrlc.org.

If the American Legion in Severna Park is not convenient, donations may be mailed to: The Teen Toolbox, LLC, Pack A Purse Drive, PO Box 6368, Columbia, MD 21045.

Attention! Lions in Harford County and nearby —

The **Harford Lions Coupon Book** is now available for purchase!!!! This is a great opportunity to support a worthy Lions Club cause, and at the same time receive a great value-packed coupon book, full of high-value coupons at local Harford County restaurants, stores, and family-oriented activity businesses. There's something for everyone in the book! All this for only \$20, with all of the proceeds going directly to vital Lions Club projects in Harford County.

Available also is a re-useable discount card, which includes many great multi-use discounts at local restaurants. The card is available for \$20 also, or you can buy both the coupon book and card for \$35!!! You can buy either the coupon book, discount card or both online at harfordlionscoupons.org, which accepts credit card, debit card, or PayPal. If you buy online, your book or card shows up promptly in the mail, or you can purchase directly from any member of the **Aberdeen, Churchville, Bel Air, or Havre de Grace Lions Clubs**. This is a joint project among these clubs, so come take a look at our web site, which promotes this new project.



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Send the numbers for cans collected by your club
each month to AA Brian Calary, calaryjr@verizon.net

District 22A Lions Clubs: Have a new member to induct?



Please contact District Governor Dan or CS Linda. DG Dan will make every effort to attend your meeting to induct your new Lion — does not need to be at a scheduled Official Visit.

SAVE THESE DATES



Volunteer Opportunity

Maryland State Department of Education and The Maryland School for the Blind will be hosting the **Maryland 2014 Regional Braille Challenge** on Saturday, February 8, 2014

Celebrate the historic 69-year partnership between Lions Clubs International and the United Nations (UN) at the **36th Annual Lions Day with the UN (LDUN)** to be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014, in New York City. For more information, check the LCI website or email to: ldun@lionsclubs.org.



District 22A Leader Dog Rally April 5th, 2014!



Clubs that are planning to attend should hold their contributions until then, so that they can be recognized!



Watch for more information!

Registration deadline: January 15, 2014

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USA/Canada Forum, Overland Park, Kansas, September 2013

Several District 22-A Lions and guests participated in many of the 65 seminars offered at the Forum. PCC Rowe Haywood presented the session, "Zone/Region Chairperson: Facilitating Zone Success." PDG Senora Haywood moderated the session, "Public Speaking: Skills for Everyone."

LCI President Barry Palmer spoke at the Forum at the Saturday luncheon. The Saturday night guest speaker was Patrick Henry Hughes, Jr. accompanied by his father Patrick, Sr. Senora and Rowe had a picture taken with Patrick Jr. when they bought his book.



Always a great event —
registration for 2014 is open at
[https://
usacanadalionsforum.org/](https://usacanadalionsforum.org/)

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