



INSIGHTS

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting Details Link

https://www.lions22a.org/lions22a_calendar.html

Club Officers Training

TBD

District Turnover Meeting

TBD

September 18-20, 2025

USA Canada Leadership Forum

Atlantic City, NJ

<https://members.lionsforum.org/event-5804241>



July 2-6, 2027

LCI Convention
Washington, D.C.

Get information at:

lciconv2027host@gmail.com

District Governor's Message

We have terrific news, and those familiar with me know I don't bandy that word about lightly. We found the bottleneck in our service reporting and fixed it. As of May 7, I am pleased to report that we are on Lions Clubs International's books as 100 percent reporting service activities throughout District 22-A.



Before I say how we got there, I need to tell a story on myself. Last year as I set up my district officers, I entered the information on my first two zone chairs. A couple weeks later I went to enter the data on my last two zone chairs, but I couldn't find what I entered for the first two anywhere. After searching high and low on the portal, I called tech support at LCI. The woman told me which page to go to. I was there, but didn't see anything. Then she said the words that made me slap my head: "Did you hit save?" Funny how that works. I reentered all the zone chair info, hit save and I was good.

I say that so you know we all make simple mistakes or oversights. For our clubs, the vast majority who entered service activities this year did indeed hit save. However, many who entered the info did not hit the Report Complete button first. Without that, the only thing saved was an unpublished draft. Lion Dave Ellis, my administrative assistant, found the problem when he scoured all of our clubs' service activity reports. When he hit the Report Complete button, club after club went from as much as two years of no service reporting to being current. After a few tweaks for clubs that didn't fill all the boxes for description, volunteer hours and such, we are now clean in service reporting for the first time in memory.

I'm grateful to Lion Dave for his initiative and hard work and have passed this fix along to the other governors in Multiple District 22 who also have been frustrated by service reporting. I'm certain this will help them as well because I'm equally sure it has not been just our district making this mistake.

Upcoming Events

Leader Dog for the Blind Barks, Brew & Wine

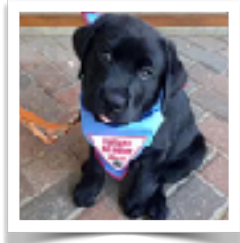
May 31, 2025

2-6PM

Klausmeier Farm

4014 Perry Hall Road

Perry Hall, MD 21128



Bel Air Town Derby

May 18, 2025

8AM - 12PM

Main Street, Bel Air



As a final note in my final message as District 22-A Governor, I'm also pleased to pass along that on the portal, at this writing, we have served 35,741 persons through various vision activities. We are the smallest district in MD22, but that is far away the most number served in that category in any of the districts. That is one of the best examples we can point to about how we serve our communities.

Please continue to give your full support to incoming District Governor Suzette Kettenhofen and First Vice District Governor Nara Khakurel. I can't praise our great group of Lions enough. Two notes: For any clubs I haven't visited, please contact me. I still have service chevrons to present. Also, please consider serving as Second Vice District Governor. It's a great opportunity.

Thanks again.

DG Jim

First Vice District Governor's Message

Thank you for your faith in electing me your next District Governor!

It has been a crazy year for me as your First Vice District Governor due to many medical issues, work load, and related stress, plus a lot of Lions training! I am headed to two more training sessions before I am sworn in as your District Governor at the International Convention in Orlando.



On another note, I have found my Cabinet Secretary as Lion Sandy has agreed to stay on another year!!! I do need one more Zone chair, a GLT coordinator and a 2VDG. Hoping that someone will step up. If you are interested in any of those positions, please let me know right away so we can finalize the Roster Book.

Congratulations to District 22-A!!

At the 102nd annual Multiple District 22 Convention held May 1-4 at the Wisp resort in McHenry, we were awarded the Messick Memorial Trophy for the best attendance by a sub-district!

This award is presented to the sub district that has the most attendees (percentage) based on their district size. This year's convention had 299 attendees (291 Lions/Leos & 8 guests), 36 of which came from 22-A. In the past both 22D (67 attendees) and 22W (97 attendees) had

First Vice District Governor's Message

been winners. Needless to say, they were shocked when we were announced as winners and have vowed to get trophy back at convention in Ocean City next year. In the meantime when I do my club visits, I will be bringing the trophy with me to share.

District turnover/Club Officer training is scheduled for Saturday, June 21 but we just found out that the Maryland School For the Blind will not be available so we're trying to find another location. Be on a lookout from the Cabinet Secretary

Mark your calendars now for August 9 (location to be determined) for our first cabinet meeting.

YIL,
DGE Suzette Kettenhofen
2025-2026 District 22-A

Highlights From the 2025 Convention

The 102nd Annual Multiple District 22 Convention was held at the Wisp Resort in McHenry, Maryland. 299 Lions including 8 guests attended the 4 day event held May 1-4, 2025. Thursday started off with a golf tournament that had a slight rain and lightning storm roll in upon the golfers on the course.

Friday kicked off with the first opening business session and the introduction of our International Guest 3rd VP Dr. Manoj Shah, (Kenya) and his spouse Lion Jayna. There was a variety of vendors on hand and several informative presentations.

Friday Night Banquet was a celebration of Lionism, with our own Cabinet Secretary Sandy Guzewich receiving a Presidential Leadership award.



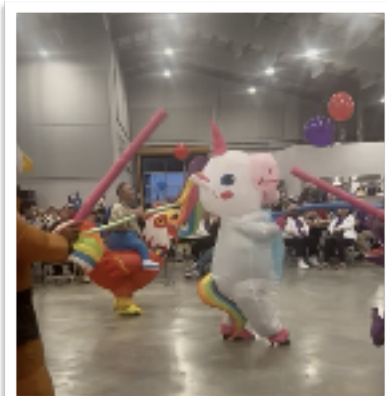
MD-22A welcomes International Guest 3rd VP Dr. Manoj Shah (upper left). Lion Sandy Guzewich (upper right) received the Presidential Leadership Award.

Saturday was the memorial ceremony honoring the Lions we lost this year (see page 6), followed by the 1st District Business session which included the first and seconding nomination speeches given to endorse the candidates. Our International Guest also stopped by to make some special presentations. More workshops were offered in the afternoon. Saturday night was Hospitality Night over at the AG building on the Garrett County Fair grounds. It a lot of fun being Lions.



1VDG Suzette Kettenhofen from the Severn River Lions Club was voted in as District Governor for Lion Year 2025-2026. 2VDG Nara Khakurel from the Baltimore Nepalese Club was voted in as 1VDG for Lion Year 2025-2026.

At Saturday Night's Hospitality Bash the two candidates had very tasty treats for all attending as well as an inflatable Lions costume (worn by Nara's Daughter Kara). When the International Guest 3VP arrived he asked to take a photo with us. He loved our treats and aprons.



First time convention attendees Lion Joe Bezek (riding the Rooster suit) from the Bel Air Lions club represented District 22-A in the Battle of the District Competition at the Hospitality Night games.

Sunday during the District's business session was Election Day. Both candidates and the LVRF amendments changes were voted in followed by a Victory Luncheon where all the newly elected members were introduced. During this lunch, the 50/50 tickets and the Basket of Cheer winners were announced. District 22-A was presented with the Messick Memorial Trophy for the most attendees from the district.



Messick Memorial Trophy (from PDG Sue Parks)

The Messick Memorial Trophy was established in 2018 in memory of Lion Ray Messick who passed away in 2010. Lion Ray was a Life Member of the Takoma Park Lions Club for 65 years, and a former 22-C Lt. Governor. He also attended all 22-C conventions and made it to most of the Lions Clubs International Conventions. The purpose for this Memorial Trophy is to encourage camaraderie among the subdistricts and to motivate districts to get their Lions to the convention.

Congratulations to District 22-A! Although we only had 36 attendees at the 102nd Annual Multiple District 22 Convention, based on the number of members in our district, we had the highest percentage of attendance!!! During the Victory Luncheon, DGE Suzette was presented the Messick Memorial Trophy and will be taking it with her on club visits. District 22-B, C, D and W have already committed that they were coming after it. So mark your calendars now and let's try to make us the winners two years in the row by getting folks excited about attending the convention in Ocean City, May 15-17, 2026!!!! Several first time attendees came out to Wisp and really had a great time!

ROLL OF THE HONORED DEAD

DISTRICT 22-A

District Governor Jim Katzaman

2024-2025

James Jimmy Clark.....Aberdeen Lions Club
PDG Warren Kellner.....Annapolis Lions Club
PDG James 'Jay' Sweitzer.....Baltimore 40 West
PDG Thomas 'Ed' Mullinix.....Clarksville Lions
Arlene Alascio.....Darlington Lions Club
PDG Keith Williams.....Joppatowne Lions Club
Robert Engh.....Severn River Lions Club
Michael Milord.....Severn River Lions Club
Paul Seadler.....Bel Air Lions Club



ABERDEEN LIONESS HIGHLIGHTS

Quarter Auction a Success

The club held its fundraiser on April 4, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Lions Cathy Sawyers and Carol Bonds collected a lot of great prizes. A BIG thank you to everyone who donated and picked up prizes for this fundraiser and to all who helped on the day of the event. Our total profit was \$3,840.75.



Lion Barb Mortus selling the paddles.



Lion Becky Kennedy and her husband, Chuck, ready with



Lion Becky Kennedy hard at work before the games begin.



Snack Bags and Snacks

The club put together 41 Snack Bags for the Aberdeen Police Department and 2 Snack Baskets for the Aberdeen Fire Department. On Sunday, April 13th, Lions Carol Bonds, Barb Mortus and Debbie Lassen met at the Aberdeen Walmart to purchase snack food for these bags and baskets. On April 15th Lions Peggy Richardson, Barb Mortus, Cathy Sawyers, Debbie Lassen and Sandy Pierce gathered at Sandy Pierce's home to put these all together. On Tuesday, April 16th Lions Cathy, Peggy and Becky gave these snacks out. This project was initiated by Lion Peggy Duff Richardson.



ABERDEEN LIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Designer Purse Bingo

Sponsored by Aberdeen Lions Club

Prizes will be Coach, Michael Kohrs, Kate Spade,
Vera Bradley and other designers.



Friday, June 6th, 2025

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
201 Mt Royal Ave, Aberdeen, MD



7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Food, bake table and non-alcoholic beverages available



Tickets

\$30 in advance

\$32 at the door

Additional sets of 3 cards - \$5.00

Everyone needs a ticket to enter. This includes children.



Tickets available by calling

Karin Hancock (443) 502-5220

Cynthia Moats (443) 617-6366

Email-aberdeenlions2@comcast.net

*** Door prizes * Special Games * Raffles ***

Fundraiser benefits

Aberdeen Lions Club Community Projects

Bring item for St. Paul's food pantry - A prize ticket for each item donated to the pantry.

BEL AIR LIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Roadside Clean Up

Ten Lions teamed up for the annual Roadside Spring Cleanup. The group picked up over 25 bags of trash, estimated at about 400 pounds—and enjoyed the warm day and fresh air too!

The annual event is lead by Lion Colleen Murphy and covers Route 924, from the Park and Ride at Rock Spring to Vale Road. Lions who participated were Chris and Mike New, Graham Phillips, Nick Moline, Doug Cornelius, Erin Hughes, Marcie and Tony Birk, Satish Walia, Sandy and Dave Guzewich, and Robin Young.



Casseroles for the Hungry

Several club members made delicious and nutritious casseroles for the hungry in Harford County. In total, 26 casseroles were donated to provide families a hot meal that certainly warmed their bellies as well as their hearts knowing that people in the community cared about them.

Hunger Committee Chairs Diane and Dave Frace organized the annual event.



BEL AIR LIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Heart of a Lion Celebration

The Club conferred its annual Heart of a Lion Award during ceremonies held at the Maryland Golf and Country Club (MGCC) on April 4 attended by over 100 individuals from the Bel Air community. Lion PJ Chambers led the team that planned the event.

This year, the club recognized three local "community heroes" instead of one and moved the festivities to the MGCC because of the stature of the three across Bel Air and Harford County. This years recipients were Mary Chance, Patrick Chambers and Sarah Klein. Emcee for the event was Kristy Breslin and Lion Graham Phillips helped plan the buffet dinner menu with the MGCC.



Heart of a Lion recipients: Sarah Klein, Patrick Chambers and Mary Chance along with emcee Kristy Breslin.



BEL AIR LIONS HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 18, 2025 | MAIN STREET - BEL AIR, MD

3rd ANNUAL
BEL AIR TOWN Derby

Main Street Closed: 7am - 1pm | Racing: 8am - 12pm

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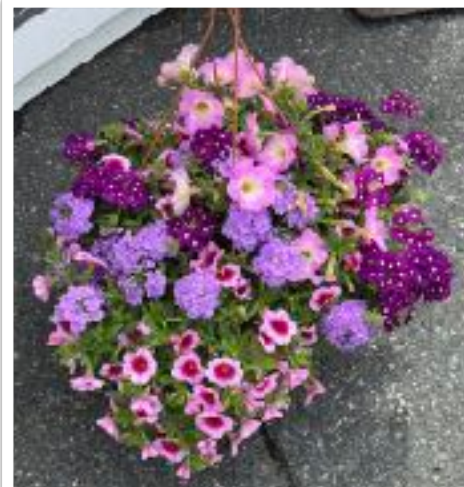


Bel Air Downtown Alliance

Bel Air MARYLAND

CHURCHVILLE LIONS HIGHLIGHTS

The Churchville Lions Club of Maryland held its annual Mother's Day and Easter flower sales. All the flowers were locally grown plants by Bergs Farm in Churchville.



DARLINGTON LIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Club Awards

DG Jim Katzaman, Lion Myrna Katzaman and 1VDG Suzette Kettenhofen visited the Darlington Lions club on April 24th to present the following:

A 10 member sponsorship "Builder Key" to PCC Larry Burton

The Darlington Club was also given a Club Excellence Award for 2023-2024 - pin and banner emblem.



Chevron Awards to Lions:

Charlene Amedoro - 10 years (not present)

Sherry Gentry - 10 years

James K Calcutt - 30 years



JARRETTSVILLE LIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Supporting Local Family

The Club presented the \$1,000 donation check to Nash (shy little fellow on the left) and his family at J'Ville Grille. The family traveled to California for a surgical procedure that will produce hearing and the construction of a normal outer ear. Jarrettsville Lion's Club should feel proud of our support of this little first grader.



Keene Dodge Charity of the Month

The Jarrettsville Lions Club thanks Keene Dodge for selecting us for the charity of the month for January. Each charity that is selected is given a donation for each car Keene sells during that month. We applaud Keene for their commitment to our community



PERRY HALL / KINGSVILLE LIONS HIGHLIGHTS

BARKS, BREW & WINE



SPEAKER
Timothy Cuneio
& LD Glacier

\$40/person

MAY 31, 2025

2-6PM

**KLAUSMEIER FARM
4014 PERRY HALL RD,
PERRY HALL MD 21128**

RESERVATIONS ARE PREPAID:

**Make checks payable to
Lions District 22-A/
Leader Dog**

**All checks mailed to:
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6722 Mink Hollow Rd
Highland, MD 20777
443 375 2852
highland47@outlook.com**

**PDG Owen Landis
2317 Kings Arms Dr
Fallston, MD 21047
410 218 4186
landisosr@comcast.net**

MENU

Pit Beef & Turkey

Homemade Rotini and Sauce

Salad and Vegetables

Cake and Ice Cream

Soft Drinks

**BEER & WINE
INCLUDED
WITH TICKET**

**BAG RAFFLE
BASKET OF CHEER
AND MORE**



Walter
Michigan



JoJo
Michigan



Rusty
Michigan



Portillo
Illinois



Harlem
MI-Oaks



Caramello
Wisconsin

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LIONS CLUB**



**LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND**



Welcome to Our Newest Members

Bel Air

Jaquie Leach
Glenn Leach
Karen Station
Cheryl Maerz
Joanne Bonnell
Lesa West

Darlington

Jennifer Johnson

Editor's Note:

Thanks for allowing me to serve as Insights editor for the past year.

It was an honor to report the work of the Lions of MD 22-A.

Please send your clubs future activities to PDG Jim Katzaman at jimkatzaman@gmail.com. who will serve as next year's editor.

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