



Lions Breezes

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A newsletter for the members, family & friends of the
Thurmont Lions Club!

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Message from President Ross

~~presents~~ Presence Galore!

Someone recently said that “Christmas is not so much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.” Lions around the world practice this sentiment all year long – opening our hearts to those who need a helping hand. We know it is more about “presence” than “presents” – being there when someone needs help. As you go about your hectic holiday schedule – decorating, baking, visiting, shopping, etc. – please remember those less fortunate who cannot (for various reasons) do those things. Many of them are our neighbors – we may not be able to change their situation – be it health issues, loss of employment, financial difficulties, bereavement, loved ones far away from home, etc. – but we CAN remind them that someone cares about them. Think about to whom you can reach out with a plate of cookies, a personal note, a visit or a simple phone call – remember your “presence” may just be the very best “present” they receive this year. Also remember those military personnel

and their families who will be apart during this special time of the year – especially those who are in harm’s way – accepting the call to duty with their “presence” that provides each of us with the priceless “present” of freedom – a “present” that we should never take for granted!

“THANKS” to our merry band of elves that picked up the Christmas Trees and set up the lot – now let’s all do our part and get them sold. As you work your shift, please THANK the staff at ACE Hardware for providing us with a great sales site and for their assistance with the trees during the weekdays. Keilholtz Trucking has again provided the transportation for the trees – what a wonderful service they provide to us each year – can you imagine what it would cost us to contract that service?

Our Remembrance Tree will be presented to the community on Saturday, December 3 with decorating beginning at 9:00 a.m. and caroling around the tree at 5:00 p.m. – I hope many Lions can be there. Our community is fortunate to have TWO spectacular Christmas House Tours again this year – 1) Saturday, December 3 (4-8 pm) at Doug/Don’s house for the benefit of 1VDG Paul’s Campaign – can you imagine decorating (and THEN dismantling!) more than 50 trees??? And 2) Saturday, December 10 (4-8 pm) and Sunday, December 11 (2-6 pm) co-sponsored by the Thurmont Historical Society and Thurmont Lions Club featuring eight homes plus the Creeger House. All this will certainly put us in the Christmas spirit just in time for our Annual Family Christmas Party on December 14. I hope that EVERY Lion will attend – if you are bringing children/grandchildren, I hope you have already informed our committee of the names and ages but if not, please contact them right away. A special “THANK YOU” in advance to Santa for taking time from his busy schedule to join us that night.

Grace and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas with lots of time for family and friends and I look forward to your “presence” in 2012!

Remember..”Don’t Hide your Lionism (or your ~~presents~~-presence) Under the Bed!”



CHRISTMAS

HAVE A VERY MERRY

PAST MEETING



PEACE POSTERS



**Lion's Meeting Guest Speaker From November 9th - Jason Polansky
Updates the Club On His Recent Activities**

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP FINDING GOOD NEW MEMBERS: As we approach the **Christmas Season**, please begin thinking who among your local friends and associates would be a good Thurmont Lion. This would be one or more of those whom you know would enjoy serving others and with whom you'd like to serve. If you need literature about Lions or want your prospects to talk with one of us on the Membership Committee, just contact Joyce Anthony, Colleen Gillen, Robin Keeny, Cartha Johnson or me.

PLAN AHEAD FOR OUR FRIENDSHIP NIGHT at our dinner meeting on January 25th. This is a very good opportunity for you to bring prospective members for their complimentary meal and hear about how much being a Lion, particularly a Thurmont Lion, means to all of us. **Bring your spouses/significant others, too!**

HAPPY DECEMBER LIONS' ANNIVERSARY:

- Joyce Anthony—12 years
- Dulcie Biser—9 years
- George Bolling—12 years
- Rosemary McDermott—6 years
- Russ DeLauter—**41 Years!!**
- Ross DeSalvo—9 years

---George Bolling, Membership Chairman

Christmas Pies, Cakes, etc.

Our friends at Trinity United Church of Christ are now taking orders for pies, cakes, etc. for Christmas. The complete order form will be available at the Lions' Christmas Party or contact Lion Shirley – orders must be submitted by December 15. When you order, be sure to specify which DAY you wish to pick up your order – Wednesday, December 21 through Friday, December 23.

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY THURMONT LIONS!

Birthdays –

- December 1 – Robin Keeny
- December 9 – Douglas Favorite
- December 10 – Russell Favorite
- December 18 – Terry Frushour
- December 24 – Sharon Windsor
- December 24 – Shirley Long
- December 26 – Raymond Williams

Anniversaries -

- December 6 – Gene & Shirley Long
- December 25 – Vic & Betty Jagow
- December 30 – Mike & Debbie Irons

Wishing them the Happiest of Days and Great Years Ahead

WE Serve and WE Care

If you learn about an illness or tragic happening affecting one of our LION Club members or families, please contact a member of the TLC Sunshine Committee with the information. Committee chairperson Lion Nancy Dutterer - 301-271-6965 or nsdutterer@verizon.net or Joann Miller – 301-271-3913 or pjmiller45@comcast.net Caring and concern for our fellow members is a very important part of our life together. Lions Nancy & Joann.

Prayer for our TLC Family and members who are in need of prayer and support during their illness and recovery:

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity. Be present in your goodness with your servants that their weakness may be banished, their strength re-stored and that their health being renewed; they may bless your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Those with Acute Needs for our prayers:

- Lion Lynn Stuart – on going health issues (reaching and hoping for a miracle).

- **Jim Spahr – continued health issues; he needs our support, prayers and visits. Jim’s address – 10 Sunset Street, Thurmont, MD 21788.**

Those with Long Term Needs for our continued prayers and support:

- **Lion Ross DiSalvo – resident at VA Nursing Home in Martinsburg, WV.**
- **Linda Frazier (friend of Lion Don Keeney’s father) – awaiting a kidney transplant.**
- **Lion Linda Bittner, Lion Jo Ann Cannada, Lions Bev & Terry Frushour, Lion Vic Jagow, Lion Robin Keeny, Lion Rosemary McDermott (WELCOME BACK), Lion Ron Miller, PDG Susan Timmons and PDG Andy DeMario.**

Our Sympathy, Thoughts and Prayers to the family of :

Dulcie Mae Biser, member of the Thurmont Lions Club since December 2002, entered into eternal rest Monday morning, November 28, 2011, following complications from a medical procedure. Funeral services was held on Friday, December 2, at the Moravian Church in Graceham at 12 noon.

Prayer for TLC Family and their members who are serving our country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces and their loved ones. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

We pray for:

- Travis Wantz – Son of Lions JR & Cindy Wantz
- Nick Subryan – Son in Law of Lions JR & Cindy Wantz
- Joshua Long – Son of Lion Kristen Long and grandson of Lion Bill Long
- Mathew Mundy – Grandson of Lions Larry Mundy and Joyce Anthony

*If there are other family members serving in the armed forces; please let Nancy and Joann know so that they too can be added to our prayer list.

***** GOD CREATED CHRISTMAS *****

What is Christmas?

It’s about ... the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

It’s about ... love, peace, joy and hope.

It’s about ... fresh beginnings and new life.

Christmas is so much more than decorations, cookies and snow.

- It’s a time to gather together with family.
- It’s time to be part of God’s family.
- It’s a time to enjoy gifts and lights.
- It’s time to accept the gift of the Light.

GOD is in every detail of the Christmas season – the big and the small, the familiar and the obscure. You’ll find Him there encouraging you, challenging you, cherishing you. You’ll find Him inviting you to slow down, stop stressing and start living. You’ll find Him in Christmas, revealing His amazing love for you.

GOD is in the small stuff at Christmas ... Slow Down and Experience God in the Details of the Season.

“It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air”. – W. T. Ellis

*****A

woman went to the post office to buy stamps for Christmas cards. When it was her turn, the clerk asked her what denomination stamps she needed.

“Oh, for heaven’s sake! Has it come to this? “Give me 25 Protestant and 25 Catholic”.

Dear God, I thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy for Christmas. - Rachel age 7

Did you ever wonder about this?

EXPERTS built the TITANIC - - - - VOLUNTEERS built the ARK! What does that tell you about the power of volunteering? Together we can make a difference!

Important Notes & REMINDERS

- **IF YOU HAVE EMAIL ACCESS BUT ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER VIA REGULAR MAIL, YOU COULD SAVE OUR CLUB MONEY** with the cost of postage, we need to limit “mailed” copies to those who do NOT have email. Please contact Lion Robin at 301-304-0566 or RbKee3@aol.com to provide your email address.
- If you have unwanted eyeglasses or hearing aids, please bring them to any meeting and give to Lion Bud Long or Lion Lynn Herbert OR place in the collection boxes that are located in Goodwill Industries and outside Dr. John Hagemann’s office.
- If you need an updated copy of the Committees for 2010-2011, Visitation Schedule, or Club Roster, contact Secretary Susan.
- If you are interested in purchasing Lions apparel, contact Christine Baker
- Be sure to check out our Club Website – Check it out at “thurmontlionsclub.com”
- PLEASE remember to call Lion Wes Hamrick if you will not be attending a meeting and do not want to be charged for that meal. Also it is very important to let Lion Wes know when you have a guest attending the meeting – we need to provide an accurate count to Cozy on the Monday morning the week of our meeting. Please call Lion Wes Hamrick the Sunday before the meeting at 301-271-9195.
- PLEASE submit all articles for the next newsletter ASAP but no later than the last meeting of the month or by the 25th of the month to Lion Robin Keeny at RbKee3@aol.com.

Thurmont Lions Club Calendar of Events -- 2011-2012

(Calendar Revised 11/25/11 – Please provide corrections/additions promptly to Lion Shirley Long)

(** Provide agenda items to Secretary Susan at least 5 days prior to Board Meeting.)

- December 1 – December Newsletter released
- December 3 – Remembrance Tree Dedication (decorating at 9am, caroling at 5pm – next to PNC)
- December 3 – Christmas Tour/Dinner for Lion Paul’s Campaign – Home of Doug & Don (4-8pm)
- December 10-11 – Thurmont Christmas House Tour (Thurmont Lions & Thurmont Historical Society)
- December 14 – Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.) (Cozy – brief meeting prior to Christmas Party) ****
- December 14 – Regular Meeting (Family Christmas Party)
- December 21 – Info due for January Newsletter
- December 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS
- January 1 – January Newsletter released
- January 11 – Regular Meeting (Program: Beth Royer Watson/Thurmont Thespians)
- January 11 – Dues/Meals Statements for January-March 2012 (Meal charges/3months; no dues)
- January 18 – Board Meeting **
- January 22 – Third Cabinet Meeting – Region II
- January 25 – Regular Meeting (Program: Friendship Night/Membership Committee)
- January 25 – Info due for February Newsletter
- February 1 – February Newsletter released
- February ?? – Third Zone Meeting
- February 8 – Regular Meeting (Scout Night)
- February 15 – Board Meeting **
- February 17-19 – MD 22 Leadership Institute – Emmitsburg
- February 22 – Regular Meeting (Program: Mayor Martin Burns)
- February 22 – Info due for March newsletter
- March 1 – March Newsletter released
- March 14 – Regular Meeting (Barter Night & Joint Club Meeting)
- March 21 – Board Meeting **
- March 25 – Fourth Cabinet Meeting – Region I
- March 28 – Regular Meeting (Program: DNR)
- March 28 – Info due for April newsletter
- March ?? – Thurmont Business Expo
- March 30 – Tri-State Meeting
- April 1 – April Newsletter released
- April 8 – Community Easter Egg Hunt – 2:00 p.m. – Town Park
- April 11 – Regular Meeting (Program TBD)
- April 11 – Dues/Meals Statements for April-June 2012 (Meal charges/3 months; dues/6months)
- April ?? – Fourth Zone Meeting
- April 18 – Board Meeting **
- April 25 – Leader Dog Banquet (in lieu of regular meeting) – New Midway Fire Hall
- April 25 – Info due for May Newsletter
- April 28 – Fish Fry – Bell Hill
- April 30 – PU 101 due
- May 1 – May Newsletter released
- May 9 – Regular Meeting (Program – Education Night??)
- May 9-12 – Multiple District 22 Convention – Salisbury – ELECT LION PAUL AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR!
- May 16 – Board Meeting **
- May ?? – Art Revealed along the Trail (ART) Festival

May 23 – Regular Meeting (Program – Community Night??)
May 23 – Info due for June Newsletter
May 24 – White Cane Banquet
May 26 – Sandwich Sales – Bell Hill
May 28 – National Memorial Day Parade – Washington, D. C.
June 1 – June Newsletter released
June 13 – Regular Meeting (Program – Installation of Officers??)
June 16 – Sandwich Sales – Bell Hill
June 20 – Board Meeting **
June 22-26 – International Convention – Pusan, Korea – SEND US A POST CARD, DG-ELECT PAUL
June 27 – Regular Meeting (Program – Turnover Meeting and Goals/Objectives for new year??)
June 27 – Info due for July Newsletter

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