

LEO Sponsorship

Thurmont Middle School – chartered in October 2008. Under the guidance of LEO Advisors Candace Desonier and Melanie Ware, youth at the Thurmont Middle School are learning the importance of “We Serve” at an early age.

Catoctin High School – planned with an anticipated chartering in October 2009

The “TLC Foundation”

The TLC Foundation is available for financial donors to contribute to the work performed by the Thurmont Lions. The Foundation operates as a financially independent extension of the Club and it is registered as a 501c3 charitable organization with the Internal Revenue Service. Donations to the Foundation are fully tax deductible and can be made by mailing checks (payable to “TLC Foundation”) to

P.O. Box 306, Thurmont, MD 21788

FREE Preschool Vision Screenings

The Thurmont Lions Club offers FREE vision screenings for children ages 6 months to 5 years of age. The screening program is aimed at identifying existing and future eyesight problems and facilitating corrective measures at an early age. Statistics have proven that by the time a child is old enough to read an eye chart, some vision problems (e.g., amblyopia or “lazy eye”) are much more difficult (or impossible) to correct. The screening practice uses a non-invasive procedure to take a picture of the child’s eyes. These pictures are then interpreted by a software program and results are provided to the parents. Parents leave the screening with knowledge of their child’s reading and the interpretation of that reading.

Projects:

Projects and groups which annually receive our club support via funds and/or volunteer hours:

ART Festival
Boy Scouts of America – Troop #270
Catoctin High School Scholarships
Catoctin Medical Fund
Christmas House Tour
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Eyeglasses/exams for needy
Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program
Guiding Eyes for the Blind (guide dogs)
Lions Clubs International Foundation
Lions Leader Dog Program (guide dogs)
Lions Vision Research Foundation
Maryland Medical Eye Bank
School/Youth Recognitions
Teacher of the Year Program
Thurmont Food Bank
Thurmont Health Fair
Thurmont Make A Difference Day
Thurmont Ministerium
Thurmont Police Officer of the Year
Thurmont Scout Activities Center
Thurmont Senior Prom
Thurmont Trolley Trail
Thurmont Volunteer of the Year
TMS LEO Club

“Striding in Service!”

Activities:

Activities which generate funds to allow our club to support the above *Projects!*

Benefit Breakfasts
Christmas Tree Sales
Colorfest Food Booth
Community Birthday Calendars
Community Show Food Booth
Fish Fry
Fall Food Festival
Basket Bingo
Pit Beef/Pork/Turkey/Ham Sandwich Sales
Thurmont circa 1929 Limited Edition Print Sales

A Brief History of the Thurmont Lions Club

After a number of the businessmen of Thurmont met informally at lunch for a number of months in early 1929, they decided to explore the need for a civic organization to serve the community. A committee was formed to get in touch with several such groups operating in other parts of the county. It didn't take them long to decide upon the Lions Club as their choice. With the help of some members of the Frederick Lions Club, who became their sponsor, a promotional meeting was held in the old Town Hall on October 23, 1929 and an open invitation was made for prospective members. The actual charter was presented to the club at the November 1, 1929 meeting.

The original meetings were held in the Mrs. Ruth Eyler Restaurant on Water Street. Since the restaurant's closing shortly thereafter, the meetings have been held at the Cozy Inn (Restaurant). For many years, the Lions Club was largely representative of the business men and agricultural operations of the community. In more recent years, the organization has evolved to include other members of the community who are interested in taking part actively in civic, commercial, social, and educational projects. Today, the club's roster of members includes men and women from many walks of life who are interested in helping others in our community. Since its inception, the club has been an exceptional forum for discussion and action on matters of public interest.

In 2009, the Thurmont Lions Club celebrates 80 years of serving our community and our world. While we continue to focus on vision-related needs and projects around the world, our primary focus is making life better for our neighbors by helping those in and around Thurmont!

**Thurmont Lions –
People Just Like YOU!**

Membership Application

YES! I want to help with the Thurmont Lions Club's mission.

Name:
Address:
City
State
Zip Code
Email Address:
Phone:
Cell Phone:
Sponsoring Lion:

Membership is By Invitation Only

We are the youngest major service organization, yet we have grown to be the world's largest. We are succeeding because we have embraced all those committed to building a brighter future for the world and for themselves.

We Serve!

The "VISION" of Lions

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind". Since then, Lions around the world have been recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired. Helen Keller could not have possibly imagined the impact of the Lions' commitment to blindness prevention. Bringing rays of light to the darkness of countless people around the world, Lions have established the majority of eye banks worldwide, funded ground-breaking research on leading causes of blindness, organized eyeglass recycling efforts and helped hundreds of thousands of visually impaired people develop the skills to live productive lives.

Lions...In and Around THURMONT

The Thurmont Lions Club has proudly served our community and surrounding areas since 1929. For numerous years, we have sponsored the local Boy Scout Troop, awarded scholarships, provided eyeglasses for those who cannot afford them, sponsored an annual Easter Egg Hunt for the community as well as many other community projects. In more recent years, we have begun an annual Health Fair, Youth Recognitions, Donations to Catocin High School and its feeders, Teacher of the Year Program, Preschool Vision Screenings, Volunteer of the Year Program, Police Officer of the Year Award, sponsorship of the TMS LEO Club and coordination of the Thurmont Make A Difference Day. Our signature project has been the Trolley Trail Project – the former trolley trail has been transformed into a hiking/biking trail FOR THE COMMUNITY. This project created an opportunity to preserve a special piece of our history while creating a heritage for our future generations. New ventures include sponsoring the ART Festival and starting a CHS LEO Club. There is so much more we can achieve In and Around Thurmont—but we need YOU to help us make it happen—call 301-898-7119 for more info. Accomplishments of the Thurmont Lions Club are possible as a direct result of the support of the community. All profit made on fundraisers is given back – 92% to the local community and 8% to vision research and projects.

"Thank You for Your Support!"



Thurmont Lions Club



The Thurmont Lions Club is a group of community-minded men and women ("People Just Like YOU!") who have come together to enjoy each other's company, hear interesting programs, and raise funds for important local or vision-related causes.

The Thurmont Lions Club meets at 6:30 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Cozy Restaurant



We Serve

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Thurmont, Maryland 21788
Or call: 301-898-7119**

**Check us out online at:
WWW.THURMONTLIONSCLUB.COM**