



President Joyce Anthony

Lion Breezes

Thurmont Lions Club

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District Governor Evan Gillett
Service with 2020 Vision for the Future"

It is an honor and pleasure to serve as your President for the 2019-2020 Lions Year. Many of you have set examples as my predecessors, and all of you have revealed exception talents, skills and dedication that set the stage for a wonderful year ahead. I will try to lead the club to the best of my ability with the dedicated help of the Board of Directors and, YOU, the members.

We have a Lions year that begins July 1 and ends June 30. Leaders and responsibilities change within the club, but our commitments to the community and around the word does not change. Our service is continuous so we must keep moving forward with no beginning and no end.

Our goals for this year will focus on:

- creating new service projects
- sustain our great success as in previous years
- increase our membership by at least three new members
- schedule exciting and interesting programs, and
- retention and participation.

The club desperately needs to create new service projects. This year we will not be doing the calendar sales and probably not the Christmas tree sales. These two fundraisers provided approximately \$7,000 profit. If we are going to continue to support the community and vision projects at a comparable level and sustain our reputation, we need your input and support. Please put on your thinking cap and bring ideas to the Board.

I recently read a quote "TOGETHER Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)". The Thurmont Lions Club is a TEAM – not individual members. WE have to remain a TEAM to accomplish our goals for the year.

"Remember, it is better to give than to receive."

Yours in Lionism
President Joyce

Thurmont Lions Club Installs Officers

The Thurmont Lions Club recently installed officers for the 2019-2020 Lions year. District Governor Gerry Beachy performed the installation on June 26, 2019.



**L-R: Front Row: George Bolling, 3rd Vice President; Allison Hazen, Assistant Secretary; Joyce Anthony, President; Susan Favorite, 1st Vice President; Dianne McLean, Secretary; Julie El-Taher, Immediate Past President; Bob Johnson, Membership Chair
Back Row: Gayle DiSalvo, Lion Tamer; Marci Veronie, 2-Year Director; Deborah Schray, 1-Year Director; Jan Ely, Assistant Treasurer; Don Ely, 1-Year Director; Don Keeney, Tail Twister; Doug Favorite, Treasurer; Hank Schlitzer, 2-Year Director
Absent: Paul Cannada, 2nd Vice President**

June Sandwich Sale Raises Money for Mobile Screening Van

Contributed by Don Keeney

This year we reinstated the June pit sandwich sale, and proceeds from this sale were directed to the fund to purchase the District 22 mobile screening van. We had another successful sale, raising \$2,500 for the van. We sold out of beef, turkey, and ham and had only a few rolls left.

The next sandwich sale will be on July 6. This is typically one of our busier ones and we will need lots of help. If you have not signed up and are available to help, even for a few hours, please let Doug and Don know. We have ordered lots of rolls and meat and are prepared for a very busy day!

Upcoming Programs at Club Meetings

Contributed by George Bolling

This Lions year, we are striving to meet President Joyce's objective to provide "exciting and interesting programs" at our regular meetings.

At our July 24th meeting, we will have a speaker representing the Gettysburg Foundation—Mike Conrad—who will bring us the message of the Foundation's new initiative called "Gettysburg Revisited." Following President Lincoln's delivery of the Gettysburg Address some 156 years ago, the famous battlefield has served as a place of reconciliation and healing. In this time of divisive turmoil in our nation, Gettysburg Revisited calls for civility among us, a rekindling of the spirit of unity in America.

In August, look forward at our meeting on the 14th to when Dean Fitzgerald, a local builder, tells the interesting stories behind the three historic covered bridges located in the greater Thurmont community.

At our annual picnic on August 28th, our own Lion Mike Irons will tell us the most interesting story about his family's Ole' Mink Farm, where we'll enjoy fabulous food and fellowship!

Lions Help Summer Literacy Project

Contributed by Lion Bob Kells

Once again, the Thurmont Lions Club assisted and provided to a local program that encourages children to read during the summer. Each year for the past six years, Weller United Methodist Church has collected books for the children of Sabillasville Elementary School. The Church decided to do this when they learned some of the children have very few books to read at home. The books are donated by the Church members during May and early June. On the last day of school, the children get to select three or four books to take home with them to read.

The Thurmont Lions Club provides book bags for the children to carry their books. The bags have been a different color each year. This year's color was orange. Written on the bags are some words to encourage reading, along with the Lions Club logo and the words "Thurmont Lions Club."

As a volunteer who spends time at the school during the year, I can attest that the children are excited to receive the bags and books. The book drive is a great way to help keep children reading over the summer. As a Lion and as pastor at Weller UMC, I am grateful to the Thurmont Lions Club for giving us these bags each year. Anything we can do to keep children reading and learning is definitely worthwhile. Thank you.



Captions: Third and Fourth Graders at Sabillasville Elementary School select books for summer reading and take them home in bags provided by the Thurmont Lions Club.

CHS LEOs Work Ice Cream Stand

Contributed by Lion Bob Kells

School is out but LEOs continue to raise funds by selling ice cream during the TLC pit sandwich sales. We've had two sales so far, May 25 and June 6. LEOs from Catoctin High School and Thurmont Middle School volunteer between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Varieties for sale include ice cream sandwiches, cones, "fudgesickles," and the ever-popular "traditional" (chocolate-coated vanilla ice cream bars).

The LEOs will continue to sell ice cream out of the club trailer at Bell Hill Farm in July and August. Make sure to get your ice cream whenever you stop in for sandwiches this summer.

Scholarships Awarded to Catoctin High School Seniors

Contributed by Lion Bob Kells

The Thurmont Lions Club provided some welcome assistance to college-bound Catoctin High School graduates by awarding five scholarships during the club meeting on June 12. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000. The Vic Jagow scholarship is worth \$1,000 a year for four years. The scholarships and winners for this year are:

Vic Jagow (4-year)
Lynn Stuart Scholarship
1-year scholarship
1-year scholarship
1-year scholarship

Pablo Archila Arriaga
Julia Ellenberg
Carly Crone
Caitlyn Naff
Melanie Topper

Mount St. Mary's
Mount St. Mary's
Univ. of Pittsburg, Bradford
Hood College

I want to thank Lions Stephanie and Larry Steinley for their assistance with selecting the scholarship winners this year. A hearty congratulations and well done to all our scholarship recipients. We wish them well in their college adventures!



Pictured L-R: Pablo Arriago, Julia Ellenberg, President Julie El-TaHER, Carly Crone, Caitlyn Naff, Melanie Topper, Lion Bob Kells

Congratulations to Outgoing President for 2018-2019

Contributed by President Joyce

The Thurmont Lions Club meeting on June 26 was the last meeting led by our President Julie El-Taher. During her remarks regarding her year as president, Lion Julie indicated it was an honor to serve as Lions Club President for the 2018-2019 Lions year. There were two blood drives, a health fair, a literacy program, and support for an organization working to address the opioid epidemic in our community with the Make a Difference Day monies. We helped individuals receive eye exams and medical equipment and donated gas cards for families whose children are receiving chemo or radiation treatment. The club supported five scholarships and many more activities.

Incoming President Joyce Anthony took the opportunity to recognize and thank Lion Julie for her dedicated leadership for the past year and indicated she was a true gift to the club. Lion Joyce presented her a “thank you” gift from the incoming president to the outgoing president.



TLC Sunshine Committee

Contributed by Lion Julie

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 chair and members are - Lion Julie El-Taher – 301-788-0855 at jules6998@comcast.net, Lion Nancy Echard -240-818-7601 at nancyechard@comcast.net, Lion Sandra Duley - 301-271-1909, and Lion Bev Neuemaker-240-446-2219. Caring and concern for our fellow members is a very important part of our life together.

Prayer for our TLC Members, friends and family who are in need of prayer and support during their illness and recovery:

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health; comfort and relieve thy sick servants and give thy power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those listed below, for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Long term Prayers Requests: for Habib Maidanwal, Lion Bev's friend, Lion Glenn, Lion John Brown, Lion Joann Cannada, Ann Shaskan (Lion Nadja's mother), Alice Kells (Lion Bob Kells' mother), Jim Riffle (Lion Lisa Riffle's brother), Ashley and David Sorgent (Lion Liz Ruppel's friends), and Donald Hood (Lion Joyce's brother).

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:

James Harman - Grandson of PDG Paul and JoAnn Cannada
Patrick Stellitano - Son of Lion Julie El-Taher

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !!!

Contributed by Lion Julie

Prayer for TLC Members Celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries this month:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthdays :

Janice Ely, July 2
PDG Paul Cannada, July 6
Tom Ruppel, July 9
Rebecca Pearl, July 10
Kimbra (Kim) Grimm, July 11
Micheal Irons, July 14
Robert Muchow, July 16
Albie Little, July 21

Anniversaries:

Ross and Grace Smith, July 1
William and Mary Willhide, July 12
Lloyd and Beverly Berry, July 31

Celebrating Our Lion Members

Contributed by Lion Julie

The Thurmont Lions Club has proudly served our community and surrounding areas since 1929. The Thurmont Lions Club is a group of community-minded men and women who have come together to enjoy each other's company, hear interesting programs, and raise funds for important local or vision and community related causes. We are succeeding because we have embraced all those committed to building a brighter future for our community and ourselves. We celebrate the following Lions on their anniversary and years of service in our club and service to the Thurmont community:

July: Lions Susan Favorite - 22 Years; Bob and Cartha Johnson - 9 years; Tim Stuart - 11 years.

Sock Hop – Get ready for an evening of great music from the 50's

Contributed by President Joyce

Once again, the Thurmont Lions Club is having a Sock Hop at the Thurmont Senior Center on Saturday, July 20th from 5-8 pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person. You will enjoy a great menu of hot dogs, popcorn, snacks and drinks. A DJ will provide music you will enjoy from the 50's era. One hundred percent of the profit will be donated to support the non-profit Music is Medicine Foundation to help combat the heroin epidemic in the Thurmont community. You may purchase tickets from any Thurmont Lions Club member. Everyone had so much fun last year and asked that another sock hop be sponsored this year. Even if you don't like to dance, you will definitely enjoy the music, food, and fellowship. Please spread the word to your neighbors, friends, and family.

50's SOCK-HOP

Thurmont Senior Center
Saturday, July 20, 2019
5:00 - 8:00 pm



Tickets
\$15.00 per person

Menu

Hot dogs, popcorn, snacks, drinks



100% of the proceeds will be used to support the non-profit **Music in Medicine Foundation** to help combat the heroin epidemic in the Thurmont community

Purchase tickets from Thurmont Lions Club members

Opened to the Community

(Sponsored by Thurmont Lions Club)



Membership – July

Contributed by Lion Bob Johnson, Thurmont Lions Club Membership Chair, 301-606-5797, rcyrij@aol.com

A fresh Start—

As I noted last month, the Thurmont Lions Club has seen a significant drop in membership over the past two years. While we have been very successful in bringing in new and active new members, we have lost more than we have gained through a combination of deaths and members moving out of the area. In addition, the board has made a conscious decision to no longer take extraordinary actions to retain individuals who are not contributing to the success of the club. We recognize that many of these inactive members are not able to participate due to other commitments; so we have dropped them in good standing (dues paid) just prior to the end of 2018-2019 Lions year. It is our hope that as their personal circumstances change in the future, they will find themselves in a position where they can re-join the club and participate in our activities.

Going Forward –

Our membership performance for the new Lion's year (2019-2020) will be based on our official membership as of July 1, 2019; so we will not be penalized for our 2018-2019 losses. Club President, Lion Joyce, has already set a goal of ending her year with a net growth of at least three members, but I would like to see us beat that. Based on long-term statistics, we can expect to lose around 7% of our membership during the coming year (I am estimating 4 to 6 members). That means that we need to bring in at least 9 new members over the coming year. We already have one new member pending (they will be inducted in July); so we are off to a good start.

We will be conducting our yearly Community Show membership drive in September and the annual Friendship Night is already scheduled for October 9th. In addition, the Membership Committee will be reaching out to individuals who have expressed interest in our club in the past but have never joined. I am again asking all of you to talk to potential members that you may know. If they show any interest let me know and we will invite them to the Friendship Night meeting. If they want to become members (or just learn more about Lions) sooner, feel free to bring them to a regular meeting as a club guest.

TLC Membership Committee --

The official 2019-2020 TLC Membership Committee includes Cartha Johnson, Nancy Echard, Julie El-Taher, Paul Cannada and I. Feel free to reach out to any of us with questions, referrals, etc. However, don't forget that YOU are a de facto member of the club membership committee. WE depend on you to help us recruit new members. As always, if you need assistance in reaching out to a potential member, or just need some literature such as a club brochure, just let me, or anyone else on the Membership Committee, know and we will be glad to assist you. (Lion Bob Johnson, Thurmont Lions Club Membership Chair, 301-606-5797, rcyrij@aol.com)

Thurmont Lions Club Presents Lion of the Year Award

Contributed by President Joyce

President Julie El-Taher presented the prestige Lion 2018-2019 Lion of the Year award to Lion Gayle DiSalvo at the membership meeting on June 26, 2019. Lion Gayle has served as a co-advisor for the Thurmont Middle School Leo's and has regularly attended TMS Leo Club meetings since 2012. She has motivated Leo's to be service-minded by encouraging projects to assist the community, has communicated Leo activities with the Thurmont Lions Club, and has submitted monthly reports to the District Leo Chairperson and for the club's newsletter. Lion Gayle is always dependable and willing to help with any project. Congratulations Gayle!



District 22 “2019 Leo of the Year” - OWEN BUBCZYK

Contributed by Lion Bob Kells

On June 12, 2019, the Thurmont Lions Club was pleased to have District Governor Gerry Beachy present the 2019 “Leo of the Year” Award for the District and Multi-District to Catoclin High School (CHS) Leo Owen Bubczyk. Owen has been a Leo since middle school, where he served as vice president for 2015, and has consistently shown exceptional leadership and dedication to the ideals of Lionism.

Some highlights of Leo Owen regarding this outstanding young man:

Owen is clearly recognized by his peers for his leadership abilities. He was elected Sophomore Class President in 2017-2018, and Junior Class President for 2018-2019.

He is active in sports, having run cross country from 2016-2018, and track and field 2018-2019.

He was selected as an intern for the distinguished Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Program in 2018.

Owen has taken classes in calculus, biology and statistics, maintaining a GPA of 4.0.

He worked as a clerk and salesman at ACE Hardware in Thurmont.

As President of the CHS Leo Club, Owen led every club meeting and was always prepared with a clear agenda. He took part in nearly every club project including: Santa’s Workshop at CHS, Christmas in Thurmont, Halloween in the Park, CHS 2019 Homecoming parade, ice cream sales, Community Show and Colorfest. He was a huge help in recruiting new members—in 2018, we gained five new Leo’s thanks to his efforts.

Owen is well deserving of receiving this recognition, and we are very excited for him. We look forward to seeing him return to the club for his senior year where he will serve as Director of Club Communications. Congratulations Leo Owen Bubczyk!



Pictured: L-R: DG Gerry Beachy; District Leo Chairperson Pauline Rosier; Leo Owen Bubczyk; TLC CHS Leo Advisor Lion Bob Kells

Maryland Book Drive

Contributed by President Joyce

For the past several months, the club collected gently used books to support FVDG Evan’s service challenge. These books were delivered to the Maryland Book Bank for distribution to non-profit organizations. The Thurmont Lions Club collected over 2,500 books under the leadership of Lion Joyce. This was a great opportunity to help a good cause and honor our motto “We Serve”. During our June 12th meeting, District Governor Elect Evan Gillett presented \$100 to the club for collecting the most books in District 22.

District 22-W Mobile Screening Unit

Contributed by President Joyce

On June 15th the Thurmont Lions Club held a pit sandwich sale at Bell Hill to support the mobile screening van. It was a busy day with a steady parade of customers. The sale made a profit of \$2,520.07. At the club’s meeting on June 26, a check was presented to PDG Brian Cox to support the purchase of the van. The van is a fully self-contained Class “C” bus body modified to provide five testing stations for conducting health screening activities for pre-school vision screening, adult vision screening, hearing (Eckel medical grade test booth), blood pressure, pulse rate, blood oxygen levels, and blood sugar level.



Pre-School Vision Screening

Contributed by PDG Lion Paul Cannada

On June 12, 2019 three Thurmont Lions: Joyce Anthony, Nancy Echard and Paul Cannada, along with Lion Ron Kafchinski of the Deer Park Lions Club, conducted a Preschool Vision Screening at the Thurmont Regional Library. This Peter Rabbit event at the library did not have a good turnout and only two children were screened. Fortunately both children passed.



Pictured L-R: PDG Paul Cannada, Lions Joyce Anthony and Ron Kafchinski. Seated Lion Nancy Echard

*Thurmont Lions Club Calendar of Events
2019-2020*

Please provide corrections/additions promptly to Lion Joyce – Updated July 1, 2019

July 2019

July 6 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill
July 10 – Regular Meeting – Program: Lion Nadja
July 17 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen 6:00 pm
July 20 – Sock Hop – Senior Center, 5-8 p.m. (Fundraiser for Music in Medicine Foundation (combat heroin epidemic)
July 24 – Regular Meeting – Program: Mike Conrad – Gettysburg Revisited

August 2019

August 3 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill
August 3 – Multiple District Turnover Meeting
August 10 – Change of Banner, Myersville Fire Hall, Social 6:00 pm – Dinner 6:30 pm
August 14 – Regular Meeting – Program: Dean Fitzgerald – Covered Bridges
August 21 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 pm.
August 28 – Club Picnic, Ole Mink Farm
August 31 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill

September 2019

September 7 – District 22-W Cabinet Meeting, Region I
September 6-8 – Community Show
September 11 – Regular Meeting, Program: Cindy McGrew – Operation Second Chance
September 18 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen 6:00 p.m.
September 19-21 – USA/Canada Forum, Spokane, Washington
September 25 – Regular Meeting, Program: Reverend Sam Martz - Goldfish Farming in Thurmont
September 28 – Health Fair, Event Complex

October 2019

October 5 – District 22-W Social, Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Frederick, MD
October 6 – District 22-W Social – Frederick
October 9 – Regular Meeting, Program: Friendship Night
October 11 – Colorfest Setup
October 12-13 – Colorfest
October 16 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 pm
October 26 – Charter Night (Tuesday)
October 26 – Melvin Jones Fellow Brunch, Myersville Fire Hall, Myersville, MD (10:00 am – 12:00 noon)
October 26 – Make a Difference Day

November 2019

November 3 – Daylight Savings Time ends
November 9 – District 22-A Social, Baltimore, MD
November 13 – Regular Meeting, Program: George Bolling - Veterans
November 20 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 pm
November 22 - Thanksgiving
November 23 – District 22-W Cabinet Meeting – Region II
November 27 – Regular Meeting – Lion Glenn Rickard Story

December 2019

December 7 – District 22-D Social, Harrington, DEL
December 11 – Regular Meeting – Program: Christmas Party
December 18 - Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 p.m.
December 25 – Christmas Day
December 31 – New Year's Eve

January 2020

January 1- New Year's Day

January 8 – Regular Meeting, Program: Lion Ross Smith's Life Story

January 11 – District 22-W Cabinet Meeting – Region III

January 13 – Melvin Jones' Birthday

January 15 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 pm.

January 22 – Regular Meeting, Program: District Governor Evan Gillett Official Visit

January 26 – 3rd District 22-W Cabinet Meeting – Region III, Myersville Volunteer Fire Company

February 2020

February 12 – Regular Meeting, Program: Scout Night

February 19 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 p.m.

February 26 – Regular Meeting, Program: Youth Night

March 2020

March 7 – District 22-B Social

March 11 – Regular Meeting, Program: Mayor John Kinnaird

March 18 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 p.m.

March 25 – Regular Meeting, Program: Barter Night

March 28 – Bingo, Guardian Hose Activities Building

March 30 – Leader Dog Banquet – Region I

March 31 – Leader Dog Banquet – Region II

April 2020

April 1 – Leader Dog Banquet – Region III

April 2 – Leader Dog Banquet – Region IV

April 4 – District 22-W Cabinet Meeting – Region IV

April 8 – Joint Meeting with Emmitsburg at Carriage House (Hosted by TLC)

April 12 – Easter Sunday

April 12 – Easter Egg Hunt in Community Park starting 2:00 pm

April 15 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 pm

April 18 – District 22-C Social

April 22 –

May 2020

May 11-14 – MD-22 Multiple Convention, Ocean City, MD

May 13 – Regular Meeting, Program: Education Night

May 20 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen – 6:00 pm

May 23 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill

May 27 – Regular Meeting, Program: Community Night

June 2020

June 1 – Helen Keller Day

June 10 – Regular Meeting, Installation of Officers

June 13 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill

June 17 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 p.m.

June 24 – Regular Meeting, Turnover Meeting

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