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Lion Breezes

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

President's Message

Well, did the ground hog see his shadow?

Even though we had an extra day in February, I can't believe it is March. Where did January and February go? They tell me it is old age, the older you get the faster time goes.

We had a busy February even though it was a winter month. We had two wonderful and exciting meetings that focused on our youth – Scout Night and Youth Night. It is always a feeling of accomplishment when you see how these boys and girls focus so much energy on learning how to survive life, the skills that are necessary and surprisingly how much talent they have. It is hoped these youths will become great mentors and leaders someday.

Lion Julie El-Taher hosted a District 22-W Lions Clubs rock painting event at the Thurmont Regional Library on February 22nd from 1-4 pm. All ages were welcomed to help paint rocks. Several Lions members and children painted rocks to be provided to children who are hospitalized. DG Even Gillett and First Lady Bonnie participated in the rock painting. It is amazing how many different designs can be put on a small rock. All the rocks were spectacular.

The guest speaker for the first meeting in March will be John Kinnaird, Mayor of Thurmont. Mayor John will deliver his annual State of the Town address. The club's second meeting will be our Barter Night. This is our traditional evening to raise funds to support our Administrative Account which supports the actual operation of our club. The event is always fun, especially when our auctioneer, Lion Bob Meunier, has a member buy an item without bidding. Remember members, a yard sale item is another one's treasure.

There are two major events taking place the latter part of March. On March 21st, the Thurmont Lions Club in conjunction with the Trinity United Church of Christ will be sponsoring a benefit breakfast for Luke Bradley to help with medical expenses. On March 28th, the club will be sponsoring a bingo at the Guardian Hose Company's Activities Building. Please see Lions Lisa and Sharon to obtain tickets.

Our busy season will begin on April 25, 2020. We will have seven sandwich sales this year instead of six. Magnets will be available at the events reflecting the dates. Lots of help will be needed, so please sign up when Lion Don passes those sign-up sheets at the meetings.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! *"When I count my blessings, I count you twice"* Irish proverb

"Together Everyone Achieves More" (TEAM), and as always "It is Better to Give than to Receive"

Yours in Lionism, *President Joyce*

Benefit Breakfast for Luke Bradley

(Contributed by Lion Lisa Riffle)

The Thurmont Lions Club in conjunction with the Trinity United Church of Christ will be sponsoring a benefit breakfast for Luke Bradley to help the family with medical expenses. Luke is the 10 year old son of Tracey and Dan Bradley, and he is a 5th grader at Thurmont Elementary School.

Tracey suffered pre-eclampsia late in her pregnancy, and Luke was born six weeks premature. He spent two months in the NICU at Frederick Health Hospital. Luke's development was slower than normal, and at two years old, he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, which was likely caused by brain trauma at birth. Luke wears leg braces and uses a walker to get around. As he grows, these devices need to be updated to accommodate his size. He has undergone numerous surgeries including corrective surgery to his eyes, installation of a baclofen pump which delivers medicine to his spine to relax his leg muscles. Luke had a major surgery this past May to straighten his hips, knees and ankles.

Luke is a fun loving ten year old that enjoys anything related to sports, especially football. He has helped coaching and announcing for the local CYA football team and also loves to play sports video games. He faces many day-to-day challenges, but he always has a positive attitude and a smile on his face.

Please join us on Saturday, March 21st from 6:00-11:00 am at Trinity UCC, 101 E. Main Street, Thurmont to enjoy an all you can eat breakfast. There will be an abundance of good food and community fellowship.

Please contact Lion Lisa Riffle at 301-271-9984 if you would like to help with this event. (See attached flyer)

Easter Egg Fundraiser

Contributed by Lion Doug Favorite

Thurmont Lions now taking orders for the Second Annual Collectible Thurmont Easter Egg! The Thurmont Lions are continuing a tradition started last year with the offering of the second annual Thurmont Easter Egg. We are currently taking orders for the collectible wooden painted Easter Eggs which are manufactured in the USA by the same company that manufactures the eggs for the White House Easter Egg Roll. Each year the egg will have a new and different Thurmont icon featured on it, and they will be limited edition, numbered from 1 to 250. This year the egg will feature the Roddy Covered Bridge in black ink on a pastel pink background. The eggs will be \$10.60 each which includes sales tax. An optional service is being offered this year, to insert an eyelet and provide purple ribbon so the egg can be hung like a Christmas ornament. This service is available for an extra 40 cents. If you would like to purchase any of these unique decorative eggs, please contact Doug Favorite at 301-271-0558. They will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Those who purchased last year's Easter eggs may have an eyelet and ribbon inserted for \$.40 to make it an ornament for hanging on a tree.

If you missed last year's inaugural edition, I do have a very limited number still available. Make your collection complete while we still have some available. (See attached flyer)

Thurmont Middle School Leo Club

Contributed by Lion Elisabeth Ruppel, TLC Leo Advisor

This February the TMS Leo's urged their classmates to help SHARE THE LOVE by donating canned and boxed goods to a food drive for the Thurmont Food Bank. We also made valentines at our meeting for the seniors at the Thurmont Senior Center. The afternoon was spent visiting with them and playing bingo.

The TMS Leo of the Year, Alex Potter, was honored at the recent Youth Night celebration on February 26.



Catoctin High School Leo Club

Contributed by Lion Bob Kells, Jr., CHS Leo Advisor

The CHS LEO's continue to work on some local fundraising projects and look forward to some community projects in the spring. For Valentine's Day, they sold some candy grams to CHS students during lunch hours. The club is hoping to hear soon from a representative from Pennies for Patients to tell us how collecting pocket change can help children with cancer.

The club has some outdoor plans in the works that will help the community. Later this month, the CHS LEOs will head out to the Trolley Trail and take care of one of about 18 garden beds. The Thurmont Green Team has sought out local groups to care for these green spots, and the LEO's have adopted garden plot number 16, which is near the Thurmont Public Library end of the trail. We'll be doing some raking and mulching during March in preparation for spring. On March 21 and 28, the Town of Thurmont is planting 800 saplings in a park on the east side of town. We hope to have a group of LEO's take part in this civic improvement project.

One big, fun fundraiser we are working on now is the sale of discounted Hershey Park tickets. The tickets are sold in two groups: \$36.95 for tickets valid from May 1 to July 31, and \$41.95 for tickets valid from May 1 to September 27. In addition, we are hoping to sell enough tickets so a group can go to Hershey Park on Memorial Day, May 25. We need 35 people to reserve a bus. Children under age 14 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. The cost for the bus is \$10 per person.



Our last news item is the best of all. We are pleased to announce the CHS LEO Club Leo of the Year is Kyle Dutrow. Kyle is a sophomore whose positive attitude exemplifies the true spirit of Lionism through our motto "We Serve." He took part in a wide variety of club activities and willingly lent a hand to help achieve club goals. Congratulations Kyle!

←(Pictured L-R: Kyle Dutrow and Trish Steels, CHS Leo Advisor)

Programs

Contributed by Lion George Bolling

Interesting Programs coming in March and April

At our dinner meeting on March 11th, Thurmont Mayor John Kinnaird will deliver his annual State of the Town address and do his best to answer our questions. In past years, we've learned a lot from his visits with us.

We always look forward to Barter Night when Lion Bob Meunier and his crew raise money for the clubs operating account. We'll enjoy this fun event at our dinner meeting on March 25th. Dig out the old stuff and donate at least one or two items for the auction. And, be prepared NOT to go home empty handed!

Then, on April 8th, at our joint meeting with the Emmitsburg Lions, we are privileged to have a very distinguished speaker: Mr. Garrett Graff, author of several interesting books about continuity of government in crises, notably Raven Rock. Garrett will talk about the formerly SECRET Site R (aka Raven Rock), the "Underground Pentagon" located within a few miles of Thurmont west of Emmitsburg in the Catoctin Mountains. Because of limited seating, ALL attendees MUST HAVE reservations for this dinner meeting, and they are offered on a first come, first served basis. Club members have priority. Guests are limited to four per member. This limit may decrease as seats are filled. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the March meetings. Secretary Dianne has agreed to take your reservations via email. I surely hope all of you will take advantage of this rare opportunity to learn about this very intriguing aspect of our great nation.

The April 22nd meeting features local resident Reverend Sam Martz who will tell us the interesting story about Thurmont having been "The Goldfish Capital of the World!"

Thurmont Green Fest

Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.



The Thurmont Lions will have a food trailer at the Thurmont Green Fest. The event will be held on Saturday, April 4th, and we have been asked to provide a food trailer. We still have a few slots available on the signup sheet, so if you are available to help for a few hours in the early afternoon on that day, please contact Lions Doug or Don. We will be selling hot dogs, chili dogs, sloppy joes, drinks and baked goods. If you are not able to help at the event, stop by and get some lunch if you are in the area.

Membership Corner

(Contributed by Lion Bob Johnson)

By the Numbers – The Thurmont Lions Club started the 2019 – 2020 year with 69 members. On paper this is a significant drop from 2018 when we had 78 members, but I feel that the club is actually stronger today than it was in 2018. Many of the people that we dropped during the 2018 – 2019 Lions year were members in name only and did not actively contribute to the club's activities. The TLC Board made a conscious decision to no longer carry these non-productive members and to no longer expend the effort that was necessary every year to get these paper members to pay their dues. In addition to these planned drops, we lost several members to deaths or moves out of the area.

Since we started the 2019 – 2020 year with the above mentioned 69 members, we have lost an additional four, but due to all of our efforts, we have added 5 so we are officially at a plus one for the year to date. In addition, we currently have two new members who have not yet been

inducted so we are really plus 3 at this time (total 72 members). While I would like to see the club even larger, I feel that in terms of participation in club activities the overall quality of our membership is at a recent high.

As I have noted in the past, we are a very active club with a lot of projects. The typical TLC member puts in over 100 hours a year working on club projects and some members work even more. Every time we lose a member the remaining members have to pick up that 100+ hours of volunteer time to keep things going. Conversely, when we grow the club work load goes down a little bit for all of us.

The club conducts a number of membership recruiting activities each year, but as I have mentioned many times before, you are the best source of new members. Therefore, I encourage all of you to constantly be on the lookout for individuals who you think would be good members of the Thurmont Lions Club. The upcoming bingo night is a good opportunity for you to talk to people that you know and encourage them to consider joining us as we serve the community.

Remember the key to new member recruiting is “JUST ASK”.

The membership committee can provide you with materials such as our club’s brochure and LCI recruiting materials to assist you in your recruiting efforts. In addition, we are available on request to talk to any potential new member and provide them with additional information as to who and what we, the Thurmont Lions Club

Thurmont Lions Club Website Relunched

Contributed by Lion Doug Favorite

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to work with Maxine Troxell through E-Plus Services in Emmitsburg to revamp the club’s webpage. The goal of the new webpage is to provide information to members, prospective members, and interested folks in the community, invite membership, solicit volunteers, and to direct inquiries and donations of funds and eyeglasses. The site’s address is www.thurmontlionsclub.com. The new site has lots of new features and in the future, there will be a members-only section where you can view the membership directory, sign-up to help at events, pay your dues and get other member-only content in a secure but highly accessible manner. The previous site was hosted on LCI’s servers and the format was somewhat limited in capacity. The new site is more robust, backed up and secure. Maxine did an incredible job. Check it out!

Permission now required for photos

The Board of Directors recently voted to require permission before pictures can be used publicly. All members are asked to sign the permission slip as soon as possible, and signing the permission slip is a one-time task. We wish to be respectful of our members and guests. Additionally, there are numerous legal issues surrounding using a child’s picture without the consent of their parents or guardians. We want to post lots of pictures on our new website, but we must remember to get permission from everyone who is identifiable in the picture before we can post it. It is also courteous to get it before we submit it to the newspaper. At our request, the permission slip is currently being reviewed by LCI’s legal department. As soon as we hear back from them, we will make it available for members and others to sign.

Bingo

Contributed by Lions Sharon Morgan

Mark your calendar!! The Thurmont Lions Club will host a CASH bingo at the Guardian Hose Company's Activities Building on March 28th. We will feature a king tut, tip jars, specials, door prizes, raffles and a 50/50. There will be many beautiful baskets for the lucky winners. Cost of the event will be \$20.00 for 20 regular games and three specials with one winner per game. Food will be available (see attached flyer for more details). Please contact Lions Lisa Riffle and/or Sharon Morgan for tickets.

Barter Night

Contributed by Lion Gayle DiSalvo

What is all the excitement! Spring is around the corner, which means, spring cleaning is at hand. Clean out those treasures that are collecting dust and put them to a good use – bring them to our Barter Night auction. Help with the fun by re-gifting the treasures for someone else to use and enjoy. This will also help to support the club's Administrative account. Our own entertaining Lion Bob Meunier will keep the items moving and will find a home. Remember, everyone will go home with a gift that you will purchase. Please plan to join us on March 25th and bring your checkbook, cash and/or spouse/significant other. This event is the only fundraiser that supports the club. Let's have a good turnout and lots of fun. I hope to see everyone there bringing those treasured items for someone else.

Easter Egg Hunt

Contributed by Lion Gayle DiSalvo

The Thurmont Lions club will host their annual Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 12th at 2:00 pm at the Thurmont Community Park. There will be three separate areas for the following age ranges: (ages 0-3, 4-6 and 7-12). There will be hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of eggs filled with candy. FUN! FUN! FUN! Perhaps the Easter bunny will be there to greet the egg hunters and pass out stickers. Help will be solicited from the Leo's to assist with hiding the eggs and monitoring the fields. A special "thank you" to Gateway Market Candyland for supplying the event with candy.



Please bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, family and anyone else who would like to have some fun. Most importantly, please bring your own basket.

Summertime Pit Sandwich Sale Dates

Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.

We will have seven pit sandwich sales this summer: April 25, May 23, June 13, July 3, July 4, August 1 and September 5. We are adding the July 3rd date this year. Since this date falls on a Friday, we hope to be able to get a lot of the road traffic traveling for the holiday weekend. Signup sheets are going around, so please sign up often. These sales are typically very busy fundraisers for the club; thus, we need a lot of help to make sure the line moves swiftly.

Annual Spring Cleanup at Bell Hill

Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.

We will be conducting the annual spring cleanup at Bell Hill on Good Friday, April 10, as we get ready for the summer pit sandwich sales. We will be passing around a signup sheet at the next few meetings. If you are available for a couple of hours that morning, please signup or contact Lions Doug and Don. We will begin at 8:30 am. Duties will include organizing the equipment

and utensils in the sale area, wiping down tables and refrigerators and organizing the storage room.

Lions 2020-2021

Contributed by Lion Susan Favorite

It is never too early to start planning, and that is exactly what we are doing - planning for the Lions Year 2020-2021. We have a number of new ideas, and I am hopeful that you will help to move those ideas forward. I hope you have looked at the Committee List and committee definitions. Try something new, stretch your abilities – it is so very satisfying to see a project to a successful conclusion. And most importantly, never think that you are on your own. Every step of the way, I will be there to help you as will other Lions leaders. If you have not turned in your Committee List to Lion Dianne, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

Teacher of the Year

Contributed by Lion Gayle DiSalvo

The plans for honoring the “Teacher of the Year” are underway. The nomination form has been sent out to the principals of the Catoctin High School and the seven feeder schools. All nomination forms are due no later than March 31, 2020. The teacher’s reception is scheduled for May 5th at 6:00 pm at the Thurmont Regional Library. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend so that we can show the teachers and principals how important their contributions are to the community. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Gayle.



Thurmont Lions now have Text Alert Service

Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.

We’ve received suggestions that the club should have a text alert service to notify friends, family and customers of the Thurmont Lions of our upcoming fundraisers and events. We quite often hear from folks that didn’t attend our events who say they forgot or didn’t know we had something going on. Hopefully, this will significantly reduce those instances and will boost attendance at our events. To sign up for the text alerts, simply text “thurmontlions” to 31996. Once you send that, you will get a reply thanking you for supporting the Thurmont Lions Club, and you will receive future reminders of upcoming fundraisers and important events/projects. Please send this to your friends, family and all who want to receive reminders of the club’s upcoming events.

Scholarships for CHS Graduates

Contributed by Lion Bob Kells

The word is out, and the applications are coming in. The Thurmont Lions club is offering scholarships for qualified CHS seniors who are headed to college or vocational schools in the fall. This year we are offering three one-year, \$1,000 scholarships to students going to academic programs in two- or four-year colleges and universities. In addition, we have available two one-year \$500 scholarships for students going to vocational schools, such as the Monroe Center in Frederick. The deadline for all applications is Friday, February 28, 2020.

We will also have an opportunity to renew the Vic Jagow Scholarship for another year. Last year’s winner was Pablo Arriaga. He will be contacted in March and asked to certify that he still qualifies for the second year of this award.

The scholarship team will review the applications in March and notify the recipients in April. Scholarships will be awarded at the annual Education Night, which is scheduled for May 13th. Thanks to everyone who raises funds for the Thurmont Lions Club, making possible our scholarship support for Catoclin High's graduating seniors.

Fundraiser for LCIF

Contributed by Lion Julie El-Taier

Thurmont Lions Club will sponsor a "WINTER" fundraiser for LCIF at Rocky's Pizza on March 19th from opening to closing of the restaurant. Greeters will welcome you as you enter Rocky's to present you with a coupon that you should give to your server. Ten percent of the profit will be donated to the club for LCIF. Rocky's is located at 205 Tippin Drive, Thurmont, MD.

We hope to see you on March 19th to help support such a world-wide organization.

Visitations

Contributed by Lion Joyce

Spring is around the corner. There are 10 clubs that must be visited by May 31, 2020 if the Thurmont Lions Club is going to receive the District's "100% Visitation Award". We have three months remaining to perform these visitations. We still are looking for members to make a visitation to the Mount Airy and Mt. Airy 4-County Lions Clubs. Two members are required for a visitation. If you have not signed up to visit a club, or if you would like to visit more than one club, please contact Lion Joyce. The visitation gives a member an understanding of how other clubs function and what types of activities and fundraisers they do. Visitation slips are available at the membership meetings. Please schedule your visitation and return the completed form to Lion Joyce. Thank you for supporting the Thurmont Lions Club.

Lions Apparel

Contributed by Lion Marci Veronie

As the **fashion coordinator** for the club, I need to know how you would like to present our brand to the public. Please contact me with your ideas for Thurmont Lions Club branded clothing. I have heard from a few of our male members (good quality polos), but I am waiting to hear from the ladies ☺

Hi, I'm Marci



I have a catalog chock full of hats, aprons, golf towels, tee shirts, jackets, visors and blouses. Once I have a handle on what you want or need, I will have something concrete to show at an upcoming meeting.

Thurmont Lions Club Raffle

Contributed by Lion Debbie Schray

Our club is having a raffle!! The raffle will consist of three prizes:

- 1st – Bushel of crabs from Rube's
- 2nd - \$100 gift card to Shuff's Meat Market
- 3rd - \$50 gift card to Turkey Hill Farm

We will pick the winning tickets on July 4th. Imagine having one of these great prizes for your 4th of July celebration! Yummy! We will need each member to help make this a successful fundraiser. Please plan on taking and selling ten tickets. Each person doing a little will add up

to A LOT. The Lions Club will also be selling tickets at all of the upcoming fundraisers. Please contact Debbie Schray with any questions.

Boy Scout Troop 270

Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony

The Thurmont Lions Club continues to recognize the hard and diligent work of the Scouts. The club has sponsored Scout Troop 270 since 1932. On February 12th, the club hosted Scout Troop 270 and their Scout leaders for their outstanding volunteer service.

The Lions Club and Boy Scouts have worked together many years on joint projects. New this year was the addition of a girls unit with Carie Stafford holding the Scout Master role. Scout Alex Keefer presented a summary of what the Boy Scouts have accomplished this past year; Scout Anna Lisa outlined what the Girl Scouts have accomplished. The "Scout of the Year for 2020" receiving the Ross Smith Sr. Scouting Award was Scout Alex Keefer.

Scout Keegan Coolidge of Boy Scout Troop 270 was recognized for this achievements and service as an Eagle Scout. To reach the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must complete 21 merit badges such as Citizenship in the Nation, Personal Finance, Personal Fitness, Family Life, camping, hiking and many more. The scout must lead an Eagle project that benefits his community, participate in several troop leadership positions and several Scout Master Conferences. Scout Keegan has earned 42 merit badges. Keegan achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on August 28, 2019. His Eagle project consisted in working with the American Legion Post 168 to improve the grounds and update the outer areas of their building.

The Thurmont Lions Club is always honored to annually celebrate the achievements of Scout Troop 270. We wish to welcome these youth leaders into our club someday. Congratulations to Scout Troop 270!



(Pictured L-R: Lion Ross Smith; President Lion Joyce Anthony, Scout Alex Keefer; Assistant Scoutmaster Brian Seiss; Eagle Scout Keegan Coolidge)

Presentation of Scrap Book

Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony

Each year the Thurmont Lions Club has a member who volunteers to do a scrapbook for the president. This is a scrapbook of the current year's activities, not a history book. Lion Melanie Keating presented IPP Julie El-Taher's scrapbook to her at a February meeting.

Thank you Lion Melanie for completing the scrapbook. This will be a treasure Lion Julie can look back to see how much she accomplished as President for 2018-2019.

(Pictured L-R: IPP Julie El-Taher and Lion Melanie Keating) →



Thurmont Lions Club Recognizes Catoclin High School Football Cougars

Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony

On February 26th, the Thurmont Lions Club had the honor to recognize the Catoclin High School football COUGARS. The team took home the much deserved Class 1A Championship title and trophy. They had an excellent overall record of 13-1 for 2019. At the opening of the Class 1A championship game, Coach Doug Williams assured the game would conclude the outstanding season with the second ever state championship win. Coaches Doug Williams and Paul DuMars have been coaching together for 29 years. In 2009, they also won their first Class 1A Championship.

We were disappointed Coach Doug Williams could not attend our meeting due to another commitment. This would have been an honor for the club since Coach Williams is retiring after this year. However, we were able to honor Coaches Paul DuMars and Jeff Little, and two of the team players Ryan Orr, who served as the quarterback of the team and Tyler Hauk, who served as one of the team's captains. The club presented the Catoclin High School's Athletic Booster Club a donation to be used for the football team.



(Pictured L-R: Coach Jeff Little, Tyler Hauk, Ryan Orr, Paul DeMars, Joseph Clements, Principal Jennifer Clements, President Lion Joyce Anthony)

TLC Recognizes Catoctin High School's New Principal

Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony

The Thurmont Lions Club has an exceptional partnership with the Catoctin High School and the seven feeder schools. Therefore, Principal Jennifer Clements was invited as a guest to our Youth Night celebration to introduce her to our community, to witness some of the activities the club supports with regard to our young youth and to meet some of the club's members. As a welcoming gift, she was presented a basket of flowers.

(Pictured L-R: Joseph Clements, Jennifer Clements, Lion Joyce Anthony)



Youth Night

Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony

The Thurmont Lions Club celebrated Youth Night on February 26, 2020. What an amazing evening. We honored the Peace Poster and Essay contest winners and the "Leo's of the Year". We also had the pleasure of welcoming Jennifer Clements, the new principal at Catoctin High Year. In addition to all of these wonderful events, we honored the Catoctin High School Cougars who won the Class 1A Championship title.



Peace Poster Contest – The theme for the 2019-2020 International Lions Club Peace Poster contest was "Journey for Peace". The first place winner was Faith Collins, Mother Seton School, and the second place winner was Dixie Bruner, Mother Seton School. The winners received an International Certificate and a monetary donation. A "thank you" to Lion Nadja Muchow for chairing the Peace Poster contest. Congratulations to the outstanding Peace Poster winner.

←(Pictured L-R: Mrs. Myers, Mother Seton School teacher; Dixie Bruner; Faith Collins; President Lion Joyce Anthony)

Leo of the Year – The club honored the Leo's of the Year for the Catoctin High and Thurmont Middle School. The "Leo of the Year" is selected based on good standing, meets membership age requirements, has all the required endorsements and is not a previous recipient of the award. They must have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills; achieved a superior record as a Leo in implementing successful service projects; made an identifiable contribution to the development and growth of the Leo Club Program; achieved distinction in community or school activities outside of Leo club commitment; and, demonstrated high ethical standards and personal integrity.

The Leo of the Year for the Thurmont Middle School is Alex Potter, and the Catoctin High School is Kyle Dutrow. Congratulations to these two outstanding students.

Leo of the Year - (Pictured L-R: Kyle Dutrow; Trish Steele, CHS Leo Advisor; Pauline Rosier, District's Leo Chairperson; President Joyce Anthony, TLC; Alex Potter; and Lion Elisabeth Ruppel, TLC Leo Advisor) → →



Essay Contest – The winners for the Essay Contest were: Madilyn Rose Morneau, Sabillasville Elementary School, for her essay titled “If I had Ridden with Paul Revere...”; Max Bingman, Catoctin High School, for his essay titled “How did the American home front support the war effort during WWII”; and, Lion Susan Favorite, Thurmont Lions Club, for her essay titled “It’s 1917, the US has entered WWI and the first Lions Club has started. How did each change the world?” A “thank you” to Lion Wes Hamrick for chairing the Essay Contest. Congratulations to the outstanding Essay contest winners.

I want to express my sincere congratulations to Lion Nancy Echard for chairing the Youth Night Program.

2020 Leader Dog Banquet

Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony



The Leader Dog banquet for Region III will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at the New Market Volunteer Fire Department begins 6:30 pm. The cost is \$17.00. The speaker will be Justin Sutton. Please plan to attend this amazing event.

Feed the Hungry Campaign

Contributed by Lion Dianne McLean

Fellow Lions-- we are now more than half way through this Lions year. Our goal for the campaign is 828 items for the year. One dollar equals one food item. We still have a ways to go to make our total although it would be great to exceed the goal amount as we usually do. We will again collect food items at our spring bingo.

Please try to make a monetary or non-perishable food donation at each Club meeting to help our club make the campaign goal by the end of June 2020. Your support is gratefully appreciated by both your club and the Thurmont Food Bank.

Eyeglass Recycling 2019-2020

Contributed by Lion Dianne McLean

A reminder that we have used eyeglass collection boxes at the following locations: outside of Goodwill, outside Med One Pharmacy, at the Thurmont Regional Library, Mountain Gate Restaurant lobby and Bell Hill (during sandwich sales). Everyone has been very generous with recycling used eyeglasses and hearing aids, and I would like to thank all who have brought eyeglasses to our club meetings.

Also, a reminder should you be asked about eyeglass collection, please advise donors that only intact glasses are accepted: no broken frames, missing lenses, or lenses without frames are accepted. All eye glasses must have prescription lenses, including sunglasses. Empty eyeglass cases are welcomed if in a good condition.

2020 Annual Thurmont Business Showcase

Contributed by Lion Dianne McLean

The Thurmont Business Showcase will be held Saturday, April 25th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Thurmont Event Complex at 13716 Strafford Drive.



The Thurmont Lions Club will again be present at the Business Showcase. Please consider stopping by to see our display, as well as enjoy all the other vendors who will be in attendance. Since the event takes place on the same day as our first pit sandwich sale, you could stop by the showcase on your way to get lunch or after you finish your shift at Bell Hill.

We will be asking members to help manning our display table, including set up and ear down. There will be a sing up sheet passed around during the April club meetings or via email.

Women and Family Symposium

Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony



Lion Julie El-Taher hosted a District 22-W Lions Club Rocks! The event took place at the Thurmont Regional Library on February 22nd. All ages of individuals were welcomed to help paint rocks for Children's hospital. Several Lions members, adults and children painted rocks. Dr. Susan Keane provided the rocks, and Lion Julie



provided all the painting products. It was an afternoon of fun painting and socializing. Thank you Lion Julie for chairing the event.



WE Serve and WE Care

Contributed by Lion Bev Nunemaker

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 Nancy Echard -240-818-7601 at nancyechard@comcast.net, Lion Bev Nunemaker – 240-446-2219 at bnevermore11@gmail.com and Lion Sandra Duley – 301-271-1909. 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:

Father, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you would restore their health, soothe their pain and ease their worry. Give them your peace and comfort as they wait. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

Those recovering from surgery:

Lion Glenn Rickard – has had another surgery at Frederick Health Hospital. Things are progressing; hopefully, he will be home soon.

Kim Hamrick , wife of Lion Wes Hamrick

Those recovering from illness:

Lion Jan Ely – continuing on her road to recovery

Those with Long-Term needs:

Continued prayers and support for Lion Joann Cannada

Lion Families – Habib Maidanwal (friend of Lion Bev); and Lion Lisa Riffle's brother

Prayers for Lion Members and Families that have passed:

You hold time within your hands, and see it all, from beginning to end. Please keep and carry these precious people in their sadness and loss. Cover them with your great wings of love, give their weary hearts rest and their minds sound sleep. Lord, lift their eyes so that they may catch a glimpse of eternity, and be comforted by the promise of heaven. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus. **Amen**

It is with broken hearts and great sadness that we mourn the loss of Patrick Stelitano. Patrick was the loving son of IPP Lion Julie El-Taher and the step-son of Lion David El-Taher. We know there will be many challenging days ahead for this beautiful family. Please say a special prayer.

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

Dear Lord, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the men and women who serve our country, now and in the past, and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessings of freedom. We praise you for calling them to help protect us, and for giving them the courage and ability to do their jobs well. Guide their choices and their actions. Lord, help them to see you working in their daily lives, weather in the field, at home or abroad. Surround them with your mighty angels; protect them in your mercy; cover them with your grace. Guard their hearts while they are far from loved ones and bless them with moments to cherish when they are together. Hold these families close, Lord. May they look to you for the strength and peace that only you can give. **Amen**

We pray for:

James Harman – Grandson of PDG Paul & JoAnn Cannada

Don DiSalvo – Son of Lion Gayle DiSalvo

Justin and Jordon Volvicak – Grandsons of Lion Gayle DiSalvo

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

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

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

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the abundant blessings You bestow upon us each day. And in a special way, we thank you for the gift of our brothers and sisters celebrating their birthdays this month of March. **Amen**

Birthdays -

March 1 – Sarah Kells
March 5 – Gayle DiSalvo
March 9 – Cartha Johnson
March 12 – Tim Stuart
March 13 – Don Keeney, Jr.
March 25 – Allison Hazen
March 29 – Sheri Kuhn
March 30 – Ed Gills

Anniversaries-

None for month of March

Celebrating Our Lion Members

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 –

March: Lion Jonathon Hamrick, 7 years; Lion Sarah Kells, 2 years; Lion Don Keeney, Jr., 19 years; Lion Bev Nunemaker, 7 years; Lion Jill Long, 5 years

Congratulations Lions!!!!

Important Notes and Reminders

Lions Club Website – Lion Doug Favorite at doug.favorite@gmail.com . His telephone number is 301-271-0558

Lions Club Facebook page – Please send all items you would like posted (articles, pictures, etc.) on the club's Facebook to Lion Evelyn Zimmerman at evelynzim2@comcast.net. Lion Evelyn's telephone number is 240-575-4636

PR Information – Please send all items for the club's public relations and advertising information and Channel 99 posting to Lion Bev Nunemaker at bnevermore11@gmail.com – telephone number is 240-446-2219

- If you have unwanted eyeglasses or hearing aids, please bring them to any meeting OR place them in the collection boxes located at Goodwill Industries, outside Dr. John Hagemann's office, Mountain Gate Restaurant or the Thurmont Regional Library*
- If you need an updated copy of the Committees for 2019-2020, please contact Secretary Dianne*
- If you need a Visitation Schedule or Visitation Slip, please contact Lion Joyce*
- If you are interested in purchasing Lions apparel, please contact Lion Marci*

Please submit all articles for the monthly newsletter no later than the last meeting of the month or by the 25th of the month, whichever comes first, to Lion David l-Taher at del-taher@hotmail.com

Thurmont Lions Club Calendar of Events 2019-2020

Please provide corrections/additions promptly to Lion Joyce – Updated March 1, 2020

July 2019

July 6 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill

July 10 – Regular Meeting – Program: President'

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, Lavallo Fire Dept, 12:00PM

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 – Friendship Night

September 28 – Health Fair, Thurmont 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: Civitan Youth Karaoke – Camille and Taylor Kime

October 11 – Colorfest Setup

October 12-13 – Colorfest

October 16 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 pm

October 22 – 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

October 29 – Region III All Zone Meeting, Mountain Gate Restaurant, 6:00 pm

November 2019

November 3 – Daylight Savings Time ends

November 9 -- Bingo, Guardian Hose Company Activities Bldg.

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 – 3rd District 22-W Cabinet Meeting – Region III - Mountain Gate Restaurant

January 13 – Melvin Jones’ Birthday

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

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

January 26 – Roar like a Lion, Thurmont Regional Library

February 2020

February 12 – Regular Meeting, Program: Scout Night

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

February 22 – Women and Family Symposium – Thurmont Regional Library 1-3 pm

February 26 – Regular Meeting, Program: Youth Night

March 2020

March 7 – District 22-B Social

March 11 – Regular Meeting, Program: Mayor John Kinnaird

March 14 – Craft and Vendor Event at Ambulance Event Complex – Selling Easter Eggs

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

March 19 – TLC Winter Fundraiser for LCIF – Rocky’s Pizza – All Day

March 21 – Benefit Breakfast for Luke Bradley

March 25 – Regular Meeting, Program: Barter Night

March 28 – Bingo, Guardian Hose Company’s 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 4 – Green Fest, Thurmont Regional Library – Food Trailer

April 4 – Selling Easter Eggs at Ambulance Event Complex

April 8 – Joint Meeting with Emmitsburg, Mountain Gate Restaurant (Hosted by TLC)

April 10 – Cleanup Day at Bell Hill

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 – Regular Meeting Program: Thurmont Goldfish Capital of the World – Rev. Sam Martz

April 25 – Pit sandwich sale

April 25 – Thurmont Business Showcase, Thurmont Ambulance Event Complex, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

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