



President Joyce Anthony

Lion Breezes

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*Yesteryear, Today & Tomorrow
At your Service*

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

President's Message

We have experience another month of uncertainty, practicing social distancing, wearing face masks and trying to stay healthy. The month of April is known for bringing spring showers, and at the moment it is pouring. The month of May will bring spring flowers with the daffodils and tulips blooming and the dogwood and redbud trees reflecting beautiful colors. This is the brightness in our shadow of dark days. We hope June will bring an opening to the economy and back to some normalcy whatever that may be.

First Vice President Susan is in the process of putting together her committees and programs for her year as President. As FVP Susan starts her year, the effects of the pandemic will continue to be around. She has some new and interesting programs planned, and I hope you will step up to help with these new programs. I know you have signed up for some committees, but if you feel you would like to stretch yourself to try something new, please let FVP Susan know. As always, the vice presidents and the president are always there to help you. All three of the VP's are assigned to oversee the various committees so just give them a call.

You were previously informed all of the programs, golf tournament and the pit sandwich sale have been cancelled or postponed for May. It is currently planned to have our Community Night on June 10th and Barter Night on June 24th. Of course, this will depend on the new guidelines forthcoming from the President and Governor Hogan.

Since our pit sandwich sale was cancelled for May, the club was able to make pulled pork BBQ and donate it to the Thurmont Food Bank and Frederick Health Hospital. Please see the article further back in the newsletter "Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Thurmont Lions Club Gives Back". A huge thank you to the public for the monetary donations and those members who helped in preparing the pork BBQ.

With the restrictions on social gatherings and restaurants being closed, we have no idea as to when we will be able to resume our meetings. However, when that time arrives, we will be back as a TEAM moving forward with the new guidance.

If you just look around the community, you can see examples of strength, courage and generosity of people. The pandemic has shown people that the worst can often bring out the best in some of us. I have been making masks, grocery shopping and picking up prescriptions for people, making food for my neighbors and family, sending "thinking of you" cards, making telephone calls to friends, church, club and family members, etc.,etc., etc.

On another positive note, the pandemic has given you extra time to spend with your family, to read, to develop new skills and do something new or old you have put off because you didn't have time. If you live alone, it can be a very trying time especially if you are a people person. We learn to be patient, which sometimes is hard with no one to talk to. We need to think positive, and know we will return to church, family dinners, coffee with our friends and club gatherings.

Do we know what tomorrow will bring? NO! But we can be thankful we are safe, healthy and can continue to serve our community. After all, we are LIONS, 'WE SERVE'.

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

Yours in Lionism,
President Joyce

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Thurmont Lions Club Gives Back

(Contributed by Lion Don)

We were not able to hold our first pit sandwich sale of the year so we decided to make pork BBQ and donate it to the Thurmont Food Bank, as well as Frederick Health Hospital to provide tasty meals for the 'front line' staff. The club received more than \$2,000 in donations to support the club's 'giving back' project. We made more than 800 pounds of pork BBQ. Many thanks to those



who donated to this cause and to those members who helped to prepare, package and deliver the pork BBQ.

The pork BBQ the club made for the FHH COVID-19 testing center tent was delivered to the nurses who work at the tent. The meat was heated, made into sandwiches (rolls also donated) and distributed to the 60 nurses who work there on a daily basis. Below is a note I received from Ms. Sipes. This gives true meaning to "We

Serve" and makes me very proud to be a member of the Thurmont Lions Club. (Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

(Pictured L-R: Lions Susan Smith, Susan Favorite, Dianne McLean, Doug Favorite, Joyce Anthony, Don Keeney, Jr.)

"Hi there!! I want to thank you so much for everything you are doing. Doctors and nurses and front line people aren't the only heroes ...the effect this has on us mentally, seeing families watch their loved ones die from afar, not being able to kiss them goodbye or even see them, the grueling hours our bodies deal with physically....people like you, supporting us, taking that extra load off, being our backbone when we weaken are the unseen heroes...we honestly couldn't do it without the support from wonderful caring people like you all! Heroes are for sure a team effort...thank you for keeping us going. It is truly appreciated and loved. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We love you!

Theresa Sipes"



Employees at Frederick



Health Hospital

Programs

(Contributed by Lion George)

Regrettably, the coronavirus pandemic has forced cancellation of our two planned programs for our May meetings. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unexpected and unprecedented global crisis. We will keep you posted.

Take care.

Membership Corner

(Contributed by Lion Bob Johnson)

Under the current circumstances – no TLC meetings, social distancing, businesses closed and just about all activities canceled – there is not a lot any of us can do in terms of actively attempting to recruit new members for the Thurmont Lions Club right now. What you can do is demonstrate the Lions motto “WE SERVE” to your friends and neighbors. Just as members of our club have offered to help other members, you can reach out to your friends and neighbors (in a safe manner) to see if they are okay and if they need any help that you may be able to offer.

Along the way you can let them know that helping and looking out for others, is what Lions do. You can mention that our club has taken on this helping approach as an informal club project. Who knows -- somewhere along the way you may find an individual who wants to help and thinks that joining the Lions may be a good way to do so. If they show any interest keep them in mind, and when things get back to normal you can invite them to attend a meeting with you and see for them self what Lions are all about.

While not directly connected with membership, invite people to attend our next pit sandwich sale (hopefully on June 13). By then people will be looking for opportunities to get out and enjoy what is left of this spring. The extra business will help the club make up for some of the losses resulting from having had to cancel the April and May sandwich sales and at the same time give us the opportunity to talk to them about Lions. We have picked up a number of new members over the years through these sales (thanks to Lion George and the other advance order takers).

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting, and in the meantime be careful and stay safe.

Barter Night

Contributed by Lion Gayle DiSalvo

Barter Night is tentative scheduled for June 24th pending status of the COVID-19.

Summertime Pit Sandwich Sale

Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.

The sandwich sale scheduled for May 23rd has been cancelled. No decisions have been made beyond May 31, 2020.

Teacher of the Year

Contributed by Lion Gayle DiSalvo

The Teacher of the Year program has been cancelled for 2019-2020.

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

In hopes the coronavirus will be under control enough by June 10th, we will continue with the scholarship process as we have done in the past with the students being honored on Community Night.

Visitations

Contributed by Lion Joyce

Based on new guidelines from the District, clubs must complete 75 percent of their visitations by June 30, 2020, to receive the Visitation Award for the club. The Thurmont Lions Club has completed 63 percent of their visitations with seven clubs remaining to be visited. The visitations had been scheduled but were cancelled because of the coronavirus creating a loss of four months. DG Evan indicated he will do his best to ensure that the District recognizes the clubs that have made reasonable efforts to meet contest requirements taking into account all current events.

Thurmont Lions Club Raffle

Contributed by Lion Debbie Schray

At this time, the club raffle will continue as original planned.

Volunteer Appreciation

Contributed by Lion Joyce

The week of April 19-25 was National Volunteer Week. This is an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. A light is shown on people to inspire them to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.



I would like to thank every member of the Thurmont Lions Club for your dedication and service to the community and worldwide. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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 Bev Nunemaker – 240-446-2219 at bnevermore11@gmail.com Lion Nancy Echard -240-818-7601 at nancyechard@comcast.net, and Lion Sandra Duley – 301-271-1909. Caring and concern for our fellow members is a very important part of our life together.

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As the world literally comes to a standstill for most of us, let us remember our Lion families around the world and the healthcare workers doing yeomen jobs to care for us during this dreadful virus.

Let us pray:

Lord, it seems like lots of uncertainty around us. So many people need prayers.

Today, we pray

For those whose health is compromised by the coronavirus or other health issues. For those who suffer from the economic impact of the virus, in travel, manufacturing, hospitality, energy or so many other industries, for healthcare workers and first responders, and other public servants who put themselves in harm's way for us. For our leaders of the world, our countries, states and cities as they seek to help manage this challenge. Lord, it can be overwhelming, but you tell us over and over again "Do not be afraid". Show me to trust in you. Help me to turn away from my concern with self, and turn my heart, my hands and prayers toward concern for others.

In your holy name, we pray. **AMEN**

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 Bill Reynolds – Surgery on a torn meniscus – continues with PT

I am sure he would love to hear from you: 2954 Oak Hill Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268

Those recovering from an illness:

Lion Jan Ely – Continues on the road to recovery

I am sure she would love to hear from you: 27 Geoley Court, Thurmont, MD 21788

Lion Glenn Rickard – Continues with his test program

I am sure he would love to hear from you: 25 Victor Drive, Thurmont, MD 21788

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 Jim

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, and 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 and wedding anniversaries this month of May. **Amen**

Birthdays -

May 11 – Nancy Echard

May 26 – Bob Kells, Jr.

May 28 – Jerome Skeim

May 29 – Lisa Riffle

Anniversaries-

May 18 – Bob & Pat Meunier

May 21 – Bob & Nadja Muchow

May 23 – Tom & Elisabeth Ruppel

May 30 – Bob & Joyce Kells, Jr.

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 –

May: Lions Joann Cannada and Debbie Schray – 12 years; Lions Don & Jan Ely, Mark Long, Hank Schlitzer, Larry & Stephanie Steinly and Beth Watson – 6 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 May 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, Lavalley 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
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
(ALL EVENTS LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED)
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

(ALL EVENTS FOR APRIL 2020 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED)

April 1 – Leader Dog Banquet – Region III
April 2 – Leader Dog Banquet – Region IV
April 4 – District 22-W Cabinet meeting (Conference Call)
April 4 – Green Fest, Thurmont Regional Library – Food Trailer
April 4 – Selling Easter Eggs at Ambulance Event Complex (Continuing)
April 8 – Joint Meeting with Emmitsburg, Mountain Gate Restaurant (Hosted by TLC)
April 10 – Cleanup Day at Bell Hill
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
(All events for April were cancelled)

May 2020

(ALL EVENTS FOR MAY HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED)

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, Community Night
June 13 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill
June 17 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:00 p.m.
June 24 – Regular Meeting, Barter Night

*REMEMBER - Everyone is in someone's thoughts, someone's
prayer and/or someone's heart – they are not alone –
now or ever*