

**Thurmont Lions Club Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 2020**  
**Lion President Susan Favorite Presiding**

The Thurmont Lions Club meeting was held at St John's Lutheran Church in Thurmont, Maryland and called to order by President Susan Favorite at 6:30 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance led by--** Lion Sandie Duely

**Song America led by:** Lion Dianne McLean

**Invocation by** –IPP Joyce Anthony

**Members in attendance: 26**

**Members by Zoom: None**

**Welcome Guest** –PDG Gerry & Lion Sue Beachy from Grantsville Lions Club

**Getting to Know You—Lion Albie Little**

**Career:** Lion Albie started his career in music by playing as the Shamrock on Saturdays and Sundays when he was 15/16 years old. Later he started playing in a Rock & Roll Band which helped pay his way through college. While working at a piano store, he sold an organ to a customer who ended up hiring him at IBM. Albie retired after 26 years working in networking.

**Best Vacation:** Alaska

**Bucket List:** Trip to Australia

**Sign-up sheets:**

Lion Gayle DiSalvo asked members to sign up for future barter items. Lion Don Keeney reminded members to sign up for the next pit sandwich sales for September 19, 2020 and the final one on October 10, 2020. Lion Don also reminded the members that our golf tournament was coming up on October 5, 2020.

**Program: Lions Camp Merrick:**

Lion George Bolling introduced PDG Gerry Beachy who introduced his daughter, Jennifer Knauff, our guest speaker for the evening. Jennifer is a registered nurse. Jennifer gave the history of Camp Merrick which is in Namajoy, Maryland on the Potomac River. The camp is a District 22C project, and all Lions in MD 22 are welcome to send diabetic campers. The camp also has programs for deaf children as well. Jennifer got involved with Camp Merrick after her son, Matthew, was diagnosed with diabetes. After attending Camp Merrick for 10 years, Matthew became a counselor. When Jennifer finished her presentation, the members had numerous questions about

the camp and becoming a sponsor. A huge thank you to Jennifer for sharing such amazing stories about the camp.

**Secretary Announcements:**

Secretary Joyce received a thank you note from Lion Stephanie Steinly regarding the passing of her mother.

Secretary Joyce reminded everyone that the applications for honoring a Veteran must be in by October 1, 2020.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Lion Doug reported the pit sandwich sale on September 5, 2020 was the best. We sold 731 sandwiches for a profit of \$5,100. Next pit sandwich sale is September 19, 2020.

**VP Announcements:**

2VP Marci Veronie set up an Instagram account with 57 followers and 40 from Lions Clubs around the world.

**Table announcements:**

Lion Nancy Eckard reminded members to donate new blankets and pillows for DG Barbara's challenge. She is also collecting sneakers to support Middletown Lions Club's sneaker fundraiser. Items can be dropped off at her home in the big box on the front porch.

Lion Gayle DiSalvo asked for mini barter sign-ups between now and January 2021. Lion Don passed around sign-up sheets for the September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> pit sandwich sale.

**Table Announcements:**

Lion George Bolling reminded the members of the upcoming 9/11 annual Memorial ceremony and asked for their support.

**Mini Barter:**

Lion Bob Meunier auctioned off a basket containing two jars of jelly, a box of apple cinnamon pancake mix, wooden spoon and candies for \$20, three Christmas snowmen for \$16 and a service platter for \$15 for a grand total of \$51.

**Tail Twister:**

Lion Don Kenney told two very humorous stories and then passed around the Tail Twister fine bucket.

**50/50:**

\$26 won by PDG Paul Cannada. PDG Paul donated the funds to LCIF and Lion Marci Veronie added \$10 to the cause.

**Benediction by:** IPP Joyce Anthony

Meeting adjourned by President Susan at 7:54 pm.

Submitted by:

PDG Paul Cannada

Assistant Club Secretary