

Thurmont Lions Club Membership Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2021  
President Dianne McLean

The Thurmont Lions Club Membership meeting was held on September 8, 2021, at St. John Lutheran Church in Thurmont, MD. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Dianne McLean.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Lion Sandie Duley  
Song led by: Lion: Lisa Riffle  
Invocation by: PCC Bob Muchow

**Guests:** Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club: Jim Ensor and Robert Hensley; Chewsville Lions Club: President Jim Bachtell, Joan Bachtell, Donna Jackman, Carol Alphin and Carol Ann Alphin

**Sign Up Sheets:** September 18 Sandwich Sale. Help is need for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts.

**Getting to Know You: Lion Nadja Muchow**

**Career:** I was an LPN first then got my associate, bachelor, and master's degrees as an RN. She worked mostly out-patient work AIDS clinics, transition or HIV, Prison counseling. She is now a case manager

**Hobbies:** Ocean or beach anything related to water activities.

**Bucket List:** Would like to visit Croatia.

**Why did you become a Lion?** Moved to Maryland and read Lions ad in newspaper for Columbia Lions Club so I walked through the door by myself.

**Program:** Make a Wish Foundation

Speaker was Lesli Creedon, President & CEO of Mid-Atlantic Make a Wish Foundation.

Lesli showed a short video presentation which explains what the Mid-Atlantic division of Make a Wish offers children with critical diseases.

The Mid-Atlantic Division was founded in 1983. They work with children ages 2-18 that have critical diseases such as pediatric cancer, Kidney/Heart disease, Muscular Dystrophy, Muscular Atrophy, and other critical diseases. Make a Wish brings hope when it's needed most.

Lesli and her husband adopted 2 children from Russia. A son, Jack and a daughter, Kathryn. When Jack was 11 years old, he developed bruises all over his body. After taking him to the doctor, he was diagnosed with pediatric leukemia. He received 2 ½ years of chemotherapy, it appeared that remission was not possible, so the only other option was a stem cell transplant.

During treatment, he attended school via Skype. The 1<sup>st</sup> week after Jack's diagnosis, they found that he qualified for Make a Wish. Jack's wish included a trip to Maltese which his parents thought it was too extravagant, his wish was granted.

Jack is now doing great and started his junior year in high school this year.

Each year thousands of children are diagnosed with chronic diseases. The Mid-Atlantic Division receives approximately 500 requests a year.

After the presentation, President Dianne presented Lesli a check for \$500 to the Mid-Atlantic Make a Wish Foundation from our Lions club.

### **Table Announcements:**

Lion Marci Veronie: The price on the hoodies for 2XL is \$4.00 more and the price of the 3XL is \$6.00 more than the original quoted price.

Lion Lisa Riffle: Christmas ornaments have been ordered. They should be here in 2-3 weeks.

FVDG Nadja Muchow: Sheets for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project should be twin size only. Hobbs Hardware will allow advertisement for this project.

We will be doing Wreaths across America on December 18. Donations are needed.

### **President's Announcements**

- Next Meeting on September 22
- Saturday September 11 is our annual 911 Community Memorial Service at the Memorial Park at 6:00 PM. We will be selling commemorative coins at a cost 10.60 each (includes tax).

### **Mini Barter:**

Auctioneer Gayle DiSalvo auctioned:

Teapot - \$10.00 to Lion Robert Hensley – Donated the item back to the club to be resold

Teapot and knitted plastic bag holder - \$7.00 to Lion Jim Ensor

The 50/50 (\$35.50) was won by Lion Jim Ensor

Meeting was adjourned by President Dianne McLean at 7:22 pm.

Maxine Troxell  
Assistant Secretary