

Thurmont Lions Club Membership Meeting  
April 13, 2022  
1<sup>st</sup> VP Julie El-Taher

The Thurmont Lions Club Membership meeting was held on March 13, 2022. The program for the evening featured a walk on the historic Catoctin furnace trail. We met our guide, Elizabeth Comer at 6:00 pm in the parking lot of Harriett Chapel Church. Those members who did not want to take the walk, but would like to attend the meeting, met at the church at 7:00 pm

The tour took about 1 ½ hours. Ms. Comer provided a lot of insight to the history regarding the local iron furnace that was originally operated by enslaved workers, the industrial village, the African American Cemetery, the Ironmaster's mansion, a large part of the labor force in the early days were workers and their families that numbered at least 271 and they were responsible for the success of the furnace operation. We visited the building which contains many artifacts of that period. This is only a small fraction of the history provided by Ms. Comer and the surroundings of the walk.

Elizabeth Comer is an archaeologist and secretary of the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society.

**Meeting**

After the tour, members met in the church for a Membership meeting. The meeting began at 7:45 pm with 1<sup>st</sup> VP Julie El-Taher conducting the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Lion Heidi Dennie  
Song led by: Lion Paul Cannada

Signup Sheets: Rabies Clinic on May 5; Committee List; Pit Sandwich Sale

1<sup>st</sup> VP Julie El-Taher presented the second reading of the Slate of Officers for 2022-2023. Motion by PDG Paul Cannada to approve the Slate of Officers as presented, second by Lion Lisa Riffle. Motion passed.

PDG Paul Cannada inducted a new member David Crum. David is manager at the Woodsboro Bank in Thurmont. He is married to Erin Crum and they live in Emmitsburg, MD. Lion David's sponsor is Lion Doug Favorite. Congratulations Lion David.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

*Joyce Anthony*

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*Secretary*