

Club Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2022  
President Julie El-Taher

The Thurmont Lions Club Membership meeting was held on September 23, 2022, at St. John Lutheran Church in Thurmont, MD. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Julie El-Taher.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Lion Sheri Kuhn  
Song led by: Lion Dianne McLean  
Invocation by: President Julie El-Taher

**Guests:** Charlene & Rich Stanbaugh

**Sign Up Sheets:** Halloween Movie in the Park and Colorfest

**Joys**

Lion Gayle – Noah (Gayle’s grandson) is one year old  
Lion Julie – Friend becoming a mother  
Lion Nancy – Sold all of her 50/50 tickets for Operation Second Chance

**Program:** Cunningham Falls State Park – Speaker Mark Spurrier  
Mark Spurrier was raised on a farm outside of Libertytown, MD. The park means a lot to several people with each having a different perspective. Mark reported there are a lot of improvements in the park and a lot of construction going on. The park includes 6,100 acres. It was transferred in 1954 to the State of Maryland and became a state park. The park has swimming, hiking, fishing, canoeing, camping and many more activities.

The staff also manages the Gambrill State Park which is located on the ridge of the Catoclin Mountains in Frederick County. The park is also the home of the Scales and Tale Aviaries which houses non-releasable wildlife native to Maryland which includes a bald eagle and an 80 pound snapping turtle, in addition to other animals.



The spotted lantern fly comes from China and likes wineries and orchards. They are in numerous states, moving into the park and are very destructive.

President Julie El-Taher thanked Mark for speaking at our meeting and presented him with a thank you gift.

**Tail Twister:** Lion Don Keeney, Jr. told his usual funny stories which were enjoyed by all and proceeded to collect fines from the members.

**Mini Barter:** Macadamia cookies \$5.00 – Lion Albie Little  
Cat Puzzle - \$2.00 – Lion Dianne McLean  
Aluminum Candle - \$20.00 – Lion Sheri Kuhn  
Candle Kit - \$5.00 – Lion Carie Stafford  
Second Rule Family Game - \$3.00 – Lion Eileen Williard

**50/50 Tickets:** \$23 won by Lion Bill Reckley. He donated the funds to the Food Bank.

**Table Announcements**

- Lion Dianne McLean announced the LCIF fundraiser being held at Kountry Kitchen on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

- Lion Carie Stafford announced the Wreaths across America will be held December 17 beginning 12 noon at Weller Church. Sheriff Jenkins will be the speaker.
- Lion Susan Favorite reported Lion Albie has Christmas ornaments to contact him if you wish to reserve an ornament
- Lion Susan Favorite announced Charter Night will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at St. John Lutheran Church beginning 6:30 pm. It will be catered by Kountry Kitchen and the cost is \$26.
- Lion David Crum announced the Candidate Forum will be held October 17 at the Thurmont Middle School beginning 7:00 pm. It is being sponsored by both the Thurmont Lions Club and the Emmitsburg Lions Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

*Lion Joyce Anthony*  
*Secretary*