

Thurmont Lions Club  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2024

The Thurmont Lions Club Membership meeting was held on February 28, 2024, at St. John Lutheran Church in Thurmont, MD. The meeting was called to order by President Susan Favorite at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Lion Nancy Dankanich  
Song led by: Lion Maxine Troxell  
Invocation by: Lion Joyce Anthony

**Guests:** Lions David Miller and Mike Grenier, New Market Lions Club

**Heroes Ridge:** Lion Cindy McGew

**Youth Night Guests:** Rosee Andrew, Ashley Hurley, Sergeniti Murray, Paul Hurley, Patty Harris, Drew Harris, Sabrina Massett, Abby Remsburg, Brandy Rare, Todd Imes, Debbie Wivell, Natalie Collins, Rachel Collins, Nathan Collins, Liam Collins, Riley Collins

**Signup Sheets:** Bingo – March 17<sup>th</sup> – Lion Sharon Morgan  
Joint Meeting with Emmitsburg – Lion Don Keeney, Jr.

Brief remarks were presented by President Susan Favorite.

Each Youth Night winner introduced their family members attending the meeting.

**Program:** Youth Night

**Essay Contest Winners**

Natalie Collins – Lewistown Elementary School  
Peter Dugan – Thurmont Middle School  
Nora Dugan – Catoclin High School

**Peace Poster Contest Winners**

Gorcelle Hinson – Thurmont Middle School  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner – District 22-W)  
Ranye Nzekwes – Mother Seton Middle School

**Leo of the Year**

Danielle Remsburg – Thurmont Middle School

Debbie Wivell, School Leo Advisor - Indicated Daniel well deserved the honor, always had a smile on her face, positive attitude, connect with people, her light shines right, participates in class, willingness to always be kind, doesn't cause drama and demonstrates character.

Hunter Hurley – Catoclin High School

IPDG Nadja Muchow – TLC Leo Advisor – Indicated Hunter demonstrates leadership skills, sharing positive experiences with his peers, continually taking advantage of opportunities in his community, education and personal life. He embodies the qualities of Lions Clubs International as he fulfills the duties as President of the Catoclin High School Leo Club. Hunter's innovation, insights and motivation have led to a revitalization of his Leo Club and continues to provide much needed service to his community.

Lion Cindy McGrew, Operation Second Chance, talked about the Patrick Stelitano Hero established in 2021 in honor of the son of Lion Julie El-Taher and David El-Taher. This award is given to a veteran that is determined with the assistance of Cindy McGrew. The award consists of a \$500 gift card to assist with medical expenses or to provide something special for the veteran's family or to help the veteran with a special project. This year's veteran was medically discharged from the Army after 17 years. His family fell on hard times, and the gift card will help to pay for lodging, groceries, furniture, etc.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nancy Echard presented the first reading of the Slate of Officers for Lions Year 2024-2025 to the membership.

President Susan Favorite reported the Frederick Health Hospital Pediatric Unit is hosting their annual Teddy Bear Clinic to help kids by demonstrating on their stuffed animal the hospital procedures and experiences. This helps to ease the fears related to emergency room trips. Lion Kim Grimm will deliver the bears to the hospital.

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

### **Table Announcements**

- Lion Lis Ruppel announced the TMS Leo's were having a game night on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Thurmont Middle School from 5-7 pm. Everyone is invited.
- Lion Bev Nunemaker praised the Lions members for supporting the club and all they do for the community.
- Lion Dianne McLean reported on Orientation/Mentoring Night to be held at the Thurmont Regional Library on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is invited.
- Lion Nancy Echard reported she is setting up a table at the Ambulance Complex on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to sell the club's fundraiser merchandise and prompt membership.
- Lion Gayle DiSalvo mentioned they would be filling Easter eggs on March 23<sup>rd</sup> about 10:30 am at her house. They still need lots of candy for the eggs.
- Lion Don Keeney, Jr. mentioned the Thurmont Lions Club was featured in the latest edition of the Lions Magazine on page 55. Also, there are candy bars on the table for sale.

**50/50** – The 50/50 was won by Lion Dianne McLean (\$20).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

*Joyce Anthony*  
Lion Joyce Anthony  
Secretary