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Lions Breezes Thurmont Lions Club

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at 6:30 pm



Dear Fellow Lions

Here it is February – will the famous Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? Will we see an early spring? Can we come out into the sun? We have had a TRYING few weeks with temperatures in the freezing zone and also with the dreaded VIRUS. Many of our members hibernated (myself included), but life goes on.



There is always a need for our service, and WE NEVER GIVE UP - "WHERE THERE IS A NEED – THERE IS A LION". February is a short month but for us a very busy month. We need MORE volunteers to help fill the gaps. Our club has 62 members and only a hand full of working members. On February 1st, we have Roar like a Lion at the Urbana Library. Help is always needed.

We will be making new candy bars – we will need help. On February 12th, we have a great speaker about the Gettysburg Battle. On February 14th, we all know it is Valentine's Day. Who will receive flowers, candy and kisses? Our Youth Night is February 26th. As always – 'COMMITTED TO SERVE'.

President Nancy Echard

Helen Keller wrote: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"

Candy Bar Refresh (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

We are making all new candy bars for the spring. We will have the usual selection of milk and dark chocolate (plain, almond, peanut, rice crispy and mint), as well as Cookies & Cream. We are discontinuing the other white chocolate candy bars. Please let Lion Don Keeney, Jr. or President Nancy Echard if you would like any candy bars.



Eyeglass Collection Report (Contributed by Lion Ruth Heaney)

January 2025 will be remembered as a cold month, but that did not discourage people from contributing to the drop-off stations for eyeglasses. A total of 59 eyeglasses, 40 cases and three sunglasses were left at Mountain Gate Restaurant, Thurmont Regional Library, Med 1 Pharmacy, Goodwill and Thurmont Senior Center. February is the month of the Tie Eyeglass Case. A very creative person took a tie, folded it, attached a tie-tack that folded over and connected to a Velcro strip. Really!! Maybe February’s collection will find a valentine becoming a tie!

Visitations (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

Members, Members, Members – the club has an urgent need for members to step up and perform visitations to other clubs. Visiting other clubs is a great opportunity to meet new Lions and to learn what other clubs are doing with regard to fundraisers and service projects. We are approaching the eighth month of the Lions year, and there are still numerous clubs that members have not signed up to visit. It is critical that all clubs in the Region must be visited, even a few outside of the Region. As mentioned many times, this is a wonderful, learning experience to meet other Lions and hear about their club and activities. **AS A LION, WE COMMITTED “TO SERVE”. PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION TO FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT AS A CLUB!** If you did not perform a visitation last year, please sign up to support the club this year. Also, please invite a new member to join you so they can enjoy meeting other Lions. A visitation signup sheet will be circulated at the Membership meetings. You may email me if there is a club you would like to visit. The visitation schedule and visitation slips are attached. Please contact Lion Joyce Anthony at jananny@comcast.net if you have any questions. The club needs your support.

January 4th Christmas Extravaganza (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

Approximately 85 people attended the January 4th Christmas Extravaganza to support Heroes Ridge, Maryland Patriot Guard and the Sons of the American Revolution. We raised \$2,700 for those organizations, in addition to the food/clothing donations for the veterans at Heroes Ridge and the Veterans Outreach Center.

Thanks to those who attended and donated items for the Maryland Patriot Guard at the January 4th Christmas Extravaganza. Ted and Ann Nettles took the donations to the VA Outreach Center late this week. The donations are always greatly appreciated by the veterans there. Below are pictures of the Nettles’ delivering the donations.



Ted Nettles delivering donations



Ann Nettles delivering donations



Donations received at the Christmas Extravaganza for Heroes Ridge.

Now Taking Orders for the 2025 Thurmont Annual Easter Egg (Contributed by Lion Doug Favorite)

Once again, the Thurmont Lions is selling their annual Thurmont Easter Egg. This year's egg will be pastel blue with white ink, and the image will be Cunningham Falls. The eggs are painted on wooden eggs manufactured in the USA by the same company that manufactures the eggs for the White House Easter Egg Roll. Each year the egg features a different image from around Thurmont, and they are limited edition with numbers between 1 and 250. This is the seventh egg in the series. The price remains the same at \$10 plus tax (total of \$10.60). An optional extra service is offered whereby we will insert an eyelet and provide a purple ribbon so the egg can be hung like a Christmas ornament. This service is available for an extra 40 cents per egg. Please market this item to your friends and neighbors to sell as many as possible. This is a Thurmont Lions Club fundraiser so the more we sell the more we make for the club to use to benefit our community. To place an order, please contact Lion Doug Favorite by calling 301-271-0558 or email him at doug.favorite@gmail.com.

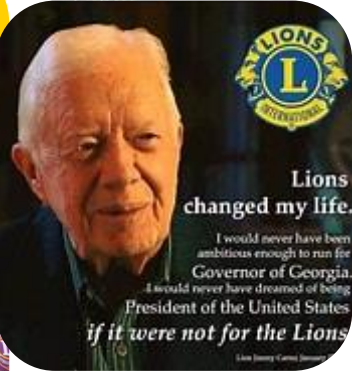
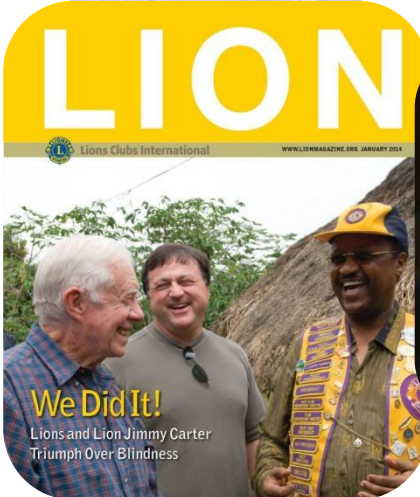


NOTE: This is a sample of the wooden Easter egg. The front of the egg will be as pictured except blue egg with white lettering. The back of the egg will reflect a picture of Cunningham Falls for Easter 2025. Notice the eyelet (if desired)

American Heritage, Preservation & Patriotism Contest (Contributed by Lion Larry Steinly)

Congratulations to Adalyn Eaves! She is this year's winner of the Thurmont Lions Club Essay contest; her winning essay was forwarded to the Lions Zone Essay Chairperson, the next level of competition. The essay committee is optimistic that Adalyn's essay will advance. As in past years, the winner likely will be recognized at the upcoming Lions meeting, and all participants will receive a certificate for participating.

This year, there were 12 essay entries from three schools. The essay committee, chaired by Lions Larry and Stephanie Steinly, thanks all participants and their schools for participating in this worthwhile event.



Lions Clubs International mourns the loss of Georgia Multiple District 18 Past Council Chair Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States. Lion Jimmy served as both Past District Governor and Past Council Chair ahead of his national political career. Habitat for Humanity was his leading service interest. (Reflected in February District newsletter)

National Law Enforcement Day (Contributed by Lion Debbie Schray)

Lion Debbie Schray reached out to the Thurmont Police Department regarding Law Enforcement Day on January 9, 2025. She indicated to them the Lions Club appreciates all they do for our community. Lion Debbie delivered drinks and snacks for the staff to enjoy on January 16th. The attached letter was sent to Thurmont Police Department thanking them for all they do for Thurmont.

A huge thank you to Lion Debbie for reaching out to honor the Thurmont Police Department.



Membership Meeting – February 12, 2025 (Contributed by Lion Ruth Heaney)

National Park Service Expert is coming to Thurmont Lions Club

Here is a trivia question: How many national parks are there in the United States with “national parks” in their title?

Correct! There are 63 national parks with “national parks” in their titles.

Here is another trivia question: How many national park sites are there in the United States?

Correct: There are 400 national park sites.



Christopher Gwinn

Yes! The National Park System encompasses 433 national park sites in the United States.

One of the 433 National Park Systems is the Gettysburg National Military Park. According to www.nationalparks.org, Gettysburg National Military Park “...was the site of the largest battle ever waged during the American Civil War.” It was on November 19, 1862, that Present Abraham Lincoln gave his consequential “Gettysburg Address” during the dedication ceremony for “Soldiers Cemetery.”

At 6:30 PM on February 12, Christopher Gwinn will be the Thurmont Lions Club guest speaker at St. John's Lutheran Church. Presently, Mr. Gwinn is Chief of Interpretation and Education at Gettysburg National Military Park. He has worked as an Interpretive Park Ranger at Antietam National Battlefield, Boston National Historical Park and the National Mall and Memorial Parks where he created some of the first public programming conducted at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

Mr. Gwinn also earned a Master Degree in Public History. His knowledge and expertise are exceptional. Everyone is welcome to this venue at no charge. This is an opportunity to add to your knowledge about the aftermath of the Battle, the role of the people of Gettysburg during and after the fighting and the context behind the Gettysburg Address.

Progressive Dinner “Administrative Fundraiser” (Contributed by Lion Debbie Schray)

Have you ever heard of a progressive dinner? This is a great way to get together for a FUN dinner party! Dinner guests move from house to house to experience a different course of the dinner. There are usually a few hosts who each prepare one course at their house. My hope is that we can have a fun Progressive Dinner as a fundraiser. Here are some of the details and ideas we have so far.

THEME: “Cookout to Start the Summer”

NUMBER OF GUESTS: We are hopeful that 25-30 Lions would purchase a \$25 ticket to participate in going to three different houses for appetizers, an entrée and dessert. All funds raised would go toward our Lions Administrative Account. This is a large number to host at one time, but we are hoping the people will enjoy being together. It may be a BYOCnB (Bring you own chair in a bag).

COURSES: We would need a few Lions working together to host our club members. The Lions who volunteer to host would be able to choose what they would like to serve within the theme of “Cookout Start of Summer”. There would be a small monetary reimbursement depending on ticket sales.

Here is an example of what it might look like:

- 5:00-5:45 Appetizer Course – Host Bev Nunemaker and Debbie Schray at Lion Debbie’s house. We would serve deviled eggs, antipasto skewers, beer cheese dip and pretzel bites, sausage rolls and beverages.
- 6:00-6:45 Entrée Course – Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato and macaroni salad and watermelon
- 7:00-8:00 Dessert Course – Make your own sundae

Please look for a survey paper at the next few Lions club meetings. I hope that this will be something that the club will want to do and is willing to support. In the meantime, please be thinking about these questions:

1. Would you purchase a ticket?
2. Would you be willing to host at your house?
3. Would you be willing to help host at someone else’s house?

VDG 3rd Service Challenge (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

The VDG 3rd Service Challenge is for the period January 11, 2025 to March 29, 2025. The focus of this challenge is to assist those impacted by Hurricane Helene in Pensacola, North Carolina through the construction of two small food pantries.

You can help by donating PERSONALLY toward the construction of the pantries through the District 22W Foundation. This will be an action item for the Board of Director’s February Board meeting. Thank you for your support as “We Serve” to make a difference in the lives of others. Please see the attached document which was included in the District’s February 2025 Newsletter.

Region III Leader Dog Banquet (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

The Region III Leader Dog Banquet will be hosted by the Libertytown/Unionville Lions Club on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm. It will be held at the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department Hall. The speaker will be Joey Johnson and his Leader Dog Tucker.



We hope to see some Thurmont Lions Club members at the banquet supporting the Leader Dog program. NOTE: The club will NOT have a Membership meeting due to the Leader Dog Banquet.

Joey Johnson and his Leader Dog Tucker →

Thurmont Business Expo (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

It's the 21st annual Thurmont Business Expo! The event will be held on April 26, 2025 at the Thurmont Complex Center from 10:00am until 2:00 pm. The theme will be one of the following:

- Decades – Where you can build your theme around any decade
- Western
- Wizard of Oz



The club will have a table decorated with the theme. Everyone is invited to stop by the table. There will be items for sell and information about the club to let the public know what the Thurmont Lions are doing. Hopefully, this will be a good avenue to attract new members. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors,

Family Community Night at Catoclin High School (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

The Thurmont Lions Club received an invitation to participate in Family Community Night on January 28, 2025. Families enjoyed the opportunity to connect over a complimentary dinner. This would involve setting up a table to share information about the Thurmont Lions Club and to promote Lionism and the possibility of attracting some potential new members. Lions Larry and Stephanie Steiny gracefully volunteered to host this event. A huge thank you to these great Lions.



If you learn about an illness or tragic happening affecting one of our LION Club members or families, please contact a member of the TLC Sunshine Committee with the information - Committee Chair Lion Bev Nunemaker –240-446-2219 at bnevermore11@gmail.com; Lion Gayle DiSalvo at 240-446-5204 at gaylerad46@gmail.com; Lion Julie El-Taher at 301-788-0855 or jules6998@icloud.com; or Lion Susan Favorite at 240-409-1747 or skfavorite@comcast.net. Caring and concern for our fellow members is a very important part of our life together as Lions.

Prayer for our TLC Members, friends and family who are in need of prayer and support during their illness and recovery:

May you be wrapped up in God's love? Found deep in his everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. We come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible. Hold our hearts within yours and renew our minds, bodies and souls. We are lost, but we are singing. You gave us life and you also gave us the gift of infinite joy. Give us the strength to move forward on the

path you've laid out for us. Guide us toward better health, and give us the wisdom to identify those you've placed around us to help us get better. In your name we pray. AMEN

Those with Acute Needs for our prayers:

- Lions Jan Ely; Hank Schlitzer; PDG Paul Cannada, Mrs. Tammy Dutrow

Those requiring continued prayers and support:

- Lions Joann Cannada, Ross Smith, Jr., PCC Bob Muchow

Sympathy Thoughts and Prayers:

You hold time within your hands, and see it all, from beginning to end. Please keep and carry these special people in their sadness and loss. Cover them with your great wings of love; give their weary hearts rest and their minds sound sleep. Lord, lift their eyes so that they may catch a glimpse of eternity and be comforted by the promise of heaven. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus. AMEN

Prayer for TLC Family and their members who are serving our country:

Lord, help us to always remember that there are men and women far from their families and the comforts of home today – missing hugs and kisses birthday parties and baseball games. We pray for their safe return to their country and their families. They are US soldiers: brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, parents, neighbors, friends and many others, we have never met. But, they risk their lives daily for our freedom; our hearts are filled with gratitude for all who have served our country in the past and today. Surround them with your angels, protect them in your mercy and cover them with your grace. AMEN

We pray for:

- Alex El-Taher (Navy) – Son of Lions David and Julie El-Taher
- Nick El-Taher (Air Force) – Son of Lions David and Julie El-Taher
- Jordon Volciak (Army) – Grandson of Lion Gayle DiSalvo



If there are other family members serving in the armed forces, please let Lion Bev Nunemaker know so that they too can be added to our prayer list.

CONGRATULATIONS

Prayer for TLC Members Celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries this month:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of life. We praise you for the blessing of friends, and we ask that you would surround them with your love on their birthday and anniversary. Grant them wisdom and strength for the years ahead, and may they always know your presence in their lives. AMEN

Happy Birthday Lions

Happy Wedding Anniversary

<i>February Birthday</i>
1 – David El-Taher
10 – Russ Delauter
20 – Stephanie Steinly



<i>February Wedding Anniversaries</i>
None

Celebrating our Lion Members

The Thurmont Lions Club has proudly served our community and surrounding areas since 1929. The Thurmont Lions Club is a group of community-minded men and women who have come together to enjoy each other's company, hear interesting programs and raise funds for important local or vision and community related causes. We are succeeding because we have embraced all those committed to building a brighter future for our community and ourselves. We celebrate the following Lions on their anniversary and years of service in our club and service to the Thurmont community –

February – Lion Russ Delauter – 55 years; Lions Ed Gills, Doug Favorite – 29 years; PDG Nadja Muchow – 28 years; Lion Curtis Greene – 13 years; Lion Allison Hazen – 8 years; Lion Julie Eiseman – 5 years

Congratulations Lions!

Important Notes and Reminders

Lions Club Social Media:

- Website – Lion Doug Favorite at doug.favorite@gmail.com or [MaxineTroxell at mtroxell@verizon.net](mailto:MaxineTroxell@mtroxell.verizon.net)
- Facebook – Lion Marci Veronie at mveronie@avemco.com
- Lion Portal – Lion Joyce Anthony at jananny@comcast.net
- SMS - Don Keeney, Jr. at donkeeneyjr@gmail.com

- If you need an updated copy of the Committees for 2024-2025, please contact Secretary Lion Joyce Anthony
- If you need a Visitation Schedule, please contact Lion Joyce Anthony
- If you are interested in purchasing Lions apparel, please contact Lion Joyce Anthony
- If you have unwanted eyeglasses or hearing aids, please bring them to any meeting for Lions Bill & Ruth Heaney OR place them in the collection boxes located at Goodwill Industries outside Dr. John Hagemann's office, Thurmont Regional Library, Senior Center or Mountain Gate Restaurant
- TLC Directory – Please contact Lion Joyce Anthony

Please submit all articles for the monthly newsletter no later than the last meeting of the month or by the 25th of the month, whichever comes first, to Lion Joyce Anthony at jananny@comcast.net

Important "February" Dates (Wacky, Special and Holidays)

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| 1 – National Freedom Day | 14 – Valentine's Day |
| 2 – Ground Hog Day | 15 - Susan B. Anthony Day |
| 4 – World Cancer Day | 17 – President's Day |
| 5 – National Weatherman's Day | 17 – National Act of Kindness Day |
| 7 – Send a Card to a Friend Day | 20 – Cherry Pie Day |
| 8 – Boy Scouts Day | 22 – George Washington's Birthday |
| 9 – Super Bowl Sunday | 27 – Polar Bear Day |
| 12 – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday | 28 – Mark Anthony's Birthday |



Month: American Heart; Black History; Children's Dental Health; Chocolate; An Affair to Remember

Lion Breezes

Lion Joyce Anthony, Newsletter Editor

Remember – "It is better to give than to receive"



"I could get lost in your arms and never be found" – Happy Valentine's Day

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see" – Mark Twain

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" - Aesop

Thurmont Lions Club Calendar of Events 2024-2025

Please provide corrections/additions promptly to Lion Joyce – Updated February 2025

**ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BEGINNING 6:30 PM
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

July 2024

- July 6 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill
- July 10 – Membership Meeting – Program: DG Official Visit
- July 15 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
- July 20 – Change of Banner – Myersville, VFD
- July 24 – Membership Meeting – Dr. Raymond Eliger
- July 31 – Mobile Screen Van Fundraiser – Roy Rogers Restaurant (5-8 pm)

August 2024

- August 3 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill
- August 6 – National Night Out (Police Dept)
- August 14 – Membership Meeting – Speaker Kristie Kidd (Oasis – Senior Living Advisor)
- August 17 – 1st Cabinet Meeting – LaVale – 10:00 am
- August 19 - Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
- August 26 – 1st Region III Zone Meeting – Burr Artz Library beginning 6:30 pm (Hosted by Fusion Lions Club)
- August 28 – Annual Picnic – Ole Mink Farm Campground beginning 6:00 pm
- August 30 – Fundraiser - Roy Rogers for Wreaths across America (5-8 pm)
- August 31 – Pit Sandwich Sale – Bell Hill

September 2024

- September 5-7 – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Louisville, Kentucky
- September 6-8 – Community Show – Membership Table
- September 11 – 9/11 Memorial Celebration
- September 12 - Membership Meeting – Speaker Joe with service dog, Anita (Hero Dogs)
- September 18 – Board Meeting – Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
- September 25 – Membership Meeting – Speaker Chip Jewell, National Fallen Firefighters Memorial
- September 28 – Pit Sandwich Sale – Bell Hill
- September 28 – Tour de Catocin (Postponed)

October 2023

- October 1 – Cabinet Display
- October 5 – District 22-W Social, Clarion, Frederick
- October 9 – Membership Meeting - NO MEETING
- October 10 – Joint Meeting with Emmitsburg – Carriage House
- October 11-12 – Colorfest

October 16 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
October 23 – Membership Meeting – No Meeting due to Charter Night
October 26 – Halloween Movie Night – Community Park
October 30 – Charter Night

November 2024

November 3 – Daylight Savings Time ends
November 7 – Fundraiser at Kountry Kitchen (5-8 pm) for Wreaths across America
November 9 – 2nd Cabinet Meeting – Region III hosted by Hagerstown Lions Club – American Legion
November 9 – Bingo – Guardian Hose Company Activities Building
November 13 - Membership Meeting –Leo Night
November 13 – 2nd Zone Meeting – Hosted by Middletown Lions Club
November 20 – Board Meeting – Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
November 23 – LVRF Rally at Wilmer
November 23 – Bake Sale – Mountain Gate Restaurant – (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)
November 27 – No meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)

December 2024

December 14 – TLC Christmas Party
December 14 – Wreaths across America
December 18 - Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
December 25 – Christmas Day
December 25 – No Membership Meeting
December 31 – New Year's Eve

January 2025

January 1 - New Year's Day
January 8 – Membership Meeting – Speaker John Kinnaird – State of Thurmont
January 11 – 3rd Cabinet Meeting, Region III
January 13 – Melvin Jones Birthday
January 15 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
January 21 – 3rd Zone Meeting – Hosted by Libertytown/Unionville Lions Club
January 22 – Membership Meeting – Speaker Charlie Brown, Fire Chief and Assistant Chief Chris Kinnaird,
Guardian Hose Co.

February 2025

February 1 – Roar like a Lion
February 12 – Membership Meeting – Speaker Christopher Gwinn, Chief of Interpretation and Education, Gettysburg National Park
February 19 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
February 26 – Membership Meeting - Program: Youth Night



March 2025

March 9 – Daylight Saving Time Starts
March 12 - Membership Meeting – ?
March 19 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
March 26 – Membership Meeting – Barter Night
March 29 – 4th Cabinet Meeting – Terra Ruba

April 2025

April 9– Membership Meeting – NO MEETING
April 9 – Leader Dog Banquet – Region III – Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department Hall

April 16 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
April 20 – Easter Sunday
April 23 – Membership Meeting – Program ??

May 2025

May 1-4 – Multiple District 22-W Convention, The WISP
May 14– Membership Meeting – Program: Community/Education Night
May 21 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
May 28 – Membership Meeting – Program ??

June 2025

June 1 – Helen Keller Day
June 11 – Membership Meeting – Program: Scout Night
June 18 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
June 19 - Juneteenth
June 25 – Membership Meeting – Installation of Officers, Membership Celebration

2025 Pit Sandwich Sale Dates

April 26, 2025
May 24, 2025
July 5, 2025
August 2, 2025
August 30, 2025

July 19 – Change of Banner

September 18-20 – US/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



Thurmont Lions Club

Chartered: October 23, 1929

Random Acts of Kindness

A random act of kindness are actions done with the primary intention of making someone else feel good without expecting Anything in return

February is Random Acts of Kindness month. Let's challenge ourselves to perform many acts of kindness to show people they are important.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel!"

