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at 6:30 pm



Hello Lions

With the last of the sandwich sales behind us and Colorfest approaching, it seems that autumn is almost here. The signups for Colorfest have been sent out and again please try to find some time to help with this important fundraiser. Our first meeting in October is being moved to Thursday, October 9th and will involve helping to set up for the event at our normal location just outside the town park. This is another opportunity to both help with the event and enjoy some fellowship with other members. We are planning to get some pizzas and snacks to enjoy as we do the cleaning and arranging to prepare for the Colorfest weekend. So again, please make every effort to find some time to help out, and if you know someone else willing to volunteer a few hours, we welcome family and friends as well. The need to move a lot of equipment and supplies as well as staff the event for the weekend make this one of our more difficult undertakings and it does really require contributions from the whole team.

A special request for some volunteers to help with our booth at the Thurmont Farmers Market on Saturday mornings in September. Lion Nancy Echard usually does this important task without any help from the rest of us but needs some folks to step up for the last few events. Our participation in the Farmers Market helps reinforce that we are part of the community; and, maybe surprising to some, it is also a good fundraiser through the selling of our candy bars. If you are able to help on a Saturday morning in September, please let Lion Nancy or I know – and by the way, if you have not dropped by the town park for the weekly Farmer’s Market, this is a nice way to spend at least part of your Saturday. Also, it is likely some of your money will be spent on produce, baked goods, crafts and our candy bars.

Thanks to everyone that participated in our Membership meeting on August 27th by bringing an appetizer. For those that missed the event, there were some delicious items, and it made the meeting a bit more social as we heard from the Thurmont Historical Society. We will continue to try some ways to add some variety to the meetings (often

by adding calories) and welcome any ideas to encourage attendance. For those with a sweet tooth, our meeting on September 10th will include a program on the Seton Center and some desserts or ice cream. I understand the difficulty some have in attending regular membership meetings, but they are an important way to maintain a connection with the club. A couple of special meetings are coming up and both provide an opportunity to support the club, enjoy yourself and catch up with your fellow Lions. These meetings are the club picnic on September 24th at Ole Mink Farm Campground and Charter Night on October 23rd at the The Barn Resort in Gettysburg. Please see the information inside the newsletter and emails about these events, sign up and attend.

We spent some time at our first meeting in September exchanging ideas on how we might ensure the club will continue to be an important part of the community and improve in areas such as gaining new members and encouraging participation by current members. I would very much like to hear from those that might not have been at that meeting on how our club can serve the community and ensure you enjoy and feel pride in being a member. Please feel free to shoot me an email, give me a call or discuss your ideas with other members of the Board so we can continue what is going well and make changes where improvements are needed.

President Bill
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Financial Woes explained—Taking a Strategic and Thoughtful Approach (Contributed by Lion Doug Favorite)

To all of our members,

The Board of Directors has been wrangling with some difficult financial decisions lately, and I wanted to explain what is happening and why.

As a basic tenet of being a Lions club, we have to keep our "Administrative" funds separate from our "Activities" funds. In this way, every cent of money raised from the public goes back to the public. But, on the flip side of that, realize that the "Administrative" expenses for the club must then be generated entirely by the membership of the club.

We have fewer members now, and so we have fewer internal funds to spend. Fortunately our public fundraising continues to do well; although there are worries that we may be approaching a tipping point in which even our volunteer workers are insufficient to handle the work needed to conduct a fundraiser.

The ultimate answer is to increase membership, and that is a job that falls on all of us. I can't emphasize this enough--we all need to be looking for productive and worthwhile prospective members.

Aside from the obvious correlation of more members-more dues-more administrative funds, the Board has also addressed the issue of timing. Until now, we were collecting dues after July 1. Going forward we will now collect dues in June. It is an impossible situation to have to pay our

International Dues in July when we don't collect them until August. Previously, we were able to ride the excess from the previous year; but, as time has moved on, that excess has diminished more and more, and we now no longer have the benefit of any leftover funds to rely on. There are also several other non-discretionary expenses that come due in July, including insurance, filing of taxes and submitting and paying for our State Charitable Registration.

Last year was the first year we had to borrow from our Contingency Savings account to stay solvent in the months of July and August. This year we had to borrow a significantly higher amount, and if this trend continues, we will not have enough in our Contingency Savings account next year to pay all of our required expenses in July. Changing the timing of our dues will help this significantly; but, remember that the amount we were borrowing has been increasing so moving the dues to June will only stave off this issue for a few years before we start hitting the breaking point again.

Just as everything is getting more expensive, so are our Administrative expenses and in particular our non-discretionary expenses are increasing. Your Board of Directors has been working to identify ways to increase our income so you will notice several actions:

1. As reported earlier, we have added an additional \$10 charge to everyone's dues
2. When the dues went out, our Dues Treasurer included a general appeal for donations with your dues (even just rounding them up to the next \$5 or \$10 increment provides a benefit)
3. We requested donations at our last general membership meeting. I thank everyone who donated.
4. We are looking to have several internal fundraisers where we will be selling food items to raise funds.

By using some of the approaches above, we are trying to be equitable and fair. Sales of items to raise funds will at least mean members are getting something tangible for their contribution. The nature of our Administrative account requires us to raise our administrative funds among ourselves; and subsequently, we also have to manage our administrative expenses ourselves. Our administrative expenses are very lean with nearly 80% composed of non-discretionary items which leaves little room for any other discretionary expenses.

As mentioned above, I am appealing to anyone and everyone who missed our August 13th meeting to consider sending a donation for the Administrative Fund. The very life of the Lions Club is in your hands, and I urge you to give if you can. Also be on the watch for and take advantage of members-only opportunities to buy items (homemade products such as apple sauce, fudge, soup and more) when they are offered and lastly, please attend when we have our special meetings where a meal is provided at a reasonable charge and a portion or all of the charges will benefit the Administrative Account.

Help us keep OUR club alive and thriving.

Lion Doug Favorite

Food Fundraisers to Benefit the Administrative Account (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

We will be making and selling several food items this fall/winter/spring to help raise funds for the internal club Administrative Account. In late October/early November, Doug and I will be making homemade applesauce. This is the same applesauce we serve at the Christmas House Tours. Closer to Christmas, we will be making various types of fudge. Later in the winter, we will be doing soup. Be on the lookout for signup sheets to purchase these items and help support the Administrative Account, which remains very low.

August 2 Pit Sandwich Sale Very Successful (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

We had yet another very successful sandwich sale on August 2nd. Despite not being a holiday weekend, the event was very busy. We sold 650 sandwiches and the club made a profit of \$5,650. This is the second best sale ever. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this sale a success. Special thanks to those who filled in the open slots on Saturday, as well as those who helped setup for to the sale. I would also like to send a shout out to Mayor John Kinnaird and Main Street Manager Vickie Grinder for promoting the event. They both have a huge following on Facebook, and they are great at promoting our sales ahead of time.

Fantastic Finish to a Stellar Summer of Sandwich Sales (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

The final pit sandwich sale of the year was on Saturday, August 30. We had a huge crowd nearly all day and sold 665 sandwiches. We sold out of everything except BBQ pork. The total profit for the day was \$7,311 which is by far a record. That brings the total for all five sandwich sales this summer to nearly \$29,000 which is of course also a record. A huge thank you to everyone who helped, from the setup crew who fill all the condiment containers and gather supplies, to filling BBQ sauce and cole slaw cups, to the folks who baked desserts, to the folks who are there to staff the sale, to the scouts who get the meat, help cook at 3 am, and are there to help clean up at the end of a long day. These sales wouldn't be the success they are without each and every person who helps. PDG Jeremy Bair arrived at the sandwich sale, and we put him to work. PDG Jeremy's help was a tremendous asset to the day.

The dates for next year's pit sandwich sales are: April 25, May 23, July 4, August 1, and September 5, 2026. Let's make next year even more successful!



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

We have seen a big uptick in sales of our homemade chocolate bars. We have the usual selection of milk and dark chocolate (plain, almond, peanut, rice crispy and mint), as well as Cookies & Cream. Please let Lions Don Keeney, Jr. or Doug Favorite know if you would like any candy bars.

Colorfest Coming Up Soon (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

Colorfest will be on October 11-12 this year. We will have our typical food tent and will, of course, need lots of helpers to make it a successful fundraiser. Please sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45ACA828AAF85-47408807-colorfest#/>

The link to sign up for the shuttle is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45ACA828AAF85-47408834-colorfest#/>

Visitations (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

We are gearing up to have members volunteer to do visitations for the Lions year. DG Martin has established new guidelines. Each club must perform six visitations anywhere within the Region, District or outside of the District. These two Lions must go back to their club and give an oral report on what they learned what ideas they can share from their visit, etc. A signup sheet will be circulated at upcoming club meetings. I would like to thanks those Lions that have already signed up and those that will be signing up in the near future.



National Night Out

(Contributed by PDG Paul Cannada, Chairpesson) August 5, 2025 the annual "National Night Out" was held at the Thurmont Police Department. This annual event is held so that the public can thank all of law enforcement personnel for their dedicated service to enforcing national, state and city and community laws. The crowds were as big as last year, maybe even bigger with plenty of exhibits from organizations all over. This year Lion Mike Irons had his "Sweet Treats to the Rescue" ice cream (converted ambulance) truck and was giving away free ice cream to the attendees. Also, Lion Dave Crum had his Woodsboro Bank table set up to provide information about bank operations. Previous years the Thurmont Lions Club table drew very few people to our table. In preparation for this year's event, Lion Joyce and I met to discuss what we could do to draw a crowd and "LEO the Lion" was born. Free raffle tickets were given to the attendees. We also had a candy bowl on the table to attract the kids and even gave out a few Membership Applications. We had more adults and kids come to our table this year than all of the previous years combined. When the event ended, we had a large crowd gathered around our table for the free drawing. This proves doing the same thing year after year and expecting different results does not work. Next year should be even better.



↑ Lion Joyce Anthony, PDG Paul Cannada and "Leo the Lion"
 ← PDG Paul Cannada and Mascot
 → Lucian Allen and his mom, Thurmont – Winner of "Leo the Lion"

Membership Meeting August 27 – “Appy Hour” (Contributed by Lion Debbie Schray)
 “Appy Hour” was FUN!

Our August 27th “Appy Hour” was a roaring success, bringing together members of the club for an evening of fellowship, food and fascinating local history. We started the evening with a warm and welcoming delicious spread of appetizers that had something for everyone. Lions and friends enjoyed crossed favorites like crab dip, a variety of cheese and meats, dips, fresh fruit, homemade salsa and chips and two different kinds of weenies in BBQ sauce.



It was wonderful to catch up with fellow Lions, share stories and enjoy some time together before our featured program began.



(Pictured L-R: President Bill Reckley; Dominic Curcio and Caylee Winpigler, President, Thurmont Historical Society)

We were honored to host special guest speakers from the Thurmont Historical Society which was formed in 1988. They shared insights into the rich history of our local area. The presentation sparked

thoughtful conservation and a deeper appreciation for our community.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success and attended. We look forward to many more opportunities to connect, learn and serve together.

9/11 Memorial Celebration (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

On Thursday, September 11, 2025 the club will host their 5th annual 9/11 Memorial Celebration tribute at Memorial Park in Thurmont starting at 6:30 pm. This will be the 24th anniversary of having our lives changed forever. Lion Carie Stafford is chairing this memorial celebration.



Please notify your friends, neighbors, family, etc. regarding this special celebration. If possible, place flyers around town since it was too late to get published in the Catocin Banner. Also, mark your calendar and plan to attend, not only to support your club and community, but to take some time to reflect with others on the 24 years since our country was attacked and to remember the lives lost as a result of those attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Shanksville, PA. (See attached flyer)

Lewistown Elementary School Donation (Contributed by Lion Debbie Schray)

I was thrilled to represent the Thurmont Lions Club and present a check for \$100 from our club. You may be wondering didn't we just give them a check on Community Night. Yes, we did but they will use 100% of that money for students. They reached out with a different kind of request from us. The principal, Melissa Burton, sent a letter stating that Lewistown Elementary has been named a Community school and as such, they hope to extend their influence and presence with the families in an increasingly forward-facing way in the coming school year. In an effort for the staff to present a united front and foster a sense of community at LES, she provided a tee shirt to each staff members to wear on their first day back to school, August 20th.



← Lewistown Elementary School staff wearing their designed t-shirts

School Supplies and Donations (Contributed by Lion Debbie Schray)

The Thurmont Lions Club did a WONDERFUL job collectng both material and monatory donations. We collected over 300 items to support six local schools. Plus, we made a donation of \$40 to the Sabillasville Environmental School for supplies to support their science based learning materials. The school supplies collected we were able to give each school materials to support students. Here is a list of the materials we received:

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| 16 book bags | 26 folders | 50 notebooks | 26 pencil cases |
| 4 binders | 4 plastic totes | 38 glues | 22 boxes of crayons |
| 7 packs of paper | 12 scissors | 21 marker sets | 6 rulers |
- Plus to many to count: pens, pencils, erasers and post-it notes

I would like to thank all the members who made financial donations and brought supplies to our club meetings. Thank you to Lions Joyce Anthony, Nancy Echard and Bev Nunemaker who delivered the donations to the local schools on August 8th. I am sure that Catoctin High, Thurmont Middle, Elementary and Primary Schools, as well as Lewistown Elementary and Sabillasville Environmental Schools were thrilled for the support of our club members. It is a pleasure and privilege to work with the great members of the Thurmont Lions Club. THANKS AGAIN LIONS!



Lion Bev Nunemaker, Paul Fer
Thurmont Middle School



Lori Zentz, Admin. Secretary
Catoctin High School



Amber James, Principal
Thurmont Primary School

Bonnie Dotson, Secretary
Thurmont Elementary School ↓↓

Lion Nancy Echard; Donna, Secretary
Sabillasville Environmental School ↓↓

Melissa Burton, Principal
Lewistown Elementary School,
Lion Nancy Echard ↓↓



Annual Picnic (Contributed by Lion Kim Grimm)

The annual Thurmont Lions Club picnic is scheduled for September 24th at Ole Mink Farm Campground hosted by Lion Mike and Debbie Irons. We truly appreciate the Irons' opening their home to the club. Lion Mike and Debbie will be providing the ham, rolls and corn. Each member will be requested to bring a side dish. The cost will be \$10/person and will be paid at the door.



A silent auction will be held. Members can bring any type of item worthy for a silent auction. The committee plans to have a 'hill billy' bingo. Lion Lisa will have a sign-up sheet at the upcoming meetings. She will need a head count no later than one week in advance (September 17th). If you sign up to attend and you do not attend, you will still need to pay. Lion Kim will be preparing a flyer. This is a fun event with lots of fellowship.

Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Park

(Contributed by President Bill Reckley)

The Thurmont Lions Club working through the Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Park, recently donated a new rescue board to support the lifeguard stations at Hunting Creek Lake. Shown here is Lions Club President Bill Reckley with rangers and lifeguards during a presentation on the morning of August 23rd.



(Pictured L-R: President Bill Reckley and lifeguards/rangers)

Membership Corner (Contributed by Lion Susan Favorite)

Thank you

I would like to thank Lion Sharon Morgan and , especially her mom, for assisting with the onions, BBQ sauce and cole slaw – these were not the only helpers, but they were the most consistent. May hands make lite work, and I would probably still be pouring BBQ sauce without their assistance.

As their year's Membership Chair, I am very excited to announce two new members of the Thurmont Lions Club. Approved at the last Board Meeting and to have their formal induction soon, we welcome Julie Bostian and Jen Young to our ranks. Neither lady is a stranger to the Thurmont Lions Club: Julie is very involved with Scout Troop 270 and has been helping with our fundraisers for many years. She is a perfect example of why Scouts and Lions are a great partnership. Jen Young also is no stranger to the Thurmont Lions Club - also very involved in Scout Troop 270, Jen is the wife of current Lion Sean Young. We are very happy to welcome both to our ranks.

Anyone who has a suggestion for the Membership Committee to follow up with, please contact Lion Julie El-Taher, Lion Nancy Echard or myself. We had several Lions leave our pride as they made lifestyle changes which involved relocation, so we are working to re-build. We have some great programs coming up, including a fantastic Charter Night, which would be a wonderful opportunity to invite prospective members. Also, Colorfast would be a time to involve prospective Lions to see what we do. Think about it and let us know!!



We will again have a Membership Table at the Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show next weekend. We will highlight our sandwich sales, our Community/Education Night and the upcoming Christmas ornament. Please stop by to say hello – we are in our usual spot and will be manning the booth on Friday night and during the day on Saturday. Thank you to those who have volunteered to man the table during this time. I appreciate the assistance.

Charter Night *(Contributed by Lion Marci Veronie)*

The Charter Night Committee is happy to announce that we will be celebrating our **96th Charter Signing on Thursday, October 23 at The Barn Resort** (the former Boyd's Bear location), located at **75 Cunningham Road, Gettysburg, PA.**



The Barn Resort restaurant features a hearty buffet and the cost is **\$32 per person**, which includes non-alcoholic drinks, gratuity and tip. A cash bar will also be available for those who would like to enjoy a libation.

To add some fun to the evening, we are working to secure a **ghost storyteller** for entertainment. This will be a special celebration, and we hope to see not only our regular members but also some Lions who don't always get the chance to attend our meetings.

Please note: **the bridge on the exit normally used to reach Cunningham Drive is closed due to construction**, so plan accordingly when traveling to the venue.

We look forward to gathering together for fellowship, good food and a memorable evening as we honor 96 years of service! (See attached flyer)

Kitchen Aid Mixer Raffle Winner (Contributed by Lion Nancy Echard)

Congratulations to our Kitchen Aid Mixer raffle winner – Virginia Hertel! The winning ticket was drawn at the final pit sandwich sale on August 30th. A huge thank you to Lion Nancy Echard for donating the mixer and chairing the raffle for the Thurmont Lions Club.

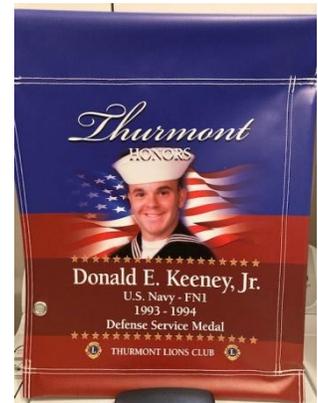
(Virginia Hertel of Thurmont)



Veterans Banners -Honoring our Veterans

(Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

In 2020 the Thurmont Lions Club started a project to honor our Veterans, living and deceased, and those who gave their all in the line of duty in the zip code 21788. The banners are displayed on the light posts throughout Thurmont which reflects their picture, name, rank, branch of service, date of service and war era. As of today, there are 71 banners displayed throughout the town. I recently had two more Veteran banners added to the list. After five years, I am still receiving requests for a Veteran’s banner. **WHAT AN AWESOME PROJECT!**



'ROARING NEWS'



*Thurmont Middle School Leo Club
Catocin High School Leo Club
Sabillasville Environmental School Leo Club*

“Leadership, Experience & Opportunity”

Catocin High School – Lion Lis Ruppel; Lion Corey Hodges-Chisholm
Thurmont Middle School – Lion Lis Ruppel; Lion Corey Hodges-Chisholm
Sabillasville Environmental School – PDG Nadja Muchow



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. Concerns for our fellow members are a very important part of our life together as Lions: Lions Joyce Anthony at jananny@comcast.net or 301-606-7873; Gayle DiSalvo at 240-446-5204 at gaylerad46@gmail.com; Lion Julie El-Taher at 301-788-0855 or jules6998@icloud.com.

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, Mrs. Tammy Dutrow

Those requiring continued prayers and support:

- Lions Joann Cannada, Ross Smith, Jr., Don Ely, PDG Paul Cannada, Bev Nunemaker

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 Joyce Anthony 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

September Birthday
26 – Bill Reckley



Sept. Wedding Anniversaries
6 – Curtis & Shirley Greene

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 –

September — Lion Lisa Riffle -10 years; Lion Sean Young – 2 years

Congratulations Lions!

Important Notes and Reminders

Lions Club Social Media:

- Website – Lion Doug Favorite at doug.favorite@gmail.com or Maxine Troxell at mtroxell@verizon.net
- Facebook – Lion Marci Veronie at mveronie@avemco.com
- Lion Portal – Lion Susan Favorite at skfavorite@comcast.net
- SMS - Don Keeney, Jr. at donkeeneyjr@gmail.com
- If you need an updated copy of the Committees for 2025-2026, 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 Marci Veronie
- If you have unwanted eyeglasses or hearing aids, please bring them to any meeting for Lions Bev Nunemaker and/or Sandy Duley OR place them in the collection boxes located at Goodwill Industries Med One Pharmacy, 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 "September" Dates (Wacky, Special and Holidays)

- 1 – Labor Day
- 2 – National VJ Day
- 3 – US Bowling League Day
- 5 – National Day of Charity
- 5 – National Food Bank Day
- 6 – Read a Book Day
- 7 – Grandparents Day
- 8 – International Literacy Day
- 9 – National Teddy Bear Day
- 11 – Patriot Day
- 12 – National Police Women's Day
- 12 – National Day of Encouragement
- 13 – Hug Your Boss Day
- 14 – National Parents Day
- 18 – US Air Force Birthday
- 19 – POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 21 – National Opioid Awareness Day
- 21 – World Alzheimer's Day
- 22 – First Day of Autumn
- 25 – National Daughter's Day
- 28 – Gold Star Mother's Day
- 28 – National Good Neighbor's Day
- 29 – National Coffee Day



I have a neck and no head, two arms and no hands. What am I?
Contact Lion Joyce with the correct answer and receive a prize.

"My mother once said: "Hate has 4 letters, but so does Love. Enemies have 7 letters but so does Friends. Lying has 5 letters but so does Truth. Cry has 3 letters but so does Joy. Negativity has 10 letters but so does Positivity. Life is 2 sided, choose the better side of it."

"How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time" Morgan Freeman

Lion Breezes

Lion Joyce Anthony, Newsletter Editor

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



**All Membership Meetings - ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BEGINNING 6:30 PM
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

Thurmont Lions Club Calendar of Events 2025-2026

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

July 2025

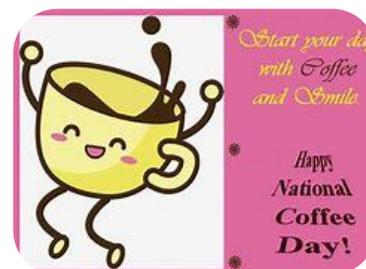
- July 5 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill
- July 9 – Membership Meeting – Program: DG Official Visit
- July 9 – SES Leo Club Chartered
- July 16 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
- July 19 – Change of Banner – Terra Rubra Lions Activities Building
- July 23 – Membership Meeting – Held at Heroes Ridge

August 2025

August 2 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill
August 2 – MD-22 LYF Meeting
August 5 – National Night Out (Police Dept) (6:00-7:30 pm)
August 13 – Membership Meeting – Discuss activities and share ideas
August 16 – 1st Cabinet Meeting – LaVale Fire Department
August 20 - Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
August 27 – Membership Meeting – Seton Center
August 30 – Pit Sandwich Sale – Bell Hill

September 2025

September 5-7 – Community Show – Membership Table
September 11 – 9/11 Memorial Celebration
September 10 - Membership Meeting – Thurmont Historical Society
September 17 – Board Meeting – Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
September 18-20 – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum / Atlantic City
September 24 – Membership Meeting – Club Picnic at Ole Mink Farm
September 27 – LVRF Aim for Sight



October 2025

October 1-31 – Cabinet Display at Thurmont Regional Library
October 4 – District 22-W Social, Dutch's Daughter
October 8 – Membership Meeting – Colorfest Setup
October 9-12 – Colorfest
October 15 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
October 22 – Membership Meeting – Charter Night
October 25 – Halloween Movie Night – Community Park

November 2025

November 12 - Membership Meeting – Frederick Country 4-H Therapeutic Riding Club
November 15 – 2nd Cabinet Meeting – Hancock Community Center
November 19 – Board Meeting – Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
November 19 – LVRF Vision Rally at Wilmer
November 22 – Bake Sale – Mountain Gate Restaurant – (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)
November 26 – No meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)

December 2025

December 10 – TLC Christmas Party
December 13 – Wreaths across America
December 17 - Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
December 24 – No Membership Meeting – Christmas Eve
December 25 – Christmas Day
December 31 – New Year's Eve

January 2026

January 1 - New Year's Day
January 10 – 3rd Cabinet Meeting – New Windsor Fire Department
January 13 – Melvin Jones Birthday
January 14 – Membership Meeting – FLEX (tentative)
January 21 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
January 28 – Membership Meeting – Mayor John Kinnaird

February 2026

February 11 – Membership Meeting – Meal provided by Doug and Dong (Debbie trivial/games)
February 18 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
February 25 – Membership Meeting - Program: Youth Night

March 2026

March 11 - Membership Meeting – Weather (Don Keeney, Jr.)
March 18 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
March 21 – 4th Cabinet Meeting – Terra Rubba Lions Club
March 25 – Membership Meeting – Barter Night

April 2026

April 8– Membership Meeting –
April 15 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
April 22 – Membership Meeting – Gettysburg Tour (Debbie Schray)
April 25 – Pit Sandwich Sale
April 29 – Leader Dog Banquet – Region III

May 2026

May 13 – Membership Meeting – Program: Wine event at Lion Debbie Schray's house
May 14-17 – MD-22 Convention, Ashore Hotel, Ocean City
May 20 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
May 23 – Pit Sandwich Sale
May 27 – Membership Meeting – Program: Community/Education Night

June 2026

June 1 – Helen Keller Day
June 10 – Membership Meeting – Scout Night
June 17 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
June 24 – Membership Meeting – Installation of Officers, Membership Celebration

July 3-7 – LCI Convention, Hong Kong
July 4 – Pit Sandwich Sale
August 1 – Pit Sandwich Sale
September 5 – Pit Sandwich Sale



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September 1 – Labor Day



September 7 - Grandparents Day

September 22- First Day of Autumn

