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SERVICE PROJECTS

Medical equipment lending program

Food Bank donations

Recycling used eyeglasses, reading glasses, and hearing aids

Assisting North Frederick Elementary School: school supplies, books, recycling used ink cartridges, calendars, etc.

Sponsoring the FSK Lions East Frederick Little League team (longest-tenured current sponsor)

Sending birthday and holiday cards to and playing BINGO with residents of Citizens Care & Rehabilitation Center

# KEYNOTES

**Francis Scott Key Lions Club**  
**P.O. Box 3932**  
**Frederick, MD 21705-3932**

**Chartered**  
**September 14, 1959**

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**DISTRICT 22W THEME**  
**Find Joy In Service**



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**Upcoming meeting**

**1/14**  
**General membership & board of directors' meetings**

**1/28**  
**PURPLE LION NIGHT!**  
**Arch O'Brien, speaker**

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthstone: Garnet  
Flower: Carnation

Happy birthday to:  
1/21 Lion Gary Bennett

Enjoy your day!

## JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day; Kwanzaa ends; Freedom's Sentinel began (2015)
- 2 Hanukkah ends
- 3 Canaveral National Seashore established (1975)
- 4 World Braille Day
- 6 Three Kings Day
- 7 Orthodox Christmas
- 13-19 Lions United Vision Week
- 13 Melvin Jones' birthday
- 14 Dress Up Your Pet Day
- 16 Desert Storm began (1991)
- 19 National Popcorn Day
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Inauguration Day
- 27 Vietnam War cease-fire (1973)
- 29 Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake)

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 1/11 Third Cabinet meeting,  
Libertytown Fire Hall
- 1/14 General membership and  
board of directors'  
meetings
- 1/21 Region III meeting,  
Liberty Road Seafood
- 1/28 PURPLE LION NIGHT!**
- 3/14 Traditional Dinner in the  
Dark, hosted by  
Walkersville HS Leo Club

**PURPLE LION NIGHT! 1/28**

Our first Purple Lion Night of 2025 will be held at our meeting on 1/28. Bring those "What were you thinking?!?" holiday gifts or other gently used or freshly baked items

to be sold to other members to benefit our club's administrative account.

We will also have a speaker: Arch O'Brien, who will speak on eligibility and benefits reform of Social Security.

**IN MEMORIAM**



Robert Earl Boyer

Former FSK Lion Robert Boyer, 83, died on 12/27, one week after he and his wife Jo Anne celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He was FSK Lions Club president in 1981-1982 and was the son of former member Richard Smith and son-in-law of past president (1969-1970 & 1980-1981) Joseph Coady. In addition to his wife Jo Anne, he is survived by two sons and two grandchildren. Services were held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery on 1/3.

**SERVICE**

**REPORTING REMINDER**  
**When reporting service hours for the secretary to report to Lions Clubs International, please provide the following information to the best extent possible:**

- Date of service**
- Number of Lions involved**
- Number of persons served**
- Number of hours involved**
- Brief description of service**

**Providing this information will make our reporting much more accurate.**

**2024-2025 SERVICE STATISTICS**

December  
(through 12/31)

At least  
587 service hours performed  
2807 persons served

YTD:  
At least  
1557 service hours performed  
4343 persons served

**VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS CHALLENGE**

The current Vice District Governors Challenge—which ends at the Cabinet Meeting on 1/11—is to provide school supplies to a local school. Seven FSK Lions have donated school supplies. Please have your donations to Lion Lynn Stimmel by Tuesday 1/7, so they can be counted, packaged, delivered, and reported prior to the 1/11 Cabinet meeting.

**COMMUNITY TABLE 12/1**

Lion Gary Bennett



Lions Nancy Foy, John Aulls, Sue Everhart, Gary and Ellen Bennett, Guy Everhart, and Darlene Aulls

Lions were privileged to provide and serve dinner at Frederick's Community Table on Sunday 12/1. We served a delicious dinner of franks and beans. Several Lions participated in the preparing and serving of food; we were joined by a local church. 107 Frederick citizens enjoyed dinner and fellowship that evening. Lion Gary Bennett has the schedule of needs for 2025 and will discuss at next meeting. (SA-06547425)

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING 12/7**



*John Jr. and Kelly Aulls filling in for Lions Darlene and John Aulls*

Seven Lions and two non-Lion family members rang the bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign on Saturday 12/7 at the Boscov's Department Store at the Frederick Towne Mall. Many thanks to President Guy and Treasurer Suzanne Everhart, Vp Gary and Director Ellen Bennett, Secretary Lynn Stimmel, Membership Chair Nancy Foy, and Lion Judy Duears, as well as a special thanks to non-Lion family members John and Kelly Aulls (who took two shifts!). (SA-06551301)

**LCIF**

*Lion Gary Bennett*

Lions collected \$59.50 at our two meetings in November, and nothing in December. For the fiscal year, we've now collected an official total of \$369.50. However,

two Lions donated \$1,050 online earlier in the year, and one Lion sent a check for \$50 to LCIF from a direct mail appeal in December. That total is being kept as a separate record until we can confirm we got credit. Last fiscal year, we collected nearly \$700 at our meetings and a couple of other channels. Our goal for '24-'25 is \$1,000 at our meetings, so we're lagging a bit behind.

If you donate online or apart from the club in any way, please notify Lion Gary Bennett so he can document.

*Lion Gary read the following brief article about LCIF in action at our second November meeting.*

**Expanding a Children's Hospital in New Zealand**

Wellington Regional Children's Hospital is New Zealand's first children's hospital and is one of only five hospitals in the country that perform specialized pediatric surgery. Recognizing the existing hospital space was overcrowded and inadequate, Lions in New Zealand utilized a \$100,000 Matching Grant from LCIF, and funding from the Lloyd Morgan Lions Charitable Trust and individual donors to build an Outdoor Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Facility. The new facility provides a wide range of therapeutic, rehabilitative and developmental benefits to patients, and provides a space for patients and their families to seek refuge from the stress of the hospital environment. Each year, more than 80,000 beneficiaries will benefit from the new facility.

**HOLIDAY PROJECT**

While only 3 Lions participated in this project, we were able to deliver to Citizens Care & Rehabilitation Center on 12/13: 2

body wash, 2 shampoo, 2 hand soap, 2 body lotion, 2 deodorant, 2 knit caps, 2 pr socks, two 20-ct pks note cards, 25 loose note cards, 1 eyeglass cleaning cloth, 70 notepads, and 11 pocket-sized notepads. (SA-06570214)

**FRIENDS & FAMILY FOOD DRIVE**

*Lion Gary Bennett*



*Lions Ellen Bennett, Guy and Sue Everhart, and Daysi Villalta*

Lions donated 92 food items in November and a whopping 895 items in December! Most of the December total is attributed to our annual "family and friends" food drive. We filled up the back of the Bennett's SUV and delivered the haul to the Frederick Food Bank on 12/12. Our goal for '24-'25 was 500 items. We've now collected and donated 1,162 items for the fiscal year, so we've topped our goal handily. But please don't stop. Let's keep it going. Bring your donations to any meeting and Lion Gary Bennett will take. If you donate apart from the meetings, please let him know so he can document. (SA-06671701)

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM**

*Lion Ellen Bennett*

The Medical Equipment Lending Program received donations of 37 pieces of equipment in October. As of 10/31, we had 151 pieces of equipment in stock. We loaned out

64 pieces of equipment to 41 people and have referred 21 people to other clubs or organizations to assist with acquiring equipment, mostly for wheelchairs and hospital beds.

The program received donations of 62 pieces of equipment in November. As of 11/30, we had 158 pieces of equipment in stock. We loaned out 40 pieces of equipment to 32 people and have referred 24 people to other clubs or organizations to assist with acquiring equipment, mostly for wheelchairs and hospital beds. Several offers of hospital beds were referred to other Lions clubs.

The program received donations of 50 pieces of equipment in December. As of 12/31, we had 189 pieces of equipment in stock. We loaned out 34 pieces of equipment to 24 people and have referred 12 people to other clubs or organizations to assist with acquiring equipment, mostly for wheelchairs and hospital beds. Several offers of hospital beds were referred to other Lions clubs. Over 75 items of medical supplies were donated to the Humanitarian Center for shipment to Ukraine in early December. Items included orthopedic boots and braces, oxygen equipment and tubing, CPAP and BiPAP machines, crutches, canes, a specialized wheelchair and more.

We experienced the return of many pieces of equipment from clients this month and can report that the "warehouse" is now full! Referrals continue to come from Senior Services, orthopedic offices, physical therapy groups, FHH Home Health Physical and Occupational therapists, Whitesell's pharmacy, therapists from independent home health agencies and by word of mouth. (SA-06661391)

## **CITIZENS**

Cards were provided for 15 January birthdays. (SA-06586128)

### *BINGO*

FSK Lions played Bingo with residents at Citizens Nursing Home on Monday evening 11/25. We did not play Bingo in December as Citizens was experiencing a Covid outbreak. Six Lions participated in November: Lynn Stimmel, Sue Everhart, Daysi Villalta, Gary Bennett, and John and Darlene Aulls. We provided a total of \$67 in prize money to 35 residents participating. A good time was had by all.

The next Bingo is scheduled for **Monday 1/27, 1900 hrs.** Lion Nancy Foy already provided the snacks that were not used at the canceled December meeting. For the rest of fiscal '24-'25, the snacks schedule is as follows: Feb-Lynn Stimmel, Mar-Aulls, Apr-Daysi Villalta, May-Bennetts, June-Nancy Foy. All Lions are invited to participate. It's a lot of fun. Just let Lion Gary Bennett know.

## **VISION SCREENINGS**

Lion Lynn Stimmel assisted Emmitsburg Lions Bill and Rachel Wivell in screening 13 children at the Judy Center at Hillcrest Elementary School on 12/17: 10 children passed, 3 were unable to be screened ("pupils not found"). (SA-06586090)

Some interesting facts we learned when we toured the Lions Vision Research Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, in November:

### *Wilmer by the Numbers*

15,700+ Major surgeries annually  
327,487 Phone calls answered  
281,800+ Annual patient visits  
13,813 Same-day appointments

*Full-time staff: 755*

## **NORTH FREDERICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Lion Lynn Stimmel*

The principal, Ms. Poquette, has advised that, beyond normal school supplies that they accept, they always have a need for: tissues; Ziplock bags; dry erase markers; and crayons.

The second Vice District Governors' Challenge this year is to provide school supplies to a local school.

In addition to the above items, Ms. Poquette advised that crayons, glue sticks, and pencils would be great!

Please bring school supplies to our meetings between now and the cabinet meeting on 1/11; they will be tabulated and then given to NFES and reported to the District.

## **CANINES ON THE CREEK 2025**

*Lion Gary Bennett*

Save the Date for 2025 edition of Canines on the Creek. It is Saturday 10/25. Our space is already reserved. At the first November meeting, members voted to send 2/3 of the proceeds to Leader Dogs for the Blind and retain 1/3 for other Lions Club charities.

Michael Duears has put the finishing touches on the website (<https://www.fsklions.org/canines/>) to carry us through until we start planning for the 2025 event in July. Megan Purtell supplied us with all the photos. They are on our website and can be viewed here: <https://megan-purtell-photography.client-gallery.com/gallery/canines-on-the-creek-2024>

We got a nice write up in the Frederick News-Post the Tuesday after the event: [https://www.fredericknews.com/news/lifestyle/pets\\_and\\_animals/dogs-get-dressed-up-for-halloween-costume-parade-contest/article\\_1b913f90-a045-5809-b1f5-153ab06d8bc1.html](https://www.fredericknews.com/news/lifestyle/pets_and_animals/dogs-get-dressed-up-for-halloween-costume-parade-contest/article_1b913f90-a045-5809-b1f5-153ab06d8bc1.html)

## **FSK LIONS FUNDRAISING**

### *CEDAR RIDGE SOAPS*

Our arrangement with Cedar Ridge Soaps, a local family-owned business, has been providing funds for our club's donation to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for over six years. We receive 40% of the retail total on orders using coupon code *FSKLions*.

Members, **PLEASE promote this fundraiser to everyone you know.** We could really do some good for LCIF if we'd only get more orders. **PLEASE, PLEASE DO MORE TO PROMOTE THIS FUNDRAISER!**

## **OTHER CLUBS' EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS**

**SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS LIONS Sneakers for Abby Childhood Cancer Fund.** The club is collecting sneakers for Micah, a 4-year-old girl with B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. They have "paired"-up with "gotsneakers?", a sneaker recycling organization, to collect new, gently used and still wearable sneakers.

### **THURMONT LIONS**

Thurmont Lions are selling handmade chocolate 2.8 oz. bars for \$4 each, available in the following flavors: milk chocolate; dark chocolate; milk chocolate with crispy rice; milk with almonds; dark with almonds; white chocolate; white with almonds; dark chocolate

with peanuts; milk chocolate with peanuts; Cookies and Crème; Peppermint Crunch; Maple Crunch.

## **EYEGLOSS RECYCLING INFO**

The updated list of our eyeglass collection boxes is on our website ([www.fsklions.org](http://www.fsklions.org)). Click on the PROJECTS tab, then on EYEGLOSS COLLECTION for a current list of our club's collection boxes.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **DUES INFORMATION**

*Treasurer Suzanne Everhart*

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/GDWSEFNNP7LXHXBLLCD6B6DU>

You may pay your FSK Lions dues via credit card through Square; the above link will take you to the directions. There is a \$1 surcharge to pay quarterly dues with a credit card. If you wish to charge one or more quarters there is a \$1 surcharge for each quarter. Contact Treasurer Sue Everhart if you have any questions.

### **22W ROSTER BOOKS**

These are the latest updates:

Page 4  
CT Guy Garey  
443/929-1558

Pages 62, 65, 68  
PCC Clare Newcomer  
1700 Utz Terrace #110  
Hanover, PA 17331

### **SUNSHINE**

If you know of a fellow Lion to whom a card should be sent,

contact Lion Darlene Aulls  
301/662-2360.

## ***WHY CHRISTMAS WAS MORE FUN GROWING UP IN THE 50S AND 60S***

*msn.com*

1. Santa Claus was a mystery and wasn't tracked on GPS
2. The Christmas tree was a fire hazard ... and no one cared.
3. Tinsel wars with siblings was a sport.
4. Sears catalogs—thicker than a phone book—were the original wish list.
5. Snow days weren't a scheduling nightmare, but a gift from above.
6. Wrapping paper doubled as wallpaper, it was so fancy.
7. You actually waited to open gifts until Christmas morning.
8. Even if no one could sing, caroling was a thing.
9. Even if you peeked, every gift was a surprise.
10. Your house looked like a runway landing strip with all the lights.
11. Homemade holiday ornaments were a combination art project/disaster.
12. Holiday TV specials were an event.
13. Christmas wasn't about the money spent—it was about the magic.

## **ADMINISTRATION & LEADERSHIP**

### **MEETING REMINDERS**

**CELL PHONES -- All cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate during meetings. If you must take a call, please step out of the room; do not hold your conversation while sitting in the meeting.**

**PROGRAM MEETINGS --  
Business is not conducted on  
program meeting nights  
(generally the second meeting  
each month). Please submit  
reports with information you  
want the members to know in  
lieu of discussion in the  
meeting.**

**3<sup>RD</sup> CABINET MEETING 1/11**

The third cabinet meeting will be held on Saturday 1/11/25 at the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 12027 South Street, Libertytown, at 1000 hrs. Cost of breakfast (scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, buttermilk pancakes, crispy breakfast potatoes, coffee, juice) is \$15, payable to Libertytown Lions Club and mailed to RC Jack Niemiec, 11798 Fox Rest Court, New Market, MD 21774, by the close of business on 1/4.

**REGION III MEETING 1/21**

The Region III meeting will be held on Tuesday 1/21 at 1830 hrs at the Liberty Road Seafood & Steak Restaurant, 10524 Liberty Road, Frederick. Meal selections are bacon-wrapped meatloaf or grilled chicken salad, \$19.95 plus tax/tip; attendees will be billed individually. RSVP with attendance to RC Jack Niemiec, 11798 Fox Rest Court, New Market, MD 21774, 301/712-5552, by 1/17.

**2024-2025 KEYNOTES**

**DEADLINES**

*Lion Lynn Stimmel*

Please note these deadlines and have your reports in on time for publication:

- 1/31 February deadline
- 2/28 March deadline
- 4/4 April deadline

- 5/2 May deadline
- 5/30 June deadline

**HOLIDAY DINNER 12/10**



The annual holiday party at Madrone's on 12/10 was attended by 12 Lions and 4 guests; pictured (clockwise from lower left corner) are Lions Gary Snyder (new member), Ellen and Gary Bennett, Daysi Villalta, and Sue Everhart, guest Michael and Lions Judy Duears and Lynn Stimmel, guest Gloria Gafney, Lions Darlene and John Aulls, Mark Jones, and Guy Everhart, guests Tara Dougherty (prospective member) and the Rev. Kay and Lion Wil Rice.

**VISITATIONS**

Visitations are a wonderful way to learn more about Lions by visiting other Lions Clubs and seeing what they are doing. To sign up, contact Secretary Stimmel (leadership listing, page 9).

The clubs members still need to visit are:

Region III Lions Clubs

- Brunswick - The Lions Aulls
- Four County – *NEED 2 LIONS*
- Frederick – *Nancy Foy & ONE MORE LION*
- Glade Valley – *NEED TWO LIONS*
- Libertytown-Unionville – The Lions Everhart
- Mt. Airy – *NEED TWO LIONS*
- Myersville – *NEED TWO LIONS*
- New Market – The Lions Everhart

Thurmont – The Lions Aulls

3 non-Region III Lions Clubs in District 22W

1. Lavale – COMPLETED 8-17-24
2. Hagerstown – COMPLETED 11-9-24
3. *NEED TWO/FOUR LIONS*

**MINUTES**

HOLIDAY SOCIAL 12-10-24

The annual holiday dinner was held Madrone's at 1615 hrs on Tuesday 12-10-24. Twelve Lions and four guests attended: Lions Darlene and John Aulls, Ellen and Gary Bennett, Judith Duears, Guy and Sue Everhart, Mark Jones, Wil Rice, Gary Snyder, Lynn Stimmel, and Daysi Villalta; and guests prospective member Tara Dougherty, webmaster Michael Duears, Gloria Gafney, and the Rev. Kay Rice.

Winners of the reindeer set door prizes were President G. Everhart and Secretary Stimmel.

By tradition, the club meets only once in December, for a holiday get-together.

**UPCOMING CONVENTIONS & CABINET MEETINGS**

District 22W Cabinet meetings

- 1/11 Region III – Libertytown
- 1/21 Region III meeting, Liberty Road Seafood
- 3/29 Region IV

LCI Conventions

- 2025 7/4-8, Orlando, FL
- 2026 7/3-7, Hong Kong
- 2027 7/2-6 WASHINGTON, DC**
- 2028 6/23-27, Singapore
- 2029 Minneapolis, MN

MD22 Conventions

2025 Wisp Resort, McHenry  
2026 Ashore Hotel, OC  
2027 Wisp Resort, McHenry

#### USA/Canada Forums

2025 Atlantic City, New Jersey  
2026 Memphis, Tennessee

#### **SOME SMILES**

*American Legion Magazine 1/25*

A friend of mine won't stop talking about photography. You can't shutter up.

Did you hear about the man who fell into an upholstery machine? He's fully recovered.

Two old sailors were sitting in what used to be their favorite barroom. The place had been completely refurbished, and they started reminiscing about the good old days. "I suppose this is all right," one said, "but I miss the old spittoon." His companion replied, "You always did."

#### **2024-2025 LEADERSHIP**

*Area code is 301 unless noted;  
emails marked \* go to PC only*

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Regular general membership meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month starting at 1800 hrs at the Elks Lodge No. 684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick, Maryland. Members and guests are urged to arrive no later than 1745 hrs to place their meal orders; current cost is \$15 (including tax and tip).

#### District 22W Leadership

DG Susan Cox, Terra Rubra Lions  
1VDG Martin Bonura, South Carroll Lioness Lions  
2VDG Leon Cardiff, Oakland-Mt. Lake Park Lions  
Cabinet Secretary Wendy Drum, Middletown Lions  
Cabinet Treasurer Guy Garey, Lineboro-Manchester Lions  
Administrative Assistant Neal Roop, New Windsor Lions  
IPDG Jeremy Bair, Greater Carroll Lions  
Region III Chair Jack Niemiec, Libertytown-Unionville Lions  
Zone III Chair Jim McNeill, Mt. Airy 4 County Lions

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*each month (i.e., the Friday after the second meeting of the month).*

#### **CLUB POLICIES**

Dinner (meeting) reservations: Reservations are due to Lion President Guy Everhart no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting, at 301/471-4962 or gfeverhart@gmail.com.

***UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD MEMBERS MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE MEETING SITE.***

*Guest meals:* It is the responsibility of the inviting Lion or of the guest to pay for the meal. The only meals that will be covered by the club are the invited program speaker and/or the Operation Blue Thank You participant(s).

*Opening song:* By tradition, our opening song is "America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)."

*Memorials:* established at the 8/8/00 (amended 12/14/09) Board of Directors' meeting: \$50 on a member's death; \$30 on the death of a member's spouse, widowed spouses on the active newsletter mailing list, parent, or child. Donations are made to the charity specified by the family or to LVRF.

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