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

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**Make Your Mark—Shape Our Future**

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



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#### Upcoming meeting

**3/11**  
**General membership & board of directors' meetings**

**3/25**  
**Program: TBD**

## MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Birthstone: Aquamarine  
Flower: Jonquil

Happy birthday to:  
3/3 Lion Bill Grove  
3/13 Lion Darlene Aulls  
3/21 Lion Lynn Stimmel  
3/29 Lion LaVerne Littrell

Happy anniversary to:  
3/4 Lions Guy and Suzanne Everhart

Enjoy your day!

**MARCH** – Women's History Month, Irish-American Heritage Month

- 1 Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day; National Pig Day
- 2 Read Across America Day; Mt. Rainier National Park established (1899)
- 3 World Wildlife Day; Navy Reserve established (1915); Ft. McHenry National Monument established (1925); Mt. Rushmore National Monument established (1925)
- 4 Mardi Gras/Carnival
- 5 Ash Wednesday; Spread the Word Day
- 6 World Energy Efficiency Day; first quarter moon
- 7 Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area established (1974)
- 8 International Women's Day
- 9 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 12 Pearl Harbor National Memorial & Tule Lake National Monument established (2019)
- 13 K9 Veterans Day; Purim begins
- 14 Pi Day; Holi begins; Purim ends; International Day of Action for Rivers; full moon
- 15 National Peanut Lovers Day

- 16 World Panda Day
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Global Recycling Day
- 19 Iraqi Freedom began (2003)
- 20 First day of Spring; Spring equinox; Naw-Rúz; World Frog Day
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day; International Day of Forests
- 22 World Water Day; WWF's Earth Hour; third quarter moon
- 23 National Puppy Day
- 25 Maryland Day; National Medal of Honor Day
- 29 National Vietnam Veterans Day; Eid al-Fitr begins; new moon
- 30 Ramadan ends; Eid al-Fitr ends
- 31 Cesar Chavez Day

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 3/11 General membership and board of directors' meetings
- 3/14 Traditional Dinner in the Dark, hosted by Walkersville HS Leo Club
- 3/24 BINGO at Citizens
- 3/25 General membership meeting; program TBA

**IN MEMORIAM**



*John Andrew Sipes*

John Andrew Sipes, 89, of New Windsor, father of Lion Judy Duears, died Wednesday 1/8 at his home. Born in Carroll County, he was the husband of FSK Lion E. LaRue Sipes who predeceased him in 2016. He worked for Black and Decker from 1962 until his

retirement in 1997. He and his wife owned and operated Sipes Enterprises. He was a member of the Linwood Brethren Church where he held many positions including deacon. Surviving are daughters, Jenny Klabansky and husband Rick of Myersville and FSK Lion Judy Duears and husband Michael of Frederick; 3 siblings, and many nieces and nephews. Services were held on 1/16 at Hartzler Funeral Home, New Windsor, with interment in Pipe Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Linwood Brethren Church, 575 McKinstry's Mill Road, Union Bridge, MD 21791. A message or memory may be placed on his "tribute wall" at [www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com).

**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**

February  
(through 2/28)

*At least*  
 28.5 service hours performed  
 70 persons served

YTD:  
*At least*  
1710.5 service hours performed  
5012

### **VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS CHALLENGE**

The latest VDG Challenge—running through the next Cabinet meeting on 3/29—is to help by donating through the District 22W Foundation toward the construction of two pantries to assist residents of Pensacola, NC, population approximately 500, affected by Hurricane Helene. The pantries, one for nonperishable items and one with refrigeration, will replace the tractor-trailer currently being used for that purpose. The Tiny Home Relief Project (THRP) of Oakland, MD, is leading the effort. Estimated cost of the pantries is about \$9,700, including materials, fuel, and incidental travel expenses involved in transporting the pantries to NC.

Clubs and individuals can donate with checks payable to District 22W Foundation including THRP on the memo line. PayPal is also available through the District 22W website. See the February District newsletter for more details.

### **LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND REGION III BANQUET 4/9**

The 2025 Leader Dogs for the Blind banquet for Region III will be held on Wednesday 4/9 at the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department hall, 12027 South Street, Libertytown; park at the top of the hill. Social 1800 hrs, dinner 1830, \$35 pp. Dinner: broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, rolls & butter, pies & cakes, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee.

Preferred method for registration and payment is through the LULC website [www.libertytownlions.com](http://www.libertytownlions.com); or by check to RC Jack Niemiec, 11798 Fox Rest Court, New Market, MD 21774, 301/712-5552; include the members' names, number attending, and the club name. RSVP by Friday 4/4. The evening will include a live auction.

Come hear our Leader Dog Speaker Joey Johnson and learn how his Leader Dog Tucker has changed his life.

Joey Johnson, 55, is a devoted husband to Sidney and father of two and resides in Augusta, GA. He was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa at the age of 30, but refused to let blindness define who he was. His journey led him to Leader Dogs for the Blind, where he received Orientation and Mobility training, along with guide dog training. On 10/22 he received his Leader Dog, Tucker.

His previous career was a licensed plumber in Georgia where he specialized in medical gas piping in hospitals and medical facilities. Today, he proudly serves as an ambassador for Leader Dogs for the Blind, raising awareness and support for those with vision loss. In addition, Joey holds the position of Lions Club Zone Chair for District 18N.

### **WELCOME, ROSIE!**



*Rosie*

Lion Ellen Bennett recently brought home a Leader Dog in Training from Leader Dogs for the Blind in Bloomington Hills, Michigan. Lion Ellen (with help from Lion Gary) will raise and train prospective Leader Dog Rosie for one year and then present her back to Leader Dog. Rosie is a golden Labrador retriever and full of energy. Welcome, Rosie!

### **WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES DISABILITIES (& SENIOR) EXPO 5/17**

The Western Maryland Region World of Possibilities Disabilities & Senior Expo will be held at the Clarion Inn Conference Center, 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, on Saturday 5/17 from 1100-1500 hrs. Services available include: free wheelchair inspection and repair, durable medical equipment, personal care items, services and agencies, entertainment, and more. Obtain a free ticket at [www.worldofpossibilities.org](http://www.worldofpossibilities.org). For additional information, contact Sharon Ihde at [sharon@caringcommunities.org](mailto:sharon@caringcommunities.org).

### **CANINES ON THE CREEK 10/25**

*Lion Gary Bennett*



*Banana Split dog from COTC 2024*

Save the Date for 2025 edition of Canines on the Creek: Saturday 10/25. Our space is already reserved. At our February meeting, we decided to keep prices the same for 2025: participants pay \$25 in advance and \$35 day of; vendors \$75; and sponsors \$150.

## **SPIRITS TASTING**



At the February meeting we confirmed we want to do the spirits tasting fundraiser again in 2025 and hold it at McClintock Distillery in early August as we did last year. This fundraiser netted the Lions about \$1,000 last year. Lion Gary Bennett will approach McClintock in the coming weeks.

## **FOOD BANK**

*Lion Gary Bennett*

Lions have collected and donated 1,162 food items so far in the fiscal year. We've topped our goal of 400 items handily thanks to a food drive held late last year, 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 Lion Gary know so he can document.

## **LCIF**

*Lion Gary Bennett*

Lions collected \$35 at our one meeting in February. For the fiscal year, we've now collected an unofficial total of \$661. But, three Lions have also donated a total of \$1,110 online or by check. That total is being kept as a separate record until we can confirm we got credit. Last fiscal year, we collected about \$700 at our meetings and a couple of other channels. Our goal for '24-'25 is \$1,000 at our meetings. We need to average about \$40 per meeting the rest of the fiscal year to meet our goal. We can do it! 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 article about LCIF at our 2/25 meeting.*

## **Addressing Hygiene Needs in the Southern Peninsula: SPLaSh Program Upgrade**

Homelessness has been a major problem in the Southern Peninsula of Australia for many years. Rising rental prices and a severe lack of housing stock in the area has pushed people out onto the streets. "It is truly heartbreaking to witness the hardships faced by those without homes in our area. It is crucial for us to take action and do what we can for those who need help," says Past District Governor (PDG) Steve Boyce.

Southern Peninsula Community Support (SPCS) estimates that there are between 800 and 900 homeless people in the region. SPCS started the Southern Peninsula Laundry and Shower program (SPLaSh), in cooperation with the local government, to support the growing homeless population.

SPLaSh offers shower and laundry facilities to anyone experiencing homelessness or severe poverty. Due to a major increase in participation and limitations on sewage capacity, the space was no longer able to meet demand. Moreover, for individuals who were not within walking distance of the building, the poor public transportation system in the peninsula made it nearly impossible to visit.

District 201-V3 Lions proposed to upgrade SPLaSh with a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Matching Grant of US\$12,613. The grant purchased a mobile shower and laundry unit. This mobile unit provides several important

advantages, including resolving the sewage capacity issue allowing more showers per session and expanding the service area. With the upgraded unit, Lions projected 360 people enjoyed a refreshing shower and clean clothes in 2023.

Lions around the world seek out transformative ways to serve millions of people who lack access to resources that many of us take for granted, such as food and laundry. Through LCIF grants like these, Lions strengthen their communities and improve lives. The relationships Lions build along the way allow them to continue assessing local needs and expand their service impact to reshape the world one person at a time.

## **CITIZENS CARE & REHABILITATION CENTER**

Cards were provided for 14 March birthdays. (SA-06983796)

### *BINGO*

FSK Lions played Bingo with residents at Citizens Nursing Home on Monday evening 2/24. Three Lions participated: Lynn Stimmel, Ellen Bennett, and Darlene Aulls. We provided a total of \$55 in prize money to 34 residents participating. We also provided snacks. The next Bingo is scheduled for **Monday 3/24, 1845 hrs**. The Aulls will provide the snacks. All Lions are invited to participate. It's a lot of fun. Just let Lion Gary Bennett know you're coming. (SA-06983778)

## **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.

## **ROAR LIKE A LION 2/1**



*Lion Sue Everhart assisting participant*

Four FSK Lions participated in the "Roar Like a Lion" day of community service held at the Frederick Public Library on 2/1. Lions Gary and Ellen Bennett, Tara Dougherty, and Sue Everhart led the attendees in creating Hershey Kisses flowers and hearts. (SA-06867517)

## **EYEGGLASS RECYCLING INFO**

The current list of our eyeglass collection boxes is on our website ([www.fsklions.org](http://www.fsklions.org)). Click on the PROJECTS tab, then on EYEGGLASS COLLECTION for a current list of our club's collection boxes. We have added a new location: MyEyeDr., 7810 Wormans Mill Road, in Clemson Corner. IPP John Aulls will collect this box.

## **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*.

Lions, **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**

### CHANGE OF BANNER

Saturday 7/19, Terra Rubra Lions Club; social 1730 hrs; dinner 1800 hrs. Other details TBA

### GLADE VALLEY LIONS and WALKERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUBS

Dinner in the Dark, Friday 3/14, 1700-2100 hrs, Walkersville Grand Social Hall, 79 West Frederick Street, Walkersville. \$60 pp blindfolded, \$65 pp not blindfolded. Meal is Chicken Marsala and Pasta Primavera; vegetarian and vegan options available. Entertainment includes silent auction and two amazing speakers and their special companions. Proceeds benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind. Tickets available at [Emmitsburgevents.com](http://Emmitsburgevents.com) or contact Lion Jennifer Smith, 301/788-0526 or [jcswhycompy@gmail.com](mailto:jcswhycompy@gmail.com). Seating is limited.

As a result of their recent Undie 500 project, Glade Valley shipped 523 pair of new underwear to an elementary school in Asheville, NC. They are now seeking the following items (by 2/9) to ship to Hurricane Helene victims in NC: Laundry detergent, hygiene products (toothbrush/paste, shampoo, soaps, feminine products, etc.), cleaning supplies, non-perishable food items, propane/funds to purchase, 30amp cords, sleeping bags/blankets, furniture (bunk beds, tables, etc.), smaller appliances (crockpots, microwaves, coffee makers,

counter top skillets/grills, etc. If you can help with any of these items, contact GVLC president Jennifer Smith.

SOUTH CARROLL LIONESSE 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.

### TERRA RUBRA LIONS

Cash BINGO, Friday 3/21, doors open 1700 hrs, BINGO starts 1850 hrs; \$20 advance, \$25 at door. Jackpot special pays \$500. Cash 50/50, early bird games, King Tut game for cash; tip jars, pull off, etc. For tickets/info, call Shelbe 443/918-8566, Larry 410/202-4360, Wendy 410/775-1619, Becky or Jerry 443/929-0804, Susan 240/674-3481, or Diane 443/248-4255

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

### WESTMINSTER LIONS

All Money BINGO, Saturday 3/22, Reese Fire Department Social Hall, 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster. Cash prizes, door prizes, King Tuts, refreshments available for purchase. Bring canned goods and receive a free Early Bird Card for each (max 4). Bring new children's PJs and receive a free Early Bird Card (max 1); PJs will be donated to hospitalized children through

Josh's Jammies. Doors open 1730 hrs, games start 1830 hrs. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. For info contact Barb at 410/596-1483.

## MEMBERSHIP

### 45-YEAR MONARCH CHEVRON PRESENTED



*President Guy Everhart and Lion Bill Grove*

President Guy Everhart recently presented a 45-year Monarch Chevron to Lion Bill Grove.

### NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED



*DG Susan Cox, President/sponsor Guy Everhart, Lion Tara Dougherty, Treasurer Sue Everhart, Lion Gary Snyder, IPP/sponsor John Aulls*

DG Susan Cox inducted our two newest FSK Lions at our 2/25 meeting. Welcome to Lions Tara Dougherty and Gary Snyder!

### 22W ROSTER BOOKS

These are the latest updates:

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Change Meeting Day to Selected

Mondays  
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Mount Airy Lions  
Change Meeting time to 1830 hrs  
Updated Website  
<https://mtairyions.com/>

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Potomac Valley Lions  
Anna Marie Jefts, 1st VP  
434 West Piedmont Street  
Keyser, WV 26726

Page 53 Taneytown Lions  
Treasurer Paul Garver  
[Paul.Garver49@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.Garver49@gmail.com)

### PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS

#### **The presiding officer ...**

... Raps the gavel **once** to call the meeting to order and to adjourn the meeting.

... Starts the meeting on time, regardless of how many are in the room. It is unfair to punish the members who arrived on time by waiting for those who are late.

... Does not ask the assembly whether there is unfinished business; that information is contained in the minutes

... Does not *turn the meeting over* to anyone; that person is presented.

... Always allows an opportunity for nominations from the floor; nominations do not require a second.

... Asks *If there is no objection* to obtain general consent.

... Adjourns the meeting; the meeting is not adjourned until the chair announces *The meeting is adjourned, not you are adjourned.*

### DUES INFORMATION

*Treasurer Suzanne Everhart*

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/GDWSEFNNP7LXHXBBLCD6B6DU>

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.

### SUNSHINE

If you know of a fellow Lion to whom a card should be sent, contact Lion Darlene Aulls 301/662-2360.

### USA/CANADA FORUM 9/18-20

Join Us at the 2025 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Harrah Resort Hotel & Casino, 9/18-20/25.

Calling all Lions! Are you ready for an unforgettable experience that will inspire your service, expand your leadership skills, and connect you with fellow Lions from across North America? Mark your calendars for the 2025 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum—the premier event for Lions who want to lead, serve, and make a difference.

#### Why Attend?

##### One Convenient Location

Enjoy the luxury and convenience of Harrah Resort Hotel & Casino, where the Forum and hotel are under one roof—no extra travel, just pure Lions fun and fellowship!

##### Affordable

Register by 3/31 to take advantage of the Early Bird fee of just \$300, which includes 4 delicious meals and access to over 90 seminars designed to improve your leadership and service impact.

##### Room Rate

\$155, plus taxes and resort fees. A deposit of \$175 is collected with

your registration. Balance due will be paid at check in.

#### Inspiring Speakers

Warren Morris— Former MLB player, College World Series hero, and 1996 Olympic Bronze Medalist.

LCI President A.P. Singh—Learn directly from our global leader about the future of Lions and how we can make a bigger impact together.

Leader Dog Team BJ Blahnik and Jackso--Discover the bond between Leader Dogs and their handlers and how Lions continue to empower independence.

#### Unleash Your Potential

With over 90 seminars covering topics from leadership and membership growth to innovative service projects, there's something for every Lion.

#### Transportation Options

##### Help Us Plan!

We're exploring group transportation options to make getting to Atlantic City, New Jersey, easy and affordable. But we need your help! To provide the most economical and convenient travel choices, we're gathering information on interested attendees.

If you're considering attending and would use group transportation, please contact: Lion Bonnie Gillett, 240/210-1203, [bonniegillett@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniegillett@yahoo.com). Your input will help us coordinate the best travel options for everyone!

#### Don't Miss Out!

Strengthen your commitment to service, gain new skills, and return home inspired to serve more and lead better.

Register now and secure the Early Bird rate before 4/30! Together, let's continue to make a difference

—one act of service at a time. See you in Atlantic City, 9/18-20/2025!

#### **COLD WEATHER TIPS**

*Justin Metz 1/14/25, ErieSense February 2025*

*Only travel if you have to.* In extreme cold, you shouldn't travel unless it's absolutely necessary. Staying inside reduces your chance of frostbite or risking uncertain road conditions. If you must leave the house, brush up on best practices for winter driving safety. If you drive, be sure to have a flashlight with fresh batteries and a full tank of gas. Carry extra blankets, clothes, and a well-stocked car emergency kit with food and water in case you get stuck or stranded.

*Dress warmly.* If you must leave the house, wear several layers of loose-fitting clothes. The air trapped between each sweater or coat retains your body heat and helps to keep you warm. It also helps to wear wool clothing, which can hold in more heat than an item made from cotton. A synthetic fabric like polypropylene can also wick moisture away and hold heat.

*Protect your extremities.* Keep your earlobes, fingers, toes, and the tip of your nose covered when you go outside. These areas have the highest risk for frostbite if they aren't properly protected. To keep your fingers warmer, choose mittens instead of gloves.

*Don't push yourself too hard.* There may be a lot of snow to move outside, but only shovel if you must. Vigorous exercise in cold weather can put extra strain on your heart. Be sure to follow your doctor's advice on working outdoors, especially if you have high blood pressure or heart disease.

*Take it easy on ice.* When outside, watch out for ice, which can cause you or others to slip and fall. Rock salt loses its effectiveness below 10°F, so use ice melt on surfaces like sidewalks, stairs, and driveways. You can also spread sand on your walkways to provide a little more traction.

*Know the signs of frozen pipes (and how to stop them).* Your pipes are more susceptible to freezing and bursting in extreme cold. To reduce the chance of damage, let cold water drip from your faucets and open the cabinets below your sinks. Add some extra protection by covering your pipes with insulation.

*Watch over babies, pets and the elderly.* Babies (and the elderly) have a harder time maintaining their body temperature than adults, so it's best to keep them bundled up and away from extreme cold. Check in with your older neighbors and family members to make sure they're staying warm. And don't forget about protecting your pets in these frigid temperatures.

## **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.

**PURPLE LION NIGHT 2/25**

Although attendance as low, a total of \$55 in winning bids was raised for our administrative fund.

**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).

We will have completed the required out-of-region and out-of-district visits. The Region III 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
- Mt. Airy – NEED TWO LIONS
- Myersville – NEED TWO LIONS
- New Market – The Lions Everhart
- Thurmont – The Lions Aulls

**2024-2025 KEYNOTES**

**DEADLINES**

*Lion Lynn Stimmel*

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

- 4/4 April deadline
- 5/2 May deadline
- 5/30 June deadline

**MINUTES**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES February 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Francis Scott Key Lions Club, Frederick, Maryland, was cancelled by

President Guy Everhart on 2/10/25, due to the forecast of accumulating snow starting on the afternoon of 2/11. Induction of two new members was postponed until the 2/25 meeting, in advance of the Purple Lion Night program, postponed from 1/28; business was postponed until the 3/11 meeting.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES February 11, 2025

As the general membership meeting for this date was cancelled, no board meeting was held; business will be conducted at the 3/11 board meeting.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES February 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the Francis Scott Key Lions Club, Frederick, Maryland, was called to order on Tuesday 2/25/25 by President Guy Everhart at 1800 hours at Frederick BPOE Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick, Maryland, with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Record.

Opening: "America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)," led by IPP John Aulls; Pledge of Allegiance, led by President Everhart; and invocation offered by Treasurer Suzanne Everhart

Guests: DG Susan and PCC Brian Cox, Terra Rubra Lions Club

Tailtwister pro tem IPP Aulls

LCIF – Vice-president Gary Bennett told of a project that received a \$12,600 LCIF grant in District 201-B3 on Australia's southern peninsula to provide a mobile laundry unit with showers to assist in hygiene needs in that area. He

reminded members that our goal is to collect \$1,000 in LCIF donations at our meetings this year; we need to average about \$40 per meeting until the end of the year. A total of \$36 was collected tonight.

New Lions Tara Dougherty and Gary Snyder were inducted by DG Cox.

Vp Bennett served as auctioneer for our first Purple Lion Night of 2025. With PCC Cox's donation for a train-related jigsaw puzzle, a total of \$55 was raised in bids for our administrative account.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Everhart indicated that the Finance Committee needs to meet to adjust this year's budget and develop next year's. A meeting was scheduled for the Everhart residence on Saturday 3/1 at 1000 hrs.

President Everhart told members that he presented the 45-Year Monarch Chevron to Lion Bill Grove.

President Everhart urged members to participate in the Cedar Ridge Soaps fundraiser, an easy way to make a lot of money for LCIF.

The final District 22W Cabinet meeting of this year will be held on Saturday 3/29 at Terra Rubra.

Nominations are due at the next business meeting (3/11).

Vp Bennett asked that the club affirm prices for this year's Canines on the Creek: \$25/dog in advance, \$35/dog the day of, \$75 vendor, \$150 sponsor; approved by consensus.

The club indicated a willingness to conduct another spirits tasting fundraiser at McClintock's this year; Vp Bennett will schedule and



learn whether different spirits will be offered from the first event.

50/50 was won by Secretary Lynn Stimmel

Adjourned 1930 hours

## **UPCOMING CONVENTIONS & CABINET MEETINGS**

District 22W Cabinet meetings  
3/29 Terra Rubra Lions Club

### 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 May 1-4, Wisp Resort, McHenry**

2026 Ashore Hotel, OC

2027 Wisp Resort, McHenry

### USA/Canada Forums

2025 September 18-20, Atlantic City, New Jersey

2026 Memphis, Tennessee

## **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

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*next issue generally is the Friday of the week of the fourth Tuesday of 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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