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Mission Statement
To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Mission Statement: To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

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SERVICE PROJECTS

Medical equipment lending program

Food Bank donations

Recycling used eyeglasses and hearing aids

Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed builds

Blessings in a Backpack packing events and food drives

Assisting North Frederick Elementary School

Sponsoring a Frederick Little League team

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

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DISTRICT 22W THEME
Paladins
Champions of Service

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New meeting time 1730 hrs!

Upcoming meetings

11/10
General membership and board of directors' meetings

11/24
General membership meeting: see President's Message on page 2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/14	Cabinet meeting, Boonsboro
11/21	Vision Rally, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore
11/23	BINGO, Citizens Care & Rehabilitation Center
12/12	Salvation Army bell ringing, Boscov's
12/19	Salvation Army bell ringing, Boscov's
1/3-11	Hunger Week of Service
2/13-21	LCI Youth Week of Service
4/18-26	Environment Week of Service
5/29-6/6	LCI Environment Week of Service

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthstone: Citrine, Topaz
Flower: Chrysanthemum

Happy birthday to:
11/7 Lion Daysi Villalta
11/15 Lion Colleen Krehely
11/18 Vicki Snyder

Enjoy your day!

NOVEMBER – Native American Heritage Month; National Veterans and Military Family; National Novel Writing Month; Month; Warrior Care Month

1	Daylight Saving Time ends; All Saints' Day; Dia de los Muertos begins; last quarter
2	All Souls' Day; National Bison Day
3	Election Day
4-5	Taurid meteor shower
6	Legislation passed authorizing Military Women's Memorial (1986); Diwali
7	National Bison Day
8	Diwali
9	New moon
10	U. S. Marine Corps established (1775); Manhattan Project

	National Historical Park established (2015); birth of the Báb; World Science Day for Peace and Development
11	Veterans Day; World War I armistice signed (1918); Birth of Bahá'u'lláh; Diwali ends
12	World Pneumonia Day
13	World Kindness Day
14	World Diabetes Day
15	America Recycles Day; World Prematurity Day; World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
16	International Day for Tolerance
17	First quarter; Leonid meteor shower
19	World Philosophy Day; World Toilet Day; International Men's Day
20	Universal Children's Day; Africa Industrialization Day; Transgender Day of Remembrance
21	Lava Beds National Monument established (1925); World Television Day; National Adoption Day
23	USCG Women's Reserve (SPARs) established (1942)
24	Super Beaver Moon; Guru Nanak Gurpurab
26	Thanksgiving; World Walrus Day
27	Native American Heritage Day; Black Friday; Buy Nothing Day
28	National Museum of the American Indian Act (1989)
29	Minuteman Missile National Historic Site established (1999); Advent; International Jaguar Day
30	Cyber Monday

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Suzanne Everhart

Be curious - be engaged - be present

Here is something new you will want to take part in.

There will not be a regular FSK Lions meeting on Tuesday 11/24. We will still meet at Ledo's Pizza for dinner at 1715 hrs and then proceed to The ARC of Frederick County following dinner to sort used eyeglasses with Lion Bob Martin.

Have you ever wondered what happens to all the eyeglasses we collect with our donation boxes in various locations? This is for you. The entire operation will be explained, and you will go away with a good feeling of accomplishment when we finish. Join us for dinner, a short meeting, and a valuable service project.

I hope to have our club on the tour of the Lions Vision Research Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute. Details are in this newsletter. There is so much being done there to help low vision individuals navigate today's world. This is something that our club supports as well.

Thank you to ALL who helped with our fundraiser, Canines on the Creek. We could not have pulled it off without the help of all the Lions who showed up. There were many Lions from several clubs doing various tasks, from judging to keeping the dogs in line for the parade. Three students from Mount St. Mary's University helped staff the Mobile Screening Unit.

The talents of Lions Gary and Ellen Bennett are remarkable, and because of them we exceeded our goal of $8,000. A true blessing the way everyone came together.

Lion President Sue

SERVICE

LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION RALLY 11/21

This is a remarkable tour of the Wilmer Eye Clinic, associated with Johns Hopkins Hospital and our Lions Club, located in Baltimore.

Our club will be carpooling to this event on Saturday 11/21. If you would like to attend please contact President Sue ASAP and let her know if you would like to drive or ride with someone else.

The Low Vision Center tours will begin at 0900 hrs led by the doctors and staff at the Wilmer Eye Clinic. The Rally begins at 1030 hrs with speakers, followed by a box lunch.

There is a security check-in so you will need to bring a photo ID for hospital security.

Parking is available at a large garage on Orleans Street with a skybridge to the hospital. Some of us have expressed an interest in having lunch in Little Italy after the Rally.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING 12/12 & 12/19

President Suzanne Everhart

FSK Lions have rung the bells for the Salvation Army for many years and this year we are ringing at Boscov's Department Store on Frederick's Golden Mile on 12/12 and 12/19 with two shifts from 1000-1200 hrs and 1200-1400 hrs each day.

If you have already signed up for this event, thank you. A reminder of the time you are serving will be emailed to you before the event.

CANINES ON THE CREEK

Lion Gary Bennett

Amphitheater crowd with parade led by Libertytown-Unionville Lion Jack Niemiec

The club's 7th annual Canines on the Creek event was held on Carroll Creek on 10/24, a spectacular fall day. It was our best event ever! We served over 100 dogs and their families. Sixty-six exhibitors took advantage of hundreds of spectators on the creek. The amphitheater was filled to capacity for the costume contest and parade. Nineteen sponsors also took part. All three numbers represent new records for the event.

All told, the club brought in over $9,600 in revenues and netted about $8,700 after expenses. This topped the revenue budget of $8,000. As in years past, $5,000 of the total will be donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind and the rest to other Lions Club charities.

New this year, the Lions Mobile Screen Unit van was featured at the top of the amphitheater hill, garnering lots of attention and exposure. The Maryland Insurance Administration held a pet insurance seminar at the C. Burr Artz Library from 1230-130 hrs. The City Recreation Department assisted with our event and showed a Halloween-themed movie ("Coco") to the crowd beginning at dusk.

Among the marketing highlights were two interviews of Lion Gary Bennett by Dani Gurie of "Good Morning Frederick" and Ron Ross of the Key 103's "Ron Ross Morning Show." The event also enjoyed wide exposure in the Frederick News-Post, Frederick Magazine, and on various social media channels.

Back row: Middletown Lion Dale Drum, DC Leon Cardiff, and Lion Gary Bennett; seated: judges Dani Gurie, FVDG Wendy Drum, and Ysela Bravo, representing the Frederick County Executive

Lions leaders Leon Cardiff and Wendy Drum participated as keynote speaker and as a judge, respectively. Sena Roop delivered remarks about Leader Dogs for the Blind. A "blessing of the dogs" was held. Volunteers from other clubs, especially the Libertytown-Unionville club, helped us with the event.

Be sure to check out our thank you to the Frederick community that is posted on our Canines website- https://www.fsklions.org/canines/ and a list of all the costume contest winners.

Grand prize winners: Winnie the Pooh and Tigger

Photos from the event are now available from our official

photographer, Megan Purtell, at https://megan-purtell-photography.client-gallery.com/gallery/canines-on-the-creek-2026.

Save the date for our 8th annual Canines on the Creek, Saturday, October 23, 2027.

From LCIF newsletter 10/31/26:
Honor Pets, Help Change Lives
Celebrate a beloved pet with a gift to LCIF. Your donation honors their place in your family while helping empower Lions' service that changes lives worldwide.

COMMUNITY TABLE 10/4

Lion Gary Bennett

Lions John Aulls, Nancy Foy, Mike Jackman, Suzanne Everhart, Gary Snyder, Fusion Lions President Barbara Myers, Ellen and Gary Bennett, and Fusion Lion Liz Long

FSK Lions served dinner at Frederick's Community Table on Sunday 10/4 from 1630-1900 grs**.** This has become an annual service project for the Lions. We served lasagna, salad, rolls, tangerines and dessert. Seventy-five clients thoroughly enjoyed the meal. Lions Gary and Ellen Bennett, Sue Everhart, John Aulls, Mike Jackman, Nancy Foy, and Gary Snyder participated along with Frederick Fusion Lions Club members Barbara Myers and Liz Long. (SA-10349855)

VISION SCREENINGS

Emmitsburg Lions Bill and Rachel Wivell, Diana Lewis (YMCA Health & Nutrition Manager), and Lion Lynn Stimmel holding mascot Leo)

Over the course of three days, Lion Lynn Stimmel assisted Emmitsburg Lions Bill and Rachel Wivell in screening 93 children ages one to four years in the Head Start program (70 pass, 11 referrals, 12 unable to screen—mostly pupils not found or unable to focus). (SA-10349905)

The same three Lions also screened 20 children aged 2d to 12 years—all of whom passed—at Ms. Loretta's Early Learning Center, Keymar, on 10/29. (SA-10481797)

HEALTH FAIR 10/10

Lions Ellen and Gary Bennett assisted at Frederick Fusion Lions Club's health fair on 10/10 at the Asian-American Center. (SA-103984140

CITIZENS CARE & REHABILITATION CENTER

Thank you to Thurmont Lion Joyce Anthony and Emmitsburg Lion Rachel Wivell for donating birthday and Christmas cards for our project.

Lions did not provide a cash Bingo at Citizens Nursing Home in October at staff's request so they could concentrate on Halloween-themed activities. The next Bingo is scheduled for **Monday 11/23**. All Lions are invited to participate. It's a lot of fun. Just let Lion Gary Bennett know you're coming.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING

Lion Ellen Bennett

The Medical Equipment Lending Program accepted donations of 19 pieces of equipment in October as space continues to be limited. We have loaned 53 pieces of equipment to 32 people and have referred several people to other clubs or organizations to assist with acquiring equipment, mostly hospital beds.

Our text message group of 10 Lions clubs who offer medical equipment is working well.

Referrals continue to come from Senior Services, orthopedic offices, physical therapy groups, FHH Home Health Physical and Occupational therapists, the FMH ER, Whitesell's pharmacy, independent home health agencies, Facebook, and former clients. (SA-10495106)

LCIF

Lion Gary Bennett

Lions collected $102 for LCIF at our October meetings. For the fiscal year we have now collected $390 for LCIF. Our '26-'27 budget for LCIF is $700. One generous Lion also donated $1,000, which counts towards our club total.

Lion Gary Bennett read the following article about LCIF in action at our second October meeting:

New Computers for Students in Guatemala

In today's increasingly technology-centric society, computer literacy is essential for both personal and professional success. However, access to computers and digital learning tools is a major challenge in many areas of the world.

The Cooperative Basic Education Institute (IEBC) in Mataquescuintla, Jalapa, Guatemala faced a significant technology shortage. Its computer laboratory had only seven secondhand computers to serve approximately 300 students, severely limiting digital learning opportunities.

Despite staff's best efforts to maintain the computers, their hardware was deteriorating with continuous student use and the software became obsolete.

District D-3 Lions saw the need for new computers at IEBC and sprang into action. With a $4,869 District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) from LCIF, the Lions purchased and donated 17 computers, along with 17 desks and chairs to create dedicated workstations for each one. The equipment was delivered during a special celebration attended by students, teachers and Lions.

The upgraded laboratory has already made an incredible impact on the students and the school. Instruction across grade levels has vastly improved and enrollment is already up for the next school year.

Parents, students and staff have expressed their gratitude. School Director Aleida Azucena Del Cid Valenzuela said, "This equipment was sorely needed to enhance the quality of the students' education, and I am so grateful we were able to receive it. I will do everything I can to ensure that the staff and student body will take care of it."

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
Feeding kids. Fueling futures.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
Lion Gary Bennett

The club has agreed to hold another "friends and family" food drive for Blessings in a Backpack in early December. More information to come. The last time we held such a food drive, we brought in more than 700 items for this wonderful charity. More information to come.

FOOD BANK
Lion Gary Bennett

Lions donated 12 items to the Frederick Food Bank in October. For the fiscal year, we have now donated 410 total items. Please bring any food items you wish to donate to any meeting and service chair Gary Bennett will deliver to the food bank. (SA-10495115)

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE
SHP 10/24/26 newsletter

400,000 deliveries.
400,000 chances for a better night's sleep.

And we're just getting started.

Thanks to donated lumber, bedding, and other supplies, every dollar you give goes further. **Every $1.00 in donations creates $1.35 in total value for our mission.**
Your gift, whatever the amount, helps us do more, build more beds, and reach more children who need a safe place to sleep.

Help us deliver the next bed. Every dollar makes a difference.

Thank you for being part of something that changes lives, one bed at a time.

FSK LIONS FUNDRAISING

CEDAR RIDGE SOAPS
These soaps make great Christmas gifts. It's easy! Just visit https://www.cedarridgesoaps.com/ and enter coupon code *FSKLions* at checkout. You'll receive your order in a few days (Cedar Ridge Soaps are local!) and the Lions will receive 40% of the retail price of your order. (If you have difficulty with the website, call 240/356-0222 and Joan will take your order by phone.) We need to do well on the fundraiser so we can serve the community better.

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.

OTHER CLUBS' EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

EMMITSBURG LIONS
Emmitsburg Lions Club's chicken BBQ at the VHC Activities Building, 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg; now accepting credit cards! Dates: 5/1, 6/26, and 9/18/27; and 5/4/28.

LIONSCON27
109th Lions Clubs International Convention, Washington, DC, July 2-6, 2027; volunteer, donate, or be a sponsor; lionscon27.com. LionsCon27 is hosted by the MD-22 Host

Committee; all donations are tax-deductible under their 501(c)(3) status.

SOUTH CARROLL LIONESS LIONS
Collect pull tabs from soda cans for South Carroll Lioness Lions Club; they are donating them to the Westminster Lions Club as part of their childhood cancer project with Ronald McDonald House.

THURMONT LIONS
Thurmont Lions (TLC) are selling handmade chocolate 2.8 oz. bars for $4 each, available in the following flavors: dark or milk chocolate (plain or w/almonds, crispy rice, or peanuts); Cookies and Crème; Peppermint Crunch. NEW: chocolate cups filled with peanut butter, caramel, or mint.

TLC applesauce sales through 11/19. Call Don Keeney 301/271-0558 to order; pick up 11/21 at Thanksgiving Bake Sale at Mountaingate Restaurant.

TLC fudge sales through 12/31. Call 301/606-7873 to order; pick up 12/19 between 1000 and 1200 hrs at St. John's Lutheran Church.

TLC soup sales through 1/20/27. Call 301/606-7873 to order; pick up 1/30/27 between 1000 and 1200 hrs at St. John's Lutheran Church.

TLC Thanksgiving Bake Sale on 11/21 from 0900-1400 hrs at Mountaingate Restaurant.

2026-2027 SERVICE STATISTICS
From LCI Portal (as of 8/2/26)

People served 4279
Volunteers 224
Volunteer hours 669.5
Funds raised $1,465.75
Funds donated $732

REPORTING REMINDER
When reporting service for LCI, please provide as much of the following information as possible: ***Date of service; number of Lions involved; number of persons served; number of hours spent (include travel time); brief description of service.*** *This information will make our reporting much more accurate.*

MEMBERSHIP

HOLIDAY DINNER 12/8
President Suzanne Everhart

Our annual party will be held this year at Madrone's Restaurant, 7810 Worman's Mill Road, Frederick. We will meet for dinner and fellowship at 1600 hrs on 12/8 and will be ordering from their menu.

Please let President Sue know if you will be attending no later than 12/6 at 301/514-8730 or everhartsuzanne@gmail.com

VISITATIONS

Lions John Aulls and Lynn Stimmel made a visitation to Thurmont Lions Club on 10/28. We learned of a number of projects in which the club has been involved since its founding in 1929, as well as some of the quirks of some of the members. One thing they have started doing this year is having a service project at each meeting.

BUILDING STRONGER CLUBS THROUGH DIVERSITY
Mission 1.5 Bulletin (September)

Diversity can help clubs grow, strengthen leadership and better reflect the communities they serve. Let's explore how welcoming different backgrounds, cultures, professions and generations can create stronger member experiences and help Lions build clubs ready for the future.

7/1/26 through 9/30/26
66,184 new members added
621 new clubs added

SUNSHINE

Lion Ellen Bennett performs Sunshine duties, sending anniversary, birthday, get well, and sympathy cards to our members as required.

ADMINISTRATION & LEADERSHIP

ROSTER BOOK CORRECTIONS

Three roster books have not yet been distributed. If you have not received your 2026-2027 roster book, please contact Secretary Stimmel ASAP to make arrangements to receive it.

DISTRICT 22W SOCIAL 10/17

Six FSK Lions—John Aulls, Ellen and Gary Bennett, Guy and Sue Everhart, and Lynn Stimmel—attended the District 22W Social on 10/17 at Beaver Creek Country Club, Hagerstown. (SA-10453805)

2026-2027 KEYNOTES DEADLINES
Lion Lynn Stimmel

All dates are Fridays unless otherwise noted:
11/27 for December
1/1 for January

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS & CABINET MEETINGS

22W Cabinet Meetings & Social

11/14 Boonsboro Lions
1/9 Region III – TBD
4/3 Terra Rubra Lions

LCI Conventions

2027 7/2-6 *WASHINGTON, DC*
2028 6/23-27, Singapore
2029 6/29-7/3 Minneapolis, MN
2030 6/28-7/2 San Antonio, TX
2031 7/4-8 Helsinki, Finland

MD22 Conventions

2027 5/13-16 Wisp Resort, McHenry, Md
2028 5/4-7 Princess Royale, Ocean City, Md
2029 5/3-6 Maritime Conference Center, Linthicum, Md

USA/Canada Forums

2027 Huntsville, AL
2028 Grand Rapids, MI
2029 Shreveport, LA

2026-2027 LEADERSHIP

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

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District 22W Leadership

DG Leon Cardiff, Oakland-Mt. Lake Park Lions
1VDG Wendy Drum, Middletown Lions
2VDG Jeanne Ward, Hancock Lioness Lions
CS Rebecca Reckert, Kitzmiller Lions
CT Mike O'Brien, Deep Creek Lions
IP DG Martin Bonura, South Carroll Lioness Lions
Administrative Assistant ??
Region III (Frederick County) Chair Dianne Walbrecker, Emmitsburg Lions
Zone III (FSK, Frederick, Glade Valley, Libertytown-Unionville, New Market) *VACANT*

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CLUB POLICIES

General membership meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at **1730** hrs at the Ledo Pizza, 489 Prospect Boulevard, Frederick, Maryland. Members and guests are urged to arrive by **1715** hrs to place their meal orders.

Reservations are due to President Suzanne Everhart, 301/514-8730, or everhartsuzanne@gmail.com no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. The only meal that will be covered by the club is the program speaker.

Inclement weather: If Frederick County Public Schools close early due to inclement weather, the meeting that night is cancelled. (Board of Directors 3/11/25)

Memorials: established at 8/8/00 (amended 12/14/09) Board of Directors' meeting: $50 on member's death; $30 on death of 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. (Policies & Procedures, Section 2, subsections a-c.)

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