



Lions Breezes Thurmont Lions Club

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Meetings are held at:
St John Lutheran Church
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday
at 6:30 pm



Hello Lions

I would like to start by thanking Lion Doug for filling in for me during the February Board meeting and the second Membership meeting while Marsha and I enjoyed a couple weeks in Florida. It was nice to escape for a while and take advantage of some warmer weather. This was a good reminder to me that the club is a team effort, and we can count on other members when we have a problem or in this case need a hand so we could take a trip away from the cold and snow.

Talking of team efforts and team spirit, another big thank you to Lions Don Keeney, Doug Favorite and Susan Favorite for the Valentine's Day dinner at our Membership meeting on February 11th and to Lion Deb Schray for organizing some games to cap off the evening. As expected, the food was delicious and we had a great time while the proceeds from the dinner helped the balance sheet for our administrative fund. The meeting was also an opportunity to recognize one of our newer members, Danny Dutrow, and formally welcome him into the club. In addition, based on the last survey of the membership we provided contributions to the Thurmont Senior Center, Platoon 22 and Advocates for Homeless Families. Perhaps best of all was seeing the larger than usual turnout for the meeting, and hopefully we can have such attendance at future meetings even if they don't include an incentive of meals provided by our in-house chefs.

Our first meeting in March is the joint meeting with the Emmitsburg Lions Club and will be held on Thursday, March 12th at the Carriage House restaurant. I encourage everyone to make the effort to attend this meeting and show our camaraderie with our neighbor friends and sister club. The second March meeting is our annual Barter Night meeting so

start now to identify things to bring and set some money aside to purchase items to bolster our administrative fund.

We have some ongoing sign-ups for upcoming fundraisers such as the basket and cash bingo on March 22nd. Please check your availability for that Sunday afternoon and volunteer to help or come to play.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, feel free to email, give me a call or discuss your ideas with other members so we can continue to make our club successful at serving the community while also being fun and rewarding experience for ourselves.

President Bill Reckley
“Pride in Service”

Candy Bar Fundraiser (Contributed by Lion Don Kenney, Jr.)

We still have lots of candy bars and the new chocolate cups (peanut butter, caramel and peppermint). Please contact Lions Doug or Don if you want any.

Thurmont Sweatshirts (Contributed by President Bill Reckley)



We continue to encourage members to act as our extended sales force and to convince friends and family to support our fundraiser by getting these great sweatshirts designed by local artist John Nickerson (Gnarly Artly). The shirts are being sold for \$30 and can be picked up at meetings or can be delivered. The sweatshirts can also be purchased at the “The Dirty Dawg” in the Thurmont Plaza Shopping Center.

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Visitations(Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

To date only two visitations have been performed, and we have only three months remaining. If possible, ask a new Lion to join you so they can learn the importance of doing visitations. After you complete your visitation, you must go back to the club and give an oral report on what you learned, what ideas you can share from your visit, etc. All visitations must be completed no later than May 31, 2026.

Scholarships (Contributed by President Bill Reckley)

Our club will again this year be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to local students planning to

attend college next year. One of the scholarships is the Vic Jagow continuing scholarship and for the fourth and final year will be provided to Michael LeGare to attend the nursing program at Frederick Community College. The three other scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and applications are available from the Catoctin High School Guidance Department or by request by contacting Lion Bill Reckley. The applications must be returned by April 8th and the scholarships will be presented at the Community Night/Education Night planned for May 27th.

American Heritage, Preservations and Patriotism Essay Contest (Contributed by Lion Maxine Troxell)

The Thurmont Lions Club received 35 essays. Lions Tim Stuart and Maxine Troxell judged the essays on Friday, January 30, 2026 . *Listed below are the winners.*

Elementary School (Grades 1-5)

Essay Topic: *What if the Declaration of Independence has a secret code leading to hidden treasurer? Where do you think it would be hidden and why?*

Winner: Silas Wahl – Sabillasville Environmental School (SES)

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Essay Topic: *Imagine you are a colonist, write what you think about the Declaration of Independence.*

Winner: Julia Marl – Sabillasville Environmental School

Winning entries were based on creativity and originality.

(Pictured L-R: Julia Mari, SES; Lion Maxine Troxell; Silas Wahl, SES)



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

The 3rd VDG’s Service Challenge is “Random Acts of Kindness” (RAK) for the period January 10 through March 21, 2026. The challenge is for each club member to perform one or more RAK. All Lions are welcome to join the movement and make the world better. Attached is a list of various RAK you can perform. You can always use any of your own.



Please report your Random Acts of Kindness to Secretary, Lion Joyce Anthony no later than March 16, 2026 for submission to the VDG’s.

Let's see how many Acts of Kindness the Thurmont Lions Club members can show others how much we care. Thank you for your kindness.

Bingo (Contributed by Lion Sharon Morgan)

On Sunday, March 22, 2026, the club will host a FILLED BASKET and CASH BINGO. If you would like to donate money to help fill a basket or provide a dessert to be raffled, please contact Sharon Morgan at 301-748-0159. We are also looking for volunteers to help on Sunday afternoon to sell raffle tickets, 50/50, additional games and specials, King Tut and Tip Jars.



We wanted to try something new this year, so we are hosting our first AFTERNOON bingo with a \$1,000 Bingo Special CASH PRIZE! To make this a success, we need your support. Please consider donating your time to help us raise money for the community.

Easter Egg Hunt (Contributed by Lion Susan Favorite)



We will be holding the Thurmont Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt - a 95-year club tradition, again this year. It will be Easter Sunday starting at 2:00pm — will be over by 2:10 pm most likely. Of course, there will be planning and execution prior to the event and we welcome any and all assistance for that. I am also looking for someone to be the Easter Bunny (we have the outfit) and someone to wear the Lions costume. Please contact me. We will have over 1,000 eggs to hide - which will contain candy, money, certificates for prizes and little Easter toys. Let your friends and neighbors know - we want a huge crowd to celebrate our return to service in this manner.

Fundraising Distribution Plan (Contributed by Lion Susan Favorite)

We presented the winter distributions as voted on by the membership, in February. Kim Clever, representing the Thurmont Senior Center; a representative from Platoon 22 and Shaila Jackson from Advocates for Homeless Families attended to receive the checks. All were very passionate about their causes - we were fortunate to hear from each. If you have ideas for recipients that are not normally on our list, please let me know. Our spring distributions will go out for a vote in April - look for them. We will most likely include them in our Community Night Program.

Membership (Contributed by Lion Susan Favorite)

In February, we inducted a new member Lion Danny Dutrow, sponsored by his dad, Lion Eric Dutrow. Danny is a tremendous individual, involved in Scouting and now Lions. We were very familiar with Danny from all the help he has given us through his association with the Scouts and through his employment at the Town of Thurmont. We are very fortunate to have Danny - Welcome.



(Pictured L-R: Lion Danny Dutrow; Lion Eric Dutrow)

Bell Hill Farm (Contributed by Lion Susan Favorite)

I am pleased to let you know that we will be able to have our Sandwich Sales at Bell Hill Farm this coming sandwich sale season. We owe a big thank you to the purchaser of the property for allowing us this time.

National Law Enforcement Day (Contributed by Lions Joyce Anthony/Debbie Schray)



National Law Enforcement Day is always held in January. This is a time for communities to show support for police officers by wearing blue, sending notes or displaying blue lights. The purpose of this day is to thank officers for their sacrifices. The Thurmont Lions Club purchased various items of food for their snack bar to show our appreciation for how much they are appreciated. All of the staff was thankful for our support and kindness.

A thank you to Lion Joyce Anthony for delivering the food items to honor the Thurmont police.

(Pictured L-R: Officer Ballesteros; Lt. Jerry Morales; Chief Armstrong; Lion Joyce Anthony)

Leader Dog Banquet (Contributed by Lios Joyce Anthony)

The Region III Leader Dog Banquet will be hosted by the Middletown Lions Club at the Middletown AMVETS beginning 6:00 pm. The speaker will be Walker Jones along with his Leader Dog Loki. Lion Walker Jones is from Georgia and with Loki, he walks with strength, faith and a message the world needs to hear. He is a proud father, creator and educator who believes that life's greatest hardships can also become our greatest purpose.



Thurmont Business Expo (Contributed by Lion Gayle DiSalvo)

Annual Thurmont Business Expo – The event will be held on April 25, 2026 at the Thurmont Event Complex from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. The theme this year is Glitz and Glamour. The



committee will be meeting soon so please send me any ideas. Lion Gayle DiSalvo is chairing the event along with committee members Lions Sandy Duley and Nancy Echard.

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

Service Project – Trauma Blankets (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

The Thurmont Lions Club performed another service project. There were 30 thermal blankets delivered to the Thurmont Police Department for trauma children. These blankets will be given to children involved in an automobile accident. Lions Joyce Anthony and Gayle DiSalvo delivered the blankets to the Police Department.



(Pictured L-R: Lion Joyce Anthony; Officer Glunt; Lion Gayle DiSalvo)

Eyeglass Collection Report (Contributed by Lion Sandy Duley)

We continue to receive a large supply of eyeglasses. In February 2026, we collected 86 pairs of eyeglasses, 16 pairs of sunglasses, one hearing aid and 68 eyeglass cases. There are five drop-off boxes: Mountain Gate Restaurant, Thurmont Regional Library, Med 1 Pharmacy, Goodwill and the Thurmont Senior Center. There is also a collection box at Lewistown United Methodist Church. A huge thank you to all who contribute to this worthy cause.

Barter Night (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

Gather your goodies now!! The Thurmont Lions Club Barter Night will take place on March 25th at St. John Lutheran Church. This is basically the club’s only fundraiser to subsidize the Administrative Account which supports the operation of the club. With that said, this is

your chance to bring something to the meeting you would like auction off to the highest bidder. This could be anything you would like from a delicious baked item to a nice decorative item. The possibilities are endless. Simples are cheap, welcomed and helps everyone to have a fun time. Homemade items such as food are a big seller. Hope to see you on March 25th with a big smile and some nice barter items. The club needs your support.



*Thurmont Middle School Leo Club
 Catoclin High School Leo Club
 Sabillasville Environmental School Leo Club
 "Leadership, Experience, Opportunity"*

Roaring Leos

Catoclin High School Leo Club
Thurmont Middle School Leo Club
Sabillasville Environmental School



(Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

If you learn about an illness or tragic happening affecting one of our LION Club members or families, please contact a member of the TLC Sunshine Committee with the information - Committee Chair Lion Joyce Anthony, 301-606-7873 or jananny@comcast.net; Lion Gayle DiSalvo, 240-446-5204 or gaylerad46@gmail.com or Lion Julie El-Taher, 301-788-0855 or jules6998@icloud.com. Caring and concern for our fellow members is a very important part of our life together as Lions.

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

*May you be wrapped up in God's love. Found deep in his everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. We come before You today in need of your healing hand. In You all things are possible. Hold our hearts within yours and renew our minds, bodies and souls. We are lost, **but we are singing.** You gave us life and you also gave us the gift of infinite joy. Give us the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for us. Guide us toward better health, and give us the wisdom to identify those you've placed around us to help us get better. In your name we pray. AMEN*

Those with Acute Needs for our prayers:

Those requiring continued prayers and support:

- Lions Joann Cannada, Ross Smith, Jr., PDG Paul Cannada

Sympathy thoughts and prayers:

You hold time within your hands, and see it all, from beginning to end. Please keep and carry these precious 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:

Heavenly Father, thank you that you defend your people with your mighty hand. Please hear my prayer as I lift up our military and veterans before you now. They work tirelessly to defend our country. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with them always. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, AMEN.

We pray for:

Ethan Wienholt (Marines) – Grandson of former Lion Hank Schlitzer
Alex El-Taher (Navy) – Son of Lions David and Julie El-Taher
Jordon Volciak (Army) – Grandson of Lion Gayle DiSalvo



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

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !!!

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

Dear God, Your word says that through wisdom our days will be many. I thank You Lord for blessing me, and I thank You for the many years that I know have been added to my life! Lord, I choose to celebrate You as my heavenly Father, as well as this birthday or anniversary, for it is because of You that I have made it this far. I adore you with all my heart, soul and mind. AMEN!

Happy Birthday Lions

March Birthdays

- 5 – Gyle DiSalvo
- 12 – Tim Stuart
- 13 – Don Kenney, Jr.
- 14 – Heidi Dennie
- 15 – Alex Dankanich
- 24 – Nancy Dankanich
- 29 – Sheri Kuhn
- 30 – Ed Gills

Happy Wedding Anniversary

- March Wedding Anniversaries**
- 31 – Sean & Jennifer Young

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 –

March – Lion Don Kenney, Jr. - 25 years; Lions Bev Nunemaker, Jonathan Hamrick - 13 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 “March” Dates (Wacky, Special and Holidays)

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| 1 – Pig Day | 12 – Working Mom’s Day |
| 1 – World Compliment Day | 15 – True Confessions Day |
| 1 – Peanut Butter Lover’s Day | 16 – Freedom of Information Day |
| 2 – Dr. Seuss Day | 17 – St. Patrick’s Day |
| 6 – Employees Appreciation Day | 19 – Lions Day with United Nations |
| 8 – International Women’s Day | 20 – International Day of Happiness |
| 8 – World Day of Prayer | 20 – First Day of Spring |
| 8 – Daylight Savings Time | 21 – Common Courtesy Day |
| 10 – International Day of Awesome | 21 – Single Parent Day |
| 10 – Salvation Army Day | 25 – Maryland Day |



“Daylight Savings Time: Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom and have a longer blanket”

“May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back” – Irish Blessing

“As long as you feel pain, you are still alive. As long as you make mistakes, you are still human. As long as you keep trying, there is still hope”

Lion Breezes

Lion Joyce Anthony, Newsletter Editor

Remember – “It is better to give than to receive”



Thurmont Lions Club Calendar of Events 2025-2026
Please provide corrections/additions promptly to Lion Joyce – Updated March 2026

All Membership Meetings - St. John Lutheran Church beginning 6:30 pm
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

July 2025

- July 5 – Pit Sandwich Sale, Bell Hill
- July 9 – Membership Meeting – Program – Official Visit by DG
- July 9 – SES Leo Club Charter
- July 16 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
- July 19 – Change of Banner – Terra Rubra Lins 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 – No Meeting
- October 23 - 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 – Packages for Pediatric Cancer patients
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, Don, Susan (Debbie trivial/games)
February 18 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
February 25 – Membership Meeting - Program: Youth Night - Speaker: Mayor John Kinnaird

March 2026

March 11 - Membership Meeting – NO MEETING
March 12 – Joint Meeting with Emmitsburg at Carriage House
March 18 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
March 21 – 4th Cabinet Meeting – Terra Rubba Lions Club
March 22 – Bingo – Guardian Hose Company
March 25 – Membership Meeting – Barter Night



April 2026

April 5 – Easter
April 5 – Easter Egg Hunt – Thurmont Community Park, 2:00 pm
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 25 – Thurmont Business Expo
April 29 – Leader Dog Banquet – Region III - Middletown

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

Thurmont Lions Club
Chartered: October 23, 1929





March 8, 2026