



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

Another month seems to have come and gone amazingly fast with plenty of indications that we are now in the season of mowing grass, weeding gardens, and trying to tolerate the increasing amounts of pollen in the air. Of course, those things are balanced by the green of the grass and trees, the beauty of flowers, and the warmer temperatures. Let us try to focus on the positives!

For our club, the month of April included sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt that was well supported by members and well attended by many families and children from our area. We received many comments that the community appreciated that we brought back the event. Many thanks to Lion Susan for pushing us to return to a long tradition of sponsoring this event and for spearheading activities needed to prepare for and carry it out.

April also included our first sandwich sale and it seemed to go well with the selling out of most items by early afternoon. It was nice to see many members as well as previous members come out to help. I will caveat that with the need for Lions Don and Doug to put out many requests for help and to even call on family and friends to volunteer for some positions. Please sign up for the upcoming May sandwich sale and reduce the stress levels for these very hard-working members. The sandwich sale also included a yard sale coordinated by Lions Sharon and Janet. If you did not look over the wide variety of items and look for possible treasures, you still have an opportunity because the yard sale will be repeated during the May sandwich sale. We also set up to sell deserts, Gold Star Memorial raffle tickets, and the club's chocolate collection during the event, and so it was truly a tremendous effort.

The sign-ups are out for the Thurmont Farmers Market (and so please see which Saturdays are still open and sign up if you are able (Lions Don and Joyce are coordinating). We will also be setting up for the Main Street Wine Stroll (May 15th) and for the American Legion's Community Day on June 27th celebrating the 250th birthday of our nation. Contact Lion Bill if you have an interest in volunteering for either of these events. The club has also

agreed to support a celebration of the 200th anniversary of Apples Church on June 6th and a Thurmont town picnic on September 27th. Contact Lions Don and Doug if you are able to help with these events.

Lion Marci sent us all an email on April 15th asking for our help with a new membership campaign on Instagram and Facebook and asking for some information from the members. I plead guilty of being late myself but please use this as a reminder and help Marci in our efforts to gain new members. Incoming president Lion Doug Favorite has also asked us to sign up for committees for the new year starting in July and so please help by signing up to help organize some of our activities. There are many other things to mention and so please look through the rest of the newsletter (as if anyone just reads this message).

President Bill Reckley
“Pride in Service”

New Candy Bars/Cup Selections (Contributed by Lion Don Kenney, Jr.)

We have expanded our candy cup selections to include a spring line such as orange cream, cherry creme, coconut crème, pina colada, S’mores, chocolate covered strawberry, chocolate covered cherry and key lime. We have also expanded our caramel cup line to include caramel pecan (think turtle), caramel peanut and caramel almond. They will be available at all Lions events. Please contact Lions Doug Favorite or Don Keeney, Jr. if you want any. They are available only in the spring; so get them before they are gone.

Visitations (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

We still have several visitations that need to be performed with only one month remaining in this Lions year. 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. If you signed up to perform a visitation, please schedule a date with that club.

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. The applications were due by April 8th, and the scholarships will be presented at the Community Night/Education Night planned for May 27th.

Summer Sandwich Sale Dates – Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.

The pit sandwich sales will be: May 23, July 4, August 1 and September 5. The signup sheets are below. These are some of our biggest fundraisers of the year and require lots of help.



Lots of help is needed for the May 23rd sandwich sale. If you or anyone you know are able to help, please contact Lions Doug or Don or signup below.

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45ACA828AAF85-62683896-may23rd#/>
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45ACA828AAF85-62683894-july#/>
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45ACA828AAF85-62683892-august#/>
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45ACA828AAF85-62683893-september#/>

April 25th Pit Sandwich Sale a Sellout (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

The first sandwich sale of the 2026 season was very successful despite the dreary and cool weather. The first customers arrived soon after 8:00 am, and we had a steady stream of customers until we sold out of all meats at 1:00 pm. We sold 560 sandwiches, and the club had a profit of \$3,900. This was a record for the first sandwich sale of the year. Thanks to all who helped with the fundraiser, including many volunteers who aren't Lion members.

Yard Sale Results (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

The club had a huge indoor yard sale in conjunction with the first sandwich sale, and it was by all accounts very successful. There are still lots of good items remaining, so we will once again have a yard sale at the next sandwich sale on May 23rd.

200th Anniversary Celebration at Apples Church (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

Apples Church will be hosting a 200th Anniversary community celebration on Saturday, June 6th from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. The club will be doing a food trailer selling hot dogs, sloppy joes, chili dogs, sodas and BBQ pork sandwiches. We will have a signup sheet for help going out shortly.

275th Town of Thurmont Celebration (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

The town will be holding a community picnic on Sunday, September 27th from 1-5 pm. We will be selling food in one of the pavilions. There will be a signup sheet for help as we get closer to the event.

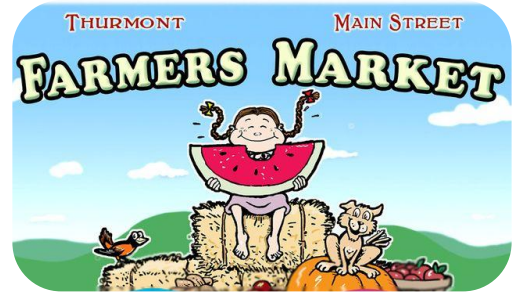
May Programs (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

The speaker for the May 13th Membership meeting will be Police Chief David Armstrong. He will be speaking on the State of Law Enforcement in Thurmont. The May 27th Membership meeting will be the annual Community/Education Night.

Farmer's Market (Contributed by Lion Don Keeney, Jr.)

The club needs members to staff an information and sales table on Saturdays (May 23-September 26) from 8:30-noon at the Farmer's Market in Thurmont Community Park this summer. This involves setting up a small table and selling candy bars, shirts, raffle tickets, etc. Also, this will be an opportunity to showcase the Lions club and possibly getting potential new members. Below is the sign up sheet if you are able to help with this club project.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45ACA828AAF85-63102955-farmers#/>



Thurmont Tee Shirts (Contributed by President Bill Reckley)



We have expanded our Thurmont shirts designed by local artist John Nickerson (Gnarly Artly) from the hunter green sweatshirts to include two colors of tee shirts (light pink and sand). The sweatshirts are being sold for \$30 while the tee shirts are \$20. We will be selling the shirts along with chocolates at our sandwich sales, farmers market and other events.

Easter Egg Hunt (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Easter Sunday, April 5th at the Thurmont Community Park. There were over 1,000 eggs hidden. We had a large



group of children of all ages and everyone had an awesome time. Each egg contained a slip of paper with a prize written on it. The prizes included candy, money, certificates for



prizes and a little Easter toy.

A THANK YOU to our "Easter Bunny", to all the Lions who showed up to fill the Easter eggs and the help on Easter Sunday. Also, I would like to thank the Scouts who hid the Easter eggs.

Fundraising Distribution Plan (Contributed by Lion Susan Favorite)

At the April 22nd meeting, the Thurmont Lions Club members that were present voted on the recipients of the Community/Education Night program. Along with the eight local schools, the three Leo Clubs and 34 charities will be receiving checks at the May 27th meeting. All recipients will need to be present in order to receive their check. We will also be recognizing the Lion and Junior Lion Award recipients. Our four scholarship recipients will be presented their checks that evening. This is an amazing meeting to attend – we hope to see all of you there to support these recipients.

Eyeglass Collection Report (Contributed by Lion Sandy Duley)

We continue to receive a large supply of eyeglasses. In April 2026, we collected 67 pairs of eyeglasses, ten pairs of sunglasses and 32 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 the Lewistown United Methodist Church. I will be collecting the eyeglasses each month at the various locations. A huge thank you to all who contribute to this worthy cause.

Leader Dog Banquet (Contributed by Lios Joyce Anthony)

The Region III Leader Dog Banquet was held on April 29th hosted by the Middletown Lions Club at the Middletown AMVETS. The guest speaker was 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. He has an incredible bond with Loki and shared an inspiring message. Approximately \$14,500 was raised for Leader Dog.



Walker Jones →→

A live and silent auction was held with numerous items to be auctioned.

President Bill Reckley presented a Thurmont Lions Club donation to the District to help support Leader Dog.

(Pictured L-R: FVDG Leon Cardiff, Lion Ellen Bennett, Walker Jones, TLC President Bill Reckley, Lion Gary Bennett and SVDG Wendy Drum)



Annual Thurmont Business Expo (Contributed by Lion Gayle DiSalvo)

The Thurmont Business Expo was held on April 25, 2026 at the Thurmont Event Complex from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Thanks to Lion Sandy Duley and Sheri Kuhn for helping to set up and tearing down, in addition to manning the table. We talked to a few people of which one individual was interested in learning more about the club and Lionism. We sold some Easter eggs, tee shirts, books and candy bars/cups. All in all, it was a very good day.



(Pictured L-R: Lions Sheri Kuhn, Sandy Duley, Gayle DiSalvo)

Health Fair - Thurmont Main Street Gateway to Wellness: Mind, Body, Soul (Contributed by Lions Julie El-Taher/Joyce Anthony)

On May 30th the Town of Thurmont will have a Gateway to Wellness featuring the collaboration of local healthcare providers to provide an extensive array of health services and education to attendees.

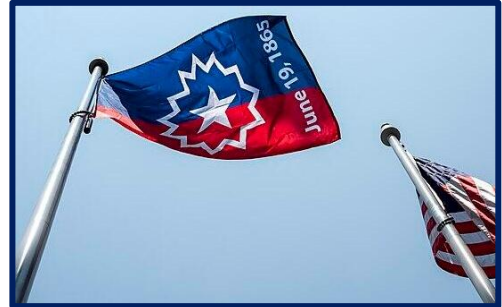
The District 22-W Mobile Screening Unit will be there performing vision hearing, blood sugar and bold pressure screenings. Lion Julie El-Taher needs some Thurmont Lions to assist with the check in for the screenings. Also, we will be selling raffle tickets for the Gold Star Monument.

The location for the event will be The Vault 1891, 2 West Main Street, Thurmont, MD beginning 10:00 am thru 1:00 pm.

Please contact Lion Julie El-Taher at jules6998@icloud.com or 301-788-0855 if you can help.

Juneteenth Celebration (Contributed by Lion Julie El-Taher/Joyce Anthony)

On Thursday, June 19th people will be coming together at the Catoctin Furnace to commemorate the 160th anniversary of Juneteenth. Events will begin at 3:00 pm and include a hike exploring the history of slavery in the area, a procession to the African American cemetery overlook and unveiling of an immersive 3D virtual reality of the enslaved quarters and more.



The Thurmont Lions Club has been asked to provide refreshments (baked goods such as brownies, cookies and ice tea), and Troop 270 will be reading the names during the remembrance service. Please contact Lion Julie El-Taher at jules6998@icloud.com or 301-788-0855 if you are able to provide refreshments.

Thurmont Community Parade - (Contributed by Lion Debbie Schray)

The 2026 Firemen’s carnival is back to its original week that was for so many years! This year’s carnival will be held July 6-11. The parade will still be on Thursday night, July 9th at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars and save the date to participate in this wonderful event. It is such a privilege to represent the Thurmont Lions Club by riding on the float or walking along the parade route. The theme for our float is *250 Years of American Freedom* which celebrates the 250th signing of the Declaration of Independence.



I am honored to be selected to chair this worthy community outreach and help our club gain more recognition. We already have done a LOT of planning. The club will be passing out RED, WHITE and BLUE necklaces (120), three different kinds of bracelets (644) and small American flags (150) (which we will hand to people along the parade route). So, in all, we have ordered over 900 items! Plus, we have all the decorations for the float ordered. It is going to be GREAT!

I will need the help of a few Lions to make this successful.

ACTION ITEMS FOR LIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Start thinking about collecting candy to pass out (Easter sales)
2. A co-chairperson to help oversee the implementation of our plan. (I might move on or before July 9th)

Feel free to contact me to let me know if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

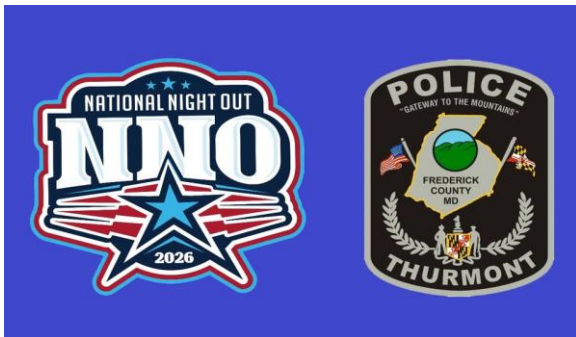
Gold Star Family Monument (Contributed by Lion Julie El-Taher)

We received a generous donation from the Thurmont Ladies Auxiliary AmVets Post 7 in helping to support the Gold Star Family Monument. Our club through donations and fundraisers have raised \$57,000 of the \$62,000 required. The installation of the monument will be on September 9, 2026, and the dedication will be on September 27, 2026, both times to be announced.



National Night Out (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

The Thurmont Police Department will be hosting their National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 from 6:00-7:30 pm. They are inviting the Thurmont Lions Club to participate again this year. This is a great opportunity to showcase the club and hopefully obtain some prospective new members. Additional details will be provided at a later date.



Operation Main Street Sweep (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

The Thurmont Main Street Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 am -11:00 am. The town is asking for businesses/organizations for their participation and support. If you are interested in helping, please show up at the square at 9:00 am. You may bring whatever you may need to help clean up the streets.



Change of Banner (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

Please mark your calendar! The Change of Banner will be held on July 18th at the Terra Rubra Lions Club. Additional information to follow at a later date.

Membership Meeting Program April 8, 2026 (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

On Wednesday, April 8th Shiara Jackson, Executive Director for Advocates for Homeless Families, was the guest speaker. Ms. Jackson reflected a large vision for the program and brought forth a lot of energy. Advocates for Homeless Families’ mission is to achieve permanent solutions to homelessness by providing access to housing, education, employment and supportive services to Frederick County families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The families achieve success through a two-year structural program focused on life skills training and intensive case management services.

The club did a service project to collect items for six “kitchen set-up” boxes containing such items as an 18-piece set of pots and pans, kitchen utensils, paper products, etc, etc.



(Pictured L-R: President Bill Reckley, Shiara Jackson) (Six “kitchen set-up” boxes for the homeless)

Membership Meeting Program April 22, 2026 (Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)

On Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30 pm Christopher Gwinn, Chief of Interpretation and Education at Gettysburg National Military Park, was the guest speaker. Mr. Gwinn is an accomplished National park Service employee. His presentation focused on the aftermath of the Gettysburg battle, the role of the people of Gettysburg during and after the fighting and the context behind the Gettysburg address.

Lion Debbie Schray sent a thank you” letter to Mr. Gwinn “for his interesting and informative presentation. Many Lions members were speaking about what you had shared. The presentation had an impact and not one that were soon to forget. Thank you for your time and expertise”.



(Pictured: Christopher Gwinn)

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

Roaring Leos

Catoctin High School Leo Club – Club Advisor Lion Barry Burch
Thurmont Middle School Leo Club – Club "Advisor Lions Lis Ruppel and Corey Hodges-Chisholm
Sabillasville Environmental School – Lion Nadja Muchow



(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., Bev Nunemaker and 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 Joyce Anthony know so that they too can be added to our prayer list.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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

Dear God, 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

Happy Wedding Anniversary

May Birthdays
1 – Richard Harding
11 – Nancy Echard
29 – Lisa Riffle

May Wedding Anniversaries
18 – Bob & Pat Meunier
23 – Tom & Lis Ruppel

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 –

May – Lion Robert Phelan - 28 years; Lions Debbie Schray, Joann Cannada - 17 years; Lion Don Ely - 11 years; Lion Carie Stafford - 6 years-

Congratulations Lions!

Important Notes and Reminders

Lions Club Social Media:

- Website – Lion Doug Favorite at doug.favorite@gmail.com or MaxineTroxell 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

Lion Breezes

Lion Joyce Anthony, Newsletter Editor
Remember – “It is better to give than to receive”



“God could not be everywhere, and therefore, He made mothers” – Rudyard Kipling
“Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it, it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it” - Unknown
“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart” – Helen Keller
“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself” – Joseph Campbell
Military Spouse Appreciation Day – “Love knows no distance, it hath no continent; its eyes are for the stars” Unknown

Ya Gotta Love Her



Happy Mother’s Day

A Dedicated Lion and Professional Individual *(Contributed by Lion Joyce Anthony)*

Lion Marci Veronie is a 5-Year Lion Member, and the SVP for the Thurmont Lions Club. Not only is she an outstanding Lion but also Senior Vice President of Avemco Insurance. She has earned the first ever “Women in Aviation International Award of Excellence”.

Thurmont Lions Club Calendar of Events 2025-2026
Please provide corrections/additions promptly to Lion Joyce – Updated May 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 – Shiara Jackson, Executive Director of Advocates for Homeless Families
April 15 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
April 22 – Membership Meeting – Christopher Gwinn, Chief of Interpretation and Education for the Gettysburg National Military Park
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: Police Chief David Armstrong
May 14-17 – MD-22 Convention, Ashore Hotel, Ocean City
May 15 - Main Street Wine Stroll
May 20 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
May 23 – Pit Sandwich Sale
May 23 – Yard Sate – Bell Hill
May 27 – Membership Meeting – Program: Community/Education Night
May 30 – Farmer’s Market - Thurmont Community Park – 9:00-Noon

June 2026

June 1 – Helen Keller Day

June 6 – 200th Anniversary of Apples Church – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
June 6 – Farmer’s Market – Thurmont Community Park – 9:00 – Noon
June 10 – Membership Meeting – Scout Night
June 13 - May 23 – Farmer’s Market - Thurmont Community Park – 9:00-Noon
June 17 – Board Meeting, Kountry Kitchen, 6:30 pm
June 20 – Farmer’s Market – Thurmont Community Park, 9:00-Noon
June 24 – Membership Meeting – Installation of Officers, Membership Celebration
June 27 – American Legion Community Day
June 27 – Farmer’s Market – Thurmont Community Park, 9:00-Noon

July 3-7 – LCI Convention, Hong Kong

July 4 – Pit Sandwich Sale

July 18 – Change of Banner, Terra Rubra Lions Club

August 1 – Pit Sandwich Sale

September 5 – Pit Sandwich Sale

September 27 – 275th Town of Thurmont Celebration – 1:00 am - 5:00 pm

November 15 – TLC Bingo



Thurmont Lions Club

Chartered: October 23, 1929



Happy Memorial Day

One

One tree can start a forest;

One smile can begin a friendship;

One hand can lift a soul;

One word can frame a goal;

One candle can wipe out darkness;

One laugh can conquer gloom;

One hope can raise your spirits;

One touch can show you care;

One life can make the difference

*One “Just Ask” can sponsor
a new Lion*

Be that ONE today