



LIONS BREEZES

Thurmont Lions Club

JOIN US!

MEETING INFO

Mountain Gate Restaurant

Sept 9 & 23rd

Meeting Begins at
6:30 PM

- **DOUG FAVORITE**
PRESIDENT
- **PDG PAUL CANNADA**
LCIF CHAIR
- **MAXINE TROXELL**
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
- **MARCI VERONIE**
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
- **NADJA MUCHOW**
THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
- **JAN HARDING**
SECRETARY
- **SUSAN FAVORITE**
TREASURER
- **JULIE EL-TAHER**
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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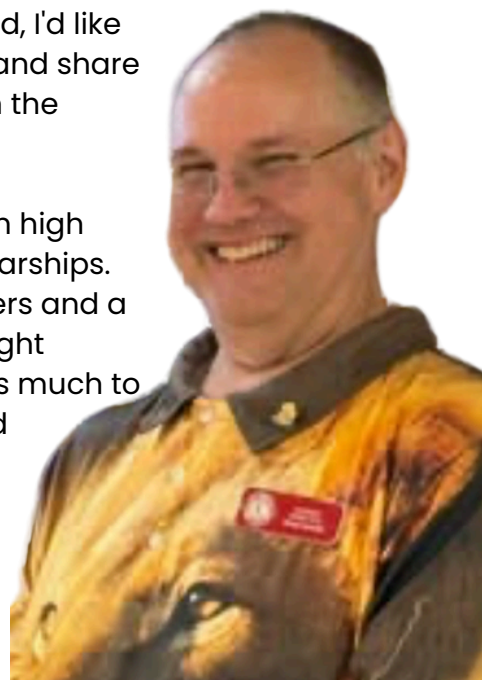


Message from The President

As we turn the calendar to a new month, our schedule continues to get busier and busier. In less than a week, we'll hold our last Sandwich Sale of the season. At the same time, we're hard at work planning our 9/11 Ceremony, preparing for the Town's 275th Anniversary celebration, and looking ahead to Colorfest, Make a Difference Day, and Charter Night. There is no doubt that we're in our busiest season. In fact, many of us are probably asking ourselves, "What's next?" and "What is our next event?"

As we focus on everything ahead, I'd like to take a moment to look back and share a little bit of my own history with the Thurmont Lions Club.

In 1987, as I was graduating from high school, I applied for many scholarships. Thanks to a lot of help from others and a bit of good fortune, I received eight scholarships. Yet none meant as much to me as the scholarship I received from the Thurmont Lions Club. It wasn't the largest scholarship or the most competitive. What made it special was attending the meeting where it was presented.



I recognized many of the members and respected them tremendously. People like Vic Jagow, Ross Smith, Glenn Rickard, Bob Schumann, Bob Meunier, Bud Long, and many others left a lasting impression on me. The club was much smaller back then, but its commitment to helping the community and the camaraderie among the members were immediately obvious.

After graduating from college, I began working as a teller at a local bank. Once I felt established in my career, one of the first things I wanted to do was join the Lions Club. I had enjoyed my visit years earlier so much that I wanted to give back to the organization that had been willing to invest in me.

I joined the club in 1996, and my first assignment was organizing the Easter Egg Hunt. Two years later, I agreed to serve as Third Vice President. The following year, the First Vice President asked if I would switch terms with her and step into the President's role a year earlier than planned. I agreed and had a wonderful year leading the club.

That was 25 years ago, when Thurmont was celebrating its 250th anniversary. Now, a quarter century later, our town is celebrating its 275th anniversary. The faces are different, and the world has changed in many ways, but we are still here. We are still serving our community, helping our neighbors, and carrying on the tradition of making a positive difference in the lives of others.

My primary goal this year is simple: to leave this club in a better position than when I started. I had big shoes to fill following Bill's very successful year as president. I have always believed that even the best teams can continue to improve, and with everyone's help, we will keep doing exactly that.



By now, most of you know me and know what I value. I believe in service. I want to grow our club. I want our members to enjoy what we do. And most importantly, I want us to continue making a meaningful impact throughout our community.

Each of you is on the front lines of that mission, just as you have been for every president before me and for those who will follow. So, as we enter this busy season, the message I want to share most is simply this: thank you.

Thank you for helping me carry out our mission of service. Thank you for continually looking for ways to expand our reach and grow our membership. Thank you for finding opportunities for fun and fellowship even amid the hard work of fundraising and service projects. Thank you for keeping the needs of our community at the center of everything we do. Most of all, thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your president this year. Thank you for your trust, your dedication, and your commitment to making this club the very best team it can be. Together, we will continue the proud tradition of serving Thurmont and making a difference for those who call our community home.

Upcoming Events

Region 3 Zone Meeting Hosted by TLC

Sept 2 6:30 PM

Thurmont Library

Upcoming Pit Sandwich Sales

Sept 5 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Volunteers Needed

9/11 Memorial Ceremony

September 11 - 6:30 PM Featuring Speaker:
Daryl Byrne, Former Connecticut Fire Dept.

Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Dedication - Memorial Park

September 27th - 5:30 PM

Afterwards a reception at the American Legion

275th Town of Thurmont Celebration

Community Picnic Food Sale

September 27, 2026 - 1:00-5:00 PM

Helpers Needed to work food booth

Colorfest is almost here!

Mark your calendars for Oct 10-11 and sign up.

Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45AC828AAF85-62870081-colorfest#/>

Shuttle Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45AC828AAF85-62870080-colorfest#/>

Charter Night Celebrating 97 years!

October 28 5:30 pm--Carriage House

More Details to Come

Thurmont Lions Bingo

November 15

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Roaring Leos

"Leadership, Experience, Opportunity"

Catoctin High School Leo Club - Club Advisor:
Lion Barry Burch

Thurmont Middle School Leo Club - Club
Advisor: Lions Lis Ruppel & Corey Hodges-
Chisholm.

Sabillasville Environmental School - Lion Nadja
Muchow



If you learn about an illness
or a tragic happening
affecting one of our Lions
Club members or their
families, please contact a
member of the TLC
Sunshine Committee with
the information.

Committee Chair
Lion Joyce Anthony



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Prayer Requests

Please remember our TLC members, friends, and families in your prayers during their times of illness and recovery.

As we pause to reflect, let us keep in our thoughts all those facing challenges, celebrating milestones, seeking guidance, serving our country, or in need of comfort and encouragement. May we find strength in one another, gratitude in each day, and hope for the road ahead. We are thankful for our community and the care we share with one another.

Those Requiring Continued Prayers and Support:

- Lion Joann Cannada
- Ross Smith Jr.
- PDG Paul Cannada
- Nancy & Paul Echard

Prayers For Our Armed Forces:

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

If there are any family members serving in the armed forces, please let Lion Joyce Anthony know so they can be added to our prayer list.



September

11 Years

- Lisa Riffle

3 Years

- Sean Young

1 Year!!

- Janet Harding
- Barry Burch
- Jennifer Young
- Julian Bostian



Grow Our Pride

Know someone who has a passion for service and community involvement? Invite them to join the Lions Club! New members bring fresh ideas, new energy, and help us expand our impact. Together, we can make an even greater difference.

E-mail thurmontlionsclub@gmail.com



School Supply Drive

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Thurmont Lions Club collected **1,195 school supplies and \$200 in cash** to support local students heading back to school. Special thanks to Lion Joyce Anthony for delivering the donations. We appreciate everyone who contributed and helped make this project a success. Thank you, Lions!



August Eye Glass Collection

We have collected:

- 48 Glasses Cases
- 39 Pairs of Glasses
- 29 Pairs of Sunglasses



Brave Bags for Students

As part of the 1st VDG Service Challenge, Lions across the district participated in the Brave Bag project to support students transitioning from elementary school to middle school. Each bag contained a journal, pencil, pen, stress ball, and encouraging note to remind students they have the strength to succeed. The Thurmont, Emmitsburg, and Lewistown Lions Clubs prepared **160 Brave Bags** for local students. The bags were distributed at Thurmont Middle School's Open House on August 17. Special thanks to Lion Joyce Anthony and Lion Jarad Suit of the Emmitsburg Lions Club for delivering the bags.



Thurmont T-Shirt Sale

The Thurmont T-shirt collection has expanded with **new designs** by local artist John Nickerson. (Gnarly Artly)

- Sweatshirts - \$30
- T-Shirts - \$20

Town Employee Appreciation Day



Each year, we recognize the Town of Thurmont staff and maintenance crew for their ongoing support of our fundraisers and community service projects. PDG Paul Cannada and Lion Joyce Anthony delivered **10 pizzas** to show our appreciation.



National Night Out

We participated in National Night Out on August 4 at the Thurmont Police Department. With a larger crowd and more exhibitors than last year, we shared Lions information, membership materials, and giveaways, including our popular LEO the Lion raffle. We met many community members, had a great time, and look forward to making next year's event even better.

One of The Most Exciting Opportunities in Lionism is Almost in Our Backyard!



The **2027 Lions Clubs International Convention** will be held in Washington, D.C., **July 2-6, 2027**, and we expect more than 20,000 Lions from over 120 countries to attend.

As someone who has been involved in convention marketing efforts, I can tell you this will be a **once-in-a-lifetime experience** for many Lions, and a tremendous chance for us to showcase our region and our hospitality.

Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of roles, including Convention Ambassadors, airport and train station greeters, parade support, service project volunteers, Host Night assistance, translators, and much more. **Volunteer shifts will be available from June 29 through July 8**, with morning, afternoon, and evening options, and organizers are committed to accommodating individual schedules and abilities.

Even if volunteering is not possible, you can still support the convention through donations or by purchasing merchandise from the convention store. This event is so close to home that I hope many of our members will consider attending

For more information, visit [LionsCon27 International Convention](#).



Editor's Corner

Dear Lions,
On another note, I am looking for **Lions willing to be featured in our ongoing social media membership spotlight campaign.**

Participation is easy: simply answer two short questions and send me your favorite "glamour shot," and I'll do the rest!

For those concerned about privacy, I only use a first name and last initial, or even just initials if preferred. These spotlights help prospective members see the real people behind our club and highlight the many reasons Lions choose to serve.

The posts consistently generate strong engagement and help introduce our club to the community in a personal way

If you're willing to participate, please let me know. We'd love to shine the spotlight on you!

-Lion Marci Veronie

