



LIONS BREEZES

Thurmont Lions Club

JOIN US!

MEETING INFO

Mountain Gate Restaurant

Oct 14

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**
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Message from The President

October, Busy October!

Our busy season is upon us! Colorfest, Candidates Forum, Make a Difference Day, Charter Night. There will be no shortage of Lions Club Activities over the next month.

As of this writing, we are still desperately in need of more help for our Colorfest Food booth. If you know of anyone (family, friends, neighbors or acquaintances) who could help please, please ask them to sign up to help us. We also need assistance with the preparations for Colorfest such as baking the biscuits that we use for our breakfast sandwiches and the actual set-up of the tent on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Help is also needed Saturday evening to help re-stock anything we run low on from Saturday's sales.

One more quick appeal, we are still looking for volunteers to help with the updated version of the "Thurmont on Parade" video. I suspect this will take a good bit of time, but it can be a great opportunity to show your creativity and imagination. The Thurmont Lions of 1951 put the original video together for the town's 200th anniversary. So wouldn't it be a fitting tribute to the town for the Thurmont Lions of today to present them with an updated video of our town 75 years later?

Thank you for your time and talents in support of the Thurmont Lions Club. Together we make a significant impact on the community!

Upcoming Events

Service Project

October 14th Meeting

We will be collecting cat & dog food, donated by members, for the Humane Society. In addition we will be assembling pet bags after the meeting. The bags will be either dog or cat specific with some treats and toys in them. If donating dog or cat food please bring to this meeting.

Candidate Forum

October 15 – 6:00 pm

Thurmont Middle School

DG Leon Cardiff, Jr.'s Social

October 17 – 5:30 PM \$60 per person

Beaver Creek Country Club, Hagerstown, MD

Halloween in the Park

October 24 – 4:00 to 7:00 pm

We will be providing free hot cocoa & popcorn to the kids. Sign up to help here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45AC A828AAF85-66219787-halloween#/>

Make a Difference Day

October 24 – We will be delivering meals & fruit baskets to home bound seniors.

More details on page 5.

Charter Night Celebrating 97 years!

October 28 5:30 pm–Carriage House

1920's Theme- come out and celebrate!

Thurmont Lions Bingo

November 15– \$25. Doors open at 11:30 am

Guardian Hose Company activities building.

Donations and volunteers needed for a variety of items. For more info. contact Lion Sharon Morgan



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.



OCTOBER

60 Years

- Bob Meunier

29 Years

- Bill Reckley

20 Years

- Wes Hamrick

5 Years

- Eric Dutrow

4 Years

- Cindy McGrew



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



Memorial Service - 9/11

On September 11, 2026, over 100 people gathered in Memorial Park to honor those who lost their lives on that day - 25 years ago. The Remembrance was established six years ago, under the direction of Lion George Bolling with the able assistance of Lion Carie Stafford. This year, we thank Lion Carie Stafford who again ran the Presentation of Colors and obtained the speaker; to Lions Wes Hamrick and Julie El Taher who gave to the voices of those who perished; to Steve Hess, our musician, and Pastor Joe Herb who gave the invocation and benediction. The highlight of the evening was our speaker Daryl Byrne, a retiree of the CT Fire Department who worked Ground Zero in the aftermath of the attacks. He was amazing and gave an intimate perspective of those who served in that capacity. Thank you to all who attended this important event.



Ongoing & Upcoming initiatives

- T-shirt Sales
- Chocolate Sales
- Christmas Ornaments
- Fudge Fundraiser
- Mt. Gate Bake Sale
- Applesauce Fundraiser
- Soup Fundraiser



News from our Leos!

Our Leo Clubs are off to a great start this school year!

The Thurmont Middle School Leo Club held its first kickoff meeting this month where they elected officers and discussed service project ideas.

The Catoclin High School Leo Club also gathered for its inaugural meeting where they elected officers. They discussed service projects & events such as the homecoming parade, helping the Lions at Colorfest, a possible collaboration with the conservation club to plant tree seedlings, and a door decorating contest for halloween where the winner receives donuts and the ability to choose an organization that Leo's will donate to.

It is inspiring to see these young leaders already embracing the spirit of service and community involvement. We look forward to following their progress and celebrating the impact they will make through their future projects and activities. Go Leos! 🦁

Make a Difference Day Returns!

Get ready to participate in Make A Difference Day on October 24, 2026. Volunteers are needed to help deliver lunches from local Thurmont restaurants, along with small fruit baskets, to seniors on the Thurmont Senior Center meal delivery list. Each volunteer will deliver to approximately 2 to 3 households around lunchtime.

Interested in helping make a difference in our community? Please contact Susan Favorite to volunteer. 🍎🥪🚗

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A Big Thank You!

The Town of Thurmont recently expressed its sincere gratitude to our club for our donation of new benches located in the newly renovated Municipal parking lot! This project is another example of how Lions make a lasting difference in our community!



Sandwich Sales Reach Record-Breaking Success!

Our Sandwich Sales program had an outstanding year, raising more than \$28,400 across five events, the highest annual total in the fundraiser's history. Over the past decade, these sales have generated more than \$22,000 to support our community and vision-related causes.

The most recent sandwich sale was especially successful, bringing in more than \$6,539 and setting a new record with 730 sandwiches sold, the most ever sold at a single event. While rising expenses impacted overall profitability, the continued support from our community made this year one of our most successful yet. We are proud of the impact these funds will have on the causes we serve.



September Service Project

Our service project was creating first-aid and hygiene bags for the homeless shelter in Frederick.

The first-aid bags included hand sanitizer, bandaids, ointment and saline solution.

The hygiene bags included a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and a comb. The bags were assembled at the September 9th meeting. Thanks to all participants.



A Trip Through History at Fort Ritchie

Our club recently had the pleasure of visiting the Fort Ritchie History Museum, where Katy Self, the museum's Director and Curator, welcomed us with a fascinating and engaging tour. From the inspiring story of the World War II "Ritchie Boys" to the area's commercial ice harvesting history, the exhibits, artifacts, and digital archives brought an important piece of local and national history to life.

HISTORY



Community Show

We had a presence at this year's Community Show, where we had the opportunity to showcase our club, connect with local residents, and share information about our current and upcoming service projects. Visitors stopped by to learn more about how Lions are making a difference in our community, while also supporting our fundraising efforts through the purchase of our delicious Lions chocolates.

Raise Your Hand



Editor's Corner

One of the things I've learned from serving in both my professional career and volunteer organizations is that leaders rarely begin as leaders. More often, they begin as volunteers who simply raise their hand when an opportunity appears.

As I was thinking about this month's message, I found myself reflecting on my own journey.

Many years ago, a young Marci started her career as a temporary employee with no clear vision of where life would take her. She wasn't the most experienced person in the room, and she certainly didn't have all the answers. What she did have was a willingness to learn, try new things, and say "yes" when opportunities came along. Over time, those small steps led her into positions of greater responsibility and leadership. People trusted her, not because she knew everything, but because she consistently showed up, worked hard, and treated others well. Eventually, opportunities appeared that she never could have imagined when she first walked through the door.

The same lesson applies to Lions. Most club presidents, committee chairs, project leaders, and board members didn't start out knowing how to run a meeting, manage a fundraiser, or organize a service project. They learned by doing. They took a chance on themselves and trusted that others around them would help them succeed.

One of the greatest strengths of our club is that no one leads alone. When you accept a role, you're surrounded by members who have done it before and are willing to share their knowledge. There is always someone to answer a question, offer advice, lend a hand, or simply encourage you when you're unsure. That's how leadership grows.

If you've ever thought about chairing a committee, serving on the board, helping lead a project, or taking on a new responsibility, consider this your encouragement to give it a try. You don't have to be an expert. You don't have to know exactly where the path will lead. You simply need to be willing to learn, grow, and step through the door when it opens. After all, I certainly didn't envision that as a temporary employee with big hair and no career plan that I would one day become a senior executive, serve on national boards, and lead organizations through challenging times.

Our club's future depends on members who are willing to raise their hand and say, "I'll help." You may be surprised where that simple act of courage takes you.

And who knows? The leader our club needs next might be you.



-Lion Marci Veronie