



LIONS BREEZES

Thurmont Lions Club

JOIN US!

MEETING INFO

Mountain Gate Restaurant

Nov 11 & 25th

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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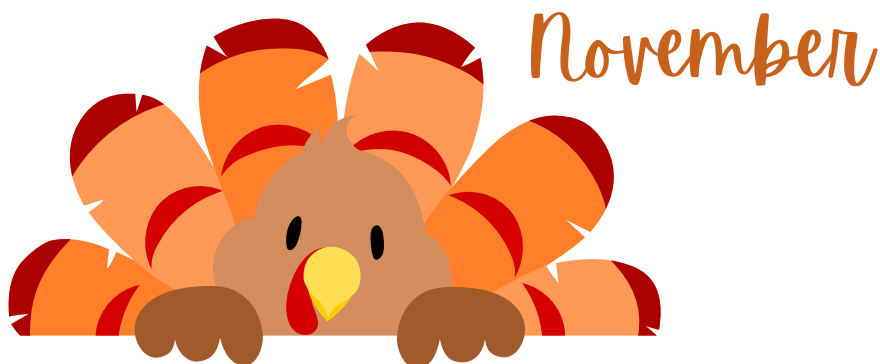
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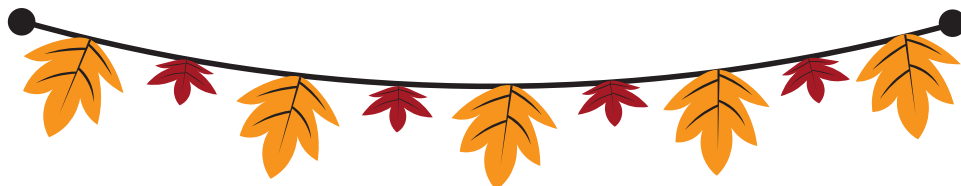
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Message from The President



Wow, can it really be November already?!

The time for Daylight Saving Time, Veterans Day, Elections, Black Friday, the start of Christmas music and holiday sales and of course Thanksgiving!

From my perspective Thanksgiving is one of my most favorite holidays of the year. Beyond the good food and fellowship with friends and family, the historical significance (which often gets lost in the other events of the day), and the inevitable association with the start of the holidays, the part of Thanksgiving that I have come to value the most is actually found in the name of the holiday itself! **Thanksgiving!!!**

Thanksgiving is the best time to take stock of everything we have to be thankful for. No matter who you are--there has to be something for which you can be thankful.

I am very thankful for what I have, and that's not even taking into consideration the physical items that I can see and touch any day of the year. More importantly, its a time to appreciate the time spent with family and friends. The laughter and good tidings expressed with those we meet and know and most importantly the boundless random acts of kindness that bring heart-warming feelings to those doing the good deeds. There are countless other intangibles associated with Thanksgiving. For example, the all too infrequent quiet moments and shared memories of past times, the relief of stress and pressure from the busy Summer and Autumn seasons and the moments of reflection and personal growth that we all experience at some point in our lives

Also **thankfully**, as a club, we start to slow down this time of the year, slow being a relative term. This is when we can catch our breath and take the opportunity to plan and coordinate our events for the Spring and Summer. If you've been listening closely, then you already know that we have a few new fundraisers in the works for next Spring and we desperately need more help to get them up and going. So as usual, *I'm asking for you to please commit some of your time to provide assistance and time to help move these "ideas" from the drawing board to the reality of implementation.* Some of these new events have literally been under discussion for years and we are finally at a point that we can start to bring them into fruition, but they will all take lots of energy and thought from lots of members.

So as we approach the season of thanksgiving, I ask you to stop and pause to give thanks for ALL of your gifts (particularly the intangible ones) and to rest, reset and get ready for a busy Winter full of planning for a busier Spring.

Congratulations Thurmont Lions for a great 97 years and good luck to all of us for a great 97 more!



Upcoming Events

Veterans Program & Service Project- November 11- *Details on page 6*

Thurmont Lions CASH 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.

Wreaths Across America Fundraiser

November 18 -4 PM

Kountry Kitchen is graciously donating a portion of their profits that night to our endeavor.

Bake Sale & Make a Difference Day

November 21- Mountaingate Restaurant

We are in need of bake sale items. Joyce Anthony coordinating 240-288-8748

Member Spotlight- Bob Meunier

November 25- Mountaingate Restaurant

Dinner 6pm; Meeting 6:30 PM

Bob has been a Lion for **60 years!** Enjoy the night before Thanksgiving learning about his life.

Christmas Cookie Contest

December 11- 6-7 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church

A \$10 entry donation is required and cash prizes for a variety of categories, including adult and children entries.

Christmas Party

December 16- Thurmont Senior Center

6:00 PM

More details to follow.



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
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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 & PDG Paul Cannada
- Ross Smith Jr. & Grace Smith
- Nancy & Paul Echard
- Bob Meunier & Pat Meunier

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.



November

17 Years

- Kim Grimm

11 Years

- Sharon Morgan

10 Years

- Sandy Duley

8 Years

- David El-Taher
- Marci Veronie



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



Gold Star Monument Dedication

What a proud day for our community!

Despite the rainy weather, the dedication ceremony for the new Gold Star Families Monument was a tremendous success, with a nice turnout of supporters, families, veterans, and community members. The monument now stands as a beautiful and lasting tribute to the sacrifices of our fallen heroes and the strength of the families they left behind.



A heartfelt thank you to all of our Thurmont Lions who helped make this day possible. As our Gold Star Mom, Julie El-Taher, shared, "The monument is a wonderful representation of our community's support of Gold Star families."



We are honored to have played a role in this meaningful project and to celebrate the unveiling of a monument that will inspire remembrance and gratitude for generations to come. 💙🌟🇺🇸



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October Service Project

Our October service project was completed during the October 14 meeting. We made "adopt me" bags for the dogs and cats at the Animal Control Pet Center on Rosemont Avenue in Frederick.

We included toys, treats, and an "Adopt Me" Bandana in each bag. Members also brought in pet food for the Emergency Pet Food Supply that the Center keeps on hand. Lion Joyce delivered the packets.



COLORFEST

Saturday was, of course, a huge day with long lines all day long. Sunday was a washout. We opened, but closed shortly thereafter since all other vendors were packing up and the town did not close the roads. We ended up with a profit of **\$4,500**.

Thanks to everyone who helped over the weekend!

November Service Project

This month, we will be doing a service project for our military (active and veterans) We will be putting together laundry kits at our November 11th meeting that will go to US Marine veterans. We will be doing 27 kits including detergent, etc. Lions are asked to bring in snacks for the active units and the veterans at Walter Reed. Snacks to include Jerky; energy bars; protein bars; granola bars; candy – but not chocolate; Mac & Cheese cups and cup of noodles; For our veterans: energy drinks; nuts; trail mix; chocolate; small cereal boxes/cups, small chip bags, gum, mints, electrolyte packets; Keurig k cups, condiments.

Our program that evening will be military-inspired so this is a nice tie-in to the program. Let's show our active units and veterans that we appreciate their sacrifices.

District 22W Governor's Social Honoring District Governor, Leon Cardiff

Members of the Thurmont Lions Club enjoyed a wonderful evening at the District 22-W Governor's Social held at Beaver Creek Country Club.

The military-aviation themed event featured a moving tribute to our nation's armed forces, with the official song of each military branch played as veterans proudly stood in recognition of their service.



Thurmont was especially proud to see our own PDG Paul Cannada, and Lion Don Keeney, Jr. rise when the Navy anthem was played.



The evening also included a talented strolling violinist, a silent auction, and fellowship with Lions from across the district. It was a memorable and meaningful celebration honoring both Lion Cardiff's leadership and the service of our veterans.



Catoctin High School Leos

The Catoctin High School Leo Club has several exciting activities underway, including participation in Santa's Workshop and plans for a creative door-decorating fundraiser.

Students will vote with change, and the winning class will choose where the money is donated.

The Leos also shared donated trees with the school's Environmental/Conservation Club and contributed **\$200** to Cuddles Cat Rescue. We are proud to see our Leos putting service, creativity and leadership into action!

Ongoing & Upcoming Initiatives

- T-shirt Sales
- Chocolate Sales
- Christmas Ornaments
- Fudge Fundraiser
- Applesauce Fundraiser
- Soup Fundraiser

Sept & Oct Eye Glass Collection

We have collected:

- **84 Glasses Cases**
- **221 Pairs of Glasses**
- **26 Pairs of Sunglasses**
- **1 Hearing Aid**



Sabillasville Environmental Leos



Serving up something sweet! Two of our Leos joined advisor PDG Nadja to sell Lions candy bars and supporting the Lions mission!



Halloween in the Park

Thank you to the Lions & others who volunteered to help make popcorn and hot chocolate to serve to families attending the festivities in the park.



Roaring into 97 Years of Lionism!

We celebrated our 97th Charter Night at the Carriage House in Emmitsburg with a fun 1920s theme.

Lions and guests stepped back in time with period outfits and music, 1920s-themed games, and a spirited round of Lions Jeopardy, complete with some great prizes!

The evening was also filled with meaningful moments. We welcomed a new member, recognized Lions celebrating membership anniversaries, and gave special recognition to **Lion Bob Munier for an incredible 60 years of service to our club.** We also paused to remember and honor the Lions we have lost.

Special guests IPP Dick Liebno and District Governor Leon Cardiff, Jr. joined us for the celebration. Dick delivered a wonderfully personal and passionate message about the Thurmont Lions Club that made the evening even more memorable. Several Lions were also presented with special awards in recognition of their service.



Just Take a Chance...

Someone is Waiting For you!

There are moments in Lions that remind us why we joined in the first place. For me, one of those moments happened this past Saturday on Make A Difference Day.

Thank you to **Susan Favorite** for coming up with the idea and coordinating all the logistics. What began as a simple service project became something much more meaningful. We delivered meals, fruit baskets, candy, and puzzles for local seniors.

While delivering meals, I had the privilege of meeting two wonderful senior citizens. They welcomed me into their homes, shared their stories, and reminded me how blessed many of us truly are.

As I drove away, I thought about how something as simple as a meal, a visit, a puzzle, and a few minutes of conversation could brighten someone's entire day.

That is why I love our Lions Club.

Not because of the meetings, fundraisers, or traditions, but because **we make a difference in people's lives**, often through the smallest acts of kindness.

To those members we haven't seen in a while, **we miss you and we need you.** Consider giving Lions another try. Come to one meeting. Volunteer for one project. Reconnect with old friends.

And to our newer members, every one of us was new once. You don't have to know everything to take on a leadership role. **Just take a chance.**

We're here to welcome you, encourage you, and serve alongside you.

Service changes communities, but it also changes us.

If you've been waiting for the right time to get involved, this is it. One meal, one visit, one conversation can mean more than you'll ever know.

Join us. Get involved. Make a difference.

Because somewhere in our community, someone is waiting for a helping hand, a friendly smile, or simply to know they haven't been forgotten.

And that is what Lions do. 🦁💙



Editor's Corner