



District 22B Lions

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'Roaring Insight' E-Newsletter

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District News

2024-2025 DG Bijoy Mahanti

Dear Fellow Lions,

Here we are in the official FALL already. I hope you enjoyed the Summer and welcoming the new season.



I just returned from attending the USA/Canada Lions and Leos Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky which was a great event. It was a time to learn, hang out with old friends and make new friends. The memories will be alive. I left with high energy and renewed focus on our mission "WE SERVE". There were great seminars (over 100) with amazing speakers. The Stride Walk was very enjoyable. There were opportunities to participate in several service activities.

USA/Canada Lions and Leos Leadership Forums are the best learning experience in Lions International and I urge you to attend one. The experience you will get is unforgettable. Please mark your calendar the next year (2025) the Forum will be held in our own back yard in Atlantic City, New Jersey from September 18-20, 2025. The Pre-Registration has already started with reduced fees. The announcements are on the Lions International website.

I am aware and recognize that every club in our District is serving its community. The challenge is to report those activities on the Portal, which I know can be a new daunting task. Nonetheless, I believe that by working together and using our own resourceful Lions, we can navigate technology and make it work for us.

At the last Cabinet meeting we shared our District goals for this year. Charter two new clubs with a net gain of 55 members, initiate and complete at least one service activity which could be partnering with another club and report in the Portal, ensure all clubs contribute to the LCIF, ensure all club officers complete training and report in the Portal. One of our major focuses is to contribute to the Lions International membership goal of 1.5 million by July 1, 2027, by growing our clubs. We will continue to emphasize this goal during our various service activities and meetings/events.

Also very important is the annual "Peace Poster Contest". Hope you have ordered your kits and connected with some schools in your area. I have a few kits if anyone needs some. This year's theme is "Peace Without Limits" and submission date is fast approaching. Please contact the District Peace Poster Chair, Michele McKay for more information.

October is "Medication Safety Awareness for the Visually Impaired" month. If you want ideas for service activities, please let me know.

Our theme for this year is **"BEING A LIGHT WE SERVE"**. As we know we came from the LIGHT. I am remembering one quote by Rumi; **"A Candle Does Not Lose None Of Its Light By Lighting Another Candle"**. We have so many opportunities on our journey together being a Candle. Being a candle is not easy either: **"In order to give light one must first burn"** said by Rumi.

Wonder what that picture of a burning candle is at the bottom of this page? I looked at the calendar October 11th is Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar and a time for atonement, repentance, and fasting. I know how solemn and important this moment is. I honor various traditions. I have long felt that

regardless of one's faith, finding occasions for self-reflection, where your own failings with honesty and clarity, is a necessary and worthy exercise. We live in a time where the divides between us are stark and seem to be growing wider and more inescapable. We are living in a moment of rancor, when anger, fear, and despair are widespread. We can see selfishness run amok; selfishness that is proving deadly not to mention climate crisis. We are also witnessing lies, and an increase in violence. Sustained reflection is required to try to change who we are. We must change our ways to thrive. I often ask myself, what any of us can do in the face of these destructive forces against progress and hope. I also recognize the problems we face require broad and sustained action.

We could start by attempting to do one small thing that makes our fellow human beings and the natural world better. Reaching out to even one person who you know may be lonely or angry, picking up a little trash in a park or wherever we walk through, acknowledging and bringing in the awareness of violence and divisiveness that exists in our communities, drug addiction, bullying just to name a few. We can choose to end a hurtful line of discourse, microaggression, and systemic ISMs (sexism, racism etc. etc.). From our small actions can come larger ones. Our momentum can build. We can join and partner with many local volunteer efforts. There are many organizations locally involved in reducing drug addiction, suicide prevention, gun violence control, cleaning and sustaining clean environment, various disease awareness and prevention. The list is endless. Let us see what we feel can be improved and then start a small movement to fix it. What is your passion and what gives you life? Recognize that we all can do so much more and have great potential. Remember we talked about Boiling water, Olympians etc. in our meeting on August 11th Cabinet meeting. We all can choose at one of the countless inflection points of our lives to opt for positive action. Bottom line, just **IMAGINE** how we can change the world by changing ourselves. Following the words of Mahatma Gandhi: **“BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD”**.

May the best for all involved occur!

Sincerely,

DG Bijoy Mahanti

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2024-2025 Roster Book Updates & Corrections!

Please click below for the updates to the 2024-2025 Roster Book

[2024-2025 Roster Book Updates](#)

2024 Peace Poster Contest

Hi Great Lions,

My name is Michele McKay, and I have been asked by DG Bijoy to facilitate, encourage, and promote the Lions Club Peace Poster program for District 22B. With schools back in session, our hope is to have an increased participation in this worthy event. This year the theme is "Peace Without Limits" – a wonderful thought, and one that might lead to some very creative posters.

Now, I am located up here in Cecil County, but my heart travels to all parts of this district and I am reaching out to club presidents and/or club secretaries to get the word out about the program. I am also willing to offer as much assistance as possible through email or phone calls (evenings or weekends are best). I have also been given approval by the art teacher at my school (who has for many years been the catalyst for entries from the Perryville Club. She does a great job of presenting the theme, refining student ideas, and making sure participants complete projects following guidelines) to share her email. She is willing to share her expertise with other art teachers or whomever your club chooses to lead your program. Her name is Donna Steck (dsteck@ccps.org).

It is important to reach out to the middle schools or other programs in your area that would work with the identified population, and would



be able to access the required materials (even if you are supplying them from your club) Here is the link to the site that explains the program if you are new to it (or need a little refresher:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>

We had 15 clubs preorder their kits through the district back in spring, and we purchased 5 additional kits – so if your club did not get one and would like one, please let me know as soon as possible. There are still kits available from LCI (only until October), but you will need to order soon because club entries need to be sent to DG Bijoy before November 14, 2024. It says in the materials, but in order for the posters to be available for judging at the November 17, 2024 Cabinet meeting - they really need to be sent sooner than November 14th , probably no later than November 11, 2024. If you have someone in your club that will be attending the cabinet meeting and will be bringing your club's entry - please let me or DG Bijoy know as soon as possible.

I hope that many of you are able to participate in this year's Peace Poster Contest. Reach out if you need anything - I will do my best to help you be successful.

Thank you.
Michele McKay
Perryville Club Secretary/District 22B Peace Poster Coordinator
443-907-7709

2024 LVRF Vision Fest Rally

Dear Lions and Friends,

We are excited to invite you to the **LVRF Vision Fest Rally on Thursday, November 23rd at Johns Hopkins Hospital**. This event is an opportunity to come together in support of the Lions Vision Research Foundation and learn more about the incredible work being done to help those with low vision lead fuller, more independent lives.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, November 23, 2024

Location: Johns Hopkins Hospital, Chevy Chase Auditorium

Address: 1800 Orleans Street, Baltimore, MD 21287

Tour Start: 9:30 AM (Low Vision Center Tours)

Program Start: 10:30 AM

Keynote Speaker: Judge David Tatel

About Judge David Tatel:

Judge David Tatel has served on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since 1994. Despite living with blindness, he has achieved remarkable success in his career, becoming an inspiration to many in the legal field and beyond. His commitment to advocacy and inclusion, particularly for individuals with disabilities, makes him a powerful voice for those with low vision. Judge Tatel's keynote address will surely be a highlight of the Vision Fest Rally, as he shares his personal experiences and perspectives on living with low vision and achieving professional success.

Important Information:

Pre-Registration Required: Please register by emailing **LVRF.Rally@gmail.com**.



Registration is free, but required for all attendees.

Security and Check-In: Bring a photo ID for hospital security.

Parking: The best parking option is the large parking garage on Orleans Street. From there, you can use the skybridge to enter the hospital and check in with security. Please note, everyone must pass through a metal detector upon entry.

A **Box Lunch** will be provided for those that register.

During the program, clubs and individuals will have the opportunity to make donations to LVRF. Your support helps provide improved treatment options, greater independence, and a brighter future for those affected by low vision.

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your ongoing commitment to this vital cause.

Warm regards,
Lion Evan Gillett
Lions Vision Research Foundation Chairperson

Do you have any news you'd like to share as a District Cabinet Chair? If so send it to me at 22blions@gmail.com no later than October 25th!

Multiple District 22 News

2025 Multiple District Convention

Save the Date for the 2025 Multiple District Convention

It is not too early to plan to attend the 2025 Multiple District Convention being held in **McHenry, Maryland at the Wisp Resort, May 1 – May 4.** You may call the central

reservations desk at 855-656-4632 and ask for group booking ID 7325.

The convention begins with a shotgun start golf tournament at Lodestone at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 1. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the first general business session begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 2. Exhibit booths will also be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 2. The first session of seminars will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. on May 2 followed by an open discussion with our International guest. The day ends with the Multiple District social and banquet.



Saturday begins with a PDG breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Lions Memorial Service at 8:45 a.m. The morning continues with seminars, registration, exhibits and district luncheons. The first district business sessions will be held on Saturday afternoon. The day ends with a chicken BBQ dinner at the Garrett County Fairgrounds Ag Center.

Sunday includes registration, the second general business session and district meetings and elections. The convention ends with the Victory lunch. A mini golf tournament is also planned.

22D Governor's Ball

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The International Association of Lions Clubs
DISTRICT 22-D - 2024-2025
JOAN BESTPITCH
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
"Rise to the Challenge!"

District 22-D Governor's Ball
December 7, 2024
Reservation Form
Deadline for reservation is November 16, 2024

Name of Attendee	Special Diet or Dietary Needs (Restrictions Etc.)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____

For Additional Names, use other side.
Total Number of Tickets: _____ Meals @ \$55 per Meal _____

Make Checks Payable to: District 22-D Governor's Ball
Club Name: _____
Your Name: _____
Your Telephone #: _____
Your E-Mail Address: _____

Tickets will not be mailed, will be available at the door.

Send Completed Form & Check to:
Lisa Carol Galle (302) 632-8036
793 Prospect Church Rd
Harrington DE 19962
Reminder: There is a \$10 extra fee if you RSVP after the deadline of November 16th.

From PCC Charles Taylor in 22D:

Please distribute to your club secretaries and presidents. The reservation form for the 2024 22D Governor's Ball was inadvertently left out from the invitations mailed out. Please let me know if you have any questions. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Reservation Form

Zone & Region News

Do you have any news you'd like to share as a Zone/Region chair? If so send it to me at 22bliions@gmail.com no later than October 25th!

Club News

Do you have any news you'd like to share as a club? If so send it to me at 22bliions@gmail.com no later than October 25th!



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