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Newsletter Reminder

Melanie Donophan, Salisbury Heritage Secretary

Friendly reminder, the deadline for all news articles, pictures and flyers is the 10th of each month. Send all submissions to Lion Melanie Donophan, Salisbury Heritage .

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SNOW HILL LIONS BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

DRIVE THRU ONLY EVENT

SATURDAY

JULY 18th 2020

11 AM - 1 PM

\$10.00 PER MEAL

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE TO SNOW HILL LIONS CLUB

This is a pre-sale event held at the
LIONS COMMUNITY CENTER

5458 E Market St, Snow Hill, MD

MUST HAVE TICKET - NO TICKETS AVAILABLE DAY OF EVENT

FOR TICKETS

CALL 410-632-9860 OR ASK A LION





DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE
AND SERVE

Congratulations to District Governor Elect Wayne Benjamin and to First Vice District Governor Elect Mary Alice Carroll. On 1 July 2020, we will be putting the reins of District 22-B into good hands. I look forward to the next year and know that all of us will help our new officers to succeed and make District 22-B even better. Please read their acceptance speeches later in this newsletter.

Our Lions year suffered a serious slowdown in March with the onset of the coronavirus and the closing of many of our activities. Planned service projects and fundraisers had to be postponed or cancelled. Some of our charitable giving needed to be curtailed due to lack of funds. However, I am very proud of the ways the Lions of District 22-B found to be of service to those in need. This included making facemasks and face shields, shopping for shut-ins and elderly, staying in touch with neighbors and friends, and even in staying at home unless we really needed to get out. Of particular note is the food distribution operating out of Salisbury, covering 6 counties, and involving several Lions clubs. Please see the article about this project in this newsletter. As Lions we can continue to serve in this time of great need.

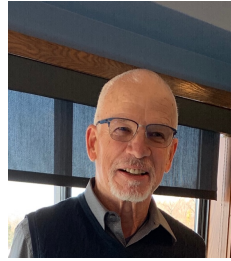
One thing that has been hindered during this crisis is the recruiting of new members and to date we are down 24 Lions in the District. However, several clubs have prospects waiting the in wings. Note that it is not necessary for a new member to attend a meeting before being voted on, but rather that the Board of Directors be satisfied that the prospect would be a good Lion. This could be accomplished by reputation or perhaps via a virtual on-line meeting. Let's get these new Lions signed up and ready to go as we get back to more normal times.

As an incentive, the District 22-B Cabinet has voted to pay the \$35.00 new member fee until the end of the year. As we add to the membership of our clubs, simply send a notice to Cabinet Treasurer Dal Mann for reimbursement. We had a goal at the beginning of the year for positive growth, and that goal is still within reach.

Stay tuned in for news of our Banner Transfer and Awards meeting, and training plans for new club officers and zone chairs. It would be great to do these in person, but they may indeed be virtual. In the meantime, continue to serve, stay safe, and stay healthy. DG John



Acceptance Speech District Governor Wayne D. Benjamin



Let me first thank Lion Glenn Owens and CT Dal Mann for nominating me for the position of DG of 22B for the year 2020/21. They are both most dedicated Lions Club members and I am honored and humbled to have them nominate me.

I do not have the experience of IPDG Wayne Cole or DG John Lawrence but I do have the passion to do an admirable job. My major emphasis this year will be to reverse the last forty years of Lion's declining membership in North America. In the last forty years because of decreased recruitment coupled with an increased yearly loss in membership we have gone from 635,000 members in USA and Canada down to 330,000 members? This is the year that LCI and 22B is going to reverse that trend! With the guidance of LCI's NAMI (North America Membership Initiative) this district is going to grow as an example to districts throughout North America. My NAMI Champion and I will work closely with all clubs to strengthen the product they give to their members. We want our clubs to be more relevant both in the service projects they provide, the organizations to which they give their money, as well as the fellowship they offer to their members. We will work particularly close with our Membership and Service Chairpersons to do exactly this. Lions will be asked to invite potential new members to service projects, fund raisers and meetings. I am encouraging 'new member meetings nights' in every club on a quarterly basis. We are all responsible for the declining membership numbers. We can all reverse the numbers but it will take a universal effort on everyone's part. Each Lion should set as his/her goal one new member for the year! We have 365 days to find at least one new member. Certainly this is not an unreasonable request. I will make visitations and we will talk about 'Just Ask', 'BluePrint for a Stronger Club' and 'Club Quality Initiative'. I encourage club presidents and vice presidents to review 'Your club, Your Way' and 'How are Your Ratings?' Having gotten new members, our membership committee will be sure to get the Lion involved in Lionism whether it be a service project or a fundraiser. We will end the 'swinging door' of getting new Lions but losing them soon after, due to disappointment in the product. Within a month's time all new members will have an orientation program either provided by their club or zone or district. Do not fret. If your club becomes too large, you will have the opportunity to divide your club into two or form a branch or specialty club! It can be done. I need you to commit to it. More hands allow us as Lions to provide greater service to our community and more funds to the needy. This is the challenge if Lions are going to remain the global leader in humanitarian service. Service is the end result. We need more members to get us there.



This is not in any way to lessen the importance of other cabinet or committee leaders. I will still look to you to provide the guidance in developing stronger clubs in your zone and fulfilling the committee roles which you are now leading. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to have a most successful year.

This looks to be a very different year. It is too early to give out definite plans for visitations and the like for this year. Whatever the case, however, this is the year to grow our district. I look forward to being the person who begins that process. I am proud to be elected DG because it represents a leader in the world's largest service organization. I am humbled because the opportunities to make a difference will not be easy. I am also enthused because we can make a difference if we all work together.



*Acceptance Speech
First Vice District Governor
Mary Alice Carroll*



To all of the Lions of MD 22 B.

I want to thank all of you for your vote of confidence in my ability to fill this position.

This year of 2020 all clubs have been challenged to full fill our motto “We Serve”

From the reports I have received many clubs are finding new ways to serve and as always “Lions are Roaring”

We also have had to learn to communicate through tele conferences and Zoom meetings. Of course, we would much rather be sitting down together but this is hopefully in the near future. I would like to mention that not all of our Lions have the availability of the internet so we have to keep communications alive with phone calls.

I know that membership is always a major topic for all clubs so again any means of communication is paramount.

I look forward to the 2020-2021 year. I know that working with our DGE Wayne Benjamin and the other members of the 22B Cabinet will be an informative and exciting year.

Thank you again, FVDGE Mary Alice Carroll



2027 International Convention

May 8, 2020

Dear Lions, Leo's and Lioness of District 22B:

On behalf of my Council of Governors, I am pleased to share with you great news for our organization of Lions; we now have the opportunity to host the 2027 International Convention in Washington, DC.

Going back to the start of my year, our Council met with the MD 22 International family for the purpose of discussing the opportunity for MD 22 to host a future International Convention. Our discussion consisted of understanding the role we would undertake throughout the convention—in both planning and actual event period—and support for all three components that make up the international convention:

1. International Board of Directors Meeting
2. District Governors-Elect (DGE) Seminar
3. International Convention

Our conclusion was to move forward with approval to the LCI Convention Division to send a Request for Proposal (RFP) to Destination DC, the official convention and visitor's bureau for Washington, DC. In addition, members of the International family and a PCC would interact with Destination DC during Phase I bidding.

In January, Destination DC coordinated a site inspection for the International Convention and invited LCI Board Member and Lions International Convention Division Staff to partake in tours and meetings with key elements including convention center, hotels, attractions/venues, and the parade route.

Shortly after the DC site inspection, LCI Convention staff qualified the DC bid, and presented it along with two other bidding cities to the International Board of Directors for review and approval by way of a virtual board meeting.

I am happy to tell you the great news that our Multiple District was selected to host the 2027 International Convention. This is a first for Washington, DC to share its city with Lions of the world.

I would be remiss if I did not ask for your help in the future to support the numerous committees, activities, and volunteer efforts within a planned schedule. With your help, we will show off our local Lions' hospitality to the many Lion member cultures.

With kind regards,



DG John A. Lawrence



| COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS | INTERATIONAL FAMILY/PCC | LIONS INTERANIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE/DIVISION | DESTINATION DC |
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NEW MEMBER SPECIAL INITIATION FEE PAID



The District 22-B Cabinet has voted to pay all initiation fees until 30 June 2020. This is a savings of \$35.00 for each new Lion. If you have a prospective member who is ready to join, now is the time. It is not necessary for a new member to attend a meeting. If he is known in the community or introduced through virtual media, the Board of Directors may vote to accept the new Lion. Now it the time to reach out and take advantage of this offer. We can Strengthen the Pride now as we continue to serve in the time of need.





SDHS Jr ROTC Donation
OC Lions Club presented a check to the Stephen Decatur High School Junior ROTC program. Pictured here (L - R) are Cadet Cardamone, Cadet Herd, and Lt. Commander Robert Stewart.



Diabetes Camp Donation
Ocean City Lions President John Topfer presents a donation to Katie Rimel and Eric Rimel for Camp Possibilities. This camp helps youth with diabetes.



BIS Peer Mediation Program Donation
Ocean City Lions Club President John Topfer gives a donation to Michelle Bankert from Berlin Intermediate School for their Peer Mediation program.





Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

I want to thank the individuals and clubs that have donated to LCIF. Last year we had only 70% of the clubs making donations to LCIF, the District would like to have 100% participation this year. So far this year we have 69% of the clubs that have made donations to LCIF, a little behind in participation and donations from last year. So, let's make up for it in the last quarter of the Lions year. If individuals of a club make donations, it can go toward an MJF or PMJF for them and their club gets credit. Some clubs have enough money donated to LCIF to qualify to name someone as a Melvin Jones Fellow or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, please contact me if your club would like to know if your club qualifies. "Campaign 100" is in full swing and LCIF is requesting if your club chooses not be a model club then have your Club donate \$100.00 per member yearly for next 2-1/4 years. This donation can be through fundraisers, businesses, family members, friends or personal. Remember all donations can go towards a Melvin Jones Fellow for someone in your club, community or yourself. If you should have any questions about LCIF and Campaign 100, please contact either one of us: LCIF District Coordinators: Lion Frankie csbennett@comcast.net or 410-829-7493 or PDG Wayne Cole waynecole66@hotmail.com or 443-786-3943.

NOTE:

LCIF has approved 69 grants for \$3,559,090 for the full realm of our global service projects including our first grants for Hunger and Childhood Cancer. (This does not include the 218 COVID-19 LCIF Emergency Grants that total \$3.5M) That means we have spent over \$7M to fund grants, in the last two months. We need to replenish this money. **Remember donations are being accepted through LCIF's General Disaster Fund.**



Rescheduled

Due to cancellation of the Multiple District 22 Convention, the Annual Meeting of the LOVRNET Foundation has been scheduled for Monday, June 22nd at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Members of the Foundation are described in the current By-Laws as "individuals interested in, knowledgeable, and supportive of the Foundation's objectives". I'm therefore requesting that you direct this email be forwarded to the clubs of your District so that all members are apprised of the meeting.

Business to be conducted during the meeting will address:

Election of Directors

Vote on Amendments to the By-Laws

Discussion of the need to review and evaluate such segments of the program as

- Expanded reach to low vision patients
- Relations with clinical partners
- Program sustainability
- Volunteer support

Members desiring to attend the meeting should email director@lovrnet.org to receive the link for Zoom and request additional information if desired. Please respond no later than Friday, June 19th.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to call or reply to this email. I look forward to Zooming with Lions anxiously awaiting the opportunity to put the pandemic behind us and return to fulfill our Lions motto - We Serve!

Lion Jim Miller

Chairman

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Check out the websites below for important messages from LCIF and PID Jerome Thompson

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