



District 22B Lions

Serving Maryland's Eastern Shore and Beyond!

'Roaring Insight' E-Newsletter

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District Governor Message

2024-2025 DG Bijoy Mahanti



Hello Beautiful Souls,

Our District Social is over. Our Guest of Honor ID Judge Anthony Paradiso graciously spent the weekend with us attending various activities and was inspiring. PDG Carol Schoonover's District Social team consisting of PDG Vic Lowe, IPDG Kathy Crockett, FVDG Beth Whitelock, CS Donna

Shelton, Lions Shelly Holland, Melanie Donophan, Crystal Sipes, Donna DiGiacomo, Sharon Brannock and others assisting them did an awesome job making the event memorable for everyone. All of you 182 some who came to share your *"Being the Light"* energy at the Social lifted me up. It made me reinforce how much being engaged with others, communicating with

others, being in a community with others is so uplifting.

We just had two superb Leader Dogs for the blind programs in Salisbury and Greensboro. We raised \$16,493.00. We appreciate all your generosity and support. Special thanks to Lion Shelly Holland and her team coordinating the events.

It is almost April now. I am reflective of the quote, "*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is then not an act but a habit.*" We discuss being a Lion and our functions



during our time together during the visits. This quote aligns with the criteria for the Club Excellence Award, the recognition of the work that happens when clubs embrace their potential to serve (our motto), grow (membership). and lead (leadership). How far away is your club to achieve club excellence?

Service Impact: Main purpose of being a Lion. Starting a new service project or doing a project in a different manner aligns with our mission. Please celebrate and report on your service activities, no project is complete until it is reported.

M e m b e r s h i p Growth: Excellence begins with growth. Membership is the foundation of everything we do; every new Lion brings fresh ideas and hands to serve. It is every Lion's priority to invite someone new to experience the joy of service in our Lions family. How well are we growing or sustaining members?

Leadership: Strong clubs are led by trained, capable officers and operate with accountability and transparency and develop leaders. Reporting your club officers, ensuring your club is in good standing, and encouraging member participation in training are critical components of excellence. Together, we can strengthen leadership across the district.

LCIF Support: Our financial commitment to our foundation Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is a commitment to our global causes of service. Our club and individual contributions support our service activities. Donations also support our communities through District and Community Impact Grants. Any amount impacts on changing someone's life stories.

It is our hope that many more clubs will qualify for Club Excellence or other awards as described in the Roster Book.

Please reflect on whether we are starting a new project, growing our membership, improving our leadership, and contributing to

our LCIF.

I wholeheartedly appreciate you for all that you do Being A Light moving our District forward. The district strives because of your dedication and commitment.

We are at a pivotal moment in our country now. How the environment has changed during the last two months and changing day by day. The choices we make today will determine whether we move forward toward the future we envision for us to continue our growth as Being a Human or stay stuck.

Being a Human is totally different than Human Doing. Being a Human is, remembrance of where we came from, love, serving others and Being a Light. I recollect a phrase, "*Not everything that is faced can be changed but nothing can be changed until it is faced.*" We are facing circumstances never dreamt of in human growth process, seems like Nation has lost its heart and soul. It is a type of evolution process for us. It is not happening to us; it is happening for us. The darkest moment is the seed of transformation. Everything happens for a reason.

Can we accept, recognize the reality and see the truth? When we resist the truth, we suffer. Hidden lessons are there for us. Everything is impermanence. Nothing remains the same. What can we learn for the highest good? We have so many opportunities to serve for highest and common good. Growth is challenging and there is no comfort. We must swim against the current. The obstacle is the path. Are we up to this challenge? Being a Light, serve, love, and remember.

I recall a little story; one disciple asked his master; how do we transform ourselves. The Master after a pause replied, go outside and observe a fruit tree; the beautiful blossom disappears as the fruit grows. Similarly, we must let go of many things we identify with as we transform ourselves. What a beautiful observation and lesson! This whole universe is an awesome school we are blessed with; what can we learn every day. The teachings are all around all the time, are the students ready to learn.

What a wonderful season now to reflect now, flowers blossoming, just observed the one of the equinoxes, patron Saint Patrick's birthday. So many holidays in April. Easter, Resurrection and many others. So many lessons are hidden. The choice is ours.

I wish you and your family a Joyous Holiday Season and spring and be safe and healthy.

May we keep shining our light, and keep our hearts open in the

days to come.

With Much Love and Gratitude

DG Bijoy Mahanti

District News

2024-2025 Roster Book Updates & Corrections!



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

Updated as of 01/22/25

[2024-2025 Roster Book Updates](#)

2024-2025 District Calendar

Please click below to access the District Calendar with all Visitations, Meetings and District Functions.

Updated as of 01/01/25



Please contact CS Donna Shelton with any questions, corrections or additions

2024-2025 District Calendar



2025 Leader Dog

Dear Lions,

Thank you for your unwavering support for the Leader Dog Program. The events in Salisbury and Greensboro were truly exceptional.

BJ and his Leader Dog, Jackson 5, delivered an inspiring presentation. BJ shared his journey of striving to be "normal" and posed the thought-provoking question—what does normal really mean? Through the support of the Lions, Lionism, and Leader Dog, he discovered his own sense of normalcy and became the person he was meant to be for his family and community.

Together, we raised an incredible **\$16,493!**

Fantastic Job!

With Gratitude,

Lion Shelly



MD-22 2025 District Convention

Introducing online registration for the 2025 Multiple District Convention!

Attention Lions, register for the 2025 convention online using the following: <https://e-district.org/sites/md22/page-12.php>.

In addition to registering for the convention, you can order meals, sign up for the golf tournament, place an ad in the convention program and register as a vendor through the website.

Past District Governors can also sign up for the PDG breakfast online!

Payments can be made by credit card online or by mailing a check to:

Convention Treasurer, Wayne Cole
2640 Meadowbrook Road, Federalsburg, MD 21632

Sincerely,

Lion PDG Susan Bonura, Chair
MD 22 Convention Committee
Service from the Heart

Lions Club International



Lions Clubs International

Dear Loving Souls,

I hope this finds you in good health and high spirits. As members of the Lions Club, we have always been committed to serving our communities and those in need, no matter what the challenge. This is where our Foundation Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) steps in. LCIF has a long history of providing critical support through various grants for our service activities, and to disaster-stricken areas.



Our Foundation also supports long-term rebuilding efforts, ensuring that entire communities can restore what they have lost and regain some sorts of normalcy. You have been very supportive of LCIF with your kind donation during the last disasters, Hurricanes Helene and Milton, wildfires, flood etc.

Every dollar we donate goes directly toward helping those in need whether providing service support or toward helping those affected by tragedies, providing hope where it is needed most. There was a 7.7 Magnitude Earthquake stricken in Myanmar and Thailand today, picture below. Our Foundation is there.

As Lions, we are united by a shared belief in service, compassion, and the power of collective action. At the heart of our commitment to creating a better world is our unwavering faith in Lions Clubs International Foundation. We know firsthand how LCIF empowers us to turn our shared vision into impactful action. Every one of us believes in the work LCIF does, because we experience it.



Over the years LCIF has provided more than ***\$161,000 in grants to our district***, funding initiatives that protect our environment, serving vulnerable populations, and strengthening the places we call home. That does not include more than ***\$1.8 million our other four districts has received***. How can we remise our Multiple District 22

Lions Vision Research Foundation at the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute. We have received grants in Millions to support eye research, education and providing care and rehabilitation to the vulnerable.

Now, I am calling and making a plea to 100% of our kind soul Lions in our district to show that belief in action. Every single gift-no matter how small-enforce our dedication to protecting the planet and sustaining the incredible work LCIF makes possible.

Here is how modest contributions can make a big difference:

- **\$5** could help plant a tree to restore a fragile ecosystem
- **\$10** could contribute to removing plastic pollution from waterways
- **\$25** could support sustainability projects in communities worldwide

The amount is not what matters most-it is the participation. When every Lion steps forward we send a powerful message: together we believe in LCIF, in one another, and in the future, we are building as Lions.

This amount is pocket change to many who are sports fans who contribute to the coiffeur of the owners of Baltimore Ravens, Orioles (being at the match), game pool, saving money from Starbucks and many others. They won't miss our contributions. But that little amount will impact on someone's changing life story. There are other ways to give as a Major Donor, Legacy etc.; I can explain whoever is interested.

Let us demonstrate our belief and achieve 100% participation during this special Holidays month of April. We have great opportunities: here, as we have **45 Clubs and 28 have participated so far, and 19 members have participated out of 1266.** We can certainly improve these numbers. Together, we can show the world the incredible power of Lions united in purpose and action.

You can make your donation directly to LCIF by clicking here:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

Or send a **check made out to LCIF** directly to me and I will make sure you/Club are personally credited for your donation. If you would like to know about various levels of Club Recognition, please let me know.

Please take a moment to be inspired by what your contribution can do: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNdwolGpTXg>

With much gratitude and love to you all for your generosity and service to our cause!

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

Click below for the latest convention newsletter:

[April 2025 Convention Newsletter](#)



PROPOSED CHANGES TO LVRFB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AT CONVENTION

**PLEASE SEE THE BELOW MESSAGE FROM LEON D.
CARDIFF JR., CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHAIR:**

**Attached are the proposed changes to the LVRFB Constitution and
By-Laws that will be voted on at the Multiple
District Convention May 4th.**

**Ballots with the Resolution will be provided to each district on
Sunday May 4th for the district's business meeting & voting.**

Each district that has two (2) LVRFB Trustees in attendance or volunteers
will collect these ballots and be taken to the counting area where two
LVRFB Trustees will perform a tally of the four proposed changes.

[PROPOSED CHANGES to LVRFB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS](#)

Any Questions Contact:

Leon D. Cardiff Jr.

LVRFB Trustee

Constitution and By-Laws Chair

(SVDG 22W)

llldgomlp26@gmail.com (NOTE: 3 Lowercase L's)

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 April 25th!

Club News

Easton Lions 85th Year Celebration

Celebration and Membership Drive

SATURDAY MAY 10, 2025

Music by the Mid-Shore Community
Band

[Click Here for the Flyer](#)



The flyer features three logos at the top: the Lions International logo, a large '85' with 'YEARS' inside, and the Mid-Shore Community Band logo. The text on the flyer reads: 'Easton Lions Club 85th Year Celebration and Membership Drive', 'Music will be Provided by the Mid-Shore Community Band', 'Saturday, May 10th, 7 - 8 pm', 'Easton Elks Lodge #1622 502 Dutchmans Lane', and 'Come help us Celebrate!'.

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and Membership Drive

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