

District 22A News and Views 2015—2016



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Ready or not, a new Lions year has started. I completed the final phase of my training for District Governor by attending the three day DGE seminar prior to the start of the 98th annual International Convention. The Convention itself provided ample opportunity to take in informative seminars, enjoy luaus with Hawaiian cuisine, and socialize with Lions from around the world. I've recovered from the jet lag and have returned my focus to our District, 22-A.

Unfortunately, the year is starting by having to report some difficult news. Over the course of the past month, we have had four clubs - East Arundel, Columbia, Oak Crest Village, and MD Cycling for Sight- cease operations and turn in their charters. The good news is Columbia has formally merged with Ellicott City and many of their club members transferred to other clubs. Similarly, some of the Lions from the other cancelled clubs have also transferred to area clubs to continue their Lions service.

This loss of clubs highlights the membership issues we are experiencing in the District and across other Districts in MD22. My basic strategy for addressing membership is to return to what sets Lions apart from other non-profit organizations, namely service. Service is our product and the good that we do is what appeals to others to join us. I feel that we are in a vicious circle where as clubs get smaller or older, they find it difficult to stay active in performing service. The loss of service reduces the visibility of Lions within the community and the public loses awareness of the benefit we provide to our communities.

While I will serve as principal cheerleader to prompt increased service by Lions throughout the District, I will be active in that promotion. In addition to all my formal visitations to clubs, I plan on visiting each club a second time to participate with clubs in performing a service activity. VDG Chuck has made a similar pledge. For smaller clubs who have struggled to have a critical mass to take on a service activity, you have two additional partners in service. My visitation schedule has been set and I've already worked with Lions from South Anne Arundel and Bel Air, so don't delay in scheduling my participation with a club service activity. Contact Cabinet Secretary Pam to lock in a date on my calendar.

I am also promoting that each club consider doing a Community Needs Assessment (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/mk9.pdf>) to gather input from members of the community to help shape the focus of service efforts within their community. This approach was laid out at the club officer training and will be reinforced when I make my visitations. Zone chairs will be knowledgeable of the process and can be a resource to clubs to take on the assessment.

Speaking of service, I ask that clubs consider assisting with the vision and hearing screening at the MD State Fair. If your club can't gather up the needed 4-5 people to take a shift but are interested in participating and are available Sep 4, contact me as I'll be serving that day with other Lions from my club and the District.

Finally, I want to extend my thanks for the trust you have placed in me to serve as your District Governor. This is not a responsibility I take lightly. I am fortunate to have a very capable and equally dedicated Cabinet and know that we are all committed to serving you, to help you serve your community.

Larry





IN THE WINGS:

1st Vice District Governor Chuck Egender

I recently returned from the International Convention in Honolulu. I was accompanied by my wife, Lion Pat. We had a wonderful time.

We met people from many countries and were witness to the enthusiasm many of them have for Lionism.

I joined our MD22 contingent and walked in the parade down Kalakaua Avenue (the main street) in Waikiki. It was WARM.

Our new International President has quite a history in Lions. Go to the LCI web site to read his story and see about his theme for the coming year – Dignity, Harmony, Humanity.

The keynote speaker was Lion Tim Shriver, chairman of Special Olympics. He is a dynamic person, and LCI signed a partnership with Special Olympics.

So, now it is time for us to return from our “vacations” and continue our good works as Lions.

Don't forget – please invite me to help you with a service project, even in the middle of the week. I can't guarantee that I can get to all of them, but I will try so that you will have an extra pair of hands to help out.

I look forward to visiting each of your clubs this year. Now that DG Larry has his visits pretty much all scheduled, I will send out emails to each club with a proposed time for me to visit.

**District22-A Full Cabinet Meeting
31 August 2015**

MD School for the Blind (Taylor Avenue)
Under the Lions Pavilion

Dinner is served at 6:30 pm but come early to socialize.

Cost is \$13 – club head counts to your zone chair by Aug 16

Meal consists of a dinner tray of fried chicken, macaroni & potato salads, roll, and cookies or brownie for desert.

District Governor's schedule and events for September and October of this year.

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1 Joppatowne
- 2 Ellicott City Columbia
- 3 Glenwood
- 8 Aberdeen Lioness
- 12 Lions Youth Foundation Meeting
- 15 Severn Park Club Picnic
- 16 Parkville-Carney
- 16 West Arundel
- 17 Annapolis
- 21 Jarrettsville
- 22 Churchville
- 23 Havre de Grace
- 24 Darlington Dinner Meeting
- 25 LASH Board Meeting
- 26 LVRF Meeting
- 28 Fallston
- 29 Region I Meeting

OCTOBER 2015

- 2 LASH Board Meeting
- 3 Darlington Applefest & 22W Social
- 4 Council of Governors Meeting
- 6 Bel Air
- 7 Reisterstown
- 8 Glen Burnie
- 10 Eye Glass Sorting
- 13 Aberdeen
- 15 Perry Hall-Kingsville
- 19 Linthicum
- 21 Region II Meeting
- 22 Darlington Club Shrimp Feast
- 26 Edgewood
- 27 Baltimore Forty West
- 28 Baltimore Brooklyn



Information sharing across the District

Lions of 22-A, I am committed to timely publication and dissemination of information. From my training at the DGE seminar, I'd like to start putting out a blog so info is more timely, but at this point I'm still researching the details (with lots of help from CS Pam) and am unsure when (or if) I'll be able to roll this out. If you have some experience or expertise with establishing, I'd love to talk to you.

In the meantime, below is the listing of the points of contact for receipt of information. In addition, I am looking to manage the size of the monthly News & Views. While it is now distributed electronically, there are still a number of Lions without email who rely on printed copies from their club Secretary. Therefore, I have asked the N&V editors to restrict individual club articles to a single picture and have encouraged them to truly edit submitted articles to convey information of interest to the District membership in a succinct manner.

News & Views editor liaison for clubs is Jim Katzaman (jimkatzaman@gmail.com). Club articles are due to him by the 20th of the month. Please plan accordingly.

Lion Jim will be joined by Kirk Wimer who will be responsible for gathering info from the District Cabinet and committee chairs on upcoming events and overseeing the layout of the entire document.

Cabinet Secretary Pam will serve as the POC for e-News. With the publication of the N&V at the beginning of each month, we will look to put out the e-News the middle of each month. This is the platform for communicating upcoming club fundraiser events. CS Pam is also the POC for information that is time sensitive such as funeral notices. Please copy DG Larry and VDG Chuck to ensure multiple folks are aware of the information so that a special notice can be disseminated promptly.

Send Bulletin/Newsletter to the District Governor, Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretary, Administrative Assistant, your Zone Chair, Public Relations and Information Technology Chair.

Cabinet officers have access to all membership and activity reports submitted to LCI on-line, so there is no longer a requirement to send those reports to the officers.

Reconfigured District 22-A

Region I

Zone 1 (Doug MacLeay)

Annapolis
Severn River
South Anne Arundel
West Arundel

Zone 2 (Don Holler)

Baltimore 40 West
Catonsville
Clarksville
Ellicott City
Glenwood
Reistertown

Zone 3 (Dennis Scarborough)

Baltimore Brooklyn
Glen Burnie
Linthicum
Johns Hopkins

Region II

Zone 1 (Mark Wilson)

Aberdeen
Aberdeen Lioness
Bel Air
Churchville
Darlington
Havre de Grace

Zone 2 (Doug Eck)

Edgewood
Fallston
Jarrettsville
Joppatowne
Long Green Valley

Zone 3 (Marie Marucci)

Cockeysville-Timonium
Eastern Regional
Overlea
Parkville-Carney
Perry Hall-Kingsville



Second Vice District Governor

As many of you are aware, we had no candidate for 2VDG at the MD22 Convention and thus the position currently stands vacate. We will be addressing the process for filling that vacancy at the full cabinet meeting on 31 August. Below are the eligibility requirements for serving as a VDG as specified in the District Constitution & By-laws.

b. A candidate for the office of 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor shall:

- (1) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (3) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as 1st or 2nd VDG,
 - (a) As President of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a
 - (b) Member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
 - (c) As zone chairman or region chairman or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - (d) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

District 22A Club News and Activities 2015–2016

Aberdeen Lions

Twelve Lions and one guest participated in the Spring Quarterly Cleanup of Maxa Road. This effort was spearheaded by Lion Mark Schlottman, far right.



Aberdeen Lions Celebrate 83 Years of Service to the Community



Annapolis Lions

Annapolis Lions Club for this Lion Year donated to the following charities:

Maryland Therapeutic Riding

Leader Dogs

Medical Eye Bank

LVERF

Lions Youth Foundation

Lions Quest

Annapolis Fire Dept

Annapolis Police Dept

LASH

Wounded Warrior Project

Lions Camp Merrick, we sponsored a child from Annapolis Middle School age 13 with a diabetes problem who will be attending the camp in early July.

Carol Kellner



Bel Air Lions

Our President, KL Pat Hogan who is presenting Melvin Jones Fellows to Lion Bill Smith.



Brooklyn Lions



Baltimore Brooklyn Lions Club Installation of Officers for Year 2015 – 2016
 Dennis Scarborough, Treasurer; District Governor Doug DeWitt; Steve Booth, Director;
 Jim Kimble, Lion Tamer/Tail Twister; Lisa Rosser, 1st Vice President; Barbara Drummonds –
 Gordon, President and Pat Pettway, Secretary. District Governor Doug DeWitt performed
 the installation ceremony.

PIP Lion Clem Kusiak to Serve as Trustee for Lions Clubs International Foundation

Joe Preston, PIP and Chair of LCIF, has asked Past International President Lion Clem Kusiak to serve as a Trustee for Lions Clubs International Foundation for the year 2015-2016. Lion Clem accepted and will again be actively involved in the Lions Foundation. LCIF Chair Joe Preston praised PIP Clem as “an experienced Lion who is very passionate and knowledgeable about LCIF and will no doubt contribute greatly to our success as we near the Lions 100th year and 50th LCIF year.”



Cockeysville-Timonium Lions

Our three day Mother's Day Flower Sale at the Ridgley Shopping Center in Lutherville netted \$800 for the club's service projects. Participating were PDG Lion John Andrews, King Lion Donna Yawman, Lions Bob Buhner, Ed Fishel, Ken La Macchia, Rosemary LaMacchia, Pat Jaramillo, Ira Rigger, Jim Gannon, Ted Thilly & Ted's wife Lynda.

Lions Ed Fishel, John Andrews, Ted Thilly, Pat Jaramillo & Jim Gannon decorated the Cockeysville-Timonium Lions Club float for the 4th of July parades in Lion Ed's garage. Lion John drove his truck pulling our float with Lion Pat riding shotgun in the Hereford parade on June 28 in the Towson parade on July 4th. The Hereford parade went off without incident but those in the Towson parade endured a downpour.



Darlington Lions

Darlington had its largest fundraising year in history. Next year looks just as promising with increased revenue from the monthly bingo. The Loan Closet also has a fresh coat of paint to make it more attractive.

With its turnover dinner the club will have its first District Governor, Larry Burton, who is now the chief administrative officer of the district. Among other things, he oversees the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team at the district level; presides over cabinet, convention and other district meetings and visits every club in the district. In District 22-A that means visiting 34 clubs ranging from South Anne Arundel in the South to Glenwood in Howard County to the West. It will be a very busy time for Larry and Pam.

.Do not forget the Chicken BBQ held at the Darlington Volunteer Fire Co. on Aug 22nd from 3 to 7 – carry-out or eat-in.

Eastern Region Lions

Lions are inducted :

New officers at Eastern Regional Lions Club assumed their positions with Lion Marie Marucci officiating. At Essex Day Sept. 27, come out, wear your Lions' gear and see the Eastern Regional club's booth. They will have a surprise guest. In August, be on the lookout for the club's website link where you can look up what members we are doing this Lion year.



From left are Lion Marie Marucci, Eastern Regional King Lion William Feuer, Vice President Gale Fry, Treasurer Paul Rufe and Secretary Vicki Hupfeld, Not pictured: Membership Chairperson Nancy Ruff.

Forty West Lions

Forty West Lions Club manned the liquid refreshment tent July 24 at the Catonsville Frederick Road Friday's Celebration. This event is held every Friday evening during the summer to let the community come together to enjoy the summer weather, musical performances, good food, drink and fun. Sixteen members of Forty West served hundreds of beverages to over 2,000 area residents from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Music was supplied by the Richard Walton Group, and several community businesses provided booths with food, information and face painting.





Glenwood Lions

Glenwood Lions Donate \$1,000 to LCIF for Nepal earthquake relief

Lion and PDG John Cullison from Glenwood Lions Club presented a \$1,000 check to LCIF at the 2015 International Convention at Honolulu to be used for earthquake recovery efforts in Kathmandu, Nepal. The check was designated to LCIF with a note to provide a Melvin Jones award to a member of the Kathmandu Gliese Lions Club of Nepal.

The Glenwood and Kathmandu Gliese Lions Clubs have agreed to form a club twinning relationship and are in the process of providing information about their respective clubs to each other. District 22-A DG Larry Burton was present for the presentation of the check and witnessed the many gifts the Kathmandu Gliese Lions Club presented to Lion John for other members of the Glenwood Lions.

DG Larry also received a Nepalese garment from Kathmandu club member Lion Sunit Shrestha and another member of the Nepal delegation.



Lion Sunit Shrestha and another member of the Nepal delegation presents a Nepalese traditional scarf and a replica of a famous temple in Nepal to Lion John Cullison on the last day of the LCIF International Convention in Honolulu.

District 22A news: The roster books are printed. They have been distributed to the Zone Chairs. Arrangements can be made to pick them up or to have a delivery and or meet arranged in your Zone to get them for your clubs. Please do not be shy. Ask Ed.





Linthicum Lions

Linthicum Lions inducted 2015-2016 officers with District 22-A 1st Vice District Governor Larry Burton presiding. Officers inducted were Walt Eger, membership chair; Robert Bruce, treasurer; Rosalie Brooks, secretary; Tammy Durkin, 1st vice president; and Jim Katzaman, president.

Members also voted to donate \$100 to District 22-A Lions Association for Sight and Hearing in the name of outgoing District Governor Doug DeWitt. Linthicum will hold its annual crab feast Sept. 12. Contact club members for details and tickets.

Severn River Lions



Severn River Lions Club held its luau May 30 at American Legion Post 175. Guests dressed in Hawaiian attire for the occasion that featured a meal and entertainment including a native musician strumming his ukulele. The Polynesian dinner featured pork from a whole pig, several flavors of shrimp with a Polynesian flair, meatballs, assorted salads, various greens and a choice of desserts. Servers in Hawaiian garb did double duty as dancers and entertainers. Four dancers wearing grass skirts, head pieces and leis performed traditional island dances. Audience members also joined in the hula. A fire dancer also wielded his blazing torches and thrilled the audience with his skill.

Separately, a silent auction offered more than 60 items donated by generous vendors in the community. King Lion Bill Stack also announced the winners of several raffles, and some guests went home with a prize.

Proceeds from the Luau, nearly \$6,000, will benefit the Severn River Lions Club's many community service projects such as vision and hearing programs, scholarships and contributions to many worthwhile charities.



South Anne Arundel Lions



South Anne Arundel takes a hayride

Over the course of two evenings, South Anne Arundel Lions conducted their annual hayride for blind and/or deaf campers held at the United Methodist West River Camp on Chalk Point in West River, Md. More than 100 disabled campers and a like number of chaperones enjoyed a fresh air ride seated on hay bales on a tractor-pulled trailer. After the ride, everyone was escorted to a camp fire where club members provided the necessary ingredients for s'mores and helped prepare them. There were lots of smiles and thumbs up of thanks.



Lion fish tales, harmony at its best

Lions and friends from Lions Districts 22-A and 22-C enjoyed one another's friendship on a priceless relaxing day fishing July 15 on the Chesapeake Bay. The event was successful by the quantity and size of striped bass (more commonly called Rock fish) reeled in. A special part of the day had to do with past district governors enjoying one another's friendship, social aspect and kidding one another as to who seemed to always reel in the largest fish or who had the finest cigar on board. One thing for sure, kidding was pretty fierce on a very humble PDG who brought on board the "no-no" bananas to be consumed during a fishing trip (old wives tale). Also on board but not pictured were PDG Bill Lynch of 22-C and Dave Jane and Gary Johnson, longtime friends of Past International President Clem Kusiak.

Lions Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland, Inc.

LASH has its origin with the chartering of the District Sight Foundation, Inc. on April 3, 1962. Thomas B. Stone served (Woodlawn Lions Club) as the first President. Sidney T. Shores (Annapolis Lions Club and Frank G Buell (Ellicott City) executed the Articles of Incorporation to bring the organization into existence. In June 14, 1995, the foundation's Constitution and By-laws were revised and its name was changed to the Lions Association for Sight & Hearing of Maryland, Inc.

Organization

Each club in the District may have two voting members of the LASH Board of Directors. The board annually elects the organization's officers and directors, approves the budget, recommends projects, etc. Routine affairs of LASH are managed by an Executive Committee that meets a minimum of four times a year. LASH is supported primarily by donations from the Lions Clubs of District 22A. Financial support is not restricted to Lions Clubs and individual contributions are tax deductible. LASH has a number of programs detailed below that it organizes and manages.

Eyeglass Collection & Distribution

Eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones collected from the public are delivered from clubs around the District and are sorted at the Maryland School for the Blind twice a year. Useable eyeglasses are shipped to the Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Northern Virginia where they are cleaned, graded and cataloged for distribution outside the U. S. Hearing aids are recycled within the Hearing Assistance Program and cell phones are recycled.

LASH Hearing Assistance Program

The program provides low cost, quality hearing aids to needy individuals within the service area of District 22A and a few from others in the Multiple District 22 area. Cost varies depending upon the income of the recipient and type of aid provided. The price includes the aid, ear mold and fitting, instruction on care and use of the aid and follow up consultation.

One Sight Program or Gift of Sight Program

The Gift of Sight Program is a partnership between LASH, LensCrafters and local Lions Clubs. There are three scenarios:

- Needy individuals without insurance
- Needy individuals with insurance that does not cover eye glasses
- Needy individuals who can provide a partial payment, LASH or a club pays \$25.00 for an eye exam

Requests for an eye exam and eye glasses from Lens Crafters are made using the request form on the LASH website, lash-maryland.org. Or the form can be obtained by contacting the LASH Sight Chairman. The LASH Sight Chairman is also your contact if you have a problem with a Lens Crafter store.

Homewood Schools Sight Screening

Several years ago, LASH was asked to provide sight screening of students in the Homewood area of Baltimore City. That program has expanded now to 11 schools in Homewood and Patterson Park neighborhoods. Lions from clubs in the district do the screening.

LASH general membership meetings are open to all Lions and we are happy to visit clubs to provide a program about the organization to you members.

This is District 22-A's association and we need your support

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

If you haven't registered for this year's GRAND Forum, what are you waiting for? You should register NOW – the "Summer Fun" rate expires after July 20, and price goes up again. This USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum promises to be everything you've always loved about attending the Forums, and much, MUCH more! The GRAND Forum is set for September 17-19, 2015 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and seminars will begin at 8:30am Thursday morning.

You can register online anytime at www.lionsforum.org.



State Fair Hearing and Vision Screening

LASH has assumed responsibility for organizing the annual screening at the MD State Fair Grounds Aug 29 – Sept 7 and needs your help. We are looking for someone to serve as the principal coordinating for the event. In addition, we need to fill the shifts during the 10-day fair. Shifts run from noon-4 pm and from 4-8 pm and require 4-5 persons to cover each shift. The current schedule of available shifts can be found at <http://www.ctlions.com/#!/volunteer-schedule/c1zve>. Contact LASH President June Livingston to volunteer.

Lions News and Views



Editors:

Kirk Wimer and Jim Katzaman

Lions News and Views

Deadline needs to be the 20th of each month. Photos, articles and dialogs are welcomed. If your club publishes a monthly magazine, please edit down what your club wants to let the District know. The editors will refrain from doing an edit ourselves. If we can do a little editing, we are good.

Important dates this year

Here are important dates to mark on your calendars for this Lions year:

Billing: District Dues: Oct. 1 and April 1; \$3.75 per member

Full Cabinet Meeting: August 31, 2015

Region Meetings:

Region 1, Sept. 29

Region 2 Oct. 21

LVRF Meeting Sept. 26

LASH Eyeglass Sorting: Oct. 10

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