Fellow Lions:

The 2017 International Convention is over. It was a good Convention. The facility was terrific and I believe everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves. DG-E Paul Rufe is now DG Paul Rufe and 1VDG-E Angela Bruce is now 1VDG Angela Bruce and I am now IPDG Chuck Egendorf. I am confident they will do a good job for the District in the coming year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor this past year. It has been a wonderful experience. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting your clubs and meeting you. The Lions of District 22-A should be proud. You ended the year with positive growth. This is the first time this has happened in many years.

I want to reiterate my thanks to my Cabinet for serving. The Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, and all four Zone Chairs were new to the position and did a wonderful job. DG Paul & I clicked and accomplished many things together.

I especially want to thank all of the clubs for welcoming my wife, Lion Pat, and her brother, Lion Larry, who accompanied me on many of my visits. Your were very kind in allowing them to come with me.

Next year, I will still be around. I will be the District Constitution & By-Laws/Policy & Procedures Chairperson, the District Leader Dog Chairperson, and the Multiple District International Convention Chairperson.

LCI has rolled out a new app that looks to have promise for Lions to be able to communicate activities and other items. It is the MyLion app. I have included a brochure and registration instructions elsewhere in this issue of the News & Views.

Speaking of the International Convention, next year it will be in Las Vegas. I will be providing information throughout the year. Don’t forget, when you have a fund raiser or service project, please let me know. I would like to join you and help (even in future years).

Again, Thank You. The year could not have turned out as it did without you.

Thank you for everything you do for Lions.
Lions:

What a year this has been. There were many high points and a few low points that helped bring people together. I am still amazed at how quickly the year has gone by. One of the high points for me this year was having the Lions of District 22-A recognized by the Governor of our State for the services which we, as a group, provided to the Ellicott City community.

One of the hardest parts of my position this year was to try and build a District Cabinet which will work hard and communicate with all of you. This is a must in order to continue the “ripple” that IPDG Larry Burton created. Where our District may be small, the work we as a group provide to our communities is immeasurable and as we grow so will the scope of our service!!

By the time you receive this I will already be headed off to Chicago for formal District Governor training and the International Convention!! Looking forward to next “year”, the beginning of the next 100 years!!
**Aberdeen Lions**

Carolyn Evans, Director/Harford Bank, Lion Chuck Jacobs and Lion Sandy Osborn

**Bel Air Lions**

**Harold Boccia Recognized by Central Maryland Lions for Outstanding Community Service**

Recently, the Central Maryland District Governor, Chuck Egender, recognized Harold Boccia, of the Lions Club of Bel Air with the Dr. Arnall Patz Fellowship Award for over two decades of outstanding community service to Bel Air and Central Maryland. The Dr. Arnall Patz Fellowship is named in honor of the ophthalmologist at the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute who founded the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) and is awarded to honor Lions and non-Lions for their participation in the many activities and projects that have benefitted our communities, locally and worldwide. The primary purpose of the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) is to support low vision research and rehabilitation to minimize the disabilities caused by low vision and blindness.

Mr. Boccia joined the Bel Air Lions Club in 1992. Since then, he has served in numerous roles within the Bel Air Lions and within Lions organizations in the region. Among the many services provided by the Bel Air Lions, Mr. Boccia led the annual community 4th of July Pancake Breakfast for many years. In particular, Mr. Boccia also led the annual Christmas tree sales event for over 20 years, which returned well over $700,000 for many community services. Mr. Boccia has received many previous awards from the Lions including the Melvin Jones Fellowship. In presenting the award, Lions District Governor stated, “Harold Boccia has made great contributions to the Bel Air and central Maryland communities that are worthy of this recognition.”

**Bel Air Lions Wrap Up Another Year of Community Service**

The Bel Air Lions reviewed many successful service projects at the last Board of Directors meeting. Over the past year, the Lions provided over $36,000 in services and funding for vision conservation programs; hearing programs; youth programs and other community needs.
The Bel Air Lions Club set up shop at the Bel Air Farmer’s Market on Saturday, 20 May from 8 – 11 AM. Pictured are KL Dave Guzewich, Lion Colleen Walker-Good, Lion Wayne Dudeck, and Lion Dave Ellis.

Visitors to the booth learned about the Lions Club and received information flyers. When the Farmer’s Market closed at 11 AM, the Lions went around with the Farmer’s Market coordinator to gather food donations from the attending vendors. The Lions then took the bags of donated food to SARC on Main Street for distribution.

The Lions of Bel Air have over 40 members who serve the greater Bel Air area through sight and hearing conservation programs including youth sight screening; support to many youth activities including Child Safety Day, Scouting, Explorers, Bel Air High School sports and drama activities, and Harford County Teen Court; assisting youth to attend Diabetes camps; medical equipment lending closet; and Rockfield Manor garden sponsorship.

STRIDES Color Walk / Run

The STRIDES Color Walk/Run is a project of District 22-A Lions Clubs, and was co-chaired by our Lion John Mosier and Aberdeen Lions Club President Bijoy Mahanti. The STRIDES Color Walk/Run is an annual event raising awareness about diabetes within our community and to support local programs for children with diabetes. This year’s event took place on 6 May from 9 AM – noon at Friends Park in Forest Hill. At the registration tent, the Lions gave out STRIDES pins, flyers on diabetes, water, and apples.

Pictured Above: Lion Sandi Guzewich decorates PDG Larry Burton and wife Lion Pam with non-toxic colored powder at the STRIDES Color Walk/Run

Pictured Above #2 across: Alexander Scampone, (far right) was recently diagnosed with type 1 diabetes and wears an insulin pump. Alexander hopes to eventually attend Camp Possibilities or a similar camp, and funds raised by STRIDES events will help Lions fund scholarships to enable children to attend who otherwise could not afford it.

Pictured Above #3 across: Lion Perry Thompson’s granddaughter, Victoria Reinhardt, and her boyfriend, Will Pinckney made the round trip.
International President Bob Corlew of Tennessee addressed the Lions of District 22A.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Lion President Pat Pettway has sent out information on the upcoming school attendance award presentations for June. Marie Farring School, Thomas Johnson and Bay Brook School are lined up for the presentation of attendance awards sponsored by the Brooklyn Lions Club. Lion Pat has asked for volunteers to attend the award ceremonies that recognize students for their attendance records at the schools.

ORIOLE GAME – BROOKLYN LIONS
The Brooklyn Lions are planning to attend an Oriole game on Saturday, August 5 @ 7 PM. Lion Chris Danielsen has secured up to 50 tickets for this 7 PM game against the Detroit Tigers. Tickets are $29 and are in Section 90 Eutaw Street. Contact Lion Terri Mills or Pat Pettway @ patpettway111@gmail.com. 410-688-9224 if you want tickets. Family and friends are invited to attend. Our deadline for payment is July 14th when any unsold tickets and money must be submitted to the Orioles.
Lion Fred Guenthner explained that this was a LASH project. The Churchville Lions Club were joined by other Lions Clubs in our area in sponsoring a sight-impaired young lady to go to the National Braille Challenge in California.

Julia's National Braille Challenge

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your help with funding for Julia's trip and give you an update on how she did. She did not place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the competition, however, I know that it was a truly beneficial experience for her.

The Braille Institute and Braille Institute Alumni hosted an outing and an ice cream social on Friday night. Julia had fun sitting next to a friend from past competitions and meeting and speaking with one of the Alumni on the bus to the Santa Monica pier.

During the ice cream social Julia enjoyed speaking with a man who works for the company Humanware. Humanware is the company that creates all the new technology that is being used by blind students and adults to make the world a little more accessible. She is a very techy young lady so I know that was a highlight for her.

Saturday evening was the awards banquet where tactile portraits are created by an artist for each contestant. Its a really cool souvenir to be able to bring home after the competition. She also got a trophy for making it to the competition. They had a nice dinner for everyone and announced the winners. Again, we appreciate all of your help with making this possible for her.

Sincerely,
Tim and Jen Ward

The Churchville Lions donated $500 in books to the Churchville Elementary School as one of their Centennial Projects. Bookplates were placed inside each book to share the news of our Club anniversary and the LCI Centennial.

The Churchville Lions Club held a Poster/Essay Contest at Churchville Elementary School and awarded a $1,000 scholarship to the contest winner. In addition, the runner up received a $100 gift card to Barnes & Noble. Lion Rocky Gonzalez made the presentations at a school assembly.
Darlington Lions

Eastern Regional Lions Club participated in the Lamky, Luther, Whitehead Veteran's Memorial Day parade and wreath laying.

CW from top left: Darlington and Conowingo annual fishing Rodeo, life lessons taught by Dad, she was able to do it. PDG Larry getting an award from DG Chuck, DG Chuck, King Lion Jo Ann, Club Secretary Pam and Membership Chair Paul getting Certificates at the Turn Over Dinner, Lion Sharon Wimer signing up kids for the fishing Rodeo.

Picture 1: Lion Nancy and Lion Gale return from placing a wreath at the memorial. Picture 2: Lion Nancy, Lion Gale, and Lion Mary Jo proudly carry the Eastern Regional Lions banner in preparation for the parade, by Vice President, Eastern Regional Lions Club, William Feuer
One Million Penny Fund Drive

The penny drive was my fundraising idea as King Lion this past year. My thoughts were to have a fundraiser that indirectly got the word out about what we do based on the labels for our container and the conversations our Lions had as these were distributed. It was intended as minimal outlay of funds and minimal outlay of time and physical effort. No committee meetings, no physical labor of set up, collections of silent items, no clean up, no selling tickets, etc. Our initial outlay was $100.00 and the coin of course is profit. We have collected a third of the goal and have decided to keep it on since many people who collect for us still want to and are now starting to build a little momentum. I am working on adding one local retailer to collect coins on premises during this holiday season to help also. The funds have been allocated towards hearing aids and our scholarship funding.

Lion Joinette Smallwood

“But from an acorn a mighty oak did grow”


**Mallory Gersh undertakes coin drive for Severn River Lions Club**

Raise $1,000 in four days — that was the challenge that 16-year-old Mallory Gersh assumed last month when she heard the Severn River Lions Club had a donation need. As soon as she received her school’s permission, Gersh placed plastic buckets in classrooms around the school, encouraging the undergraduate classes to compete for the grand prize, a homeroom breakfast catered by Einstein Bros. Bagels.

Gersh raised $1,000 in change, counting and hand-rolling all the coins, which the Lions used to assist the Maryland Department of Aging by buying hearing aids and eyeglasses for the underprivileged.

Ultimately, Gersh takes no credit for her drive. “My parents have etched it into my brain that it is important to help others before yourself,” she said.

Read more about Mallory in the Village Voice at the website link above, Ed. Do you think this student should get an award? Let Severn River know.

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Boy Scout Troop 688 held their bridging Ceremony at Lake Waterford with their families providing side dishes, scout leaders providing refreshments, hot dogs and hamburgers and rolls. River Lions grilled the hot dogs and hamburgers...
The scholarship committee was challenged this year to select finalists for the 2017 recipients since all the applicants had impressive resumes. Reviewing the applications to determine the courses taken, extra curricular involvement, school or community service and teacher recommendations, the committee finally deter-mined a winner from Broadneck HS and Severna Park HS. At Broadneck HS, the committee chose Miranda Tyson. During her high school years, Miranda was active with the orchestra, Recycling club, field hockey, and lacrosse. In her “spare time”, Miranda was enrolled in Honors, AP courses and finished 32 in the class of 498 students. Miranda will study environmental engineering and will attend University of Vermont this fall. If Miranda does as well in college as she did at Broadneck, she will be an outstanding student. Miranda was present-ed a scholarship certificate at the school on May 4.

At Severna Park HS, the committee chose Shelby Hogan to receive the scholarship. Shelby was active with the dance company, participated in the annual Rock and Roll Revival, participated in unified sports, and managed to find time for employment as pool snack bar assistant at the Chartwell pool. Shelby carried a rigorous academic load during her four years and excelled in Honors, AP courses and finished 41 in the class of 409 students. Shelby will be attending York College in Pennsylvania and will pursue a career in nursing.

Traditionally, we have invited the scholarship winners and their parents to attend a meeting before they leave for college to provide details on their career plans. Our congratulations and best wishes to Miranda Tison and Shelby Hogan as they begin

On June 6 two dozen SRLC Lions met at the Legion and learned that there would be special information about Lions Clubs International. PIP Clem Kusiak was scheduled to provide members with information about the founding of Lions Clubs by Melvin Jones in 1917. Lion Clem had set up a special table decorated with a centennial table cloth, Lions balloons, and an artistic cake with the Lions logo. Clem related how Melvin Jones founded the organization in Chicago a century ago and how the Lions Club has grown to become the world’s largest service organization with millions of members around the globe. Lion Clem mentioned the great variety of service activities offered by clubs including vision programs, eyeglass collection, scholarships, a variety of community centered programs, and some activities specific to each club’s location, interests, and skills. Lion Clem complimented SRLC for the variety of activities and services that are available, and he encouraged that the club continue to live up to the Lions motto, “We Serve.”

South Anne Arundel Lions Club

South Anne Arundel Lions Celebrating the Anniversary of Lions Clubs International. Cake cutting by President Joe Kidwell. Also, singing in harmony by all "The Lions Are Here" during the clubs regular meeting on June 15.

Installation of South Anne Arundel Lions Club Officers for 2017-2018 by PIP Clem and Induction of 4 new members Anne Hewitt, Judy and Art Mensch and Jennie Hedler into the Severn River Club.
LASH collected glasses being given out in the Dominican Republic 2017

Reported by Lion Jeff Walsh

Some photos from our mission trip to the Dominican Republic this past June showing some happy recipients of the sunglasses provided by the Lions Club. We distributed about 350 pairs of sunglasses. Half of which were the heavy duty type which are perfect for those working outdoors in the sun all day long.

We also distributed lots of reading glasses and about 100 pairs of prescription glasses. We are grateful for your help and the Lions for the donations which enabled us to provide this valuable service.

Linda and I would be happy to give a presentation about the trip at one of your meetings. Let us know if there is any interest.

Membership Summit in Multiple District 22

Kirk, attached is the final list of items developed by the 22 A team that attended the summit on April 29th. You published the photo of the 22A attendees not indicating the full list of action items would be forthcoming. Hopefully, you can publish this in the June News Letter for 22A. PIP Clem Kusiak

In preparing for a Membership Summit in Multiple District 22, brainstorming sessions were held. Districts 22B and 22D conducted joint sessions, 22A and 22C conducted a joint session, and 22W conducted a session. Ideas from these brainstorming sessions addressed retention of existing Lions and attracting/recruiting potential Lions. Compiled ideas from the various sessions were categorized under different main objectives. These were presented at the first membership retreat of forty Lions from Districts 22A, 22C, and 22W. They reviewed the ideas and developed the action plans below. These action plans can be used by any club to implement the retention or recruiting ideas. Please follow the following address to access all 21 pages of ideas and thoughts on Membership.....TBD by Webmaster...Ed.
We're 1,445,591 Lions strong—and counting!

Dear Fellow Lions,
I am pleased to announce that we just surpassed our all-time membership record of 1,445,591 Lions! I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to changing lives and growing our association's humanitarian impact over the past year. Thanks to you, we are positioned to enter our second century of service stronger than ever before. Thanks to you, Lions clubs are serving in more communities around the world. And thanks to you, we are helping more people than ever before. Thank you for helping Lions reach new heights!

A year ago, we set out to climb new mountains as an association and to position ourselves for success in our Centennial year and beyond. I have been overwhelmed by the incredible response I've received from Lions around the globe. Thanks to the hard work of Lion leaders like you, we have accomplished incredible things, like:

- Shattering our initial Centennial Service Challenge goal by serving more than 160 million people—and we're still going!
- Launching a new global service framework with diabetes as a global service focus.
- Setting an ambitious goal for the future of Lions with LCI Forward.
- Surpassing US$1 billion in grant funding by Lions Clubs International Foundation.

I am honored to have been your international president during this special time in Lions history. We still have one year left in our Centennial Celebration, so I want to encourage every Lion in every club to take their celebrations to the next level by getting out to serve their communities as often as possible. Thank you for this amazing opportunity. With so many exciting things on the horizon, I can't wait to see how we come together to shape the future of service.

Very truly yours,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Lions on the Hill.....

Washington DC Weather on Tuesday May 23 was exceptional, not only for the tourist, but also for the Lions embarking on their annual "LIONS DAY ON CAPITOL HILL 2017" Assembled the day prior for orientation covering the importance of a grass root lobbying effort were Lions, from across the USA. Also, the international officers visiting their respective Embassies. This years Advocacy Agenda during the meeting with Senators and Representatives focused on the Volunteer Organizational Protection Act (VOPA) - H.R.2432.

Our objective during each meeting was to first tell about the Lions Organization, History of Lions achievements within Maryland and seek support to revise the wording in the VOPA to protect volunteer organizations from being sued for accidents etc. that are not the fault of the organization. Our second and third items were to announce the Lions second century of Lions Quest and our new Global cause supporting awareness of Diabetes. Jeanne and I visited offices of 8 representatives, including Senator Van Holland, a great supporter of Lions and the volunteer work we undertake. A special treat this year was the invitation to all the Senators and Representatives offices to attend a Lions sponsored reception for the purpose of sharing the day’s successes and a hearty Lions thank you for their support to our visits. Attending the reception; Senators Jerry Moran (R-KS) - introduce HR 2432, Ron Paul (R-KY), Mike Enzi (R-WY) and John Boozman (R-AR). As most of you can guess, success of a grass roots program with legislators is always "work in progress". Our results will take some time yet be worthy of every word we convey in support of making changes on the Hill.. Clem Kusiak ,PIP

Streamline way to register for MyLion read on.....

How To Register for MyLion

1. Get the app
2. At the Login screen, click on Register
3. Click on LionsMember
4. Where it asks for Member ID, enter your Lions Member Number (if you do not know it, ask your club secretary)
5. Enter the e-mail address or cell number that is on file for you with LCI
6. Create a pass word. It must be at least 8 characters with at one Capital letter, one number, and no special characters
7. Re-enter the password you created
8. Enter your birth date. When you go into this block, a calendar pops up. Click on the year at the top, then scroll to your birth year. Then use the forward or backward arrow to get to the correct month. Tap on the day.
9. Go back up to the “Confirm Password” block, then tap on done.

You are now registered for MyLion.
The 2018 International Convention will be held in Las Vegas, NV June 29 – July 3, 2018.

The convention hotels are the MGM Grand (HQ & DG-E: also our delegation hotel), Signature MGM, Luxor, Monte Carlo, and NY NY (see the map).

All convention events, except the parade, will take place in the MGM Grand.

Room rates at the MGM Grand (our delegation hotel) will be $120 weekdays and $205 weekends (Friday & Saturday), plus a $15 per day resort fee (discounted from $35) and taxes. Parking at the hotel will be $12 per day.

RVs will be able to stay at the Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort for $50 per day.

Web sites: Convention Host Committee lions2018lasvegas.org
Oasis RV Resort www.oasislasvegasrvresort.com

If any LEOs want to attend, they will be staying in the dormitories at UNLV. The cost for their room & board is $27 per night.
DG Paul is proud to present his schedule for this coming year for District 22A.

Critical message concerning hearing aids from LCIF

Original Message-----
From: Gathings, Wesley <Wesley.Gathings@lionsclubs.org>
lashsight@verizon.net>
Sent: Tue, Jun 13, 2017 12:19 pm
Subject: Important Update for the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP)
Dear Lions,

Greetings from LCIF! You are receiving this message due to your participation in the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP). Due to recent programmatic changes and a re-alignment of priorities, the LCIF Board of Trustees decided that LCIF will no longer offer the Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP). The last date for order processing may be December 31, 2017, if not sooner.

During the course of an internal evaluation, it was determined that the vast majority of AHAP orders originated from five markets: Lions of Michigan Foundation
Mid-South Lions Hearing Foundation
Williamsport, Pennsylvania Lions Foundation
Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Foundation
Lions Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland
In an effort to continue making this resource available to your organizations, we have discussed with Rexton how each of your organizations can continue placing orders. Our goal is to ensure that this service remains available, and that a smooth transition from LCIF to your offices can take place.

The current idea is that each of your organizations would work directly with Rexton, where an account would be established for you. This means that LCIF would not play a role in facilitating the processing of orders. If you elect to participate, you will have to identify a particular person to serve as point of contact between your foundation and Rexton staff. The price for hearing devices will remain at $200 apiece plus the standard $20 shipping charges.

Are you interested in continuing with Rexton in this manner? If so, please let us know so we can determine next steps. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Wesley D. Gathings
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Here’s to a job well done and it’s only just begun!
Lions News and Views

Editors: Kirk Wimer and Jim Katzaman

Deadline needs to be the 20th of each month. Photos, articles and dialogs are welcomed. If we can read them and do a little editing.

Important dates this year
Here are important dates to mark on your calendars for this Lions year:
Saturday July 22 Voting Cabinet Meeting & Training
Saturday Aug 12 Multiple District Turnover
Thursday Aug 31 Full Cabinet Meeting
“Tomorrow, the first day of the rest of your life”

Kirk Wimer, Darlington Lions Club and Jim Katzaman, Linthicum Lions Club
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Note: District 22A celebrates its 76th anniversary this year.

News and Views Editors Jim and Kirk receive recognition certificates at the End of Year Turn Over Dinner.