



THE LION'S MANE

The Westminster Lions Club Monthly Newsletter | August 2026



The Mane Thing: President's Message *from Lion Cliff Smith*

Greetings to all, and I hope you're staying cool and healthy in the summer heat.

I'm always grateful to be a part of our pride, but wanted to give a special shout-out to the club membership for what we've done over the past month and into August. Together, we:

- Are supporting The Shepherd's Staff school supply drive, to give tangible support — and, ideally, joy — to some of the most vulnerable children and youth in our community; and
- Attended the Reese Carnival, hosting a booth at which we sold Grillin' & Chillin' raffle tickets to benefit the Carroll County Veterans Independence Project, and invited neighbors to learn more about our club.

Though these are just two examples of the ongoing work we do, these projects are especially significant to me because they represent what I'd like to see more of and what we Lions do best: take an active and grassroots approach to helping people where we live, work and raise our families. I offer a heartfelt call to all of us to keep up this worthwhile work ... **Our community is better, stronger, kinder and happier, thanks to you.**

With pride,

Lion Cliff

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Events of Note

"National Night Out"

Monday, August 4

Dutterer Family Park, 5-8 pm

An annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood support. We'll be there giving out Lions merch, recruiting new members and selling our Grillin' & Chillin' raffle tickets. Come on out and support us! Contact Lion [Kenny Carlisle](#) (443-744-7238) with questions or to offer your time.

Steak, Sausage and Corn Feed

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6-8 pm, Westminster VFW

It's that time again! Come on out and — literally! — serve our community at our next steak feed. Plenty of

volunteer opportunities are available ... Contact Lion [Barb Hayes](#) (410-596-1483) to sign up or for more information. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Meetings & Things to Know

Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Westminster VFW at 6:30 pm unless noted otherwise. All members are welcome to attend.

- **Thursday, August 13** (regular meeting; all club)
Reminder: Bring your donation of school supplies for The Shepherd's Staff. *See the next page for details.*
- **Thursday, August 27** (regular meeting; all club)

CARING WITH PRIDE: Sending our good thoughts and well wishes to Lions Bob, Floyd and Ken.

★★★ We're Still Grillin' & Chillin' for Our Local Veterans ★★★

We nearly sold out the Grillin' & Chillin' Raffle tickets at the Reese Carnival, but more tickets are now available. Buy or sell chances to win a grill, a wheeled cooler and all the fixin's needed to have a relaxing cookout, while giving hope and help to the men and women who have served our country. The drawing will be held on August 27. Questions? Contact Lion [Missi Nagle](#) (443-506-0786).

School Supply Drive to Benefit The Shepherd's Staff

The Shepherd's Staff, a local nondenominational Christian outreach and support center, is looking for school supplies for needy students, from kindergarten through college. Last year, they gave out nearly 2,000 stuffed backpacks to area students — and this year, we want our club to help them in a big way!

Please consider supporting this effort: **Buy a backpack and fill it with supplies, then bring your gift — however big or small — to the club meeting on August 13**, and we'll make sure to take it to The Shepherd's Staff in time for school. They are looking for:

- New backpacks (character backpacks for the younger kids and standard for the older students)
- Pocket folders (with and without brads)
- Canvas pencil pouches
- 1-inch binders
- Wide-ruled composition notebooks
- Wide-ruled filler paper
- Colored pencils
- Primary (fat) pencils
- Blue, black and red pens
- 3x3 Post-it Notes
- Dividers
- Dry erase markers
- 3x5 ruled index cards
- Markers and highlighters
- 24-ct. crayons
- Pink block erasers
- Rulers

If you have any questions, please reach out to Lion Cliff or Lion Barb.

Ongoing Programs

New and Gently Used Books Needed

We are collecting good, lightly used children's books for the Little Free Libraries throughout the Westminster Area. See [our website](#) for details. Click on the "flyer" link next to the listing.



Play to WIN: The Greater Good 50/50 Raffle

Take a chance — or two, or more! — to win big money *and* support our mission to serve. Our club has raised more than \$600 so far, and every ticket purchase helps ... [Buy tickets online](#) or use your cell phone to scan the QR code provided. See [our website](#) for more details.

Toys and Gifts for Children with Cancer

We're always collecting items for patients of the Children's Hospital at Sinai. See [our website](#) for details and contact [Lion Wendy Beares](#) at 443-974-6152 for more information.

Eyeglasses Donations

We're always looking for donated eyeglasses ... We collected 300 pairs last month alone! If you have eyewear or hearing aids to spare, please contact [Lion Milton Zepp](#) (410-596-5491) to learn more.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ongoing programs, please [visit our web page](#).

On the Radar: LionsCon 27 is Coming ...

Next year's International Convention — LionsCon 27 — will be held July 2–6, 2027 in nearby Washington, D.C., and as part of the host district, and are going to need a lot of help from volunteers! Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming months ... And learn more on the [LionsCon website](#) or reach out to [Lion Lee Miller](#) (410-596-0259).

Look at Us!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

— from the Pride —



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What's the story? | 1 | We want YOU: Our banner at Reese Carnival says it all! | 2 | Just a bunch of Lions chillin' at the carnival: Pictured left to right are Lion Barb, President Cliff, Lion Kenny and Lion Missi, ready to sell raffle tickets and welcome prospective club members. | 3 | Lions Missi and Cliff are ready to go! | 4 | Lion Bob supports the Pride at the Reese Carnival. | 5 | Lion Bob Coursey pitches in to make our booth at Reese a roaring success. | 6 | Lion Ron catches up with a friend — and possible new Club member? — at Reese. | 7 | Lion Missi and a friend, happy to see the friendly Lions roaming at the fair. | 8 | On Change of Banner Night, held this past July 18, Immediate Past DG Martin Bonura presents a well-deserved award to the Westminister Lions Club for our part in supporting the 22W Feed the Hungry and Reading Action programs. On hand to accept the award was Lion Missi, who attended with Lions Ron, Kenny, Lee and Wendy. Also awarded (awards pictured) were:

Lion Kathy Giroux — Club Service Coordinator Award/Club Marketing and Communications

Lion Diana Fraser — Club Newsletter Editor Award

Congratulations, fellow Lions ... We're so proud of you!



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Support the Pride: Other Area Events

The Silver Run-Union Mills Lions

55th Annual Corn Roast Festival

Saturday, August 1, 11 am-5 pm

Union Mills Homestead

For more than a half-century, our fellow district Lions Club has been hosting this family-fun event here in Westminster — and they're looking for help from Lions across the region so that they can continue this time-honored community event. See [our website](#) for details. Click on the “flyer” link next to the event listing.

South Carroll Lioness Lions Club

All-Day Bingo

Saturday, Aug. 22, Gamber Fire Hall

10:30 am-4 pm, Doors Open at 9:30 am

See [our website](#) for details. Click on the “flyer” link next to the event listing.

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Greater Carroll Lions Club

Crab & Chicken Feast

Saturday, August 22, Westminster VFW, 1-4 pm

See [our website](#) for details. Click on the “flyer” link next to the event listing.

QUESTIONS about anything you've read? Reach out to [Lion Susie Coursey](#) (443-974-0940). Contact [Lion Kris Roeder](#) (410-371-9698) to submit content ideas for upcoming issues. *Thank you for your service!*



**Taking pride in our community
for more than 80 years!**

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