



THE LION'S MANE

The Westminster Lions Club Monthly Newsletter | July 2026



President's Message *from Lion Cliff Smith*

It's my pleasure and privilege to serve as our new club president. I want to especially thank Outgoing President Lion Kenny Carlisle and our hardworking board members for their resolute and enthusiastic service. I look forward to all the wonderful work we and our membership will continue to do together to support and strengthen our community.

As you read through this month's newsletter full of information about and photos of programs and events that show how we choose to *live* the Lions' motto "We serve," **please take a moment to celebrate your part in improving the lives of our neighbors in need** — local veterans, the vision impaired, children with cancer and aspiring students, among many others — making life better people who look to us for help, hope, fellowship and encouragement.

I invite you to join our Lions meetings and events in person, as you can, to help bolster our ongoing efforts and to share your input about and great ideas for the year ahead. Feel free, too, to reach out to me directly at kitt0121@yahoo.com or 443-340-0218 with your feedback and great ideas for our bright future. Thank you for your service.

With pride,

Cliff Smith

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Community Events

Westminster Lions Booth at Reese Carnival

Weds. & Thurs., July 22 & 23, 5-10 pm

We are hosting a display table, where we'll be handing out Lions goodies, engaging with the community and selling Grillin' & Chillin' raffle tickets to benefit local veterans. Contact [Lion Ron Nagle](#) (443-623-0072) for details.

"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. All are welcome; please come on out and support us!

Westminster Lions Steak Feed

Date TBD, Westminster VFW

More details to come.

Upcoming Meetings

All regular meetings are held on Thursdays at the Westminster VFW at 6:30 pm unless noted otherwise. All members are welcome to attend.

- **Thursday, July 23 – NEW TIME & PLACE:**
Regular Meeting at **5:30 pm** at the **Reese Carnival** ... *Stay to volunteer, too, if you can.*

A gentle reminder: If you haven't paid your annual dues, please be sure to send your check to Lion [Barb Hayes](#). Have questions? Give Barb a call at 410-596-1483.

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

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 any club meeting from now until Aug. 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
- 3×3 Post-it Notes
- Dividers
- Dry erase markers
- 3×5 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.

— Congratulations — to Our 2026–2027 Club Officers

Cliff Smith	<i>President</i>
Susie Coursey	<i>Secretary</i>
Barb Hayes	<i>Treasurer</i>
Melissa Nagle	<i>First Vice President</i>
Ron Nagle	<i>Second Vice President</i>
Lee Miller	<i>Third Vice President</i>
Wendy Beares	<i>Tail Twister</i>
Joe Akers	<i>Lion Tamer</i>
Lee Miller	<i>LCIF Chairman</i>
Richard Hosfeld	<i>Global Services Ldrship. Team Coordinator</i>

Club Directors

Kenny Carlisle	<i>Past President</i>
Floyd Freyman	<i>Membership Chair</i>
Thomas Eshelman	<i>(1 year)</i>
Robert Keefer	<i>(1 year)</i>
Kevin Smith	<i>(2 years)</i>
Milton Zepp	<i>(2 years)</i>

Ongoing Programs

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 to spare, please contact [Lion Milton Zepp](#) (410-596-5491) to learn more.

Aluminum Can Tab Collection

Please save the aluminum pull tab rings from any used soda, soup, pet food or other can and give them to [Lion Lee Miller](#) (410-596-0259). We are collecting them in support of the Ronald McDonald House.

Look at Us!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

— from the Pride —



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What's the story? | 1 | Installation Night, June 25, 2026: Our newest panel of 2026-2027 officers. | 2 | Lion Kenny Carlisle, now Immediate Past President, received the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award a Lion can win. | 3 | Lion Wendy Bears is presented with the District Governor's Commendation Medal by DG Martin Bonura. | 4 | Lions Melissa and Ron Nagle with Lion Kenny as they receive the Lion of the Year Award. | 5 | Lion Susie Coursey with Lion Kenny as she accepts the Secretary's Award. | 6 | Incoming President Lion Cliff Smith shows off his President's Pin. | 7 | Lion Barb Hayes with DG Lion Martin. Barb earned the District Governor's Commendation Medal. | 8 | Lions Susie, Kathy Giroux and Lee Miller at the June 20 Russell K. Mills, Jr. Steak & Sausage Feed, showing off the pull tab game. | 9 | Russ Mills' daughter Pam & husband Denny, son Donny, and grandson Matt with wife Jamie. | 10 | Don't those steaks look good? Lions Susie, DG Martin, Kevin Smith (our steak chef), Susan Bonura and Richard Hosfeld. | 11 | The Steak Feed serving line is open!



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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.

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

Support the Pride: Other Area Events



Greater Carroll Lions and the Westminster VFW Post 467 teamed up to host our MSU on Saturday, July 11, at their

250th Celebration. Several clubs volunteered to help PDG Lion Brian Cox operate the screening van for

local veterans: Deer Park Lions, Westminster Lions Club and Greater Carroll all had members volunteer. Our teamwork lifts up our community ... thank you!

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.

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!*

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for more than 80 years!

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