



THE LION'S MANE

The Westminster Lions Club Monthly Newsletter | September 2026



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

As a new season approaches, I urge us all to look back at our summer with pride. Great pride. I'm so appreciative of the efforts we made to improve, strengthen and serve our community. Our support of The Shepherd's Staff school supply drive helped ensure that local children were better equipped for the new school year — and, perhaps equally as importantly, that they understood that they had caring neighbors behind them, who are rooting for them and are happily invested in their success.

Likewise, our first-ever Grillin' & Chillin' raffle earned nearly \$1,100 in support of local veterans, thanks in large part to Ron and Missi Nagle and all the club members who donated money and supplies, made time to promote the raffle at Reese Carnival and sold and purchased tickets.

TOGETHER, WE ARE CREATING MOMENTUM, for bigger and better *and more* events and programs that bring heart and wholeness to our community. Please don't forget that our phenomenal shared efforts are making true difference and are improving and changing lives. *Thank you all.*

With pride,

Cliff Smith

Events Happening Soon ...

Steak, Sausage and Corn Feed

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

Tickets are still available and volunteers are needed. Come on out and — literally! — serve our community at our next steak feed. Contact Lion [Barb Hayes](#) (410-596-1483) to sign up or for more information. We hope to see you there!

Bullock's Family Restaurant Fundraiser

Monday, Sept. 28, 3-8 pm

2020 Sykesville Rd., Westminster

Join us! Whether you dine in or carry out — or show our flyer or NOT — 10% of all diners' purchase prices will support the Lions' Diabetes Awareness Campaign. *See the attached flyer for more information* ... And be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors to participate!

Upcoming Meetings & Things to Know

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

- **Thursday, Sept. 10** (regular meeting)
- **Thursday, Sept. 24** (Board meeting at 5:30 pm; regular meeting to follow at 6:30 pm)

There is a **District 22W Zone Meeting** on **Monday, Sept. 21**, at 6pm at Bullock's. Please contact [Lion Wendy Beares](#) (443-974-6152) for more information.

Club Collections Update

Yay for us! In August, we collected:

- \$19 for diabetes research and awareness
- \$15 in Tail Twister fees
- 16 cases of eyeglasses
- 72 books for Little Free Libraries

For September:

- During our September meetings, we'll be collecting money for the Leader Dogs for the Blind program.

We're also hoping to collect an array of items at each meeting that support a range of helpful community programs. Items include:

- Children's books and toys
 - Canned goods (for Carroll County Food Sunday and other area food programs)
 - Clothing donations for adults and children: coats, hats, gloves/mittens, warm socks, pajamas, etc.
 - Toiletries/health and hygiene products
- We are collecting gently used 100% cotton t-shirts for Roar Like a Lion projects.

Ongoing:

- **Toys and gifts for children with cancer** at the Children's Hospital at Sinai. See [our website](#) for details and contact [Lion Wendy Beares](#) (443-974-6152) for more information.
- **Gently used eyeglasses and hearing aids** for the needy. Contact please contact [Lion Milton Zepp](#) (410-596-5491) for more information.

CARING WITH PRIDE: Sending our good thoughts and well wishes to Lions Bob and Richard, and to Lion Don's wife too.

Take a Chance and Show You Care

We are hosting a number of creative raffles this season and ask that all Lions sell and purchase tickets as they can. Questions? Contact [Lion Lee Miller](#) (410-596-0259).

Turkey Raffle – In good time for the Thanksgiving holiday, and also includes a \$50 gift card generously donated by our local Westminster Weis Markets store. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on Nov. 12, and you need not

be present to win. Proceeds benefit our region's Lions Youth Foundation.

Basket of Cheer – A raffle to support our Leader Dogs for the Blind program. Tickets are \$5 each, and the drawing will take place at the Steak, Sausage and Corn Feed on Sept. 17.

Fruit Basket – Donated by our good friends at Baugher's Restaurant and Fruit Market, which also includes a \$65 Baugher's gift card. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and the winner will be drawn on Dec. 10. You need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit the Lions Vision Research Foundation.



Also, don't forget to support our **online 50/50 raffle**, which directs a portion of the proceeds directly to our club — so we can keep up all our worthwhile work! [Buy tickets online](#) or use your cell phone to scan the QR code provided. See [our website](#) for more details.

Stay up-to-date: For more information about ongoing and upcoming programs and events, please [visit our web page](#).

News of Note from Lions International LionsCon 27 is Coming ...

The International Convention — LionsCon 27 — will be held July 2-6, 2027 in Washington, D.C. As part of the host district, we're going to need a lot of help from volunteers! Watch for more information, learn more on the [LionsCon website](#) or reach out to [Lion Lee Miller](#) (410-596-0259).

Support LCIF ... And Help Us Earn a Banner!

Did you know? If every club member — all 31 of us! — makes a donation of as little as \$1 to the Lions Club International Foundation, we will achieve a club milestone and earn a 100% Member Support banner patch and chevron. Visit [LCIF online](#) and click on the yellow "Donate" button to make your gift, or reach out to [Lion Lee Miller](#) (410-596-0259) for mail-in donation forms.

Look at Us Go!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

— from the Pride —



What's the story?

| 1-3 | We showed up for The Shepherd's Staff, donating school supplies to help area students in need. Lions in attendance were President Cliff and Lions Barb, Lee, Missi and Karen. | 4-5 | See for yourself: Our support of the county's Little Free Libraries help put much-needed — and much-loved — books into the hands and homes of children and families throughout Carroll.

Support the Pride: Other District 22W Events

Longaberger Basket Bingo

Host: Roaring Run Lions Club

Saturday, Sept. 12, 6:30 pm

Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Department

Doors open at 5:30 pm, Early Bird games start

at 6:15 pm, and regular games start at 6:30 pm.

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

Free Household Shred Event

Host: The South Carroll Lioness Lions Club

Thursday, Sept. 24, 5-7 pm

Farmers & Merchants Bank, Sykesville

Though the event is free, the club is suggesting donations of cash and nonperishable food items, to help us keep helping others. See [our website](#) for details. Click on the “flyer” link next to the event listing.

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Westminster Lions Club

P.O. Box 246

Westminster, Maryland 21158

Charter Night Celebration Dinner

Host: South Carroll Lioness Lions Club

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6:30 pm, Westminster VFW

Join our fellow Lions for their 16th annual

celebration. Dinner to be served at 7 pm. See the

attached flier for cost and more info. Contact [Lion Susie Coursey](#) (443-974-0940) with any questions.

Community Food Drive

Host: Hampstead Lions Club

Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 am-1 pm

The Hampstead Lions Club and Weis Markets

are teaming up for their Annual Food Drive to

support the Food Pantry at NESAP, the Northeast Social Action Program. 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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