



The Lion's Mane

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Fellow Lions,

Happy New Year! After a whirlwind December, we're finally catching our breath this winter—but the work behind the scenes never stops! Lion Barb is already hard at work organizing our **ALL MONEY BINGO** on **Saturday, March 21st**. As our biggest fundraiser of the year (raising over \$15,000 last year!), we need all hands on deck to make it a success. We are currently looking for:

- **Sponsors and Donors:** To help cover costs and boost our impact.
- **Raffle Items:** Donations of gift cards and door prizes.
- **Ticket Sellers:** We need everyone's help getting the word out!

ROAR LIKE A LION will be held on **Saturday, January 31st**, 1 to 4 p.m., at the Carroll County Library in Westminster. Lion Wendy is still collecting gently used 100% cotton t-shirts for a RLAL project.

We celebrated our **85TH CHARTER NIGHT** on December 11th. Members gathered upstairs at the VFW for a wonderful evening. IPDG Richard Liebno and DG Martin Bonura joined us to honor our long history. Congratulations to Lions Wendy, Melissa, Ron, Susie, Kathy, and Kenny, who were recognized for their valuable contributions to the Lions Club mission.

On December 13th, our club participated in **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**. We were proud to join volunteers across the nation in laying evergreen wreaths on the headstones of military veterans to honor and remember their service. Our members were active at two local sites: **Meadow Branch Cemetery and Finksburg Cemetery**. Thank you to everyone who helped us honor our veterans during this busy month.

The club set up the **VETERANS TREE** at Walmart on November 16th. The tree was decorated with special tags listing requested items. Generous customers purchased **20 fully loaded shopping carts** of donated items. The club delivered the donations to the Carroll County Veterans Independence Project and the Carroll County Bureau of Aging.

OTHER NEWS

Bring it! Bring donations of shampoo, body soaps, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, and deodorants to the next meeting (or you can arrange to drop off with Lion Wendy) or risk being fined by our Tail Twister!

Lion Wendy reports that **29 books** were distributed in December to multiple **LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES** around the County. Contact Wendy to donate reading books.

A couple of Lions are needed to assist at **CARROLL COUNTY FOOD SUNDAY** on **Wednesday, January 14th** and **Wednesday, January 28th**, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Contact **Lion Bob Keefer** if you are able to volunteer.

Leo will be collecting for **LEADER DOG** in January.

2025-2026 Officers

Kenny Carlisle, President
Susie Coursey, Secretary
Barb Hayes, Treasurer
Clifford Smith, First Vice President
Melissa Nagle, Second Vice President
Ron Nagle, Third Vice President
Wendy Beares, Tail Twister
Ron Nagle, Lion Tamer
Bob Hayes, LCIF Chairman
Richard Hosfeld, Global Services
 Leadership Team Coordinator

2025-2026 Directors

Jalna Brown, Past President
Floyd Freyman, Membership Chair
Wendy Beares (1 year)
Thomas Eshelman (2 years)
Kathy Giroux (1 year)
Robert Keefer (2 years)

JANUARY MEETINGS

Thursday, January 8
6:30 p.m. – No meal

Thursday, January 24
6:30 p.m. – No meal

We serve!

Lion President Kenny Carlisle

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IN TOUCH

Remember to call, send cards, visit, and pray for these members of our Lion family who are under the weather:

Lion Kathy Giroux • Lion Bob Hayes

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meeting 	Thursday, February 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meeting & Board Meeting 	Thursday, February 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
Saturday, January 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roar Like a Lion, Westminster Library 	<i>* Lions Club International Event ** District 22W Event</i>

*** The Westminster Lions Club is part of District 22W, Region IV, Zone II. ***

DISTRICT 22W

<p><u>District Governor</u> Martin Bonura 1743 Deer Park Road Finksburg, MD 21048 Tel: 443-472-5456 South Carroll Lioness Lions lionsbonura@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>1st Vice District Governor</u> Leon Cardiff, Jr. 708 Heritage Drive Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550 Tel: 301-471-1607 Oakland-Mt. Lake Park Lions Club Hevblue77@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>2nd Vice District Governor</u> Wendy Drum 203 Linden Boulevard Middletown, MD 21769 Tel: 240-409-8635 Middletown Lions Club dawedrum@comcast.net</p>	<p><u>Zone II Chairman</u> Roger Stultz 19331 Falls Road Hampstead, MD 21704 Tel: 443-590-9519 Lineboro-Manchester Lions Club rog21787@yahoo.com</p>
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The Westminster Lions Club

85 Years of Service

The Westminster Lions Club was organized November 7, 1940, and was sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club. The Charter was presented December 5, 1940, with 28 charter members. The Charter Presentation Program was held in the Charles Carroll Hotel, Westminster. It was called to order by Lion George H. Wilhide, Emmitsburg Club President. The address was by Lion Hugh V. Keiser, District Governor of District 22 and reading of the charter by Lion Robert K. Remsberg, Deputy District Governor of Thurmont. The Charter was presented to Charter President Scott S. Bair by Governor Keiser.

In the 85 years since it was chartered, the Westminster Lions Club has helped many Westminster citizens by means of the provision of exams, glasses, hearing aids, white canes, medical assistive devices, and other medical equipment. The Club has also helped many other non-profit organizations through the donation of funds to support their efforts, provided numerous scholarships to young people to further their education, and supplied groceries to those in need. Over the years, Westminster Lions Club has provided support to local food banks, to the Lions Vision Research Foundation at the Wilmer Eye Institute, to Leaders Dogs for the Blind, and many other worthy causes.

With grateful appreciation to all members of the
Westminster Lions Club
 past, present, and future

We Serve!

Charter Night

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Veterans Tree

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MEMBERSHIP

P = Past President; Q=Quarter Century; H=Half Century; L=Life Member; MJ=Melvin Jones Award; KB=Knights of the Blind Pyramid Award

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* Past President, Charles Carroll Lions Club

** Past President, Valley Lions Club

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Standing Committees

- 1=Constitution & Bylaws**, Richard Hosfeld
- 2=Information Technology**, Kathy Giroux
- 3=Finance**, Barbara Hayes
- 4=Leadership/Nomination**=Floyd Freyman
- 5=Marketing/Communications**=Kathy Giroux
- 6=Photography**=
- 7=Membership**=Floyd Freyman

Service Chairs & Committees

- 8=Chaplain**, Richard Hosfeld
- 9=Program Coordinator**, Lee Miller
- 10=Club Service Chair**, Richard Hosfeld
- 11=Vision/Hearing Service**, Milton Zepp
- 12=Environment Service**, Wendy Beares
- 13=Hunger Service**, Barb Hayes
- 14=Diabetes Service**, Wendy Beares
- 15=Pediatric Cancer Service**, Wendy Beares
- 16=Youth Engagement**, Wendy Beares
- 17=Visitations**, Tom Eshelman

- 18=Education Service**, Robert Hayes
- 19=Low Vision RN Service**, vacant
- 21=Awards**, Susie Coursey
- 22=Sunshine**, Wendy Beares
- 23=LCI Information & Convention**, Floyd Freyman
- 24=Greeter and Songs**, Wendy Beares
- 25=House & Invitation**, Susie Coursey
- 26=ALERT & Safety**, Milton Zepp

ON-LION RESOURCES

Westminster Lions Club website
www.LionsClubofWestminster.org



Westminster Lions Club Facebook page
www.Facebook.com/WestminsterMDLions

District 22W website
www.MDLions22W.org

If you have information for *The Lions Mane*, contact Diana Fraser, editor, at DianaFraser@earthlink.net or 410-871-3214.

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THE LIONS CLUB COLLECTS and RECYCLES USED EYEGLASSES and HEARING AIDS

Give all used eyeglasses and hearing aids to Lion Milton Zepp.



REGION IV CLUBS MEETING SCHEDULE

Lions Club	Days, Time	Location	Lions Club	Days, Time	Location
Deer Park	2 nd & 4 th Thurs., 6:30 p.m.*	Deer Park UM Church	Silver Run/Union Mills	2 nd & 4 th Thur., 6:30 p.m.	St. Mary's U Ch. of Christ
Freedom District	2 nd & 4 th Wed., 6:59 p.m.	Messiah Lutheran	South Carroll Lioness	1 st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.	Messiah Lutheran
Greater Carroll	2 nd & 4 th Thurs., 6:30 p.m.	Westminster VFW	Taneytown	2 nd & 4 th Tues., 6:29 p.m.	Fireman's Activity Bldg.
Hampstead	2 nd & 4 th Tues., 6:59 p.m.	Hampstead Fire Hall	Taylorsville-Winfield	2 nd & 4 th Mon., 7:00 p.m.	Winfield Fire Hall
Harney	2 nd & 4 th Mon., 6:30 p.m.	Harney VFW	Terra Rubra	1 st & 3 rd Mon., 6:30 p.m.**	Lions Ball Park
Lineboro-Manchester	<i>Please check confidential book.</i>		Union Bridge	2 nd & 4 th Tues., 6:29 p.m.	Buttersburg Inn
New Windsor	2 nd & 4 th Wed., 6:29 p.m.	New Windsor Fire Hall	Valley	2 nd & 4 th Tues., 7:00 p.m.	Pleasant Valley Fire Hall
Roaring Run	1 st & 3 rd Wed., 7:00 p.m.	Bullock's Restaurant			

* At Deer Park, the 2nd Thursday of the month is business only, no dinner. ** At Terra Rubra, the 1st Monday of the month is dinner, the 3rd Monday of the month is dessert.

STRENGTHEN the PRIDE!

Do you know someone who would make a good Lion?
Let them know what we do for the community and ask them to join!

Contact Lion Floyd Freyman, Membership, at 410-848-0871, for an application.



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**JANUARY 2026
NEWSLETTER!**