THE LION'S MANE

The Westminster Lions Club Monthly Newsletter | November 2026

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

As we enter this Season of Giving, I want to thank you for all you give to make Westminster a stronger, more connected and kinder place to live. As Lions, we support a full range of causes that help those in need. We take pride in being "givers," neighbors who extend a hand, offer a leg up or a needed shoulder — showing up for others in ways both large and small, to make their lives *better*.

WE GIVE OUR COMMUNITY the very best gift of all: *hope*. Our daily acts of caring uplift those we serve and make the promise of a brighter future possible to neighbors during their darkest times. It's a blessing to do God's work alongside you, as a Lion who serves *and* gives.

With pride and gratitude,

Lion Cliff

Events Happening Soon ...

Veterans Night at the Westminster VFW

Thursday, Nov. 12, Westminster VFW
Social Hour, 6 pm; Dinner, 6:30 pm

To honor and thank our veterans, featuring guest speaker and honored veteran Lion Carroll Smith from the Terra Rubra Lions Club. Dinner is offered; Lion Susie has emailed the club with meal pricing details and RSVP requests. Contact Lion Cliff Smith (443-340-0218) with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Please note: The club is **sponsoring two needy area families for Thanksgiving.** Members are asked to bring their donated non-perishable holiday meal items (canned vegetables, gravies, instant mashed potatoes, etc.) to the November meeting. Questions, please contact Lion Barb Hayes (410-596-1483).

Brave Bags Service Project

Take part in our first 22W Vice District Governor (VDG) Service Challenge for Youth by chipping in to help us assemble and distribute 25 Brave Bags for youth at the Gateway School in Westminster, which serves students with specialized learning, behavioral or emotional needs.

Brave Bags are a sort of care package for students meant to support them as they transition to middle school or face other challenges. Your donation of a journal, a pen, a stress ball or fidget toy and an encouraging message can help let a child in crisis know he or she is not alone. Contact Lion Wendy Beares (443-974-6152) with any questions.

Veterans Giving Tree Project

TBD, Westminster Walmart

The Westminster Lions Club is planning to host its annual donation drive at the Westminster Walmart, "planting" our holiday giving tree inside the store, seeking community donations in support of local military veterans and servicepeople. Lion Wendy (443-974-6152) is working diligently and will announce the date as soon as possible. Stay tuned ...

Sykesville Holiday Marketplace
Saturday, Nov. 28, 9 am-3 pm,
Carroll County Ag Center Shipley Arena
Mark your calendar and stop by if you can, as a portion of the proceeds will benefit our club!
For details, reach out to Lion Barb (410-596-1483).

Winter Wonderland Holiday Shop
Thursday, Dec. 3, 9 am-2 pm, Own Our Own
265 East Main Street, Westminster
'Tis *almost* the season! We are currently collecting items to help give happier holidays to needy families and individuals in our community. For details about needed donations and volunteering, please contact Lion Barb (410-596-1483).

On the Radar: **Steak & Sausage Feed**
Thursday, June 10, 2027
6 - 8 pm, Westminster VFW
More information to come. Thank you to Lions Barb and Wendy for their leadership.

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, Nov. 12** Our Veterans Night celebration replaces our regular meeting. Our **Nov. 26 meeting is cancelled** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- **Thursday, Dec. 3** (regular meeting)

District 22W's next **Cabinet Meeting** is Saturday, **Nov. 14**, at 10 am at Benevola United Methodist Church in Boonsboro. Contact Lion Wendy (443-974-6152) for more information.

The next **Zone Meeting** is Wednesday, **Nov. 18**, at the Dutch Corner Restaurant in Manchester. Dinner is $20. The social begins at 6 pm, and dinner is served at 6:30 pm. Contact Lion Wendy (443-974-6152) for more information.

Congratulations and a BIG THANK-YOU to **Lion Kenny Carlisle**, who agreed to serve as our club's First Vice President. We are grateful that our Immediate Past President stepped into the breach and will continue to serve our club as a committed and dedicated leader.

Club Collections Update

Yay for us! In October, we collected:

- Little Reading Library – 61 books
- Diabetes – $12
- Tail Twister – $5
- Bullock's Fundraiser – $400.19

This month, we're collecting for Leader Dog. We're also hoping to collect gently used 100% cotton t-shirts for Roar Like a Lion projects.

Ongoing collections:

- **Toys and gifts for children with cancer** at the Children's Hospital at Sinai. See our website for details and contact Lion Wendy (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.

Take a Chance and Show You Care

We're 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 – Sold out! **But please be sure to be sure to bring any outstanding ticket stubs to the Nov. 12 meeting**, in time for the drawing, right after our Veterans Night Celebration.

Fruit Basket – Donated by our good friends at Baugher's Restaurant and Fruit Market. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5, and the winner will be drawn on Dec. 10. Proceeds benefit the Lions Vision Research Foundation.

It's on again! The Greater Good 50/50 Raffle is back, from Nov. 1-25, and there are even

more chances to win ... Use the link provided to purchase your "tickets," and good luck!

Stay up to date: For info about ongoing and upcoming programs and events, visit our web page.

Sponsor a Wreath for our Veterans

Wreaths Across America

Sat., Dec. 19, Noon, Mt. Zion UM Church, Finksburg (and other area cemeteries)

Purchase a wreath for a serviceperson's grave to help remember the fallen, honor those who serve and teach children the value of freedom. Volunteer to deliver wreaths, sponsor a wreath or take part in the commemorative ceremony. Contact Lion Barb (410-596-1483) for more information and locations.

Are You Going?

Multiple District 22 Annual Convention

The MD 22 102nd Annual Convention is taking place May 13-16, 2027, at Wisp Resort in McHenry, MD. For information, please reach out to Lion Wendy (443-974-6152).

LionsCon 27 is Coming ...

The International Convention — LionsCon 27 — will be held July 2-6, 2027, in Washington, D.C. , and we're going to need a lot of help from volunteers! Learn more on the LionsCon website or contact Lion Lee (410-596-0259).

Support the Pride: An Upcoming District 22W Event

Used Eyeglasses Packing Event

Host: Lion Bob Martin (301-471-9998)

Tuesday, Nov. 24 or Dec. 29, 6:30-9 pm

The Arc (555 S. Market St., Frederick)

Open to Lions, Leos, prospective members, friends and students needing community service hours. Contact Lion Bob (contact info above) to learn more.

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