



# District 22B Lions

*Serving Maryland's Eastern Shore and Beyond!*

## 'Roaring Insight' E-Newsletter

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## District Governor Message

### 2024-2025 DG Bijoy Mahanti



Dear Magnificent Lions,

What a wonderful journey I am having, visiting clubs and meeting you all and experiencing your activities with you! My gratitude to you all for your hospitality and the privilege of your time given to our cabinet members during the visit. We can share with you our District's goal, progress and challenges. We appreciate all your hard work with the service impact in your communities.

We had a well-attended Cabinet Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We selected the Perryville Lions Club's Peace Poster entrance as our District Winner which will be submitted to MD22 for

consideration. The district's status in meeting our goals were shared which will be coming out in the minutes soon. The service reporting has been a challenge due to the new Lions Portal and other factors. I have included some information about service reporting in another area of this newsletter.

Thank you to all who attended our two LVRF events and your Club's generosity, donating money for the worthy cause. Dr. Hussan and Dr. Brown from the Wilmer Lions Low Vision Clinic shared updates and the stories from the two clients were heart-touching. We collected \$16,000.00 which I was honored and privileged to give representing the district at the LVRF Rally / Fest in Wilmer on November 23rd.

Our MD22 Convention May 1-5 is first approaching and please consider participating. The registration process has already started.



You might be wondering what is that picture of fallen leaves is? As I am writing this, I am watching the leaves falling from our maple trees and wondering. What a world it would be if the trees were too afraid to let their leaves go.

There would be no Spring. The same thing happens to our lives----if we don't just let things flow and go. If we hold onto our past and want to go back, then what is coming could never come. There is time for everything under the Sun. There is hope in every season. Our Mother

Nature is our greatest teacher

Thanksgiving focuses on **gratitude**, both for what we received, which has helped us face challenges and move forward, and especially to strengthen ties with family and friends. With Thanksgiving Holiday this week and most of you know, it is a favorite holiday. It now involves everything we love: family, friends, food, fun, traditions, all the football games, fighting for shopping on Black Friday, go to those melees in the stores etc. There are many other Holidays coming in December: Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa. It is a wonderful time to explore the Power of Gratitude.

In fact, Holiday or not we can practice gratitude daily. Life changing gratitude is a chosen, cultivated way of living,

especially when we can be grateful in challenging circumstances. Oh! How can I forget to mention Remembrance Day (Dec 7). Traditionally it is Pearl Harbor Day. But can **We** expand to include **US all?** To Remember / Reflect where we came from and what we are. We are All nothing but Love and Light. Our theme this year is “**Being A Light We Serve**” Can We take this challenge to Remember / Reflect this not on this Special Day but Every day?

Wish you and your family a Joyous Holiday Season and be safe and healthy. With much gratitude for everything you do, and you are.

Sincerely,

**DG Bijoy Mahanti**

Something to share:

*“If you could only see your beauty, for you are greater than the sun. Why you are so withered and shriveled in this prison of dust? A basket full of bread sits on your head but you beg for crusts door to door. You are more precious than heaven and earth, you know now your own worth. Sell not yourself for a little price, being so precious in the eyes of God.” ----- Jalaluddin Rumi*

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## District News

### 2024-2025 Roster Book Updates & Corrections!

Please click below for the updates to the 2024-2025 Roster Book



## [2024-2025 Roster Book Updates](#)

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## [2024-2025 District Calendar](#)

Please click below to access the District Calendar with all Visitations, Meetings and District Functions. Updated as of 10/23/24

Please contact CS Donna Shelton with any questions, corrections or additions

## [2024-2025 District Calendar](#)

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## [Lions Vision Research Foundation \(LVRF\) Information](#)

PDG Bob Kidner, Sight and Hearing Chairman has prepared the below report on what LVRF is, does and why it is so important.





## MD-22 2025 District Convention

Introducing **online registration for the 2025 Multiple District Convention!**

Attention Lions, **register for the 2025 convention online** using the following: <https://e-district.org/sites/md22/page-12.php>.

**In addition to registering for the convention, you can order meals, sign up for the golf tournament, place an ad in the convention program and register as a vendor through the website.**

**Past District Governors can also sign up for the PDG breakfast online!**

**Payments can be made by credit card online or**

**by mailing a check to:**

**Convention Treasurer, Wayne Cole  
2640 Meadowbrook Road, Federalsburg, MD 21632**

Sincerely,

Lion PDG Susan Bonura, Chair  
MD 22 Convention Committee  
Service from the Heart

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Hello great souls. Hope all of you are doing well, healthy, and safe. During these unique challenging times in the world, our lives continue to evolve. Usually Sunday is my day to leave all our Nation's news, which includes sports at bay and fill my account at the Bank of the Universe with some deeds which fills my spirits and look for the opportunity. What a joy! I wanted to share with you a great opportunity I availed on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> participating with HorizonWalks in a walkathon fundraising for Childhood Cancer activities. As most of you know, Childhood Cancer is one of our 10 Global Causes to make service impact as it presents significant challenges to humanity. Before I explain to you how to participate, here are some of the facts to bring awareness.

Childhood Cancer happens everywhere. Each year, more than 17,000 children are diagnosed with cancer in the United States. Globally, it is



estimated that more than 400,000 new cases of cancer are affected each year; however, this number may be vastly underestimated due to the large number of undiagnosed cases.

Childhood cancer is Number 1 cause of death in children in the United States. There are over 500,000 survivors in the U.S, however this does not mean they are cured or free from long-term side effects. The average age at diagnosis with childhood cancer is 10. The most common categories of childhood cancer include leukemia, brain cancer, lymphomas, and solid tumors, such as neuroblastoma and Wilms tumor. In high-income countries more than 80% of children with cancer are cured, but in many low-income and middle-income countries only 20% are cured. These are just some of the facts. Now you can appreciate why our Lions International adapted Childhood Cancer as one of the 10 Global Causes for service impact.

Johns Hopkins Hospital, University of Maryland Medical Center, National Cancer Institute (NIH) and Sinai Hospital are the only 4 hospitals in Maryland that have Pediatric Oncologist to treat

childhood cancer patients. The other closest renowned hospital is Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C.



HorizonWalks benefits Horizon Day Camp. Horizon Day camp is a not-for-profit organization in Baltimore, which provides activities for hospitalized children and their siblings affected by childhood cancer throughout the year and summer day camp at no cost to the family. The organization provides year-round

programs (Horizon on Wheels), in-hospital recreational activities, and summer day camps. All offered completely free of charge to the family.

I have been privileged to partner with the HorizonWalks / Horizon Day Camp for the last several years to be of service to children. It was my privilege of making a team "*Central Maryland Lions Clubs*" (*District 22-A*) and designating myself as the Team Captain. It did not hold much traction. Last year the team was expanded and was named "*Lions of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia*". Of course, that is our Multiple District 22. Guess who took the liberty of designating himself as the Team Captain.

Our page link is provided below. The fund-raising walk is over as it is done once a year in October. The donation link is open to receive everybody's generosity. Any member, club, family members / friends can donate to our team. It is a worthy cause. No amount is small, and this will bring little joy to every child and sibling affected by childhood cancer to attend Summer Day Camp, participate in in-hospital activities. If your club donates to our team, you can take credit for LIONS PORTAL as participating in one of our Global Causes. You may share the link below with your individual social media Facebook, email etc. And mention to donate to our team, whoever donates to the team, their name or club will be added as a team member. Please spread the word and our MD22 Link



Please consider donating to help raise much needed funds for

these children. Your generosity will provide miles of Horizon smiles.

Donation / Participation Link: <https://sunrise-walks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=7697>

You may copy and paste the link. Here are some of the pictures of one of our District 22-B members having fun participating in the HorizonWalks event.

With much gratitude to you all,  
Your District Governor  
Bijoy Mahanti

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## Lions Club International Foundation

Hello, My Fellow Grace Heart Lions,



### Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is our Foundation and is empowering our service activities. LCIF supports our commitment to our communities, creating greater impact in the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, environment, and humanitarian efforts. Our service activities have increased over the years as the needs are greater and have been serving over 250 million people annually, exceeding our goal of 200 million. Since 1968 our Foundation has granted over \$1.1 Billion for various services worldwide. Last year LCIF approved 1,115 grants for various services. Various clubs in our District have received grants to purchase Vision Screening equipment, our District received \$20,000.00 Emergency Disaster Relief grant to assist the community during the hurricane disaster in the past.

You know the needs are greater and greater. 2.2 billion people have vision impairment or blindness, 300,000 children (under 19) are diagnosed with cancer each year, weather related disasters have increased by 50%, 1 in 11 people have diabetes, 1 in 9 people lacks enough food, these are just only few examples. We are volunteers and serve through our Heart. We show kindness towards others or humanity. By doing nice things for others, we feel greater joy, contentment, and love, which in turn promote our greater well-being and improve our social relationships. It is through giving that we receive. Let us take the challenge to meet our goal of **\$31,995.00** by the end of Lion Year and give a Big Push.

Just like the athletes give all their efforts



towards the end to do it Better. We have so many opportunities to make some one's life better and listen to their life changing story how we have impacted in their life. We can donate something to our foundation LCIF in your loved one's name for any occasion or just because you love them. Various holidays are coming, that is another opportunity to donate in your name or someone's. The so-called Football season (both NFL and College) has started. You can sacrifice a little money from any pool you play, Fantasy Football, other betting, or by reducing the number of games you go to. You can get exercise by walking on the course a couple of times and the money you save can benefit someone else by your donation.



## **Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION**

Someone can spare several cups of Starbucks coffee and donate what you save. Individually you can honor your loved ones with the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Your club can become a 100% Club by each member donating minimum \$35.00 in a given year. You can donate your club's 50/50 drawings and Tail twister collection for a few months. You can honor many members of your club as Melvin Jones Fellow or any community member who has been helpful to the club. The way to give is Boundless.



**We Serve**

Please make your club visible. . You can donate a certain amount monthly for certain months. You can contact me about other ways to give or any other questions. No amount is too small. Let us give someone whatever our Heart's Desire who is in greater need than ourselves.

It is always the right time to come together and support the greater good with LCIF. We appreciate our renowned Lions community just doing that: to help build the mission of SERVICE with our unwavering support. We have a golden opportunity now: This Giving Tuesday, December 3, please consider continuing that support with a \$20.00 gift, or anyway that you can. Every dollar counts! There are many ways you can help make the world a better place: Here is the link, you may copy and paste. [lionsclubs.org/givingtuesday](https://lionsclubs.org/givingtuesday)

Thank you for taking this challenge. The more we give, the more we shall receive. Please do not underestimate yourselves.

**With much gratitude to you all,  
Your District LCIF Coordinator  
Bijoy Mahanti**

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**Do you have any news you'd like to share as a District  
Cabinet Chair? If so send it to me at**

## Multiple District 22 News



### 2025 Multiple District Convention

#### **Save the Date for the 2025 Multiple District Convention**

It is not too early to plan to attend the 2025 Multiple District Convention being held in **McHenry, Maryland at the Wisp Resort, May 1 – May 4.** You may call the central

reservations desk at 855-656-4632 and ask for group booking ID 7325.

The convention begins with a shotgun start golf tournament at Lodestone at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 1. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the first general business session begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 2. Exhibit booths will also be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 2. The first session of seminars will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. on May 2 followed by an open discussion with our International guest. The day ends with the Multiple District social and banquet.

Saturday begins with a PDG breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Lions Memorial Service at 8:45 a.m. The morning continues with seminars, registration, exhibits and district luncheons. The first district business sessions will be held on Saturday afternoon. The day ends with a chicken BBQ dinner at the Garrett County Fairgrounds Ag Center.

Sunday includes registration, the second general business session and district meetings and elections. The convention ends with the Victory lunch. A mini golf tournament is also planned.

Do you have any news you'd like to share as a Zone/Region chair? If so send it to me at [22blions@gmail.com](mailto:22blions@gmail.com) no later than December 23rd!

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## Club News



### **Ridgely Lions Club**

#### **SPORTSMAN RAFFLE**

\$20.00 Donation

January 1st – January 31st 2025

### Ridgely Lions - Sportsman Raffle

**January 1st - January 31st 2025**

**\$20 donation per ticket.**

Winning Number based on MD Lottery 3-digit evening drawing.

Winners must accept listed prizes without substitution at Tuckahoe Sportsman 22145 Shore Highway Denton MD 21629 subject to state and federal background checks.

If winner cannot pass background, they can opt for 100.00 cash from RLC.

Winners must claim all prizes by February 28, 2025 or they become the property of Ridgely Lions Club (RLC).

Winners must present a valid ID and ticket stub to claim prizes.

[Click Here for the Flyer](#)

Date	Item	Cost
1	Benelli Vinci Cordova 12ga	\$ 2,000.00
2	Tsunami Safire XT rods - Pair	\$ 180.00
3	Bubba Blade Knife Set	\$ 150.00
4	Savage Mark II 22lr	\$ 300.00
5	Tuckahoe Sportsman Gift Certificate	\$ 200.00
6	Big Game Hunter HD Treestand	\$ 300.00
7	Stoeger M3020 20ga	\$ 650.00
8	Calcutta Renegade 20 Cooler	\$ 180.00
9	Case Federal top gun target load	\$ 120.00
10	Blough's Seafood Gift Certificate	\$ 200.00
11	Stoeger S3000 Pellet Gun .177	\$ 200.00
12	Hard Core Canada Goose Decoys - 4pk	\$ 150.00
13	Avery Sock Decoys - Snow Goose - 12pk	\$ 90.00
14	Tuckahoe Sportsman Gift Certificate	\$ 200.00
15	Benelli Super Nova 12ga camo rifled	\$ 950.00
16	Ruger American 17HMR	\$ 450.00
17	Savage Rascal yth 22lr	\$ 230.00
18	Franchi Momentum Elite 350 legend camo	\$ 900.00
19	Penn War-fair Combo Rod	\$ 160.00
20	Blough's Seafood Gift Certificate	\$ 200.00
21	Winchester XPR t-hole laminate 350 legnd	\$ 850.00
22	Case Kent Fasteel 2.0 12ga 3"	\$ 261.00
23	Big Game Captain X1 hang-on Treestand	\$ 120.00
24	Case Federal Black Cloud Steel 12ga 3"	\$ 370.00
25	Tuckahoe Sportsman Gift Certificate	\$ 200.00
26	Trijicon Huron Scope 2.5-10x40 Blk	\$ 600.00
27	Jet Sled XL	\$ 160.00
28	Avian - X Trophy Tom Decoy	\$ 130.00
29	Savage Axis XP 400 Legend	\$ 500.00
30	Tuckahoe Sportsman Gift Certificate	\$ 200.00
31	Franchi Intensity 12 ga 3-1/2" camo	\$ 1,200.00

## Sudlersville Lions - Christmas Wreath and Tree Sale

Fresh Made Wreaths

Purchases of more than 6, Call 410-438-3100 or 302-270-7904

Cut and Balled Christmas Trees  
Tree lot opened the first three weekends in December or until sold out.

Located next to the Sudlersville Train Station on Main Street in Sudlersville, MD



Sudlersville Lions Club

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All proceeds support the Sudlersville Lions Club's charitable giving.

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