



## CHESTERTOWN LIONS CLUB HOLDS FIRST IN-PERSON DINNER BUSINESS MEETING FOR THE NEW YEAR

What a beautiful late summer evening it was and a perfect time for Chestertown Lions Club members to join together for their first in-person dinner business meeting of the year on October 14, 2020. The meeting was held at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club (CRYCC) and, Wow, what a turnout- 28 members in attendance and 3 members by Internet Zoom.

After a wonderful meal and fellowship, the business meeting began as new KL Mary Lou Pagella presented past KL Rick Coffman a beautiful Past President's plaque. He richly deserves this award after guiding the Club through a very difficult year. It was then Past KL Rick Coffman's turn to present outstanding performance awards to Club members-KL Mary Lou Pagella, Secretary Glenn Owens, Treasurer Rick Wells, Service Chair Fred Sherriff, and Media Chair Dave Dunham.

Four new members were then initiated into the Club: Lion Jane Welch and Lion Rock Crum (DG Wayne Benjamin sponsor), Lion Mike Gallagher (Lion Fred Sherriff sponsor), and Lion James Porter (Lion Larry Lyons sponsor). Past DG John Lawrence performed an excellent member initiation ceremony (Photos 1 & 4). Past DG John Lawrence then awarded a Special International Presidential Award to new District 22B DG Wayne Benjamin (Photo 2).

DG Wayne Benjamin made his initial Club visit to his home Club in Chestertown. His message was well received as he stressed the need to grow District numbers this year, reminded new members they should attend orientation sessions this year, and stressed the need to focus on member retention. His PowerPoint

presentation (Photo 3) was well received by members. DG Benjamin then presented Club awards for last year's performance to Past KL Rick Coffman: The Five Star Club Award and the Governor's Exceptional Club Award. Very Well Done Everyone! Secretary Glenn Owens was then presented his well-deserved 100% Secretary Award.

DG Wayne Benjamin reminded members to reserve March 6, 2021, for the District 22B Social which will be held at the Hyatt Resort in Cambridge, MD. Rooms will cost \$114 nightly. Secondly, the District 22 MD Convention will be held April 15-18 in Gettysburg, PA. Location to be determined.

**Club News Items:**

1. Shotgun Raffle Chair, Lion Fred Sherriff, will have 6000 tickets printed for sale. Tickets are on-sale now at Molly's and on High Street (across from Farmer's Market) on Saturday mornings.
2. Lion Ken Roderick, Chair BBQ Chicken Event, reported the event will be held on October 3 across from the college at Trinity Lutheran Church from 11:00 till? Set-up day will be October 2. Volunteers are still needed.
3. Because of ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the annual Chestertown Halloween Parade will be cancelled this year. The Chestertown Lions Club which sponsors the parade each year decided that because of the impact of COVID-19 and for safety considerations it was best to cancel the parade this year."



**Photo 1. (From left to right): Lion Jane Welch, DG Wayne Benjamin (sponsor), Past DG John Lawrence (back to camera) presenting member pins, Lion Rock Crum, Lion Fred Sherriff (sponsor), Lion Mike Gallagher, Lion Larry Lyons (sponsor), and Lion James Porter.**



**Photo 2. DG Wayne Benjamin receives a Special International Presidential Award from Past DG John Lawrence.**



**Photo 3. DG Wayne Benjamin makes his initial visitation PowerPoint presentation to Club members.**



**Photo 4. (From left to right): DG Wayne Benjamin receives sponsor's pin from Lion Jane Welch, Lion Rock Crum looks on; Lion Fred Sherriff receives sponsor's pin from Lion Mike Gallagher.**