

Freedom District Lions Club

Activity Committees & Service Projects List

- **ALERT/Safety**
 - Emergency Preparedness Education to the public as well as members
- **Childhood Cancer**
 - Toys, games & books collection and delivery for Pediatric Cancer Patient at Sinai Hospital
- **Christmas Tree Project**
 - Tree Decorating Festival to raise funds for Pediatric Cancer projects
- **Citizenship Services**
 - provided an educational program (Flag Day Presentation to local elementary school students
- **Diabetes Awareness**
 - Supporter of Camp Merrick, a summer day camp for children with diabetes
 - Diabetes Awareness Walk
 - Salsa Dancing for Diabetes event
- **Drug Awareness**
 - Coordinate programs at club meetings/community events
to raise awareness regarding drug issues in the community by bringing relevant speakers to the issue
- **Educational Services**
 - Freedom Lions Academic Grants - scholarship to local students
 - FDLC Volunteer Service Awards to local middle and high school students
 - 2 College Scholarship of \$2000 each to 2 seniors from Century & Liberty High Schools
- **Environmental Services**
 - Year-round Freedom Park Clean-Up
 - Year-round Liberty of Reservoir Trails Clean-Up
 - Year-round Maintenance of South Carroll area trails
 - Route 32 Clean-Up several times a year

- **Feed the Hungry**
 - Thanksgiving Meal Delivery to local families in need with Liberty & Century High School Leo Clubs
 - Rise Against Hunger: packaging & boxing 10,000 meals to be shipped to schools around the world in areas where children are suffering from hunger.
Collaboration with Leo Clubs
- **Fire Department Liaison**
 - Supporter of Sykesville Freedom Volunteer Fire Department via monetary support as well as other identified needs
- **Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action**
 - Coordinates free hearing screening for community members
 - **collects used hearing aids for recycling**
- **International Liaison**
 - Sets up communication with one or more other Lions clubs elsewhere around the world. Includes the sharing of club newsletters.
- **Junior CSI Liaison**
 - sponsorship of the Sykesville PD junior CSI program for Middle to High school aged youth held in September.
- **Medical Equipment**
 - loaning medical equipment (hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, bathroom equipment, etc.) to area residents free of charge and time limitations
- **National Night Out**
 - Cooking and giving free french fries and community outreach during annual National Night Out at Sykesville Freedom VFD grounds
- **Operation Joy**
 - Weekly karaoke, monthly games, and monthly craft sessions with members of a local assisted living facility
- **One-Time Projects :**
 - Protective Face Shields – preparing & delivering over 1,200 face shields to local nursing homes, health agencies, hospital & hospices during the onset of the pandemic

- Pop-Up Food Pantry - in May 2020, operated a pop-up food pantry each Sunday for over 20 weeks. This project served 105-180 people (35-60 families/cars) weekly by distributing free milk, eggs, bread, fresh vegetables, and other groceries
- Heroes Project - In 2021&2022, members prepared and delivered “thank you” bags containing travel mugs, drinks, snacks, & other items to over 600 members or the staff at Carroll Hospital and local First Responders
- **Preschool Vision Screening**
 - Conducts free vision screening of children (age 2 to 5-year-old) at preschools, nursery schools and churches in our area.
- **See More Support Group**
 - Supports a group of blind and low vision citizens meeting in Carroll County – arranging for resource programs of interest at their meetings and to help them attend social and other events in the community.
- **Sight Conservation**
 - Collect used eyeglasses from Lions boxes located at 7-10 businesses in town to be inspected and boxed for recycling which then distributes to those in need of eyeglasses elsewhere in the world
 - Reviews requests from people in need for financial assistance for an eye exam or new eyeglasses
- **Sykesville Liaison**
 - Maintains communication with officials of the Town of Sykesville to ascertain town activities/events and other items of mutual interest FDLC might support or participate in.
- **Veterans Services**
 - Wreaths Across America
 - Annual Veterans Appreciation Banquet
- **Youth Outreach**
 - Sponsors and supports Leo Clubs in Century & Liberty HS in their activities such as:
 - School Supplies in August : shopping and packaging school supplies for local students in need
 - Holiday Gifts in December : shopping and wrapping gifts for community members in need

- Financial Support to various youth programs in the community