

## District Governor's Message

Lion Martin Bonura – District 22W  
Lions Year 2025–2026  
Theme: “Lions of Humble Service”  
District Pin: *Humble Lion Servant of Western Maryland*



Fellow Lions of District 22W,

It is with deep gratitude and a servant’s heart that I step into this new Lions year with you, under the banner of Lions of Humble Service. Our theme reminds us that true leadership is not about recognition—it is about quiet strength, shared purpose, and selfless action. Every act of kindness we deliver—from vision screenings to food drives—is a reflection of the humble heart of Lionism. We celebrate the selfless and powerful spirit of Lions across Western Maryland. We serve not for recognition, but because we are called to lead through compassion, kindness, and action.

Our district pin, *Humble Lion Servants of Western Maryland*, is more than a symbol. It is a promise—a commitment to serve our neighbors quietly and effectively, letting the results speak louder than the credit.

In Western Maryland, our service speaks for itself. Whether it is through longstanding traditions or new initiatives, our clubs continue to answer the call with purpose and passion. My commitment as District Governor is simple: to support the clubs who support their communities—and beyond.

**Serving Clubs Who Serve Others** – District 22W exists to empower and uplift the incredible work of our clubs. Whether you are in Garrett County, Allegany County, Washington County, Frederick County, or Carroll County, we are here to help you grow your impact. This year, district leadership will focus on streamlining support for club service projects, membership development, and grant navigation.

**Service Carnivals – Celebration with Purpose** – One of our proudest recent traditions has been our Service Carnivals—interactive events that bring clubs together to showcase service, engage families, and connect with the community. These carnivals are not just fun—they are an entry point for future Lions and a celebration of all we accomplish together. We plan to build on these events, making them bigger, more inclusive, and even more impactful.

**LCIF Grants in Action – Helping Neighbors After the Flood** - When devastating floods struck parts of Western Maryland, District 22W stepped up—not alone, but together. Through the support of an LCIF disaster relief grant, we were able to provide immediate help: supplies, clean-up support, and compassionate service. This grant was a reminder that LCIF is not just a fund—it is a lifeline, and a powerful example of global giving meeting local need.

**Roar Like a Lion – Loud Service, Humble Heart** – Our youth initiative, Roar Like a Lion, continues to encourage the next generation of change-makers to lead with empathy, energy, and

enthusiasm. Whether through Leo Clubs or youth-focused service days, we are making sure the roar of service does not end with us—but grows louder with each young Lion stepping forward.

As we begin this year together, let us remember that humility does not mean doing less—it means serving more without needing applause. Let us wear the title “Humble Lion – Servant of Western Maryland” not as a slogan, but as a call to action.

In humble service,

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*“Where there is a need, there is a Lion... quietly making a difference.”*