



From: Parade Committee

To: Lions of MD 22 & MD 24

On Behalf of the Parade Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the many Lions, Leos and Guests that participated in making the National Memorial Day Parade a tremendous success. You braved the heat and made a tremendous showing.

A special "Thank You" goes out to our LCIF Chairman, IPIP Al Brandel and his lovely wife, Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy. Their presence on our Float honoring our veterans, and especially WWII Veterans, was one of the high points for the Lions of our Districts. Al's Dad (WWII Vet) & brother-in-law (active duty-Navy) also honored us with their presence on the float.

Our thanks also go out to our Past International Directors who took time out of their busy schedules and drove long distances to participate and march in the parade, and lent their support in every facet of the planning. PID Joe Gaffigan & PID Wayne Davis, both were driving forces in securing funding for this year's project. Also thanks to Dane LaJoye and Jay Copp at LCI for keeping us and the Parade in mind this year.

Many, many thanks go out to our Mascots "Lion Leon" and "Lion Uncle Sam" who braved near record temperatures to be with us. Sure hope there are "Air Conditioned" suits on the horizon. Thanks Leon and Uncle Sam.

Many thanks to our friends at Pepsi for their continued support of Lions in the Parade. Their donation of 300 bottles of water helped keep us "refreshed" and hydrated during our long hot day.

Our Float was very well made and decorated, thanks to Shaw Parades. They also took special care of our float riders, providing extra chairs for comfort during our long wait.

Our goal of collecting 500 pairs of glasses along the route fell just a little short, but we did lots to raise public awareness of one of the many things that Lions do. I am still getting calls about eyeglass donations, thanks to ads placed in various news media.

Thanks to the many Lions and their families who were unable to march, but came out to view and lend support to this effort. Your support did not go unnoticed.

None of this would have been possible were it not for the untiring effort of the "Parade Committee" who worked tirelessly and gave freely of their time to make this a reality. They have my undying gratitude.

Thankfully yours

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2010 Parade Committee Chairperson

