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REMINDER -The SRLC is sponsoring its 10th annual BULL & OYSTER ROAST along with good fellowship, door prizes, games of chance, a Silent Auction and \$500 cash raffle. Get your tickets now for Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Columbian Center on Rt. 2 in Severna Park from 6 to 10:00 PM. Tables can be reserved for groups of 8 to 10 persons. Members were given tickets to sell at \$45.00 each and Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. Please call Lion Bill O'Neil at 410-647-8182 or Lion Dick Maurer at 410-544-1156 for additional tickets and to report sold tickets.



Lions Choose Next Year's Leaders

Lion John Valett and the nominating committee drafted a strong slate of candidates to lead the Severn River Lions Club next Lions year. The slate was presented and approved and the membership voted to accept the slate at the April 1 meeting. Guiding SRLC for the next Lions year will be:

President/King Lion-Bill Stack
1st VP-Catherine Violette
2nd VP-Joinette Smallwood
3rd VP Carl Gilbert
Secretary- Dick Maurer
Asst. Secretary-Nancy Earley
Treasurer-Sue Parks
Asst. Treasurer-Jackie Hetrick
Tail Twister- Jim Coolbaugh
Lion Tamer-Tilghman Brice
2 Year Director-Tammy Jolley
2 Year Director-Dale Strait
1 Year Director-George Council
1 Year Director-Chuck Horne
Membership- Jon Valett
IPP- Chris Werth

Elected leaders will attend a training session for their position later this spring and will assume office in July in conjunction with the new Lions Year. "Big shoes to fill" but the slate has the ability and drive to lead SRLC and help it continue to be one of the best clubs in The District. Behind these talented leaders is a cadre of strong and willing Lions who work diligently to contribute to the community with the club's many worthwhile service activities.



The March 18 Dinner meeting guest speaker was Miriam Stanicic, Community Relations Director from the United States Naval Academy Speakers Bureau that provides a voluntary guest speakers service to interested groups and organizations.

CITRUS SALES

The citrus sale on February 22 was the next to last date that our loyal customers can get delicious citrus from Florida until the fall of 2014. The day started on a chilly note with predawn temperatures at 5:30 am standing at 31 degrees. Lion Randy was well dressed for his ride in the Clements "convertible" also know as a fork lift and he was escorted down Robinson Road to the SPHS lot. The large truck had arrived earlier and awaited the lift and pallet jack. A band of early rising Lions were on hand to unload over 700 cartons of delicious ruby red grapefruit and juicy temple oranges which had been reserved by over 300 customers. King Orange Carl directed the operation and the unloading and stacking went smoothly. Five hearty band students arrived after they had been busy preparing delicious band subs in the cafeteria and set up the two booths for the sale and then returned to the line to mix about seventy boxes of oranges and grapefruit. About 8:00 am everything was ready and Lion Bill Z's "warming hut" with hot coffee and doughnuts attracted visitors who enjoyed the break. The sun had come up over the horizon and the thermometer rose as cars began lining up. For the next four hours a stream of customers went through the booths, received tickets for their purchase, then moved to the citrus lines where they were greeted and the citrus was loaded. The line crew thanked the customers and reminded them of the next sale scheduled for March 22. The call "soups on" was heard and in shifts the crew adjourned to the school for delicious band subs, snacks donated by Jay Middleton, and a hearty soup supplied by Lion Nancy Burns. As the noon hour approached the stacks of citrus had dwindled and the surplus fruit will be available for customers who "forgot" to come in today. The monthly citrus sales are a great way for Lions to bond and to tell customers about our club's many charitable programs. The March citrus sale will be the last until fall so mark your calendar for March 22 and plan to come out to help with this event.

For several days in March the weatherman threatened to dampen SRLC's final citrus sale of the season and Lions were told to bring ponchos, tarps, and umbrellas "in case" but the day dawned and the sun came out and there was "no rain on our parade." Early arriving workers retrieved the fork lift from Clements Hardware and returned to the parking lot to unload the pallets of delicious grapefruit and temple oranges. One minor downside- the "warming hut" that usually is parked to provide doughnuts and coffee was absent due to mechanical issues. Lion Chuck provided a small table and Lion Dale stacked the boxes of doughnuts and coffee to provide early morning refreshments. The club truck arrived and four hearty band students set up the booths for the customers. Lion Randy skillfully drove the forklift and unloaded the pallets of fruit and placed them on the line and by the time the sun came up we were ready for customers who began to arrive. Cashiers in the booths accepted the orders and gave out flyers advertising the bull and oyster roast and customers moved to the pick up line where they were greeted and given their orders. On the nearby field the baseball team arrived for a morning practice and parents dropping off players mingled with the citrus customers but there were no conflicts. As mid day approached the Lions and workers were reminded that lunch would soon be served. Chefs Dick Maurer and Chuck Horne and Soup Queen Nancy Burns laid out a delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches and the citrus workers in shifts came inside to enjoy a delicious and hearty meal. By late morning the stacks of citrus had dwindled and the leftovers were eventually loaded for transport to Lion Rhine's garage to await calls from customers who forgot to pick up the fruit today. The 2013-2014 citrus season was a success and all Lions who contributed to this deserve a hearty "thank you."

Student from India Wins Grand Prize in Lions International Peace Poster Contest

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, February 18, 2014 – Tongbram Mahesh Singh, a 12-year-old boy from Manipur, India, has been named the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.



LEDOs Pizza Aids SRLC Scholarship Fund

For at least the last three years LEDOs Pizza in Park Plaza has contributed to the Severn River Lions scholarship fund. Lions members and guests at LEDO on the last Wednesday of the month arrive to enjoy the delicious food but they also aid the scholarship program. Stickers placed on the tables by Lions Nancy Burns remind the diners to place their receipts in the basket on the counter before departing. During the past three years LEDO manager, Martin Gorman, has contributed a portion of the night's proceeds to the scholarship program and over six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) has been donated during this period. Currently SRLC provides scholarships at Severna Park High School and Broadneck High School and makes a contribution to the general scholarship fund at Anne Arundel Community College. The scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement over four years, participation in extra -curricular activities, and teacher recommendations. Initially the scholarships are awarded for one year but can be extended up to four years if conditions do not change. Eight students are currently receiving scholarship assistance from the Lions Club. The charitable contributions of the local LEDO restaurant have been appreciated and the assistance to the scholarship program has been very beneficial. Thank you LEDO for the generosity that benefits college students!



MEMBERSHIP KEY AWARDS

Salute the Heritage...Reward the Effort



Membership Key Awards acknowledge the importance of effective recruitment in membership growth by recognizing the number of new members a Lion has sponsored.

Lions Clubs International recognizes Lions who have contributed to the growth of our organization. At Severn River's General Membership Meeting on February 18th, King Lion Chris Werth presented Lion Sue Parks with the *Builder Membership Key* which represents Lion Sue's sponsorship of 10 new Lions. Since a new Lion must remain a Lion for a year and a day before the name may be used as credit toward a key, Lions Ed, Jill, Tammy, and Diana have not yet been included in Lion Sue's count toward her next goal – the Senior Builder Key.



Dates to Remember

Tuesday 1 April **SRLC Bring A Friend Night** 7:00pm @ American Legion Post 175 and learn about the Severn River Lions Club. There will be attractive displays and information about our club's many service activities and projects that benefit the community. This will be an informal and interactive gathering and everyone will learn more about SRLC.

April 5 Leader Dog Rally, Fallston Volunteer Fire Company

April 6 Bike Rodeo with Scout Pack 688 @ Shipley's Choice Elementary

April 9 AA Community College Health Fair Vision & Hearing Screening

April 12 Eyeglass Sorting MD School for the Blind

April 15 SRLC Dinner meeting at AL Post 175

April 25 LVRF first Annual Rally

April 26 **SRLC Bull & Oyster Roast**

May 3 Melvin Jones Breakfast Crowne Plaza Baltimore North

May 12-15 MD22 Convention in OC MD