

# SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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## Fellow Lions

I just wanted to take the opportunity to share a little with you. I was going through my notes from our retreat meetings for this year. I remember many of you expressed concern that you felt we were more of a fundraising group than a service group. I just wanted to recap what we've accomplished to serve in our community thus far. Here are some of the services and community involvement that we have done but this is not all.

.Eye glass collection Eye glass sorting Peace Posters Highway Pickup  
Centennial Service Project which included business clothes drive, eye exams and lunches  
sponsor a Leo Club Medical Loan Closet SPAN food drives Meals On Wheels  
participation with Boy Scouts Battle of the Bands Bay Bridge Run 4th of July Parade

We also discussed that this would be a year of transition and change. We want new ideas to be discussed freely and we want to be open to listen to new ideas to implement. That being said we are currently looking for a new chairperson for our Scholarship committee. At this time anyone who takes this role will spend the rest of the current year transitioning with Lion Ollie Wittig to be able to start this position in full next year. Our first step towards successful transition planning.

Our group currently has three ongoing fundraising events. Ledo's Pizza which is the fourth Wednesday of each month. We get a percentage of the receipt proceeds and thus far have raised over thousands over the years. We are back in the saddle with our Fabulous Fruit Sales - new vendor, new streamlined online system and before it's all over we'll be in the new Severna Park Senior High. Lastly is our Million Penny Drive. It's been a slow start but we've recently gotten support from our community. Edinboro School is collecting for us and we have a student from Severn River School who would like to start collecting funds for us as well as a bowling team is DC.

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A bonus for us also is that we have posts on our SRLC Facebook and Twitter pages as well as a mention and post of MD22A Facebook page. A first for us!!

I wish you all the best for the rest of 2016 and hope you all have a fantastic holiday season. Looking forward to serving with you the rest of the year!

Cheers!

KL Joinette

## Tournament of Bands

On October 22 King Lion Joinette Smallwood and Lion Ollie Wittig journeyed to the Knight Stadium at Broadneck High School for the annual US Bands by the Bay competition by 21 high school marching bands. Bands came from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland. For at least ten years the SRLC as purchased the trophies for this event and these were prominently displayed for the audience to see as the bands performed. The announcer recognized the SRLC contribution and introduced King Lion Joinette and Lion Ollie. As the winners were announced the drum major came forward to receive their trophy that was presented by the Lions..



## Bay Bridge RUN/WALK

It was a sunny and breezy Friday afternoon when Lions Nancy Earley, Chuck Horne, Jackie Hetrick and myself all reported to the Navy Stadium to work as volunteers. This is a new opportunity that we were able to help. Volunteer chores included giving runners bibs/numbers to be worn on outside apparel, give out running shirts and/ or on the day of the event check the buses to ensure everyone and everything was off the buses as runners were transported. We had a great time laughing, talking visiting the expo and the unexpected bonus was Dunkin Donuts and Mission BBQ box lunches that were in the volunteer break room for all to enjoy! This was such a fun event and we are looking forward to doing this again next year!



## Great First Citrus Sale

The 2016-2017 citrus season got off to a very good start on November 19 on the back lot at SPHS. The truck from Florida Indian River Groves arrived at 5:00 am. Early arrivers, Bill Stack and Ollie Wittig journeyed to Clement



Hardware to get the forklift that makes the job of unloading the truck much easier. Even the weather man cooperated today and after the sun came above the horizon a cool but not unpleasant day was forecast. About two dozen Lions were on hand to unload the truck and place the

pallets of navel oranges, grapefruit, and mix boxes to get ready for the crowd. Four energetic band students and Ray Smith's grandson assembled two citrus booths and we were almost ready when the first customers began to arrive at 8:00 am. The booths were staffed and Lions began to accept buyers who had lined up all the way out to Robinson Road. This year, instead of colored tickets, a computerized system that printed

out a receipt and copy of the orders were given to the customers who then drove to the pickup line where they were greeted and their orders were loaded. Buyers were thanked and reminded that the next two sales would be at a different location, SP Baptist Church but we would be back at SPHS in February. As noon approached the stacks of citrus dwindled but there was still excess fruit for late arrivers or the "I forgot to order" customers. After last year's shortened season Lions hope that this year's sales will rise so the club can continue to provide financial assistance to the numerous projects our club sponsors.



Go Lions- We will be back on Dec. 17. at the Benfield Baptist Church



Dear Lions Fruit Sale Customer,

As you know, we have switched suppliers. We are pleased with the high quality of the Navel oranges and Red Grapefruit we received for our November sale. It is with great pleasure we are announcing our second fruit sale with our new supplier on Saturday, December 17, again offering NAVEL ORANGES and RED GRAPEFRUIT. Please note below that we are offering 1/5 bushels this year. PLEASE NOTE THE DECEMBER FRUIT SALE WILL BE AT THE SEVERNA PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, 506 BENFIELD BLVD.

The last day to order for this sale is this Friday, December 9th.

To order fruit please reply or forward this email to:  
[fruitorders@severnriverlions.org](mailto:fruitorders@severnriverlions.org) with your order inserted in the list below,

Phone orders may call 410-439-5770 anytime and 410-647-7338, 410-518-9863, 443-647-7338, or 410-544-1156 from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. Please place your order by Friday, December 9th.

Payment for your email or phone order is by check or cash at pickup. NO credit cards accepted

Online orders by credit card can be made at [www.SRLCFruitSale.com](http://www.SRLCFruitSale.com) and picked up on Saturday, December 17th

Pick up your fruit at the **Severna Park Baptist Church, 506 Benfield Blvd.** on Saturday the December 17th between 9 AM and 1 PM.

Thank you for your support to our charitable activities.

The Lions of Severn River

Order your Navel Oranges and Grapefruit from the Severn River Lions Club

| Item                              | Size     | Cost    | Number |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Navel Oranges                     |          |         |        |
|                                   | 1/5 Bshl | \$20.00 | _____  |
|                                   | 2/5 Bshl | \$27.00 | _____  |
|                                   | 4/5 Bshl | \$37.00 | _____  |
| Grapefruit (Ruby Red)             |          |         |        |
|                                   | 1/5 Bshl | \$20.00 | _____  |
|                                   | 2/5 Bshl | \$27.00 | _____  |
|                                   | 4/5 Bshl | \$37.00 | _____  |
| Mixed Box - Navels and Grapefruit |          |         |        |
|                                   | 2/5 Bshl | \$27.00 | _____  |



Next sale - January 21st, 2017

Your purchase will help the Severn River Lions support our community with vision and hearing screening.

Your purchase helps our Lions support the less fortunate with hearing and vision assistance, help youth programs, assist Meals on Wheels, SPAN, Cub and Boy Scouts, the Harbour School and Severna Park Middle School LEO clubs, Teen Court, children's eye screening at elementary schools and dozens of other projects every year. We provide scholarships to Severna Park and Broadneck High School students and funds to other worthy charities. Every penny of profit goes to these activities and you help through your purchase.

We thank you for your patronage and supporting our charitable work.

Sincerely, The Lions of Severn River

## Eagle Scout Service Project

Matthew Poindexter from Boy Scout Troop 672 deigned, constructed, painted and provided leadership for the three fruit sale booths we now use. Matthew received his EAGLE SCOUT rank at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on 26 November 2016



Lion Carl Gilbert testing out  
The new computerized fruit sale  
ordering and selling computer  
software



Lion Carl working inside a booth  
with his new software.

Lion Chris Werth looking on

## LIONS VISION DAYS

### A Fund-Raising and Membership Event

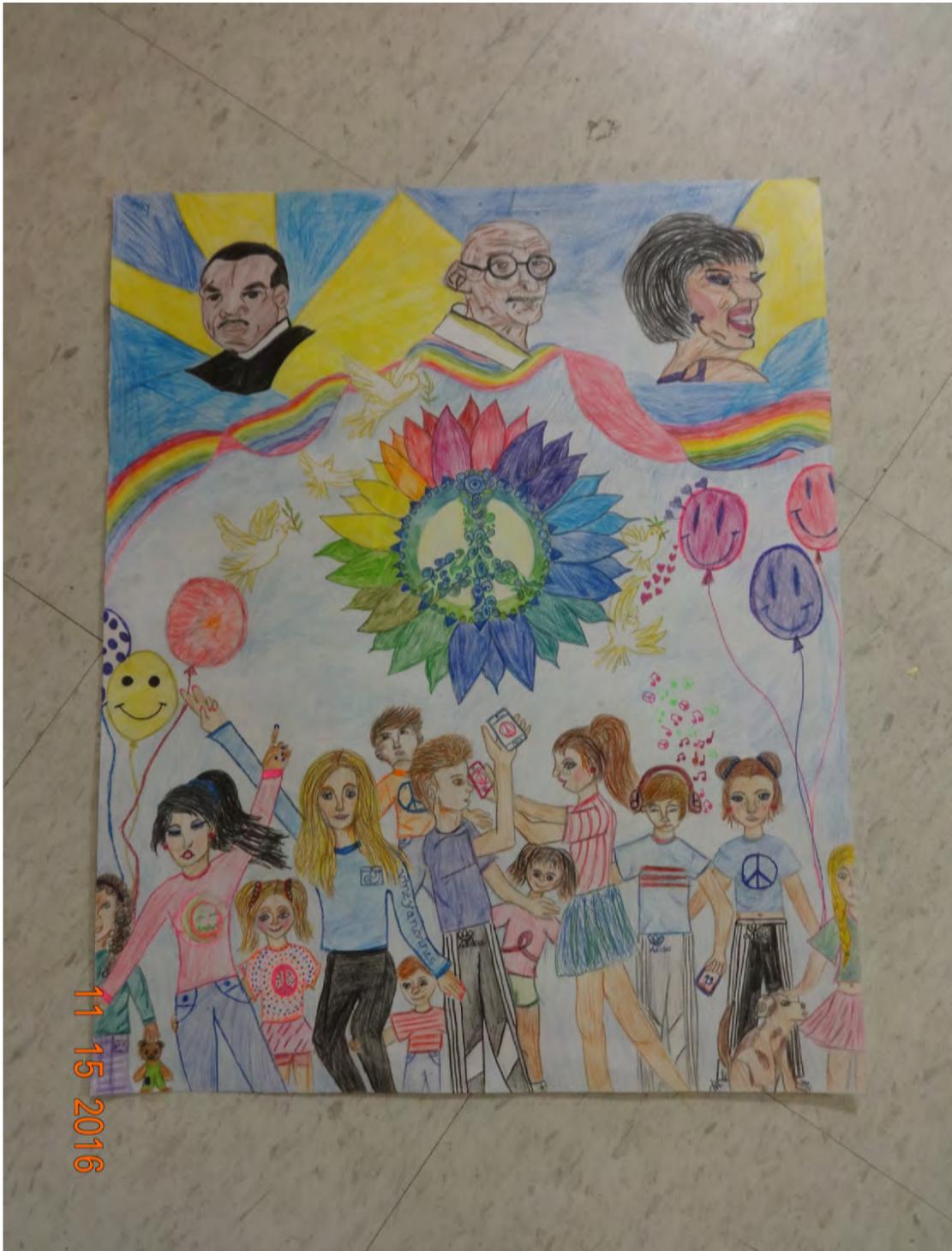
Think BIG the man says!! Imagine that all across the district, Lions and LEOs are standing at shopping centers and business entrances. It is a bright winter weekend where these Lions Club members are engaged in favorite conversations with customers entering and exiting the store. Club members are proud to wear their favorite Lions apparel identifying them as members of Lions Club International, the world's greatest humanitarian service organization which will celebrate a century of service in 2017. Lions clubs are now located in over 200 countries and have more than 1.4 million members

As we listen to some of the conversations we hear one man tell a Lion, "I remember when the Lions bought my grandmother glasses when she couldn't afford them," As he speaks, he slips a dollar into the Lions collection canister. Another person is heard to say, "I had someone in the family who needed a handicap ramp and the Lions built one". A handful of coins is dropped in the container. Another person says, "we had a child with a serious eye condition and the Lions connected us with the Lions Vision Center at the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute where she received excellent care." A \$5 bill goes into the Lion's canister. Similar conversations really do take place. By day's end, Vision Days collection containers are brimming with generous donations from an appreciative public. Several new contacts have requested additional information on club membership and have been invited to a club meeting. Club members are feeling really good about the enthusiastic and positive response from the public.



This visualization can be reality if we energize and mobilize the local Lions family in support of Lions Vision days. This is a very worthy fund raising project that generates revenue for eye research and rehabilitation programs at the Lions Vision Center. It also may provide additional funds for the local Lions Club's activities account. The only investment required is your time and energy. The project does require a leader for the detail planning and getting the permissions of the local businesses. Breaking the effort into shifts is often helpful. Also enlisting the aid of your grandchildren helps as the public often reacts positively when involving young persons in the community projects. What we need to proceed is a couple of Lions to sign up. We can make this project happen. We can make it if you try. Think BIG.

**"A Celebration of Peace" is the theme of the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest. District 22A Peace Poster winner is Allison Bryant from Severn River Middle School.**



This artwork was selected from 300 posters submitted by the Severn River Middle School. Twenty Seven posters were sent to the district for further judging where a winner for our club was selected. Our poster was then put up against posters from two other Clubs and this poster was announced as the 22-A winner at the end of the voting.



**THIS YEARS Christmas party will be held on Tuesday 20 December at the Blue Dolphin on Rt.3 Crofton. This restaurant is the same place we had our 60th celebration..**

**Cost is \$32.00 per Lion and one guest; additional guests \$46.00 each .. Club is subsidizing members and one guest each \$14.00.**

**No need to pre-order meal choice.. we will order from the menu below at the dinner. There is a rumor that the Jolly Old Fat Man will appear bearing gifts of unbelievable value.**

**Please let Lion Dick Maurer know if you are coming and how many guests you are bringing NLT Dec 15th.**

**Soup of the Day**

**Caesar Salad**

**Entrée Choice of:**

**Broiled Crab Cake Platter (2)**

**Stuffed Filet of Flounder**

**Roast Prime Rib of Beef**

**Baked Potato**

**Baby Carrots and Peas**

**Dessert**

**Bread & Butter Hot Coffee & Tea**



## A note from Lion Clem Kusiak

I attended the "mint strike" ceremony for our Lions International Centennial Coin... The event was held in Philadelphia for LCI Staff, 3 Past International Presidents, coin designers and artist etc. at the mint.

In the group photo: Past Presidents Frank Moore (center) pressed machine buttons for the first coin. Frank represented International President Bob Corlew who was out of the Country, followed by the Principle Deputy Director Rhett Jeppson of the mint (not in this photo), pressed machine buttons creating the second coin, then Clem Kusiak pressed machine buttons creating the third coin. Clem represented Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada ( Chairman of LCIF) and Joe Wroblewski pressed buttons creating the fourth coin. Joe is Honorary Chair of the Centennial committee. Please note the intricate design of the pin. Also, the initials of the artist are on one side of the coin and the initials of the designer on the other.

Lions are asking when, how and cost for the coin. **WHEN** - Sometime early January 2017 the coins will go on sale. also the LCI web page tells the story as to how the coin came about. **HOW to BUY** - Through club supplies or the US mint. **COST Per COIN**- Final cost is being established by the mint. Estimated cost is \$45.00 each. The mint will produce 400,000 coins. LCIF will receive \$10 million in return for coin sales. Orders placed within the first 30 Days will receive a \$5.00 discount. History of the coin can be found on the LCI web. Coins will also be sold during the Chicago Convention.

