

SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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SRLC NEWSLETTER JULY 2016



A message from KING LION JOINETTE SMALLWOOD

Each year the incoming board of The Severn River Lions Club holds a retreat to recap the previous year, discuss possible service and community activities and fund raisers. This year was not different. As part of our recap it was noted that we are a group involved in several projects that fall under headings of friend raisers, publicity and community involvement events which include but are not limited to:

**Food Drives Highway pickup Fruit Sales Luau Peace Poster
Loan Closet LEO Clubs Teen Court Hearing Checks Eyeglass
Collection Meals on Wheels Vision Screening Scholarship Program
Kinder Park Fest Scouts (Pack 688) Fruit Sales**

We also for the 2015-2016 service year had three fundraisers Luau, Fruit Sales and Kinder Park.

This year's retreat was focused on activities that aligned with our groups S.W.O.T. analysis which was developed in February 2016. We agreed that this first S.W.O.T. analysis is our base to be revisited for updates bi-annually or as needed. We also agreed to consider/incorporate a few new fundraisers such as The Million Penny Drive and Guest bartender nights at local establishments. Also in consideration are new community events such as advocacy for seniors, volunteering at Anne Arundel County Animal Control and greeting incoming and outgoing soldiers at The BWI Airport.

I am looking forward to a year of service and transition with this long standing service organization.

Remember NO meeting Tuesday 5 July

Changing of the Guard

On June 21 District Governor Larry Burton visited SRLC to induct the Lions who will lead the club for the 2016-2017 Lions year. DG Larry complimented the current officers for the exceptional job they had done this year and encouraged the club to continue the effort and remain one of the best producing clubs in District 22-A. As each officer was called forward DG Larry outlined their responsibilities and asked them to pledge their best to promote "We Serve."

Leading SRLC this year will be King Lion Joinette Smallwood, 1st VP Jackie Hetrick, 2nd VP Chuck Horne, 3rd VP Jon Valett, Secretary Dick Maurer, Asst. Secretary Bill Stack, Treasurer Sue Parks, Tail Twister Suzette Kettenhofen, Lion Tamer Tilghman Brice, 2 yr. Directors Ollie Wittig and Carl Gilbert, 1 yr. Directors George Council, Jr. and Rollins Clark, Membership Chair Chris Werth, and IPP Catherine Violette.

Incoming officers have participated in the District training program and will "take the reins" effective July 1 and lead our club to another banner year as we fulfill the motto, "We Serve." If previous years are any indication SRLC should have another successful Lions year. Go Lions!



Lions Go Catering

For at least the sixth year the Severn River Lions have done the catering for our Cub Scout Pack 688 annual Bridging ceremony. On June 11 the Lions chefs traveled to Kinder Farm Park for the event which marks the older boy's transition out of Cub Scouts and into Boy Scouts. A traditional Bridging ceremony includes an honor guard, flag salute, recitation of the Scout law, and a walk over a bridge to commemorate this special event. Chefs for this event included special guest, PIP Clem Kusiak, Tilghman Brice, George Councilill, Carl Gilbert, Jackie Hetrick, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, Don Rayment, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas. George's large grill arrived at the Black Oak Pavillion and was unloaded and placed and the supplies for the event were prepared. Lions, decked in bright SRLC aprons began to prepare pounds and pounds of hamburgers and hot dogs that would soon feed the hungry crowd. The Cub Scouts especially were hungry and the serving line stretched outside of the pavilion. Parents had also brought tasty side dishes, salads, and desserts and soon the only sound that could be heard was "munch munch" as the boys and adults enjoyed the party. Lions had a chance to talk with the parents and Pack leaders and were given SRLC brochures. Pack leaders and parents thanked the Lions for this support at the annual Bridging and asked that we return next year. In addition to the Bridging ceremony SRLC also assists with the annual bike rodeo and pinewood derby. Each year the Lions have challenged the Pack to collect food for SPAN and the group that collects the most food wins a pizza. Lions have never won the pizza prize but SPAN is the real winner. SRLC will be back for the raingutter regatta in August. Go pack 688-Go Lions!



Long Serving Lions

At the Turnover meeting on June 16 two dozen Lions who had achieved perfect attendance during their tenure were recognized by the District Governor and presented a certificate in recognition of this achievement. The Lions earning the perfect attendance certificate and the years of service are listed.

Tilghman Brice-2

Catherine Violette-2

Bob Siska-4

Joinette Smallwood-4

Nancy Earley-5

Carl Gilbert-5

Don Rayment-5

Bill Stack-5

Chris Werth-7

Chuck Horne-10

Jon Valett-11

Ken Tschantre-11

Rollins Clark-13

Sue Parks-13

Bill O'Neil-14

Nancy Burns-14

Dick Maurer-15

Randy Roberts-16

George Councill-17

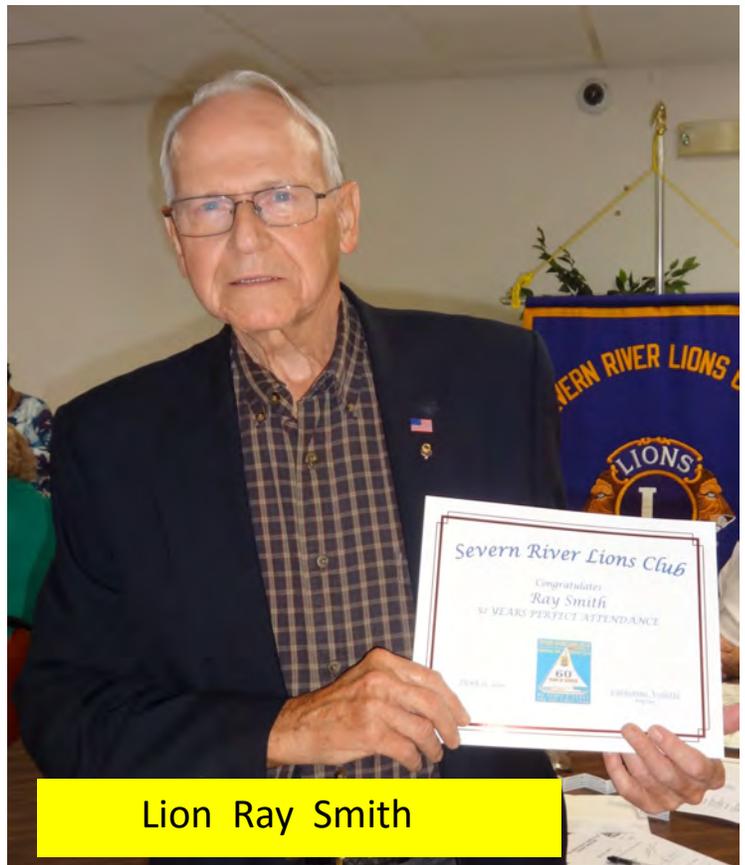
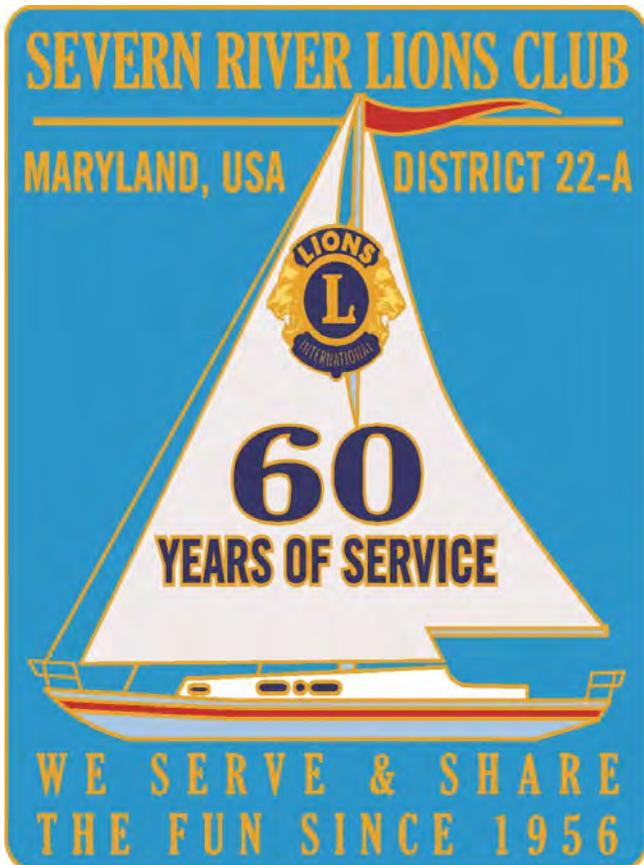
Ollie Wittig-17

Bill Zelenakas-22

Rhine Jager-26

Dick Bloomquist-26

Ray Smith- 51





Lion Ollie Wittig & DG Larry Burton

WE SERVE

The Lions motto, “WE SERVE” was recognized at the club turnover meeting on June 16 and seventeen Lions were honored and presented a certificate by District Governor Doug Dewitt to commemorate this service to the club and the community. The Lions services cover a wide range of activities and exemplify SRLC’s commitment to serving our community. These Lions are a good example for all members to follow.

Ken Tschantre-loan closet, Ray Smith-visitation chair, Randy Roberts- 50-50 raffle, Don Rayment-Teen Court Ed Dizon-programs, Rollins Clark-adopt a highway Nancy Burns-LEDO night, Dick Bloomquist-Lions Quest, Bill O’Neil-newsletter, Chris Werth-Luau chair, Bill Zelenakas- LEO sponsor, Tilghman Brice-Lion Tamer, Ollie Wittig-PSVSP, scholarships, Chuck Horne-Director, George Councill-honors table, Jon Valett-membership, Nancy Earley-scrapbook.

Lion Ollie Wittig was presented a special award In recognition of the dedicated service and support to advance the objectives and commitment of the Lions Multiple District 22-Lions Vision Research Foundation.

The outgoing officers were also recognized for their service, thanked by the District Governor and given a certificate in recognition of this service during the previous Lions year.



SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB



We Serve

LCIF Special Guest

On June 7 we were honored to have PIP Clem Kusiak attend our monthly dinner meeting to inform us about the History, programs and future missions for the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was founded in 1968 to take the mission of Lions Clubs International to new heights by tackling global problems, as well as assisting Lions with large-scale local humanitarian projects. meaningful partnerships around the world.



PIP Clement Kusiak

LCIF provides vision for those in need all over the world by combating eye diseases, creating infrastructure to improve eye care delivery, increasing the number of trained eye care professionals and making vision care more equitable and sustainable.

LCIF supports youth. All young people deserve to have an education, feel cared for and experience healthy development so they can have the chance to achieve their dreams. Through the positive youth development program, Lions Quest, LCIF is helping children learn to work together, make positive decisions and serve their communities. The Foundation also supports youth through constructing schools, youth centers and vocational training centers.

LCIF Provides disaster relief by helping devastated communities survive after disasters and bring hope by assisting in long-term efforts of rebuilding of homes and lives.

LCIF addresses humanitarian needs by working to combat global health issues such as measles and diabetes to empowering those with disabilities to lead more independent and fulfilling lives,

LCIF sponsors the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) that recognizes donations of US\$1,000. It is the backbone of LCIF, providing 75 percent of the foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is an honor presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF. The Severn River Lions Club has awarded 46 Melvin Jones Fellowships to its members for their service to others.



VISION SERVICE PLAN VSP

At the June 7 meeting Lion Rollins Clark presented the following information on VSP.

LCIF and Lions clubs are proud to expand their community outreach and partnership in cooperation with VSP Global. There are resources available to help people with limited vision and lions clubs are happy to be a part of the solution to the problem.

Vision Service Plan (VSP) provides free eye exams and free glasses to low-income, uninsured children. The program operates nationally through a network of community partners (Lions Clubs) who identify children in need and VSP network eye doctors who provide the services. The program continues through January 2017 and will provide needy clients with Eyes of Hope gift certificates for persons in need especially in Baltimore city.



Lions Do Summer Cleanup

The large billboard sign with club logo discs on West Benfield Road was looking unkempt so several SRLC Lions stepped up to clean up the sign. On June 25 Lions Carl Gilbert, Bill Zelenakas, and Ollie Wittig loaded tools into Bill's truck and headed west to clean up the sign. For the next hour clippers, power saws, power trimmers and lots of hard work helped to clear the sign and the area around it. Vines-some as big as small trees, underbrush, weeds, and tree branches were cut and piled along the shoulder for pick up. Stepping back a few feet it was easy to see that the hard work had been an improvement and travelers going east on Benfield could now more easily see the different logo discs for our communities many civic groups. The tools were packed up and the lions headed to Ollie's back porch to rehydrate, snack, and chat to help recover from the hard work. When you drive east on Benfield be sure to check out the sign and notice how much the looks have improved. Good job, Lions

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