

SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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Lions Leaders Inducted

On June 19, First Vice District Governor Angela Bruce and PDG Bob Bruce attended the meeting to induct the Lions who will lead SRLC during the 2018-2019 Lions year. As each Lion was called forward FVDG Angela read the duties for each position, asked them to respond with an "I will" if they agreed with the duties they are to perform. The responses were unanimous and SRLC will be heading in the right direction next year under the leadership they will provide. Members were asked to continue to be active and contributing Lions and help our club remain one of the premier clubs in District 22-A.



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Elected to lead SRLC for the 2018-2019 Lions Year

President	Chuck Horne
1st VP	Chris Werth
2nd VP	Suzette Kettenhofen
3rd VP	Jon Valett
2 Year Director	Jim Coolbaugh
2 Year Director	Nancy Earley
1 Year Director	Catherine Violette
1 Year Director	Bill Stack
Tail Twister	Rollins Clark
Lion Tamer	Tilghman Bryce
Treasurer	Sue Parks
Asst Treasurer	Bruce Shriner
Secretary	Carl Gilbert
Asst Secretary	Dick Maurer
Membership	Joinette Smallwood
IPP	Jackie Hetrick



Planning Retreat

On Saturday, June 30 eleven Lions journeyed to the Health Center to discuss and plan for the 2018-2019 Lions year. KL Chuck convened the meeting and the printed agenda listed the subjects to be considered for the year. Topics included services provided by SRLC, fund raising ideas, SRLC donations, LCI standards, committees needed, membership and retention ideas, recruiting, and future meeting format. Several topics will be brought to the Board meeting in July for discussion and decision. A list of current committees was distributed and Lions were asked to indicate their choices for committee service. The discussion and suggestions at the retreat will model the direction our club will be taking for the next year as we strive to continue to live up to the goal, "We Serve."

Planning Retreat Goals

King Lion Chuck lead the discussions and the attendees identified the work to be done in the following areas :

Goals:

Increase the service activities of the club.

Continue our eye exams and expand if possible

Restart pre-school eye exams and add exams for home school students

Consider different fund raising efforts to bolster or replace our fruit sales

Organization:

Modify our current informal committee structure to correct current weaknesses

Committee reports to the board then presentation to membership

Review and restructure the current list of committees to reflect our present needs

Experiment with ways to involve more of our members in service activities and club operation

Membership:

How do we restock or membership? We need new younger membership

What will motivate new members to join and stay with our club?

What are the inhibitors reducing our membership?

Meetings:

Should we reduce the general meetings to one per month?

We should look at meal options: how many, cost

What should our general meetings contain?

All the above areas were discussed. Solutions were sometimes expressed to increase the understanding of the problem or goal. No solutions were fully discussed or accepted.



We Serve

Well Deserved Award



A special award was presented on June 5 to a very deserving Lion. District 22-A recognized the excellent work done by Lion Bill O'Neil on the club newsletter and presented him a certificate for Outstanding Newsletter for 2017-2018. Each month Bill puts together an excellent newsletter about all of SRLC's activities that benefit the community and Lions. The certificate was given to Bill and he got a well deserved round of applause from the members.

Thank you Bill for the excellent job you do.

At the May 1 dinner meeting

Lion Bill Zelenakas received a Certificate

Of Attendance for his 25 years of service

from King Lion Jackie Hetrick



Very Informative Speaker

At the June 5 meetings Lions had the opportunity to hear from a good speaker about a serious problem facing modern day society. Caitlin Hall, a certified health education specialist with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health STEPS program told about the opioid crisis in the county and adjacent areas. Caitlin provided details about drug abuse and alcohol abuse and told of specific drugs that are at the root of the crisis. She also explained the current laws that affect this problem and list possible solutions that can be followed. One recommendation was to keep all medication secure, especially if the family has small children. Additional information was provided about services available in this area that can be contacted when help is needed for an opioid problem through the Anne Arundel Treatment facility which can be contacted by phone- 410-222-0117. Caitlin also reminded Lions not to dispose of unused drugs by flushing down the toilet and told of the locations of drug drop off boxes at Annapolis police department and the Anne Arundel County police department on Veterans Highway in Millersville. Caitlin also told of Maryland's Good Samaritan Law that protects those who try to assist family members or friends who have had a drug problem. Several Lions had very good questions and got answers that can help with this serious problem. Caitlin deserves a hearty "thank you" for giving us this information and for being actively involved with a program that can help to save lives



Highway Cleanup

Featured are Lions Rollins, Carl and Carroll preparing for the Clubs road clean up, treasurer findings and wrap up at McDonalds (Photo by Lion Clem, Rollins and a patron at McDonalds).

Treasures found: Flat screen TV (Sony) and Cell phone, Nissan and Ford hub caps, trailer hitch cover, Toyota car parts, hinge for a car or truck hood.

Area Canvased: Intersection of Route 10 and Ritchie Highway (Route 2) Total number of bags filled - 4.

Following the road clean up event allowed time for a trip to McDonalds to enjoy fresh cups of coffee and tea, including light conversations with much laughter.

Kodos to Lions Rollins for arranging the event, picking up the SRLC truck and contacting the county representative to pick up the bags and treasures.



Happy Summer Fellow Lions

I know that it has been a while since I have contributed to our newsletters but sometimes we are all afflicted with Life! :). I just wanted to give a quick recap of a few items.

First it is with great pleasure that I say a big thank you to SRLC members as well as members of Curves of Lanham, MD and Arundel Amusements for contribution for The Annapolis Lighthouse. We were able to contribute linens for twin and queen size beds to include flat and fitted sheets as well as pillow cases, pillows, towels, shower heads, kitchen towels, a commercial coffee maker and wash cloths. It was so nice to be able to get contributions from multiple sources to help make this linen drive such a success.

Also thank you to all of the Lions that have been attending and working the eye screening that are every other month on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Thank you KL Chuck for spearheading this endeavor and thank you to the Annapolis Lions Club members whom are now also attending to not only assist with the screening but help the members of the community with follow up to get access to glasses in the most appropriate manner. Another successful co venture with a local Lions Club! Way to go! And thanks for all that you do!

The Bay Bridge Walk is an annual event that we have participated for the last two years. This is not only an event for us to serve the community but also to raise funds for our club to also use for the community. The Event is now handled by Ironman. Once we volunteer a grant must be written for the ask of funds. This last year with just five volunteers I was able to ask for and receive \$500.00 dollars!! This is an event that does not require us to be there all day, we have fun, we are serving the community and we are able to earn some cash. A win all the way around as I see it. That said I would love to get more volunteers for this Fall so that we can do more! Details to come later and again thank you for what your do!

I am working on a Fall event to be held at the Severna Park public library. This will hopefully allow us to meet and greet in the midst of our community.

I will have more details as the time gets closer and am looking for a few good volunteers to help with this event. Thanks.

Lastly I am heading up a membership committee and we will be meeting soon and I am looking for great ideas, solutions, resolutions and a willingness to work :)

The first meeting has not been announced yet but is coming soon. We will meet on a Friday evening and the place TBD. Just a heads up to anyone interested in advance.

Thanks and Happy Summer to All!

Lion Joinette

2017 – 2018 Severn River Lions Club Donations

Community

American Legion Post 175	500.00
Health Center of Severna Park	600.00
Parade - 4th of July	114.25
Partners in Care	500.00
District 22-A Social Ad Book	100.00
	\$1,814.25

Core Lionism/Sight/Hearing

Strides Walk for Diabetes	250.00
LASH Trailer (pd from SRLF)	3,000.00
LASH General	1,000.00
LASH Hearing Aids (pd from SRLF)	500.00
Leader Dogs	250.00
LCIF (Melvin Jones)	1,000.00
LCIF Disaster Relief (pd from SRLF)	4,075.00
Lions Saving Kids Sight	250.00
LOVRNET	500.00
	\$10,825.00

Youth

Backpack Buddies Lunch Program	100.00
Cub Scouts Pack 688	42.39
Leo Club	50.00
Lions Camp Merrick	500.00
Lions Youth Foundation (pd from SRLF)	125.00
Peace Poster Bonds/kits	91.80
Scholarships	7,000.00
SPHS BB - trophies	1,000.00
SPHS BB - Fruit Sales kids help	500.00
	\$9,409.19

TOTAL **\$22,048.44**

Patriotic Lions

The annual Severna Park July 4 parade had about fifty entrants this year and gave watchers an excellent view of the different programs, activities, and commercial activities in our community. For many years the Severn River Lions Club has participated with marchers, the Lions truck, and the finale, giving out free popsicles to marchers at the end of the route and this has been appreciated, especially on a hot day. This climate for this year's parade was warm but not too uncomfortable. Seven Lions volunteered to participate, mainly with the distribution of popsicles to the marchers at the end of the parade at Cypress Creek Park. Seven Lions had volunteered for this activity. Lions Dick Maurer and Ollie Wittig had an "early start" when they went north to get dry ice for the popsicles and five more Lions, Rollins Clark, Jackie Hetrick, Bill O'Neil, Bill Stack and Chris Werth were on hand to meet and treat the marchers at the end. Lions dressed in patriotic attire were ready when the first marchers and gave out an estimated 1600 popsicles. Marchers getting these treats were appreciative and gave the Lions a hearty "thank you" for the refreshments. Several marchers asked about the Lions club and were given information about our club. The annual July 4 parade is just one of several events that we sponsor to benefit the community and we are looking forward to the parade next year. "Go Lions" "We Serve."



