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All Hands Service Event 11 October

Lions we need your help at the annual Kinder Park Farm Fall Harvest Festival that provides hayrides, pony rides, animal demonstrations by the 4-H, wide-variety of crafts, children's games, various food vendors, reptile show, the popular "Boo Barn", and many other fun activities for the entire family. Severn River Lions will be cooking hot dogs and serving cold drinks. Please help support this service event on 11 October. (10 AM to 4 PM) Drive into the park, keep to the right and tell traffic person you are a participant cooking food with Lions Club. Wear your lions logo shirt. We need food prep, money takers, cooks, drink servers and set up and takedown help.



Perfect Night For A Picnic

Not only was the scenery perfect at Linstead Beach for the SRLC annual picnic the weather could not have been better thanks to the "hard work" of KL Bill. Lions and guests began arriving at Linstead Beach about 6:00 pm on September 16 for this annual gathering. Adams Rib, the caterer had set up the food line with a delicious assortment of food slaw, salads, ribs, chicken, fruit, and dessert. Bartender Pete Geis had set up a variety of drinks, water, soda, beer, and wine to tempt the revelers. A table with various appetizers was nearby and Lions and guests mingled and munched before the main event. KL Bill called the gathering to order and the usual lions opening got the evening started. The line up at the food line moved smoothly and a silence settled over the crowd as diners enjoyed the delicious food that was available.

As the meal was near the end KL Bill reconvened the meeting by introducing special guests, DG Doug Dewitt and First Lady Mary Ellen. DG Doug recognized the club for the many contributions to community service projects. DG Doug was also tasked with making presentations to deserving Lions. Lion Carl Gilbert was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque in recognition of his dedication to SRLC, especially the citrus sales. Also recognized for service to Lionism were Dick Maurer and Ray Smith who received the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship award and were presented a PMJF pin. Ray Smith who has been a member of SRLC for fifty one years and has served in almost every office was congratulated as he prepared to celebrate his eightieth birthday. Lion Ray has 50 years of perfect attendance.

All good things must end and after the socializing, imbibing, delicious food, and service recognition concluded the cleanup began as Lions and guests departed. It was agreed that this was a perfect night for a picnic and we will be looking forward to repeating this again next year.









Donate Life-Maryland

The featured speaker at the SRLC meeting on September 2 was Latrice J. Price. the outreach coordinator for The Living Legacy Foundation which coordinates organ and tissue donations in most of Maryland. Latrice told of how organ donations can help to save or improve the lives of individuals whose body parts have worn out. She cited that one organ and tissue donor can help the lives of up to fifty people. The body parts most in demand include the corneas, heart, kidney, ligaments, tendons, and skin. To register to become and organ or tissue donor an individual may indicate this wish when renewing the drivers license and a heart symbol will be on the license. A prospect may also register directly with Donate Life Maryland. Upon a donor's demise a team of medical specialists prepares the organs for donation. A statewide and nationwide list of recipients in need is maintained and the team matches the organs and tissues available with possible recipients. Most organs-heart, kidney, corneas must be implanted as soon as possible, but skin, ligaments, tendons, veins, and arteries may be saved for later donations or medical use. Prospective donors may send a completed donor form to the Maryland Donor Registry to become an organ or tissue donor. Latrice provide members with a brochure that explained the program and it included an donor registration form.



Lions Dine Out

Six hungry Lions, Dick Bloomquist, Bill O'Neil, KL Bill stack, Catherine Violette, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas met at Jimmy John's on Ritchie Highway on August 26 to partake of the delicious large sub sandwiches that that JJ's is noted for. Lions perused the menu which offered regular, giant, and gargantuan subs in eighteen different combinations of meat, cheese, and veggies. After placing the order the Lions awaited their number to be called and then the dining began in earnest. Between bites items of SRLC business were discussed and it almost seemed like a miniature Board meeting around the table. It was a food friendly hour and there was agreement that this event should be repeated, perhaps at another venue next month and more Lions will be encouraged to take part. Good food! Good Company!



Chesapeake High School Auto Show

On September 6th Lions George Councill, Tilghman Brice, Bill O'Neil, Carl Gilbert and Chuck Horne cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the Chesapeake High School Band Boosters. The CHS Band entertained us with some music and lots of vintage autos, bikes and trucks were on display.



Lions Chuck Horne Tilghman Brice Carl Gilbert George Councill Bill ONeil



Lions Are Honored

Once a month Lion George Councill sets up an Honor Table at the club's dinner meeting to recognize members who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary, have received recognition for a contribution to Lionism, or have contributed to the club's many service projects, Special guests at the meetings are also invited to the Honor Table which has linen tablecloths and napkins, real china, glassware, and silverware, attractive table decorations, and candles. Diners at the Honor Table are usually the first to be called to the food line and soon the festivities begin. The King Lion usually recognizes these special guests during his announcement. At the end of the meeting George, the head waite, gathers up the dinnerware and table linens and gets it ready for the next month's presentation. The Honor Table has become a special event that adds fun and humor to the meetings and Lions look forward to "their turn".



Campus Club at AACC

On September 10 Lions Dick Bloomquist and George Councill attended the Student Activities Fair at Anne Arundel Community College and joined with several dozen presenters who were providing students with information about the numerous activities on campus. Students visiting the SRLC were provided information about Lions Club and the many community service activities provided by the club. Lions Dick and George talked specifically about a possible campus club at AACC and were trying to get at least ten interested students needed to form a campus club. During the fair about thirty students expressed interest in a campus Lions club and there will be a follow up with these students. Campus clubs are formed to provide the opportunity for the club to address the unique needs on their college campus and reach out to the local community and communities around the world. A campus club determines which activities will be the focus but possible activities include eyeglass collection, holiday parties for visually impaired, food collection and distribution to the needy, disaster relief projects, assisting at Special Olympics events, assisting at homeless shelters, and tutoring on campus. Lions Dick and George will be following up with the students who expressed interest and there is a good possibility that SRLC will be sponsoring another campus club in addition to the LEO clubs that we sponsor.