

SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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Presidents Message

We are well into our new fiscal year and off to a good start! We have just started collecting funds for The Million Penny Drive as of August. We have done advertising through the Chamber of Commerce and as a result The Edinboro School is now on board and collecting pennies for us. We also have a presence throughout the community collecting which includes Anne Arundel Hospital!

Our club is one of four clubs which are organizing and chairing the service event welcoming our current International President on September 23, 2016 at the Lighthouse Shelter which thus far will have eye screening for adults and children, putting together bag lunches on site for use as well as a professional clothes drive. Many of the residents at the shelter do get clothes but not clothes to wear to an interview much less work. I am asking everyone to please peruse your closets at home. Any old suits, dresses, shoes, professional pants , polos or shirts please bring to the Lighthouse on September 23rd or fee; free to give to me at any meeting before the event. The clothes donated must be neatly folded, clean and on hangers or in a box. No donations in bags please and thanks. The Lighthouse is located at 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis, MD, This facility is home to 30 men, 20 women and 5 families with children, This facility also provides a free bag lunch to anyone who comes to the doors hungry.

Please keep up the good work and feel free to bring any ideas to a member meeting or business meeting that coincide with our SRLC SWOT analysis.

As always looking forward to a successful year as we continue to serve the communities where we live.

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Centennial Bus Tour 23 September

Join District Governor Chuck Egender and Lions from around Maryland as we welcome International President Bob and First Lady Lion Dianne Corlew in celebration of 100 years of service.

While here, the Corlews will help us launch a service project to benefit the Light House Shelter, 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis. The Annapolis, Severn River, South Anne Arundel, and West Arundel Lions Clubs will coordinate efforts to provide vision screening, one hundred lunches, a Dress for Success clothing and shoe drive, and a drop off location for used eyeglasses and hearing aids. The bus is due to arrive at the Light House around 3 pm on September 23rd. For more information contact: Vision Screening Gene Zeiser, Annapolis Lions Club 410/923-6115 ezgene729@yahoo.com

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The Light House is both a facility and a program. Physically located in a new 24,400 square foot facility in Annapolis, MD, we provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for individuals and families who are homeless as well as permanent supportive housing for women. We offer life-changing programs through a case management centered model that includes, counseling and referral services, basic life skills, and wellness and job training programs that help clients reclaim hope and independence in their lives.

For more information: www.annapolislighthouse.org info@annapolislighthouse.org

Perfect Night To Picnic

The weather was perfect and the scenery at Linstead Beach was picturesque as over forty Lions, spouses, and guests arrived for SRLC's annual picnic. The pagoda had tables and benches and guests claimed a spot. The caterer was setting up the food line and the aroma of delicious chicken, ribs, salads, coleslaw wafted and set the appetites. A table with appetizers provided by Lions had a lineup and the nearby "liquid table" had coolers to quench the thirst with a variety of drinks. Socializing could be heard as guests chatted. Then it was time to dine and KL Joinette called the meeting "to order" and invited everyone to dine and the lines formed. For the next half hour about the only sounds that could be heard were "munch, munch" "this is really good" and "I am going back for seconds." And the food trays began to empty. Dessert treats were next and the meal came to a close but the party was not over yet. The king Lion introduced several special guests who were in attendance tonight. PIP Clem Kusiak and Lion Jean, DG Chuck Egender and Lion Pat PDG Bob Muchow, and PDG Dick Bloomquist and Tess. Several awards were presented to PDG Bloomquist that evening in recognition of his contributions to Lionism. Darkness began to fall and the lights came on and the partygoers chatted and cleanup began as the tables were cleared. Again the Lions owe a big "thank you" to the Linstead community for letting us host our picnic at such a picturesque locale and we hope to return again next year.







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Invited Back Again

Once again the Severn River Lions have been invited to help with an event at our Cub Scout Pack 688 and on August 27 Lions Bill O'Neil, Bruce Schriener, Bill Zelenakas, and Ollie Wittig journeyed to the Shipleys Choice pool for the Pack's annual Raingutter Regatta. Lions were tasked with judging the twin hulled boats that the Cubs had decorated to fit in the four themes. The boats were lined up on a table and Lions began to look over the entries and select a winner in each of the four categories: Most Patriotic, Most Cub Scout, Most Cub Scout, Pirate Ship. and Fastest. It was a challenge to select a winner in each of the categories since creativity was evident. After review and some compromising the Lions deter-



mined a winner in each of the categories.

Most patriotic-Tanner Strahn, Most Cub Scout- John Cena, Fastest- Mitchell Klee, and Pirate Ship –Grant Chasse. The winners were announced and a hearty round of applause was heard. The Cubmaster thanked the Lions for the help. In addition to the Raingutter regatta SRLC also helps with the annual bike rodeo, pinewood derby, cake judging, and the pizza challenge. It is always an enjoyable occasion to interact with the Cub Scouts and the parents at these events and we are looking forward to continuing this relationship with Pack 688. Go Lions! Go Pack 688.



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