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2006

Severn River Lions Club

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President – King Lion Randy Roberts



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LION SUE PARKS**

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*District Governor's Theme
"Growth thru Teamwork"*

King Lion's ROAR

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Spring has sprung; nature is starting the renewal of life cycle. Severn River, however, has not been hibernating.

Lion Nancy Burns guided us through another successful Bull and Oyster Roast fundraiser. With the help of many Lions, we were able to raise \$4,000 this year. Thanks to all who worked so hard on this effort.

Lion Ollie Wittig had a huge success with the Liberty Day Kids last month both at Lawyers Mall in Annapolis, where Governor Ehrlich met and interacted with the kids, and at the Severna Park Library with the SPMS YouthRise LEOs. SRLC received a lot of good PR in the Capital and the Sun newspapers from these events.

Lion Chuck Horne expertly led our last fruit sale of this Lion year on March 25th. Lion Chuck ended his reign as Fruit Sale Chairman with back-to-back sell-outs! Great job Lion Chuck. Fortunately, he will remain as the computer program administrator/genie.

Coming up for Spring and beyond: Chief Maintenance Engineer, Lion Wayne Dudeck, has set our schedule for the Adopt-A-Highway program. Our first pickup date is April 22nd. The full schedule is included on page 11 in this issue.

Lions Nancy and Shirley Greene have been visiting local schools to line up participants for the next Peace Poster Contest. They currently have SIX schools lined up. During their visit to St. John's School they made contact with the principal and others who not only want their students to participate in the contest, they are very interested in having a LEO Club at the school. Needless to say, Lions Nancy, Shirley and Bill Z. will be jumping on this to make sure it happens. Since St. John's also has a Pre-school and Kindergarten, Lion Dale Strait will be in contact to see if our

Preschool Vision Screening program can be of service.

Lions Milum and Shirley Greene have been busy setting up a renewed association with Partners In Care. They have recently completed an orientation program with the group. Milum and Shirley will bring handyman projects and other assistance requests to us as they come in from PIC.

Speaking of handyman projects, Lion George Council, Jr. is looking for workers to participate in Rebuilding Together's Blitz Day on April 29th. If you have a couple hours before leaving for our Anniversary Celebration, please contact Lion George to learn how you can help.

Lion Ollie Wittig is on the lookout for a creative, energetic Lion(s) that would like to work on our float for the July 4th parade. Since this is the Centennial year for Severna Park, the parade will be a special event and I think the club should do something special. Anyone interested should contact Lion Ollie.

MAL and Affiliate members; can't make the meetings? Do you want to get involved? You can participate in some of the upcoming projects at times that are suitable for you. Please make the call.

I hope everyone has sent in his or her reservation for our 50th Anniversary celebration at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in downtown Baltimore, Saturday April 29, 2006. This is going to be a great night for our club and I encourage everyone to attend. Please respond to Lion Sue Parks by email, phone, or in person as soon as you can.

Yours in Lionism,
Randy Roberts



"Passion to Excel" = Severn River

Editorial

I have been given a unique opportunity this year. As I've worked on our newsletter and scrapbook and traveled around the District with District Governor Bill, I've had a chance to evaluate Severn River with respect to the goals we set at the Club Retreat last July, the Club's place in the community, the District, and with respect to Lions Clubs International President Ashok Mehta's "**Passion to Excel**" program.

We're good!!!

Our "**Passion to Serve**" is exhibited every day. Through our youth programs – we sponsor two LEOs Clubs; we sponsored Peace Poster Contests in **five** schools this year; we sponsor Cub Scout Pack 688 and a handicapped Boy Scout Troop, and gave \$14,000 in college scholarships. Through our sight and hearing programs – we arranged with LensCrafters for forty eye exams and eyeglasses with more to come; we became a Model Club for Campaign SightFirst II; we participated heavily in the LensCrafters Vision Van vision screening in the Homewood area of Baltimore and various other vision screening and Preschool Vision Screening events. Through our environmental program we participate in the Adopt A Highway program; and through our community services program we sponsored a Diabetes Awareness Program, donate blood, and participate in Meals on Wheels. Through our International Relations program, we correspond regularly with our twin clubs in England and the Netherlands.

Our "**Passion to Grow**" is ongoing. We will have a positive net growth this year – I have no doubt - because we involve our members – long time and newcomers – in our service and fundraising projects. We've met the "Plus One" LCI goal and have been increasingly adding women to our ranks. By sponsoring the West Anne Arundel group as a Branch Club, we are contributing toward the District's goal of adding a new club. With our help, West Anne Arundel will become strong enough to grow and become a separate and new West Anne Arundel Lions Club.

Our "**Passion to Lead**" is obvious. With the District we held two Voting Cabinet and eight committee chair positions and we've put forward Lion Dick Bloomquist as candidate for Vice District Governor.

We've been to District educational sessions and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, as well as the District and International Conventions. To involve our new members, our Membership Chair makes sure a thorough Orientation session involving prospective member and sponsor is given.

Our "**Passion to Promote**" is exhibited with the amount of local press we've received. Our General Membership Meetings appear in Club Events. Our Fruit Sales have been well advertised this year thanks to Lion Mike Milord. We got good coverage of some of our Peace Poster Winners and our participation in Paws in the Park fundraiser for the Elizabeth Carr Foundation. There were fantastic articles about Lion Nancy Burns as Volunteer of the Month in the Severna Park Voice and PDG Bob Muchow as Volunteer of the Week in the Capital. Our 50th Anniversary celebration appeared in a special edition featuring Severna Park's centennial. Another great promotion is our website (after all, that's how I found Severn River) and Lion Suzette has done a wonderful job of maintaining it.

And finally, our "**Passion to Perform**" is demonstrated by everything that has been mentioned above. Our performance as humanitarians has been shown throughout our 50 years. We were a model club for Campaign SightFirst and are again for Campaign SightFirst II with over \$10,000 already pledged. We've honored 43 Melvin Jones Fellows and due to our work on Katrina Relief, will honor 3 more with Melvin Jones Fellowships this spring.

From the International President's program:
"We can only measure the success of our actions by their outcomes. If membership in your club is growing, if new quality leaders are emerging, if your club is receiving awards and recognition, if the number of activities that your club sponsors are increasing, if the number of people that your club serves is expanding, then you will have a true measure of your success."

Severn River wins on all counts and, therefore, so does LIONISM. As I might have mentioned above...**we're good!!**

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Sue



General Membership Meeting

March 7, 2006



Our program speaker was Gary Pielmeier who told us about SCORE® (Service Corps of Retired Executives) which is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. It is a group of both working and retired executives and business owners who donate their time and expertise as business counselors. SCORE® was formed in 1964 and there are now about 11,200 volunteers in some 400 Chapters throughout the country. SCORE® operates under the sponsorship of the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) and in cooperation with a variety of local institutions. This year SCORE®, "Counselors to America's Small Business", celebrates 40 years of service to the small business

community.

SCORE® Chapter #390 in Southern Maryland has about 40 talented members with entrepreneurial experience. SCORE offers free [counseling](#) and conducts general and specialized [workshops](#) for which there are nominal charges. These services are provided to clients in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince Georges and St. Mary's counties.

The Southern Maryland Chapter is located in Annapolis and was recently recognized for two years in a row by the [National SCORE® Organization](#) as runner up to the best SCORE® Chapter in the nation. The Chapter has used a number of innovative approaches to better serve small businesses or those wishing to start such businesses.

Lion Dick Bloomquist is a member of SCORE and is shown below with Mr. Pielmeier (left) at a SCORE outing.



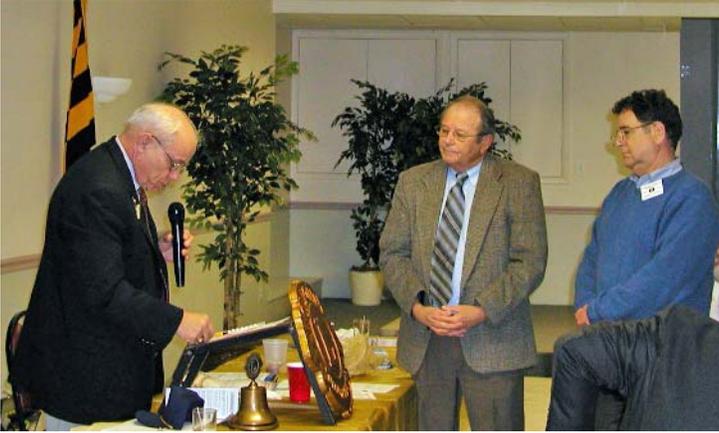
KL Randy presents Mr. Pielmeier with a Certificate and Lions mug



General Membership Meeting continued

March 7, 2006

A busy meeting - Vice District Governor Harold visited to tell us about his plans for the District as District Governor and we pressed him in to service to induct new member Barry Johnson (center) shown with sponsor Trent Kutsch looking on.



Lion Ollie presented Lion Nancy with roses for the monumental job she did with the Bull & Oyster Roast



Also visiting, IPDG Tom Baine who presented our IPP Oriey Glenn with the Club President Excellence Award. This award is given when the Club has completed a number of requirements such as sponsoring a new club, retaining members, conducting a retreat, paying club bills on time, submitting monthly and annual reports to LCI on time, attending regional and district meetings, District or International Convention and Club officer school, and certifying all new members are properly oriented and involved in service activities and committee work. Severn River's president was one of only a few in our District who qualified for this award.

And because our King Lion has a hard time hanging on to his gavel, VDG Harold was again pressed into service to present KL Randy with a rubber mallet on a string - card reads " King Lion Snatch Proof Gavel Hang Around Neck"



General Membership Meeting March 21, 2006

Not as busy as last meeting, but important none the less. We had our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, our 2006 - 2007 Officers and Board of Directors were elected, and our speaker, CWO Excell Jones of the Coast Guard spoke to us about Port Security.

*King Lion Randy
presents CWO Jones
with a Certificate and
Lions mug*



SEVERN RIVER CELEBRATES WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY

- Please be sure to come out to our *General Membership Meeting* on April 18, 2006. At this meeting we will induct the members of the West Anne Arundel Branch Club in a special ceremony that will mark our participation in Lions Worldwide Induction Day. These new members will be charter members of a new West Anne Arundel Lions Club once they grow to a size that will enable them to become an independent club.

SEVERN RIVER TURNS 50!!!

The Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration is set for Saturday Evening, April 29th. The site is the beautiful, new Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. An evening of fun and socializing, mixed with a great dose of camaraderie awaits everyone! A Reception (aka "Lions Happy Hour!") will be followed by an excellent dinner, quality entertainment, and a brief but inspirational discourse from our beloved Immediate Past International President, Clem. Anne Arundel County Executive Janet Owens and District Governor Bill Malamphy will also be among our special guests.

If you haven't sent your RSVP and check to Lion Sue Parks yet, please get it in now! If you need transportation, please contact me right away. April 29th will be here before you know it.

Lion Don Rayment, 50th Anniversary Committee Chair

Bull & Oyster Roast - March 4, 2006



**Draft Minutes of 3/14/06
Board of Directors Meeting
Severn River Lions Club
To Be Approved at 4/11/06 Board Meeting**



Attendees:

Board:

Nancy Burns	Rollins Clark	Oriey Glenn	Don Luce
Bill O'Neil	Sue Parks	Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre
Jon Valett			

Other Members:

Wayne Dudek	Shirley Greene	Milum Greene	Trent Kutsch
Dick Maurer	Dale Strait	Ollie Wittig	

The Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors' Meeting was called to order by KL Randy Roberts at 7:35, with nine board members present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last board meeting held on February 14th, 2006, were presented by Lion Jon Valett. The minutes were amended to make a minor correction. Lion Nancy Burns motioned for approval as amended and was seconded by Lion Rollins Clark. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Bill O'Neil reported bank account balances as follows:

50 th Anniversary Money Market	\$ 3,930.57
Activities Checking	16,887.57
Administrative Checking	7,165.95
Truck Replacement Fund	13,373.62
Foundation Checking	5,548.53
Foundation Money Market	12,472.81

Correspondence: Lion Nancy Burns presented a letter from Atlantic Catering thanking us for using them for the Bull and Oyster Roast.

Priority Items:

Fruit Sales Issues – Lion Dale Strait reported that post cards did go out later. Lion Nancy found a new printing company that she and Dale will discuss outside of the meeting.

District 22 Convention Delegates – SRLC is allowed 7 delegates and 4 alternates. KL Randy will appoint from those attending.

50th Anniversary Celebration – PR – to be discussed at the next board meeting.

Old Business/Reports:

Bull Roast Final Report – Lion Nancy reported a profit of \$4039.

Children's Fair at Big Vanilla – Lion Dick Maurer reported that it would be held on Saturday May 6th.

Liberty Day Kids – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that it was all ready to go and that the Governor would come.

Scholarship Update – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that he had 30 applications in all and that the committee would meet to review and recommend.

Other Reports – Lion Dale Strait reported that there would be a pre-school vision screening at St. Martins in the Field on March 15th.

New Business:

West Anne Arundel Branch Club – dues – West Anne Arundel Branch Club members will be listed as active but with no meals charged unless they attend a meeting.

Parent Substance Abuse Program – The program to educate parents on substance abuse at Severna Park High School asked for \$125. Lion Nancy Burns moved and Lion Randy Roberts seconded, and it was approved unanimously. Secretary Jon will write letter and Treasurer Bill will send a check.

Lash General Membership Meeting – Lion Dale Strait announced that this would be held on March 29th in Timonium at the Holiday Inn. He also added that the eyeglass sorting would take place on April 8th.

Kiwanis Joint Project – Lion Ollie Wittig has started discussions with the Kiwanis Club President.

May 2 and July 4 Membership Meeting – May 2nd will not be a regular meeting of the club. Instead we will hold a joint cookout with our two Leo clubs at the Legion, starting at 6:00. We will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, and other food. The July 4th meeting is cancelled.

Other Items – Lion Ollie Wittig announced that we would be bridging with our Cub Scout pack in early June.

Lion Jon Valett motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm, which was seconded by Lion Sue Parks and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary



REBUILDING TOGETHER

Lion George Councill reports that he has again been asked to be a house captain for this year's Blitz Day rehab work. Severn River Lions have not been asked to provide financial support for this endeavor. Rather, many hands, skilled and unskilled will be needed. The work will probably include painting, light to heavy carpentry, general accessibility and safety, lighting, outside cleanup, and anything else that needs doing. The workday will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 29th. Lion George notes that it's unfortunate timing since we have our 50th Anniversary Gala that evening, but he's confident we can do it. He will have a signup sheet at the April meetings for people to list any special skills or non-skills to help with his planning. More details will follow.

ANNOUNCEMENT - PICNIC WITH THE LEOS

- What:** A special joint picnic with Lions & Leos, instead of our regular dinner meeting
- When:** Tuesday May 2nd. ****Special time 6:00 pm**** (this is our regular meeting night)
- Where:** American Legion Post 175, Severna Park, MD.
- Who:** Severna Park Lions, Leos & their parents, from Harbour School and Severna Park Middle School
- Why:** Promote fellowship among Leos and Lions, plus it's about time we just have some fun. No program, no agenda, no business, (unless King Lion has something important to say) and **NO TIES OR JACKETS - IT'S A PICNIC...**



Please plan to attend. It's YOUR chance to meet the Leos WE are sponsoring. There will be hot dogs and burgers cooked to perfection over an open charcoal flame, plus all the "goodies" that go with a picnic, including ICE CREAM!

Adopt-A-Highway Program 2006 Schedule

****** "Lion Ray Smith did you see all the **trash** on Route 2 in (our) SWAT area?" - "Lion Ollie, I sure did. I can't believe the winter winds have been so mean to us. I'm going to suggest to Lion George that he better get Lion Wayne on the ball to schedule his highway pick-ups so we can be **PROUD** of our service area. - Lion George will you please get Lion Wayne off his duff and tell him to schedule a highway pick-up soon?" - "Lion Ray, I already spoke to our Chief Maintenance Officer and you won't believe what he said to me! In his words, '**since last years trash collection was so light, I decided to put more junk out along the highway just to make the SRLC look good in the eyes of the State Highway Administration.**'" ******

"Wayne, - Wayne!!, - **WAYNE!!!**" - "Sharon, why are you yelling at me?" - "Because you're just sitting there, staring at the computer monitor! I thought you were writing your Adopt-a-Highway article for the newsletter!" - "Sharon, you just wouldn't begin to believe the nightmares I have when it comes to scheduling the Highway Pick-ups each year."

Once again it's time to plan our monthly walks along Route 2, to maintain it's picturesque and scenic vista. As in the past, we will meet in the parking lot of Earleigh Heights Fire Department approximately fifteen minutes prior to the "Step Off" time listed below. This will allow us to have a BRIEF social hour, where we will enjoy our CUSTOMARY continental breakfast. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the general meeting just prior to the pick up date. Schedule is on page 11 of this fine newsletter.

New Members are encouraged to attend.

Any questions concerning the above should be addressed to:

Chief Highway Maintenance Engineer Lion Wayne



LIBERTY DAY KIDS GOES OVER BIG WITH THE KIDS AND THEIR "VICTIMS"

Again, this year, Severn River sponsored two groups of Liberty Day Kids - one group, the Annapolis Area Christian School, even got to question Governor Ehrlich (although he turned the tables on them and started questioning them). The Governor presented a proclamation to the kids commending their participation. The Severna Park Middle School YouthRise Leos questioned patrons at the Severna Park Library - they had a wonderful time stumping the adults.



The Proclamation reads:

Whereas: Today students from the Annapolis Area Christian School will participate in a national project called Liberty Day Kids. The students will assume the role of "Teacher for a Day" as they test people's knowledge of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; and

Whereas: The Severn River Lions Club is to be commended for its sponsorship of this annual event. This activity is an excellent way to enable young people to celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; and

Whereas: By participating in Liberty Day Kids, students help increase public knowledge of the historic importance of these documents; and

Whereas: Maryland is proud to join in supporting all those participating in this year's Liberty Day Kids - "Teacher for a Day" program,

Now, therefore, I, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of the State of Maryland, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2006 as LIBERTY DAY KIDS - "TEACHER FOR A DAY" in Maryland and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



LEOS at the Library

Membership Roster will return next month. Check last month's issue and let Lion Sue know of any errors, omissions, or changes required. Thanks.

REMINDER

If you expect to miss a Membership Meeting, be sure to email Secretary Jon Valett, valett@comcast.net, or call 410/544-7278 by 4 pm on the Sunday prior to the meeting. If you are an Affiliate or MAL Member, call if you are going to attend. Thanks.

	March, 2006	Year-to-Date
	Hours	Hours
Health	11	62
Diabetes Awareness	0	88
Sight	65	325
Hearing	5	18
LASH	21	102
Youth	57	312
Community	127	1441
Environment	0	46
International Relations	12	115
Lionism	692	3552
TOTALS	990	6061

West Anne Arundel Branch

Membership Chair, Lion Ken Tschantre, will conduct New Member orientation at the Odenton Library on Monday, April 10, 2006 at 7 pm for our new Branch Club members. Those attending the orientation will be inducted in a special Worldwide Induction Day ceremony at the Severn River General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

Membership Report March, 2006

Members February 28, 2006	71
Active	37
At Large	12
Life	2
Affiliate	19
Privileged	1
Members March 31, 2006	71
Leo Club Members	60

BIRTHDAYS

April

Pete Geis – 5
 Suzette Kettenhofen – 6
 Barry Johnson – 10
 Don Smith – 11
 Lynette Walters – 16
 Shirley Greene – 20
 Bruce Schriener – 23
 Mary Ruschell – 25
 Bob Bieri – 27
 Chuck Horne – 29



TEEN COURT SCHEDULE

Lions will cover the following Court sessions:

April 19 (Glen Burnie)
 May 3 (Annapolis)
 May 31 (Glen Burnie)
 June 7 (Annapolis)

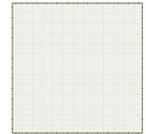
S.W.A.T pickup schedule

April 22nd 7:30 AM
 May 20th 7:00 AM *
 June 24th 7:00 AM
 July 22nd 7:00 AM
 August 26th 7:00 AM
 September 23rd 7:00 AM
 October 14th 7:30 AM

* Lions attending the convention will miss out on a marvelous breakfast.

PS – Does anyone know what S.W.A.T. stands for?

**SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB
SEVERN RIVER LIONS FOUNDATION**
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**2005 – 2006
International Theme**



Remember, April showers bring May flowers.

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The SRLC meets semi-monthly on the first and third Tuesdays at the American Legion Post 175 on Manhattan Beach Road.
Social - 6:30 pm
Meeting - 6:59 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4/4 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 4/8 LASH Eyeglass Sorting – Maryland School for the Blind
- 4/10 Region 1 Meeting – Snyders Willow Grove
- 4/10 West Anne Arundel Branch Club Orientation – Odenton Library
- 4/11 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
- 4/18 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 4/29 Rebuilding Together Blitz Day
- 4/29 **50th Anniversary Gala – Baltimore Marriott Waterfront**
- 5/2 Picnic with the LEOs – American Legion Post 175 – 6 pm
- 5/6 Camp Blaze Children's Fair – Big Vanilla Racquet Club
- 5/9 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
- 5/16 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 5/18 – 21 MD 22 Convention – Virginia Beach
- 5/25 New Officer Training – Severna Park High School (date tentative)
- 5/29 Memorial Day

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.SEVERNAPARK.COM/~SRLIONS