

# SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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## KING LION CHRISTOPHER WERTH'S COMMENTS AND REFLECTIONS

Like most people in the United States, I was shocked and saddened at the seemingly sudden emergence of COVID-19 and stunned by the rapid changes it elicited in our public, professional, and private lives. I am not sure of the exact number, but I think here have been over twenty-eight million cases of COVID-19 in the United States, and more than half a million people in this country have died as a result.

One year has resulted not only in half a million lives lost but also in tens of millions of survivors. As we are now into a year plus of mourning, there is a constant phrase in our country and in many of our lives which says "We may never be the same again."

In many ways, we have been shrouded by grief for over the last year. Those who have not experienced death know losses during this time as many have undergone job and financial loss, the loss of social and familial interaction to name a few. Still others have grappled with losses due to increased anxiety, depression, and additional mental health stressors.

While some may see these losses as 'not real losses,' they are just as valid and attention-deserving as a death loss.

In the space of over a year, little in our daily lives has been left untouched and unchanged. Yes, even our language has altered dramatically. Words that were never part of our daily conversation- quarantine, isolation, Zoom...are understood by many.

So, I invite you as fellow humans, and as fellow Lions to look around you and think about how you and I can emerge from these multiple crises and move forward. How can you and I make a difference in the world around us in which "...we move, live, and have our being." In the words of a Roman Catholic organization known as The Christophers (I happen to really like their name) *"It is better to light one candle than curse the darkness."*

I invite your comments, your thoughts, and above all, your prayers for a better tomorrow.

Yours in Lionism and service,

Christopher R. Werth, President, Severn River Lions Club

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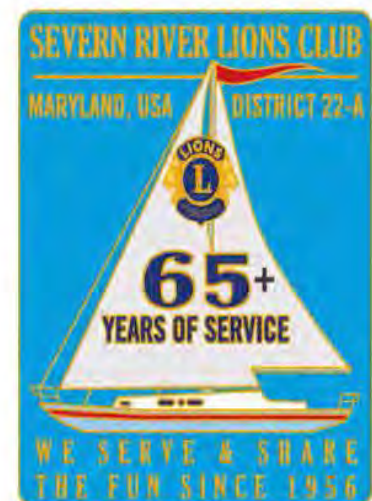


## IN MARCH THE SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB CELEBRATED 65 YEARS OF SERVICE

In January 1956, District Governor Robert Brooks proposed a Lions Club be formed in the Severna Park area. The Lions Clubs of Catonsville, Brooklyn and Glen Burnie agreed to sponsor the new club and to extend all possible assistance toward a successful start. The area served by the new Club would be bounded by the Magothy River, Severn River, Route 3, Route 50, and Earleigh Heights Road. We were officially chartered on March 8, 1956, and were presented with our charter on Friday, April 20, 1956. The SRLC was honored on this auspicious occasion by the sponsoring clubs and other notable guests including guest speaker Immediate Past President of Lions Clubs International Monroe L. Nute.

Want to learn more?

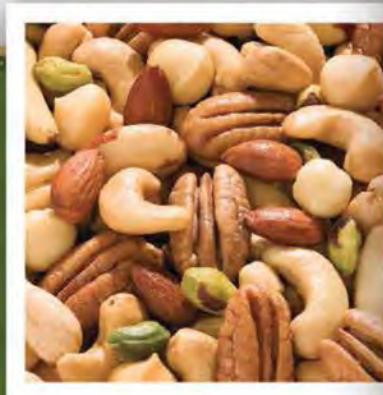
We plan a Charter Night Celebration at the Officers Turnover meeting in June. More information to follow.





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## Severn River Lions Club partnering with Texas Roadhouse

Purchase a Texas Roadhouse e-Gift Card using the link or QR Code below. 10% of every gift card purchase will be donated.

- Cards Ordered between March 1st and March 31st will be emailed by April 3rd in time for Easter.

- Cards Ordered between April 1st and May 5th will be emailed by May 8th in time for Mother's Day.

- Cards Ordered between May 6th and June 16th will be emailed by June 19th in time for Father's Day.

The same link is being used for all three campaign dates:

<https://na.eventscloud.com/severnriverlionsclub>

Our fundraiser will also be posted on social media.

Thank you. Lion Suzette



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More Information:

- e-gift cards are delivered via email.
- E-Gift Cards will be delivered after the completion of the fundraiser \*\*See Dates Above\*\*

## SRLC TWINNING VIA ZOOM

Severn River Lions and Espoo Kivenlahti Lions gathered for club twinning via Zoom on Saturday March 20, 2021 (New York Time 11:00 AM – Finland Time 5:00 PM)



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Visiting Lion: Lion Austin Raabe, Naples Lions Club **SEE FULL MEETING NOTES AT END OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS:** The Nominating Committee recommended to the Severn River Lions Board of Directors on February 9, 2021 to continue with the current slate of officers for 2021- 2022. Reason for the continuation is based on the pandemic and the associated restrictions that marginalized the clubs activities. During the General Membership Meeting on March 23, 2021 nominations from the floor will also be taken for open positions. After the nominations are closed and the slate is finalized voting for the 2021-2022 slate of officers will take place during the meeting on March 23.. Members who are unable to vote during the zoom meeting on March 23 may vote by e-mail either concur or do not concur with the slate, The current officers for the BOD are:

PRESIDENT - Chris Werth

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT - OPEN

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT - Jim Coolbaugh

3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT - Jon Valett

SECRETARY - Carl Gilbert

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - Ashley Sanford

TREASURER - Sue Parks

ASSISTANT TREASURER - OPEN

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - Joinette Smallwood

2 YEAR DIRECTOR - Dick Maurer

1 YEAR DIRECTOR - Nancy Earley

TAIL TWISTER - Jackie Hetrick

LION TAMER - Chuck Horne

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Suzette Kettenhofen



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMUNITY COMMITMENT -  
CONGRATULATIONS

TO LIONS

Nelson Chesler

20 years of service

Joined Lions April 1, 2001

Sponsor: Randy Roberts

Myra Payne

16 years of service

Joined Lions April 12, 2005

Sponsor: Sue Parks

Carroll P. Hicks

16 years of service

Joined Lions April 12, 2005

Sponsor: Rollins Clark

Bruce Schriner

26 years of service

Joined Lions April 1, 1995

Sponsor: Dick Bloomquist

Chuck Horne

20 years of service

Joined Lions April 1, 2001

Sponsor: Ken Pyle

Ray Smith

58 years of service

Joined Lions April 1, 1963

Sponsor: Jack Pulsifer

Suzette Kettenhofen

16 years of service

Joined Lions April 1, 2005

Sponsor: Sue Parks

Ken Tschantre

27 years of service

Joined Lions April 1, 1994

Sponsor: John Latham

Clem Kusiak

56 years of service

Joined Lions April 1, 1965

Sponsor: Herman Lesner

Clinton Wallace

16 years of service

Joined Lions April 1, 2005

Sponsor: Orley Glenn

Draft minutes of the 9 February 2021 Board meeting..

KL Chris Werth called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The following lions were in attendance: Chris Werth, Chuck Horne, Carl Gilbert, Sue Parks, Jackie Hetrick, Dick Maurer, Jim Coolbaugh, Joinette Smallwood, Jon Valett, Ashley Sanford, Nancy Earley, Suzette Kettenhofen. Lions BillZ and Clem also attended the meeting.

1. Secretary: Submitted regenerated draft minutes of 1 January 2021. Further search for original requested by board. Motion to accept by { }, Seconded by { }.

Lion Ollie Wittig's death was reported to LCI and his membership terminated.

2. Treasurer: Motion to accept report for reconciliation review by Lion Dick Maurer, Seconded by Lion Chuck. Passed by voice vote.

3. Membership: Lion Joinette reports. No new member. Remember to reach out to current members. Bill Stack has had knee surgery. Recommends a ZOOM lunch for members.

4. Fruit: Lion Jon reports fruit sales have ended for the season. Next sale will be in November.

5. ZOOM meetings: Lion Carl reports a meeting can have co-hosts and 'helpers'. A host may have only one meeting at a time. A co-host has a PRO account and can schedule for the host as well as start and stop the host's meeting. A helper can perform the functions of a host during a meeting however cannot start or stop the meeting.

Chat rooms allow sub-groups of members at a meeting to break-off for private discussions.

6. Medical Loan Closet: Lions Jackie and Ashley have reorganized the loan closet to include the new storage shed. Request \$100 for floor covering for the new shed, approved by board by voice vote.

7. Monthly Meetings: Lion Carl requested that the monthly meeting schedule of 2nd Tuesday (Board) and 3rd Tues (Membership) be moved to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. The request was granted by the board by voice vote to begin immediately.

8. Texas Roadhouse (TRH) fund raiser: Lion Suzette reported end of second TRH fund raiser and that a third would begin in April for Mother's day, Father's day, and Graduation gift cards. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Lion Carl Gilbert, Secretary



Who dares to say that the King Lion **does not** have a sense of humor??

When do monkeys fall from the sky? During Ape-ril showers!

Can February March? No, but April May!

Why is everyone so tired on April 1? Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!

What season is it when you are on a trampoline? Spring-time!

What flowers grow on faces? Tulips (Two-lips)!

Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the Fall they "Let It Go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf"

Why is the letter A like a flower? A bee (B) comes after it!

When do people start using their trampoline? Spring-Time

What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole? A hot cross bun-ny

What did the tree say to spring? What a re-leaf.

What do you call a girl with a frog on her head? Lily!

What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny





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### HISTORY OF SHARING SERVICE

The program began with **KL Chris** calling on Lion Ray Smith to relate how the Severn River Lions Club came to be. Lion Ray our senior service member recalled a family in need of assistance for their child and a group of service minded community residence heard about the need then assisted the families. As a result, news spread, ideas started to bloom for a service club to be created as an asset to the Severn River Community. Lion Ray also mentioned Severn River Lions is celebrating 65 years' service this month of March 2021.

**KL Erkki** talked about Espoo Lions began by assisting neighbors with service projects back in 1974-1975. The club had similar experiences of helping a family with a child in need of medical help.

During the start up phase of the Espoo Club fundraising became necessary to support the needs of a number of families. As a community of volunteers, the members informed their community to help by saving various bottles and cans; Lions would collect same and return to stores by collecting the \$ .25 refund for each item.

Another service project by the Espoo Lions was similar to Severn River Lions doing Highway Clean up. Espoo Lions embarked on “Shore Line Clean Up” cleaning ground areas adjacent to water ways.

They also provide services and assistance throughout the year for WW II Veterans and their families.

Espoo Lions premier project supports financially and physically an eye hospital in the Republic of Sri Lanka founded by Lion Erkki of Finland and Lion Osoka, both Lions served as International Directors together!

**KL Chris** introduced Lion Sue to talk about Severn River Lions **Education Program**. Lion Sue outlined the club has a Scholarship Committee that meets for the purpose of reviewing applications from High School seniors seeking college scholarships. Once approved by the committee, then board of directors, students are presented with the ‘Big Check’ – the real check goes to the school each student will be attending.

**Lion Bill Z** talked about Severn River Lions **Youth Program**, present and past.

Presently Severn River Lions are actively supporting Cub Scouts, 2 Leo Clubs, Peace Poster, Teen Court and Battle of the Bands.



**Lion Rollins – Environment Program** (Highway Pick Up Master) illustrated our members as a group have the desire to show off the Severn Community as one of the most trash free communities in Maryland. Lion Rollins also said each time clean up takes place there is an award for the most unusual item retrieved from the shoulder of the Highway. Lion Sue also mentioned that this project is supported by the State Government, thereby allowing volunteers to keep their towns litter free.



**Lion Carl – Sight Programs** is a key Severn River Lions service by collecting used eye glasses, sorting the collected glasses then packaging and delivering to the Districts Sight Foundation for use by Lions and or groups on eye missions. Lion Carl also provided types of locations where eye glasses are dropped off by community residents.

**Lion Carl – Fundraising**, as in any club, is important to their service projects. Severn River Lions major fundraising is selling fruit grown and harvested in Florida then delivered to Severn River for Lions to distribute after completing sales either by phone or internet.



**Lion Ashley – Loan Closet** is an essential part of the community we serve. For many years Severn River Lions have gathered and distributed the following:

Wheelchairs (more than a dozen), and accompanying accessories, Walkers, Canes, Crutches  
Commode Chairs and bed pans, Bath and Shower benches and grab/safety bars, Catheter Supplies, 3  
hospital beds, First aid and wound care supplies, Rollator Walkers (and some accessories, such as  
baskets), Aircasts/Walking Boots, Physical Therapy and rehabilitation equipment and supplies (shoulder  
pulley, weights, etc.)

Thank you to Lion Jackie for taking on the role of Chair of our Loan Closet and Lion Chuck's never ending support through the Health Association that allows Severn River Lions to store our inventory of medical devices etc.



**Lion Ashley – Food Drive** this to the first year Severn River Lions facilitated collecting food for those in need during the Fruit Sales. Lion Ashley informed everyone how posters and social media were a major part of residents gathering food then bring their donations to the Fruit Sale locations. As result, each time the Severn River Lions hold fruit sales, a food drive will be included.



Following sharing of each club's service projects, members of both clubs were appreciative of the information and time everyone contributed.

Both clubs agreed we should continue Twinning.

Prior to adjourning the Zoom meeting, Lion Carl and KL Erkki exchanged club banners from zoom window to window with a promise that KL Erkki would receive by way of US mail a banner and Severn River Lions Pin.

Zoom meeting ended 12:45 New York Time.