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## IMPORTANT DATES

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August 27 SRLC Night at LEDO's Pizza  
Sept 2 Dinner meeting AL Post 175  
Sept 6 Chesapeake HS Band Car Show  
Sept 6 District Full Cabinet Meeting  
Sept 11 USA/CANADA Forum  
Sept 13 Adopt -A -Highway

### **Sept 16 SRLC Picnic Linstead Beach**

Sept 18 LASH General Meeting  
Sept 24 SRLC Night at LEDO's Pizza

### **11 Oct KINDER Park Fall Fest**

11 Oct EYE Glass Sorting  
21 Oct DG Doug DeWitt Official Visit

**Nov 1, DISTRICT 22A FALL BALL @  
The North Baltimore Hotel in Timonium.  
Social hour starting at 6PM dinner at  
7PM**

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## **Patriotic Lions March**

For SRLC the Independence Day community parade didn't begin on Friday July 4 but on the previous day when a band Lions gathered to give the truck a much needed bath before decorating it. This task took over two hours on a very hot day and after that task was completed they adjourned to the shade for some much needed liquid refreshment. The fear that Storm Andrew might mess up plans proved to be not true as the storm veered of the Atlantic coast. July 4 dawned with sun and cooler temperatures and the decorated truck was moved to the starting line-position #10 where several marching Lions gathered. Promptly at 10:00 am the parade began and marchers, floats, and a bevy of antique cars proceeded down Benfield for the 2.5 mile trek. Along the route residents had placed chairs, umbrellas, and pop ups and the crowds waved as the marchers passed by. Patriotic attire, flags, and horns greeted the marchers as they passed. When the SRLC truck passed the judges stand on Evergreen Road the announcer told the audience of SRLC's many service activities and got a round of applause. The marchers tuned onto the road to Cypress Creek Park where the parade ended. Marchers were greeted by a group of Lions who were passing out popsicles to the walkers and they received many "thank you" for these treats. The only task remaining was to return the truck and remove the decorations and this was a finale act. SRLC has participated in the community parade for at least ten years and we are looking forward to coming back again next year.



**King Lion Bill Stack with driver Lion Pete Geis**

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## 2014 Scholarship Winners Chosen

The scholarship committee was challenged again this year to select finalists from the list of applicants at Broadneck and Severna Park High Schools. Academic performance in high school, participation in extra curricular activities, financial need, and teacher recommendation were the traits that the committee considered in making the final selection for 2014. Chosen to receive the E. Roy Shawn Memorial Scholarship at Severna Park are Madeline Echeveria and Christopher DeMaio. Chosen to receive the Patrick Dionne Memorial Scholarship at Broadneck was Connor Joyce.

During her tenure at SPHS Madeline Echeveria completed 45 advanced and honors courses and finished the year with a grade point average of 3.84. Academics was not the only participation for Madeline. She was active in the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Latin Club, Key club, Spanish club. In sports Madeline was the manager for the field hockey team, was a player on the unified tennis and bowling teams. In addition to school activities she was active in a club to collect items for underprivileged children, served on the prom fashion show, volunteered at Woods Church committee for Habitat for Humanity, volunteered at Sarah's House. Madeline will be attending Ohio State University and plans to be a business major.

During his four years as a student at SPHS Christopher Thomas DeMaio has completed a rigorous academic load which included thirty six honors classes and his grade point average for four years was 3.91. In addition to academic performance Christopher found time to be a member of the cross country team-4 years-, the basketball team-3 years-, and baseball team -1 year. In addition to athletics Christopher was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Spanish Club and Spanish Honor Society, and was a member of the National Honor Society. Christopher is the oldest of four siblings and he will be attending Virginia Tech where he will major in environmental engineering.

At Broadneck HS Connor Joyce completed a strong academic program and during his tenure Connor completed fifty two honors classes and earned a grade point average of 4.50 and was 4 in a class of 509. In addition to academic excellence Connor was a member of the varsity soccer team-2 years-, varsity wrestling-4 years-. varsity baseball-1 year-and served as captain of the soccer and wrestling teams. In addition to athletics Connor was a member of the National Honor Society, was a senior mentor to assist other students. In the community Connor was active in the church youth group and the Teen Scripture Study Group. He has been a member of the Boy Scouts of America since 2010 and is currently a Life Scout and expects to complete Eagle Scout requirements before graduation. Connor will be attending Johns Hopkins University and will major in mechanical engineering.



For at least fifteen years the Severn River Lions Club has provided scholarship assistance to students from Broadneck and Severna Park High School. Currently seven other students, four from Severna Park and three from Broadneck High Schools, are receiving the scholarships which are given for four years. The scholarships are funded by the Severn River Lions club's various fund raisers which include the citrus sales, the annual bull and oyster roast, and several other smaller fund raising activities

The scholarship, initially awards \$1,000 for a year but can be renewed up to three additional years if the student's situation has not changed and the club has the ability to continue financing the scholarship. Awards are based on academic performance over four years, participation in extra- curricular events, teacher recommendations, and the selection committee's assessment of the student's ability to succeed in college. The following ten students are currently receiving financial assistance for college expenses.

<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>
<b>Christopher DeMaio</b>	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>Madeline Echevierra</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>
<b>Connor Joyce</b>	<b>Johns Hopkins</b>	<b>Gary Wallace, Jr.</b>	<b>Morgan State</b>
<b>Jonah Sheffield</b>	<b>Kings College</b>	<b>Elizabeth Breighner</b>	<b>Penn State</b>
<b>Jodie Clouser</b>	<b>Appalachian State</b>	<b>Eric Myers</b>	<b>Anne Arundel</b>
<b>Stephanie Turley</b>	<b>Stevenson Univ.</b>	<b>Alex Pipish</b>	<b>Anne Arundel</b>



**King Lion Bill Stack   Madeline Echevierra   Gary Wallace   Lion Ollie Wittig**



**Scholarship Winner Christopher DeMaio VA Tech**

## Annual Art Contest for Kids

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The theme of the 2014-15 Peace Poster Contest is **"Peace, Love and Understanding."** Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners. SRLC Sponsors two schools for this contest - Severna Park Middle and the Harbour school



Emily Hoyte   Lion Sponsor Nancy Burns   Ashley Dyck   Tricia Oxford

### **HOBY Students Visit SRLC**

For several year SRLC has been an active supporter of HOBY, The Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation, which gives teens an opportunity to learn communication, networking, and service skills at the annual weekend conferences. On August 19 three HOBY students and the HOBY advisor, Doug McCleary attended the meeting to tell the Lions about their experience. **Tricia Oxford-Severn School, Ashley Dyck-Severna Park High School, and Emily Hart-Broadneck High School**, along with their parents attended the meeting to speak with the Lions. Each of the young ladies gave their personal stories about the weekend and how they learned and benefited from the interchange with other HOBY attendee and the worthwhile lessons that they learned. Each indicated that they planned to apply these skills as they progress through school and use the skills acquired to benefit others. Doug McCleary, also a Lion, thanked SRLC for the continued support given HOBY for several years.

## Lions Get them Rolling

On Saturday, August 9 Lions Ed Dizon, Bill Zelenakas, and Ollie Wittig brought their air pumps and bicycle tools to the parking lot at the LA Fitness Center on Jumpers Hole Road where they were scheduled to do the pre-ride bike check for our Cub Scout Pack 688's annual ride on the B & A Trail. Cub Scouts and parents began arriving and the Lions got to work checking tire pressure, proper seat height, helmet fit, and the general condition of the bikes. SRLC has been doing the pre-ride check for several years and it is always a treat to interact with the kids and parents before they head south on the trail. The weather was perfect for a bike ride and the group of about two dozen Cub Scouts and parents were eager to get underway. Pack leader Fred Rossmark expressed thanks to the Lions for assisting at this event again and reminded them that the next event is the annual cake judging in the fall-an event which we look forward to hungrily every year. SRLC also helps with the Pinewood Derby and cooks at the annual Pack bridging ceremony so parents can take part in the advancement ceremony with their kids. SRLC has been invited to help with the bike ride again next year.



Seyvern River Lions with Pack 688 Leaders at Bridging Ceremony