

# SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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## INSPIRE OF COVID...SEVERN RIVER LIONS CONTINUE TO SERVE!

Performing acts of service helps tie us all together. Service helps form a sense of belonging in our communities where we live, work, worship, and play. The most rewarding thing about being a Severn River Lions Club member are those moments when a student's face lights up because he or she obtained glasses and now can see the lesson and complete the assignments! It happens when a senior who is hard of hearing has heard traffic outside his home or understood a grandchild. It is when a food pantry obtains a donation so they can serve others in need.

Yes! Severn River Lions are serving our communities. Individual members are looking after their neighbors and fellow Lions who are in need. Individual Lions are making masks to protect others from the COVID virus. Individual Lions are donating dollars and food to SPAN or giving out free, fresh produce to others in need.

Your Board of Directors has approved donations of cash to SPAN so families in need will have a brighter Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your Board has approved monies for the Maryland Food Bank so our neighbors operating food pantries and soup kitchens across the state will have some extra resources.

You, as a member of the Severn River Lions Club have a wonderful set of opportunities to *continue serving* our communities. There is our Annual Fruit Sale-come out-volunteer if only for 1 hour and lend a hand. We have established a Service Committee, which by the way welcomes your volunteer time and ideas as they are looking into new and exciting ways to better serve our communities.

Perhaps you are home and not going out as frequently as you did before COVID. How about calling your fellow Lions and doing a friendly check-in. We have members in need of a friendly chat or perhaps some extra assistance. The Sunshine Committee always can use extra hands. Besides, WE SERVE does not mean ignoring our membership while serving others in our communities.

I am humbled and honored to be your "King Lion" this year. I see and hear so many positive acts of kindness. As Lions we do our best when we serve nearby or across the miles! I thank each of you for your on-going service and encourage each and everyone to *continue stepping forward in the service of others!* We will all be better for your involvement.

My hopes and prayers are that each of you and your families will be well and stay safe. Together we will come out better and rich for your continued efforts!

Yours in Lionism,

King Lion Christopher Werth

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We Serve

# WELCOME



## Severn River Lions Club

### *65th Charter Anniversary*

Sixty-Five Years of Service Celebration on June 13 consisting of 48 Lions and guests ventured to the Severna Park Elks pavilion to celebrate the Severn River Lions Club's sixty-five years of service to the community. Arriving guests checked in, found their table and then enjoyed fellowship, appetizers and drinks. Lion Sue Parks had put together a special program for the event and it listed the club history, a listing of the charter members, past presidents, all of the Melvin Jones Fellow recipients, Lions we've lost since our 60<sup>th</sup> and the menu for the evening. Promptly at 3:00 pm King Lion Chris convened the meeting and the traditional Lions opening got the festivities underway. Lions and guests enjoyed delicious salad, a choice of entrées of BBQ Pulled Pork Sliders and Chicken Chesapeake, ending with tasty desserts. Following the terrific meal everyone enjoyed singing of the HARBOUR CITY MUSIC COMPANY. Then it was time to "get down to business." Re-dedication of the SRL Charter presented to KL Chris by PIP Clem, Special Presentations followed: Arnall Patz Fellowship presented to Chuck Horne by PDG Larry Burton. Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to Nancy Earley by Clem Kusiak. International President Jung-Yul Choi Certificates of Appreciation presented to Jon Valett and Carl Gilbert by Clem Kusiak. During the idle moments of presentations etc. more than 48 outstanding door prizes provided by Suzette and Ashley were called out via ticket numbers. In addition to all the activity mentioned, scrap books were displayed for viewing and Bill O created a power point illustrating photos of SRL activities. Special guest, District Governor Jim Katzaman was introduced and complimented SRLC for being one of the more active clubs in the district and urged the club to "keep up the good work." DG Jim also installed the SRL 2021-2022 board of directors. SRLC's sixty-five years of service was also noted with a letter from Governor Larry Hogan and resolutions of congratulations from the Senate and County Executive.





## Severn River Lions Helping Neighbors

Lion Ken Tschantre's neighbor injured his leg, after discussion with Ken's neighbor needing a leg chair, Ken called Bill Zelenakas, Bill delivered a chair from the Medical Loan Closet and instructed proper use.

### Community Acts of Kindness

Grill used for grilling during scout events required new piece of metal. American Iron in Glen Burnie donated the metal.

Two propane full tanks were donated for the Scout Bridging event by Clement Hardware.

Mr. Mike Rogall donated wheel chair, walker, cane and walker table top.

Severna Park Health & Mobility Company contacted Jackie Hetrick to accept their inventory due to going out of business. Items were accepted.

*Appreciation Letters were sent to the above by Lions Sue and Jackie*

### **Note from KL Chris Prevent Misunderstanding in your Team**

When working with others, you're likely to encounter people from different backgrounds with various levels of experience and education. In addition, each person also brings his or her own unique personality to a group. When joining all these differences together, you need to learn how to handle the inevitable misunderstandings and miscommunication that can come from people's diversity. Follow the tips below to learn how you can enhance your communication skills.

#### **Pay Attention**

- When speaking with another person, don't focus on paperwork, the telephone, the objects on your desk, or what you are going to say next.
- Try not to have preconceived notions about what a person is going to say to you. You may suspect that a person is coming to you for a certain reason, but don't let that rule your mind. If you don't give close attention to the person and what is being said in the present moment, you could miss something very important.
- Take nonverbal cues into account. Body language, tone of voice, nervous giggling, or smiles may give you insight into what the person is really trying to say.

#### **Checking for Understanding**

Notice if someone looks puzzled when you are talking. He or she may not be following what you are saying. You can help by asking questions that require feedback on what you said and how well you said it.

Ask questions like:

- Did that make sense?
- Can you repeat back to me your interpretation of what I said? I want to see if I missed anything.
- Did I describe that adequately?

#### **Use Facts**

Try to use facts, rather than opinions, when demonstrating a point. If coworkers come to you with a disagreement, ask for the facts, and try to help using those facts.

#### **Give Your Time**

Some people are quick to catch on to a procedure, while others take a little longer. By spending enough time to ensure understanding among every staff member, you'll know that everyone is on the same page. Have patience when working with each person and you will notice improved work and attitudes throughout the whole team.

Make sure to communicate with your workers at various times, not just when you have criticism. This will help create more positive relationships with workers, and they may be more willing to talk to you when they need assistance or guidance. Be supportive by following these three tips:

- Be polite and cordial with everyone.
- Share good news about accomplishments and achievements.
- Talk about concerns and giving feedback.

*Written by Life Advantages - Author Dr. Delvina Miremadi ?2021*



### SEVERN RIVER LIONS GRILLING

For at least the 11th year, the Severn River Lions have done the catering/grilling for our Cub Scout Pack 688 annual Bridging ceremony. On June 5 the Lions chefs traveled to Lake Waterford for the event which marks the older boy's transition out of Cub Scouts and into Boy Scouts. A traditional Bridging ceremony includes an honor guard, flag salute, recitation of the Scout law, and a walk over a bridge to commemorate this special event. Chefs for this event included special guest, visiting Lion Ryan Shupp, Bill Zelenakas, KL Chris Werth, Jackie Hetrick, Clem Kusiak and Jay Kusiak (Clem's grandson). George Council's large grill (recently donated to SRL and refurbished by Lions Bill Z and Clem) arrived at the Park Pavilion and was unloaded and assembled by Jay and Clem. Then placed in a position downwind of the pavilion. Lion supplies for the event were staged. Lions, decked in their Lions garb began to prepare pounds of hamburgers and hot dogs that would soon feed the hungry crowd. The Cub Scouts especially were hungry and the serving line stretched outside of the pavilion. Parents also participated in serving the scouts and their families by ensuring safe practices were being adhered to. They also brought tasty side dishes, salads, and desserts and soon the only sound that could be heard was "munch & munch" as the boys and adults enjoyed the party. Lions had a chance to talk with the parents and Pack leaders. Pack leaders and parents thanked the Lions for this support at the annual Bridging and asked that we return next year.

## Parade 4 July 2010

The Severn River Lions Club and Pack 688 got off to a 'roaring' start as they were over 100 community groups, organizations and business enterprises that participated in the annual Severna Park Chamber of Commerce's 4th (this year 5th) of July Independence parade! The Cub Scouts had decorated their bikes with red, white and blue streamers and carried both the American flag and their Pack flag along with several banners. Lion Rollins escorted the King Lion (aka Chris) and our friendly mascot, Leo the Lion, thru the streets of Severna Park to a wildly cheering crowd. Leo was greeting with cheers and friendly hellos and many photo opportunities! The streets were lined to over-flowing with holiday spectators. It appeared that everyone who came had a good time and the event was a big success



## UPCOMING LION'S EVENTS

Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> - SRL STeam zoom meeting 7:00 pm. Contact Bill Z for link and your input.

Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> – Scout Pack Raingutter Regatta 8:00 – 9:30 am at Shipleys Choice Swim Club. SRL are requested to do the judging. RSVP KL Chris confirming you can be a judge.

Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00 pm – SRL Washing Party of the SRL Truck 1:00 pm. At Dick Maurer's home.

Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> - SRL zoom Board meeting 7:00 pm. Contact Carl for zoom info and or placing items on the agenda.

Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> - District 22 A Open Membership meeting. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Maryland School for the Blind. Contact Zone Chair Joinette confirming your attendance.

Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup> - SRL Dinner meeting, Social 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm at American Legion. Contact Joinette confirming attendance. Also, Carl to be included on the agenda.

Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> - SRL Steam zoom meeting 7:00 pm. Contact Bill Z for link and your input.

Thursday – Saturday September 9–11 - USA/Canada Forum Des Moines, Iowa. Visit <https://lionsforum.org/>

Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> - SRL zoom Board meeting 7:00 pm. Contact Carl for zoom info and or placing item on agenda.

Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> - LVRF zoom meeting 9:30 am. Contact Sue Parks for link.

Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> - SRL Dinner meeting, Social 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:00 at American Legion. Contact Joinette confirming attendance. Also, Carl to be included on the agenda.

## **REMINDER**

Articles etc. are needed for future editions of the “SRL Newsletter”. If you have information or an item that will interest members and their families, feel free to include in an upcoming edition. You can submit items to any of the following member.

Bill O’Neil – Editor  
Clem Kusiak – Reporter  
Chris Werth - President

## LIONS PROFILES

Anyone interested in being included as part of the profile in future issues of the "SRL Newsletter" please complete the following form and return to Lion Clem Kusiak, ckusiak@verizon.net

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NAME:

DATE JOINED:

SPONSOR:

PERSONAL STATS:

WORST TIME OF YOUR LIFE:

BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE:

FAVORITE MOVIES:

BOOK TO RECOMMEND;

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

MOST LIONS YOU DON'T KNOW:

FAVORITE PASTTIME:

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:

IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I'D:

IF I COULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN, I'D:

OTHER COMMENTS: