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Severn River Lions Club

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President – King Lion Randy Roberts



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KING LION ROARS

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Happy Holidays to all Severn River Lions and their families. December 6th is our club Christmas Party at Kaufmann's in Gambrills, arrangements handled by Lion Nancy Burns again this year. I hope everyone has signed up with Lion Dick Maurer, as this is always a fun event and a great opportunity to celebrate the season with fellow Lions.

Our first fruit sale of the Lion year came off well. The weather was crisp, the fruit was delicious and the customers happy. We hope they come back for even more fruit this month. Many thanks to all the Lions who came out and made the sale a success. Lion Chuck Horne did his usual good job coordinating our efforts. His automation of the order placement process is saving time and appears to have reduced our error rate. Lion Rhine Jager and Betty Jager have done an excellent job of selling most of our remaining fruit. Lion Jim Talentino and Norma Talentino did an excellent job providing lunch. Many thanks to Lion Wayne Dudeck; he was able to obtain a donation of a brand new pallet jack from Mr. Steve Bensky of Alliance Material Handling, Inc. This equipment will speed the fruit unloading process from the trucks, eliminate problems and make the process safer.

Our raffle to raise funds for Katrina victims became an even bigger success when the First Prize winner, Lion Bob Muchow, donated \$250 of his prize to the cause. Many thanks go to Lions Sue Parks for their hard work on this effort.

Our Community Diabetes Awareness Program was held November 9th at the Community Center, Holy Grounds Building. Lion Nancy Burns worked very hard on this program and lined up an

Happy Holidays!

excellent speaker, Paula Yutzy, R.N., C.D.E. Attendees received important information on this subject from an excellent and informed speaker.

Lion Ollie Wittig reported on the food drive results of Cub Scout Pack 688. It appears they managed to defeat us again; Lion Nancy Burns reports that the Severn River Middle School Youth Rise LEOs clobbered us. Therefore, we must now pay off our wager with pizza to both of these fine groups. It's not so bad losing these bets when you know that the less fortunate benefit from our efforts.

Lions Dale Strait and Ollie Wittig continue the good work of training Lions to perform Pre School Vision Screening. The next session is January 7, 2006 at the Bel Air Senior Center from 10 am to 2 pm. Please see them to sign up if you haven't already been trained.

No regular meeting December 20th. If you need a dose of Lion Pride, come to the Board Meeting at the Jaycee building at Kinder Park on December 13th. Call me for a ride or directions.

Idea from a Visitation: Offer our Loan Closet equipment to smaller Lion clubs for the needy in their area. Our "closet" is overflowing. What do you think?

Future Fruit Sales are: December 17, January 21, February 25 and March 25. AFFILIATES and MALs – please sign up to work a booth for 1-2 hours along with an experienced Lion. We need help starting at 8 am.

Yours in Lionism,
Randy Roberts



Katrina Relief Raffle ~ Final Report

Many thanks to those of you who purchased tickets for this Katrina Relief Fundraiser. Special thanks to those of you who answered our plea and mailed in checks for tickets including Lions Bruce Schriener who purchased \$100 worth of tickets from Germany and Rick Mulderick who bought \$90 worth. As King Lion Randy mentioned in his message, PDG Bob Muchow, who won the \$300 first prize, donated back \$250. Second Prize, \$200, went to Lion Rick Mulderick and Third Prize, \$100, went to long-time friend of SRLC, Joni Guhne. Net proceeds totaled \$520 and the Foundation Board of Directors voted to add \$480 to that and submit a full \$1,000 to LCIF in time (November 30 deadline) to secure another Melvin Jones Fellowship. Since that is in addition to the \$2,000 sent to LCIF in October, Severn River will award 3 Melvin Jones Fellowships in the coming year. Again, thanks to all for your support of LCIF. Lion Sue

PEACE POSTER WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The International Theme for the 2005 – 2006 Peace Poster contest is ***Peace without Borders***. Severn River sponsored Peace Poster contests in 5 schools and awarded the following five students Certificates and \$25.00 savings bonds for winning the contest at their respective schools.

Nicole Ashley	Severn River Middle School
Benjamin L. Burch	Harbor School
Emily A. Burnett	Severna Park Middle School
Alexandra R. Crowell	The Severn School
Christen McAree	Magothy River Middle School

Their winning posters were sent to the District for further competition with other District 22-A clubs where it was decided that Emily Burnett was 22-A's winner. Congratulations, Emily! Perhaps we can get some pictures of Emily and her winning poster for a future issue.

It was announced at the Multiple District council meeting that 22-B's poster was the Multiple District winner and was being forwarded to International.

STUFF A TRUCK

LEOs and Cub Scouts won pizza again! Enough said – we're buying.

**Minutes of 11/8/05
Board of Directors Meeting
Severn River Lions Club
To Be Approved at 12/13/05 Board Meeting**



Attendees:

Board:

Nancy Burns	Nelson Chesler	George Council	Oriey Glenn
Chuck Horne	Joe McClellan	Bill O'Neil	Sue Parks
Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett	

Other Members:

Milum Greene	Shirley Greene	Rhine Jager	Dick Maurer
Dale Strait	Ollie Wittig		

The Severn River Lions Club Board of Director's Meeting was called to order by KL Randy Roberts at 7:38.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last board meeting October 8, 2005 and the Foundation Meeting of the same date were presented by Lion Jon Valett. KL Randy motioned for approval with one minor modification and was seconded by Lion George Council. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

50 th Anniversary Money Market	\$	4,178.23
Activities Checking		5,311.67
Administrative Checking		4,164.21
Truck Replacement Fund		13,356.77
Foundation Checking		6,489.33
Foundation Money Market		12,457.10

Correspondence: Lion Dick Doherty sent a letter informing the club he had moved to New Jersey, but did not state his intentions with respect to his membership. Lion Jon Valett took the action to contact Dick to get a written statement of his intentions. Many thank you notes were presented.

Priority Items:

Fruit Sales Availability, Price, Publicity: Lion Chuck Horne reported that the prices for this year would be:

Navel Oranges	\$15 (2/5)	\$26 (4/5)
Grapefruit	\$15 (2/5)	\$28 (4/5)
Mixed	\$16 (2/5)	

There do not seem to be any issues regarding availability and the consolidation meeting was scheduled for 7:00 Sunday, November 13th at Lion Chuck's house.

Old Business/Reports:

Preschool vision screening – Homewood and Vision Day: Lion Dale Strait reported that the screening had been very successful. He also reported that he received a box of mints from Vision Day. A motion by Lion George Council to give Vision Day \$100 for the mints was not seconded. After much discussion, the issue of the mints was deferred for later decision.

Leo Club, Cub Scout Food Drive: Lion Ollie Wittig and Lion Nancy Burns reported that their respective groups are excited by this drive. Lion Nancy reported that the Leos had done very well in their collection, and Lion Ollie reported that the Cub Scout collection was scheduled for November 16th.

Peace Poster Contest: Lion Nancy Burns reported that Severna Park Middle and Severn School had been presented and that Magothy and Severn River Middle were coming soon.

Diabetes Awareness: Lion Nancy Burns reported that the Diabetes Awareness presentation would be held the next night (November 9).

Katrina Raffle: Lion Sue Parks reported that we had already broken even on the prize money and that the drawing would be held at the next regular club meeting November 15.

Other Reports: Lion Dick Maurer reported that 40 pounds of sausage left over from the cancelled Fall Fest had been donated to the Maryland food bank.

New Business:

Christmas Party: Lion Nancy Burns reported that the runners for the tables were missing. She also reported that our dinner servers would be invited to the Christmas Party, but at full price.

Liberty Day Kids: Lion Ollie Wittig reported that the event would be on March 16th. The Annapolis Area Christian School and the Severna Park Middle School Leos will be conducting the event. 6 kits and 6 T-shirts needed to be ordered and the budget to cover this was close enough to the \$250 that was needed for these items.

Membership: Lion Sue Parks reported that a request had been received to transfer Nadja Muchow to SRLC. Lion Nancy Burns motioned that the transfer be approved with billing to start in January. Lion George Council seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Lion Jon Valett motioned to adjourn at 8:46 pm, which was seconded by Lion Sue Parks and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary



Minutes of October 11, 2005
Severn River Lions Foundation Meeting

Attendees:

Board:

Nancy Burns	Nelson Chesler	Rollins Clark	Oriey Glenn
Chuck Horne	George Council	Don Luce	Bill O'Neil
Sue Parks	Don Rayment	Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre
Jon Valett			

Other Members:

Dick Bloomquist	Ollie Wittig	Dick Maurer	George Jenkins
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The Severn River Lions Club Foundation Meeting was called to order by KL Randy Roberts at 7:35.

LCIF Asking for Help with Katrina Relief: KL Randy Roberts moved that the foundation give \$2,000 to LCIF toward the Melvin Jones Fellowship to go to Katrina Relief. Lion Bill O'Neil reported that there was over \$8,000 in Foundation checking. Lion Nancy Burns seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Game Night at the Columbian Center: Lion Sue Parks reported on efforts to raise money for Katrina relief through a game night at the Columbian Center. All money raised will go to the foundation and directly to Katrina. SRLC will sell sausages, shrimp, and fries with all money to LCIF less our expenses.

Motion to adjourn by Lion Jon Valett, seconded by KL Randy Roberts, and passed unanimously at 7:48.

SECOND FABULOUS FRUIT SALE

Mark your calendars –100% membership participation events – get your orders in early and be on hand for the distribution.



Order Deadline:

DECEMBER 10, 2005

JANUARY 14, 2006

FEBRUARY 18, 2006

MARCH 18, 2006

Distribution Date:

DECEMBER 17, 2005

JANUARY 21, 2006

FEBRUARY 25, 2006

MARCH 25, 2006



GET YOUR ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS HERE!

Buy, sell, push the Entertainment Books!

Our profit could be as much as \$12.50 per book - a much needed infusion in our Activities Fund. Entertainment Books will be available at the December fruit sale.

ANNOUNCEMENT!!! CALL TO ARMS!!!

Hands, feet, legs, and the rest of you too. At the recent LCI Board Meeting, a resolution was passed that waives the \$25 LCI initiation fee until 6/30/06 for spouses and former Lions. LCI would like to encourage former members to return and spouses to "officially" join their local Lions clubs. We all know how involved our spouses are with our membership. Let's make them members so that the Club gets credit for their long hours and dedication. Let's find former members who might not have had time for us in the past, but can rejoin us now. To maintain our status as an "All Star Club" we need to have a net increase of 3 members this year. Right now we're even - we've lost one, gained one (transfers don't count for or against us). Do you know anyone who's been thinking about joining us? Bring them to the January 3 meeting. Membership Chair Ken Tschantre will be scheduling a new/prospective member orientation in January - let's gather a crowd for him. In 2006 we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Wouldn't it be great if we could celebrate our club's growth in this history-making year?

I Can See Clearly Now

At last, therapies improve vision lost to macular degeneration

By Robert Cooke

October 2005 AARP Bulletin

Among revolutions, this may be a quiet one, yet it's dramatically changing the lives of people with one of the most heartbreaking disorders associated with aging—failing eyesight.

After years of frustration, scientists are developing treatments that can slow the inevitable descent into darkness caused by "wet" macular degeneration, an eye disease that strikes 200,000 Americans a year. Macugen, a drug on the market since January, may in some cases reverse vision loss. And clinical trials are showing that a second drug, Lucentis, which could be available within 18 months, may be even more effective.

"For the first time we have a treatment where visual acuity is actually improved," said Robert D'Amato, M.D., an ophthalmologist with Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital in Boston. "People can actually see better than they could when the [Macugen] trial started."

Macular degeneration is the most common cause of blindness after age 50. The dry form of the disease occurs when pigment cells beneath the retina deteriorate, diminishing eyesight. The more serious but less common wet form accounts for only about 10 percent of the more than 1.75 million cases of age-related macular degeneration in the United States.

Wet macular degeneration is caused by the abnormal growth of leaky blood vessels in the retina, the eye's light-sensing organ. The new drugs stop the action of VEGF, a natural substance that stimulates such growth and gradually damages the macula, the central area of the retina that allows fine-detail vision needed for reading or sewing.

Most patients are left with only peripheral vision, and many can no longer recognize faces, read signs or do ordinary chores.

"I went from being quite dependent on my husband to being able to drive legally" as a result of Macugen treatments, says Charlotte Warner, 83, of Strongsville, Ohio. When she joined the drug trial three years ago, vision in her right eye was gone and her left eye was deteriorating.

"I'm an avid reader, but I was having to use a magnifying glass even to see the big print," she adds.

"I started to improve gradually," she says, "and after three doses I was elated" because some vision was returning. Now the vision in her left eye is 20/25, and she can read and watch TV.

Macugen, made by Eyetech Pharmaceuticals Inc. in

New York, won approval from the federal Food and Drug Administration last year. Genentech Inc., of South San Francisco, the manufacturer of Lucentis, reported in July that monthly injections of the drug benefited most of the 716 patients in a one-year clinical trial, with 34 percent of those who got a higher dose (5 milligrams instead of 3) reporting improved vision: They were able to read smaller type—three lines lower—on an eye chart.

Ironically, the discoveries leading to treatments for eye diseases came from cancer research, not eye research. Lucentis, in fact, is an altered version of Avastin, a colon cancer drug that some eye doctors use to treat wet macular degeneration. Philip Rosenfeld, M.D., of the University of Miami Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Florida, says of his experiments with Avastin, "I'm seeing in these patients something I've never seen before: they are getting better. This is a 'Gee whiz! 'Wow!' experience."

The medication drains fluid from retinal tissue, he says, and returns the retina to its normal shape. He says its benefit seems to last longer than that of Macugen or Lucentis, usually up to six months or more in two-thirds of his patients. Rosenfeld hopes to start a large clinical trial with Avastin soon and expects to report current results at a scientific meeting in February.

Until now, the most effective treatments have used laser beams to burn leaky blood vessels in the retina, preserving sight temporarily. But eyesight does not improve, and over time vision loss continues.

Macugen and Lucentis are injected directly into the eye, an off-putting notion to some. But side effects— inflammation, eye irritation, reduced clarity and discomfort after treatment—are minimal, experienced by less than 1 percent of patients.

Some doctors have expressed concern about price, worrying that Lucentis may cost as much as \$4,000 a dose. But a Genentech representative, Dawn Kalmar, said a price has not been set. It isn't known yet if Medicare and insurers will cover the drug.

Macugen injections, given every six weeks, cost \$995 a dose, and are covered by Medicare and some insurance companies.

The drugmakers are setting up programs to help people on limited incomes pay for the medications.

The possibility of curbing eye damage by blocking VEGF was discovered by Anthony Adamis, M.D., vice president and chief scientific officer at Eyetech, and his fellow ophthalmologist Joan Miller, M.D., of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston. Such developments are propelling eye research into an exciting new phase. Adamis likens it to the Sputnik era, at the dawn of the space age. "We're right at the beginning."

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**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22
Lions Leadership Institute**

February 17-19, 2006
Emmitsburg, MD

Name: _____
Nick Name (if any) that you prefer to be called _____ Years in Lionism _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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Email: _____
Name of Lions Club _____ District: _____
Highest Office/Position held within local Lions Club: _____
Highest Office/Position held at District Level: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Registration Fee is \$130.00, and must accompany this Registration Form.**

Please make check payable to: MD22 Lions Leadership Institute. Registration Fee and Form must be sent before **January 18, 2006**, to your Leadership Chair or District Governor.

- All participants must arrive and sign-in between the hours of 12:00-4:00 pm. on February 17, 2006. Activities will begin promptly at 4:00 pm, February 17th.
- Additional information will be mailed to all participants on or about February 9, 2006, for participants' planning purposes.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

____ Diabetic Diet ____ Vegetarian ____ Hearing Challenged
____ Visually Challenged ____ Wheelchair Access
____ Other (please explain) _____

If you need additional information, please contact Jill McCrory at (240) 430-0770 or e-mail at jmccrory@leadershipoutfitters.com



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**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22
Advanced Leadership Institute
Leading Today's Lions
February 17-19, 2006
Emmitsburg, MD**

Name: _____
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Highest Office/Position held within local Lions Club: _____
Highest Office/Position held at District Level: _____
Year attended MD22 Leadership Institute: _____
Year attended LCI Emerging Leaders Institute or Senior Institute: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Registration Fee is \$190.00, and must accompany this Registration Form.**

Please make check payable to: MD22 Lions Leadership Institute. Registration Fee and Form must be sent before **January 18, 2006**, to Jill McCrory, MD Leadership Chair, 3919 Baltimore St. Kensington, MD 20895

- 3. All participants must arrive and sign-in between the hours of 1:00-4:00 pm. on February 17, 2006. Activities will begin promptly at 4:00 pm, February 17th.**
- 4. Additional information will be mailed to all participants on or about February 9, 2006, for participants' planning purposes.**

SPECIAL NEEDS:

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___ Visually Challenged ___ Wheelchair Access
___ Other (please explain) _____

If you need additional information, please contact Jill McCrory at (240) 430-0770 or e-mail at jmccrory@leadershipoutfitters.com

Please be sure to review the Membership Roster and let Lion Sue Parks know of any errors, omissions, or changes required. Thanks.

Membership Report October, 2005

Members October 31, 2005	72
Active	39
At Large	10
Life	3
Affiliate	19
Privileged	1
Members November 30, 2005	72
Leo Club Members	60

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.

BIRTHDAYS

December

- Susan Parks – 5
- Linsley, John - 13
- Mike Anderson - 19
- Nancy Burns – 20
- Rick Stefany – 23
- Rhine Jager – 26
- William Moomau – 31



	November, 2005	Year-to-Date
	Hours	Hours
Health	0	38
Diabetes Awareness	20	84
Sight	44	202
Hearing	0	0
LASH	10	45
Youth	32	163
Community	132	919
Environment	0	46
International Relations	0	103
Lionism	371	1588
TOTALS	609	3188

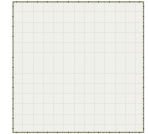
TEEN COURT SCHEDULE

Lions will cover the following Court sessions:
 Wednesday, 12/07/05 - Annapolis
 Wednesday, 12/21/05 - Glen Burnie*
 (* - might be canceled due to holiday)

Liberty Day - 10th Anniversary 2006

Liberty Day is commencing with our goal of having teams of Liberty Day Kids quizzing in all 50 state capitols for March 16th, 2006. Please encourage your members to visit our greatly updated website <http://www.libertyday.org> and go to the State Activities button (bottom left selection button on menu) then click on their state to see for themselves what a marvelous job Ollie & Dick did in 2005 with the students. We're looking forward to even more fun and learning this coming March! Donations can now be made on-line and applied to specific programs or schools in your state when so indicated in the donor comments. Can you spread the word to have sponsors visit the website and help furnish study/quiz kits with their gifts? Corporate sponsors are also acknowledged and linked by logo on the site as well as credited inside the Constitutions for contributions of \$1,000.00 or more. The mission summary flyer may be printed and distributed also. Encourage them to visit the Constitution Day page as this will also rapidly become a national event for in classroom opportunities to support educators and our founding documents!
 Yours in Liberty, Julie for Lion Andy McKean

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12/2 LASH General Meeting – American Legion Post 109, Arbutus
 - 12/3 22-D Social, Dover, DEL
 - 12/6 Holiday Party – Kaufmann's, Gambrills
 - 12/13 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
 - 12/25 Merry Christmas
 - 12/26 Happy Hanukkah

 - 1/1 Happy New Year!
 - 1/3 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
 - 1/10 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
 - 1/17 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- or
- 1/?? Annapolis 12 Club Meeting
 - 1/28 District 22-A Social – Holiday Inn & Conference Center, BWI

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