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Severn River Lions Club News



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From the King Lions Desk

The Christmas Part at Kaufman's in Gambrills, MD was my last official function as your King Lion.

As circumstances happened, my decision to retire early was modified, and I have decided to retire approximately six months earlier than expected. The major factor in this decision was the loss of a government contract, and it would have been hard to take a position, knowing that it was only going to be for a short period, especially with the job market as it is.

I have enjoyed being your King Lion, and I have to say that the camaraderie and friendships I have developed during my membership have been an experience that I will always cherish. I am proud to be a member of the Severn River Lions Club. I will continue my membership as an affiliate member, and look forward to joining you for dinner when my travels bring me back to this area.

My retirement will be "UP NORTH" in Michigan, in the little town of Charlevoix. I have made contact with the Lions Club and will become a member there. (They are a business orientated club, meeting exactly one hour every Monday at 12PM sharp). Their fundraiser is selling Christmas Trees which is how I meet a few of their members.

I leave the club in good hands, with Rolins Clark stepping in as King Lion. I expect to hear great things, and know that you all will continue to grow and expand the Lions Motto of "We Serve".

I will provide Lion Dick Mauer with my address and contact information for future correspondence.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

KL Trent



International Theme for 2010-2011
"A Beacon of Hope"

Here Comes Da Judge(s)

The annual Pack 688 cake judging contest was held as part of the monthly Pack meeting on October 20 and Lions Dick Bloomquist, Bill O'Neil, Dale Strait, Jon Vallet, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas had volunteered to be judges provides they got to sample some of the entries. Cubmaster John Dennison welcomed the Lions and thanked the club for the assistance given the Pack with the pinewood derby, rain gutter regatta, cooking at the bridging ceremony, and the annual canned food drive to benefit SPAN. CM John also reminded parents to support the Lions by purchasing delicious Florida citrus at the monthly sales starting in November and to take a citrus flyer with them that evening.

During the Pack meeting the Lions judges began visiting the tables containing the cakes that had been crafted by the Cub Scouts and their parents. Twelve different cake categories including: best Halloween, scariest, most disgusting, best chocolate, Cub Scout, nature, animal, patriotic, cartoon, candy, sports / hobby, and best overall, cakes were on display for the judges, but CM John announced that samples could not be taken. For the next thirty minutes the judges carefully considered the entries which showed much work and creativity and selected a winner in each category. Certificates and badges were presented to the winners and the entrants were told to take their entries home to be shared with family members. The judges were impressed with the number of entries and the creativity shown to comply with the various themes. Judges were thanked for their assistance and were presented an edible prize as a "Thank you"

CM John said that the Lions would be invited back again to judge so if you have not been a cake judge in the past, consider volunteering next year.



Dale Strait and Jon Vallet consider cake contest entries. The contest was strictly visual - no taste sampling was allowed.



The SRLC cake judging panel.



Some of the cake contest entries.

Strike Up The Bands

Saturday, October 2 was a brisk fall day but perfect for the 32nd Tournament of Bands at Severna Park High School. Sixteen bands from Maryland began arriving in mid-afternoon for this mega event. The crowds filled the stadium and promptly at 5:00 pm the SPSH Falcon Marching Band, under the direction of R. Thomas Powell, the director since 1968, took the field to play the National Anthem to begin the evening. Following the opening the bands in four categories based on size and experience stepped on the field for what promised to be a rousing evening of lively music, colorful outfits, and energetic marching. During each performance five judges moved among the marchers and taped a critique which would be given to the directors for follow up. Five judges in the audience evaluated the band's performance in visual, individual and ensemble music proficiency, visual effect, and musical effect. The bands ranged in size from two dozen performers to large groups with over seventy members. About half the bands were "repeat performers" who had participated in TOB in past years.

Working behind the scenes but visible were the band parents who assisted with setting up and removing the band equipment before and after a band's performance on the field. Their efforts contributed to each band's success and awards should have been given to the band boosters and parents for their contribution.

At half time the patrons were treated to a stellar performance by the SPSH Alumni Marching Band. Started about five years ago, the alumni band numbers nearly 120 members who trav-



King Lion Trent Kutsch with the Tournament of Bands awards.

eled from at least seven different states and one foreign country to perform at the TOB. Their stirring rendition of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" brought a round of applause from an appreciative audience. Alumni band members represented most graduating classes with the oldest from the Class of 1967 and the most recent from the Class of 2010.

For at least twenty years the Severn River Lions Club has provided the trophies that were presented. King Lion Trent Kutsch and Lion Ollie Wittig were privileged to attend and be able to present trophies to the winning bands that evening. In recognition of SRLC's long term sponsorship the TOB souvenir program contained a full page recognizing the club's contribution and publicizing our citrus sales. If you have never attended a Tournament of Bands event mark your calendar for the first Saturday in October and come out for an evening of marching band excellence.

Another Great Day at Kinder Farm Park

For several weeks prior to the annual Kinder Farm Park Fall Festival on October 9, 2010, Lion Dick Maurer began planning to insure another successful event. Planning included a menu of delicious Ostrowski Italian sausage, hot dogs, French fries, fried shrimp; Lions helpers to set up and man the cooking, serving, and sales areas; obtaining health permits; inventorying the equipment and supplies needed; and shopping for the commodities. Chief Chef and Organizer Dick did another superb job with this event and deserves credit for making it a great success.

Lions began arriving at Kinder Farm Park in the morning to set up the tents, ready the grills and fryers, hang signs, and get everything ready for the hungry hordes that would soon arrive. Lion George's large grill was placed and the cookers were in position to begin preparations for the cooking.

Engineer George Council brought a "kid magnet" to the park this year. He assembled a G gauge railroad on the lot and added the engine and cars which were soon traveling around the oval track to the delight of the dozens of youngsters who came by to watch and enjoy this special treat.

As the noon hour approached the hungry fairgoers began to line up as the delicious smells from the grill and fryers wafted across the lot to tempt the visitors. For nearly four hours the Lions, decked out in brightly colored aprons, worked non-stop to keep the food trays filled and the lines moving. Several of the customers expressed appreciation to SRLC for the community services and gave Lions the opportunity to tell them about our club's many activities. About 3:00 pm the last Italian sausage, shrimp platter, and fry boat was sold and the remaining



Grillmeister Lions Dick Maurer and Bill Zelenakas crank out hotdogs and Italian sausage for the hungry crowd.



Lion George had his G scale train on site to entertain the young and young at heart railroad aficionados.

hot dogs were offered at a discount. The crew began the task of shutting down, and storing the equipment until the next cooking event. It was a long and strenuous day but the opportunity to collaborate with other Lions on a project and to acquaint the community with our organization made it worthwhile.

The 2010 Kinder Farm Park Fall Fest was a great success and helped raise substantial funds to support our community projects. Special thanks to Lion Dick Maurer and to all the members who volunteered to make this annual event a rousing success again this year.

Bring a Friend Night

The second annual Bring A Friend night on October 5 was a great opportunity to demonstrate the many worthwhile service activities that are sponsored by the Severn River Lions Club. Various members prepared colorful displays telling about the citrus sales, vision screening, peace posters at two schools, LEO clubs that we sponsor, highway cleanup along Ritchie Highway, scholarships at Severna Park and Broadneck High Schools, medical loan closet, and the Lions Quest program in some public schools.

The Bring a Friend event replaced a regular meeting and was planned to be informal and interactive and intended to acquaint prospective members with our organization's many service activities. The prospects who attended had an opportunity to observe and discuss the activities with Lions and learn about our club and Lionism. Not surprisingly, several members stated that for them the evening had been a learning experience. Gathered around the table the members and prospects enjoyed a festive buffet and talked about what they had seen. We hope and expect to gain several new members as a result of Bring a Friend night and the event will be repeated in Spring 2011.

District Membership Chairman, Daniel Scott, received information about the event and will be invited to the Spring event.

Lions, begin making your list of friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives to invite to the next Bring a Friend!



Lions and friends enjoyed fellowship and finger food.



Dale Strait and his daughter.



Prospective members were warmly received.

Don't Forget...Ledo's Pizza Night is the 4th Wednesday of each month!

The Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park will donate a portion of sales to the SRLC, plus kids eat free too!

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It's easy to help raise money, just stop by and get a slice of pie!

Poster Contest Visions of Peace

The 2010 Peace Poster theme, Visions of Peace, inspired art students at Severna Park Middle School and presented an artistic challenge to the six Lions who volunteered to judge the posters that were submitted. PDG Dick Bloomquist, Lions Nancy Burns, Nancy Earley, Carl Gilbert, David Knabel, and Ollie Wittig assembled in the school cafeteria and prepared to judge the ninety nine entries submitted by Mrs. Nancy McClintock's classes. The posters were displayed on the cafeteria tables and bore an entry number. The judges carefully reviewed each entry for artistic merit and compliance with this year's theme and, after much consideration, made their individual selection of the poster which best represented the theme. The finalist posters were placed on a separate table for viewing and the judges deliberated. The poster selected as the final winner had been done by Melissa Henry.

Prior to this the eighty-eight posters submitted by art students at Severn School and the twenty five posters from Severn River Middle school had already been judged and winners selected. The Severn School winner is Elizabeth Grund. The finalist from Severn River Middle School is Natalie Gibson.

The winners from each school will receive a fifty dollar savings bond from the Severn River Lions Club. The parents and winners are going to be invited to a future club meeting to receive recognition and display their posters. The winning posters from the three schools will be submitted to the District for judging to determine a District wide winner later in November.

The judges were in agreement that these youngsters displayed considerable art talent and imagination in the design and execution of the posters and that the teachers who encouraged them are to be commended.



Lions Ollie Wittig, Nancy Earley, Carl Gilbert and Nancy Burns discuss some of the poster contest entries.



The winning poster from Severna Park Middle School was created by Melissa Henry.

Lion Nancy Burns deserves a round of applause for her efforts for the annual Peace Poster contest and for working so hard with the teachers from the three schools to make this a successful event. Thanks Lion Nancy!

Santa Visits SRLC

The annual Severn River Lions Club Christmas party was held at Kaufman's Restaurant on December 7. Nearly four dozen Lions and spouses braved the chilling winds and cold to attend but once inside, the fireplace glowed invitingly and the party goers warmed to the occasion. Tasty hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, and drinks were enjoyed as everyone mixed and mingled. Promptly at 7:00 pm KL Trent announced the start and a semi-traditional Lions opening was held. Soon party goers were walking through the buffet line for servings of salad, sides of vegetables, rice, chicken Marsalla, and rare roast beef. For the next half hour the clink of silverware could be heard. Dessert ended the delicious meal.

KL Trent called the group to order for the formal portion of the meeting. KL Trent announced that this would be his last official duty with SRLC and that he will be moving to Michigan in a few weeks. He will turn over the gavel to 1st VP Rollins Clark. Trent's long service to SRLC was acknowledged with a round of applause and best wishes from the club.

PDG Dick Bloomquist and PDG Muchow formally inducted new member, Judith Morey, as the newest member of SRLC. Judith is sponsored by her sister, Sue Parks, and will be an Associate member while living in North Carolina. The members welcomed Judith to SRLC.

A special guest was introduced. Martin Gorman, owner of LEDO Pizza in Severna Park, was to be presented the annual "We Serve" Award in recognition of his financial contributions to SRLC and various community organizations. Our club gathers at LEDO the last Wednesday of each month for delicious food and LEDO shares a percentage of the night's proceeds. Martin and LEDO have contributed over \$2,000 to SRLC since the program began.



Another special guest, Santa Claus, arrived with sleigh bells ringing and with a hearty "HO" HO" HO" and promptly got busy distributing gifts to many of the assembled Lions in recognition of their service to the club this past year. Santa showed his humorous side and entertained by sharing some puns and anecdotes with the guests who responded with loud guffaws.

It was another great event for SRLC and Lion Nancy Burns and her helpers deserve a vote of thanks for making all the arrangements for a festive evening of fun and fellowship.

Santa adjourned the gathering with a hearty "Merry Christmas" and promised to return next year.

A Look Back at the Holiday Party

December 7, 2010—Severn River Lions Club Lions gathered at Kaufman's Restaurant for the annual holiday party. The food was delicious and the atmosphere festive as Lions feasted and socialized. Santa Claus even stopped in to drop off a few early holiday presents.



Kaufman's Restaurant Holiday Party



Santa's Surprise Visit



2010 “We Serve” Award Presented to Martin Gorman

For the past two years the fourth Wednesday of each month has been known as “Severn River Lions Club Night at LEDO Pizza.” Lions join the crowds there for delicious food and companionship. LEDO has generously contributed a portion of the receipts from those evenings to benefit many of SRLC’s community projects and to assist a number of other community organizations and activities. The club decided that it was time to give back to LEDO. This year the annual “We Serve” Award was presented to the LEDO owner, Martin Gorman, in recognition of his generosity to the Lions Club and the Severna Park community.

Last year about \$30,000 was donated by Mr. Gorman to various community organizations and the Lions club received over \$2,000 to benefit our club’s activities. Martin Gorman and business partner, John Connion, were invited to the club Christmas party on December 7. King Lion Trent presented Martin with an engraved plaque designating his selection as this year’s recipient and Martin graciously accepted the award and promised to display it prominently



King Lion Trent Kutsch presents the SRLC “We Serve” Award to Martin Gorman of LEDO Pizza.

at the eatery. SRLC salutes Martin Gorman for his generosity and community support and we are looking forward to continuing this positive relationship. Thanks again Martin and John!

LEO Club Tops SRLC to Benefit SPAN

The LEO club at Severna Park Middle School did it again! The annual food drive to benefit SPAN before Thanksgiving began at the school in late October. On November 11 the club truck and several vans arrived at school to load and transport the food to SPAN. For the next half hour several Lions and a large group of LEOs carried boxes and bags of donated food to the vehicles. The club advisors, Judy Crawford and Debbie Sparby, reported that over 1500 cans and cartons of food had been donated. The vehicles then moved to the SPAN location to off

load the supplies that would be distributed to needy families for Thanksgiving. The shelves were filled with cans and boxes and the SPAN staff thanked the LEO club for their caring and generosity. Looks like the LEO club will enjoy the pizza treat-again!

In December SRLC will challenge Pack 688 to try to win the pizza by collecting more food for SPAN. For the past several years the Lions have had to furnish the pizza for the Cub Scouts but it is for a good cause.

December Fruit Sale Better Than Last Year

The December 2010 citrus sale was head and shoulders above last year's in several respects. Who can forget the twenty inches of snow that closed the SPHS parking lot, grounded the helpful forklift, required that the truck be unloaded manually, required countless telephone calls to customers, and took nearly a week to dispense the fruit orders? This month's citrus sale was a breeze by comparison. The light dusting of snow two days before the sale made for a slick parking lot but twenty nine Lions braved the ice and the frigid pre-dawn temperatures to get ready for the big sale fortified by tasty doughnut holes and warm coffee. Freddy forklift, skillfully driven by Lion Wayne, off loaded the truck in about forty five minutes. Lions and four SPHS band students skillfully assembled the three booths. Large orders of citrus were pulled and palletted for pickup by customers. Cars began lining up at 8:15 am and King Orange, Bill Zelenakas announced that we were ready to go. Cars began arriving, passed through the booths and were directed to the pick up lines by Chris Werth where the fruit was placed in the vehicles. Lions thanked the customers, many of them long time buyers, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The lines moved steadily all morning. As the lunch hour approached Lions and students took breaks for Chef George's lunch and a bowl or two of hot and tasty cream of crab soup. By 1:00 pm there were less than three dozen cartons of fruit left on the line. By closing time the surplus was to be taken to Rhine Jager's garage to await calls from the "I forgot my fruit" customers. King Orange Bill reported that this year's sale exceeded last year's and the proceeds will help with the club's many charitable projects. Special thanks to all the Lions who served as order takers, booth workers, line helpers, and food purveyors for contributing to a successful citrus sale.



Fruit sale loading in the Severna Park High School parking lot.



Michael Layman Guest Speaker

Lion Michael Layman from the Maryland Cycling for Sight Lions Club was guest speaker at the November 16th General Meeting. MCSLC is a "cyber-club" which holds meetings online using Facebook. The club's main fundraising activities include sponsored bike rides and, recently, selling cookie dough via the internet. Michael explained his group is endeavoring to appeal to younger members who may lack the time (and sometimes funds) to participate in traditional Lions Club activities, yet have a strong desire to help their local community. For more information please visit their web site at: www.LionsCyclingforSight.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check our web calendar for updates at:
<http://my.calendars.net/srlc>

JANUARY

- 1/4 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 1/11 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 1/18 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 1/29 Fruit Sale 9AM
- 1/26 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM
- 1/31 LASH General Meeting 6:30PM

FEBRUARY

- 2/1 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 2/5 District 22A Social 6:30PM
- 2/8 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 2/15 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 2/23 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM
- 2/26 Fruit Sale 9AM

MARCH

- 3/1 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 3/8 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 3/15 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 3/23 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM
- 3/26 Fruit Sale 9AM
- 3/31 22A Cabinet Meeting at Annapolis Elks 6:30PM

APRIL

- 4/2 Eyeglass Sorting 8AM
- 4/30 Bull & Oyster Roast 6-10PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER

- Susan Parks – 5
- Mary Boblitz – 5
- John Linsley – 13
- Mike Anderson - 19
- Nancy Burns – 20
- Rick Stefany – 23
- Rhine Jager – 26

JANUARY

- Rick Mulderick – 5
- Randy Roberts – 7
- Oriey Glenn – 11
- Don Counts – 17
- Wayne "Skip" Beckett - 21
- Art Foehser – 25

FEBRUARY

- Dick Maurer – 15
- Joe Hunter – 27



Winter 2011 Fruit Sale Schedule

All pick up times are 8am to 1pm

JANUARY pick-up on 29th

FEBRUARY pick-up on 26th

MARCH pick-up on 26th

Information on pricing and ordering deadlines will be available shortly.

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NEXT FRUIT SALE COMING UP

Saturday, January 29th

9AM to 1PM at Severna Park High School

We Serve!



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