



**KING LION'S COMMENTS AND REFLECTIONS**

**Whether you are celebrating the upcoming holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years) with family or alone—in person or on Zoom—it is valuable to take a moment for a prayer of thanks. No matter our individual and collective circumstance, each day can be thanksgiving and can be observed as a sacred day of gratitude, when we come to the table with love and appreciation for friends and family and above all life itself.**

**So consider this: That anytime we sit down to eat, whether alone or with others, taking a moment to bless the meal and express thankfulness for abundance allows our hearts to pause on the good in the world in spite of the many pandemics that surround us. When we express gratitude before a meal, we gather in the spirit of *thanksgiving*. Taking a moment of thanks, we acknowledge the blessings and abundance in our lives and for all those whose lives—living and dead, who are intricately linked to our blessings.**

**In this special season of love and gratitude, I thank each of you for your service as a member of the Severn River Lions Club and what you do to make our world a little brighter! As the Christophers (a Roman Catholic order of clergy) would say:” “...it is better to light one candle than curse the darkness!”**

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**Stay well, be safe, and keep in touch with each other finding ways to reach out and support each other and those we love!**

*King Lion Chris Werth*



## URGENT NOTICE

**Due to the increased restrictions for usage of Anne Arundel county parks and school facilities the Severn River Lions Club will not have a distribution location for December and are unable to hold a December fruit sale**

### **Difficult ... But a Success**

The above words might very well describe our first fruit sale of the season. This year's effort was a first in several respects: 1) all orders had to be prepaid by credit card, 2) the location was moved from Severna Park High School to Cyprus Creek Park, and 3) the event was held in the midst of a global pandemic-COVID-19 with all sorts of new regulations from the County of Anne Arundel to the State of Maryland to the federal governments. As if this was not enough challenges, Lions Jon and Carl learned in less than 24 hours, the truck delivering the fruit was now due to arrive late (as in around four hours late) backing up the start time and word then had to go out to the customer base as soon as possible!

The day arrived and around a dozen Lions and Severna Park High School band students along with several moms arrived on the scene. This year's sale was also going to feature a collection of can goods for the area Food Bank-a three-way partnership with donations to come from Lions membership, the fruit sale customers and our locally sponsored Cub Scout pack.

The weather was mild for November with partly overcast skies and 'peaks' of sunshine. The weather and fruit gods smiled on the Severn River's efforts and the weather was not a force to be reckoned with as has been the case in past sales.

In the end, despite some 'learning hiccups' and a smaller order by November standards, the bottom line profit appears to be around \$3,000! A major thank you to the Fruit Sale Committee (Jon, Carl, Chuck and Jim) for all of their heroic and extra-mile efforts working 'behind the scenes' and in making the sale happen as well making the sale a success. A thank you also goes to all those Lions who volunteered their time and labor along with the Band students and moms! A great Lions Team effort!!





SRLC Fruit Sale Nov 2020 at Cypress Creek Park

### **Fruit Sale Report #2**

**We held our first fruit sale of the 2020-2021 season on November 21 but not sure we'll be able to have another. Just days before the tractor trailer was due to arrive, the county shut down our pick up location - they did give us a one-time concession as long as we kept our numbers small, wore our masks, and observed social distancing. We had already made big changes - prepaid orders only, no cash sales, no extras ordered. The December fruit sale has already been cancelled and January is iffy.**

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**In addition to the fruit sale, we joined with the cub pack we sponsor and our customers in collecting canned goods and non-perishables for the Maryland Food Bank. 526 food items filled two full pallets and were transported to the**

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT*

*Congratulations Lions -*

*Dick Bloomquist*

*32 years of service*

*Joined Lions December 1, 1988*

*Sponsored by: Robert Muchow*

*Gordon Clement*

*12 years of service*

*Joined Lions December 11, 2008*

*David Knabel*

*Joined Lions December 11, 2008*

*Sponsored by: Roger Knauth*

*Here's wishing our Severn River Lions a Happy December  
Birthday*

*Sue Parks ..... Dec. 5*

*Clem Kusiak ..... December 23*

*To our members celebrating a December Wedding Anniversary we  
wish for you a HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

## **Introducing Lion Sue Parks, LVRF's New Administrative Manager**

First, I would like to thank PDG Susan Timmons for her many years of service as LVRF's Administrative Manager and her ongoing service. After just a couple of months, I can attest to the fact that this isn't a job that I could have taken on without PDG Susan's continuing guidance. She's an energetic force to be reckoned with and leaving behind a pretty high bar.

On a personal basis, after 26 years in a truly great job, I retired from the National Railway Labor Conference, an Employer Association of the nation's freight railroads. We administered the benefits for 140,000 railroad employees. I had previously retired from the State of Maryland after 23 years there, my final position also being in benefits for state employees and retirees. In the 70s, I graduated from University of Maryland University College (now UMGC) with a BA in a double major of Business Management and Psychology, which served me well in the human resources field. My husband Rich passed away five years ago after 34 years together. My baby Chris (who will be turning 50 in a few months) moved with his wife Sherri to New Hampshire a few years ago. They are both Lions and continuing to serve in their little town of Antrim.

I've been a Lion with the Severn River Lions Club (22-A) for 18 years, in many capacities, primarily behind the scenes, holding at one time or another, most of the offices within my Club, many with 22-A, and even the Multiple District. It has been very rewarding, but with my retirement in June, I thought I would have some extra time, so I volunteered to help LVRF. I have always known of LVRF but am looking forward to learning a lot more.

That brings me to what I will be doing with LVRF. Remember that phrase in the preceding paragraph about working behind the scenes? That's where you'll find me. I will be performing such tasks as recording and reporting your Donations, tracking and reporting Recognitions such as Arnall Patz Fellowships and Knights of the Blind Pyramids, coordinating LVRF speakers for your meetings, and many more tasks I am still learning about.

I urge you to check out the LVRF website - [www.lionsvision.org](http://www.lionsvision.org) – for a wealth of information about LVRF and our mission. Don't hesitate to email me with your questions – [lvrf.info@gmail.com](mailto:lvrf.info@gmail.com) or [sparks@severnriverlions.org](mailto:sparks@severnriverlions.org). I prefer email to phone calls since that will help me keep things straight. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you when times permit.

Stay Safe!  
Lion Sue Parks

## From the Desk of Lion Suzette

Great news for our service projects -Texas Roadhouse is offering our Lions Club the opportunity of a gift card Fund-raiser. Consider using the gift cards yourselves to share with your family and friends. You can also provide this information to family, friends and post it on Social Media, suggesting they can also use this for gifts.

### Here are the details

Gift cards NEVER EXPIRE and can be used at over 600 locations!

This event will run through December 11th so folks will have time to mail the email certificate to whoever they want in time for Christmas.

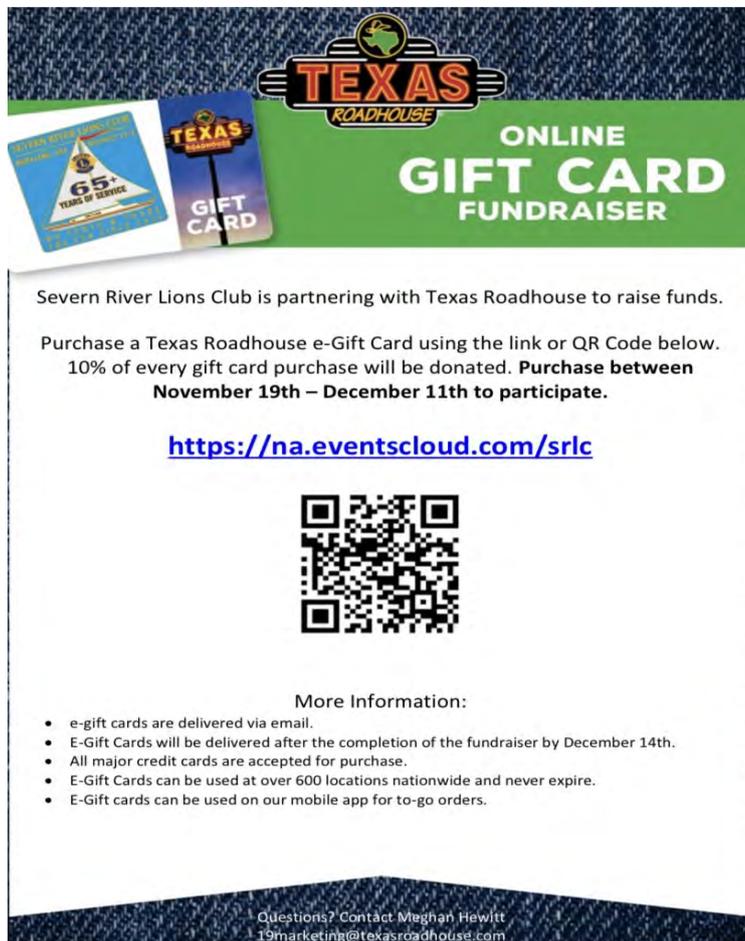
We will do a second one starting on the 12th of December and ending on the 20th so people can email that certificate in time for Christmas.

Our link is <https://na.eventscloud.com/srlc> and even though it says starting tomorrow it is already active and we have had 2 orders placed.

Attached is our flyer with the link and QR code for the most recent e gift card fundraiser. You can use either the PDF or the JPEG version I am adding to our Twitter account and the District Facebook/Twitter pages as well as my own Facebook page and several groups in the area.

If folks have any questions they can email [gift\\_cards@severnriverlions.org](mailto:gift_cards@severnriverlions.org) for more information.

Lion Suzette



The flyer features a dark blue textured background at the top. On the left, there are two overlapping images: a blue and white certificate for '65+ YEARS OF SERVICE' and a Texas Roadhouse gift card. In the center, the Texas Roadhouse logo is displayed. To the right of the logo, the text 'ONLINE GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER' is written in white on a green background. Below this, the text reads: 'Severn River Lions Club is partnering with Texas Roadhouse to raise funds. Purchase a Texas Roadhouse e-Gift Card using the link or QR Code below. 10% of every gift card purchase will be donated. Purchase between November 19th – December 11th to participate.' A blue hyperlink is provided: <https://na.eventscloud.com/srlc>. Below the link is a large QR code. Underneath the QR code, the text 'More Information:' is followed by a bulleted list of details. At the bottom, contact information for Meghan Hewitt is provided: 'Questions? Contact Meghan Hewitt 19marketing@texasroadhouse.com'.

Severn River Lions Club is partnering with Texas Roadhouse to raise funds.

Purchase a Texas Roadhouse e-Gift Card using the link or QR Code below.  
10% of every gift card purchase will be donated. **Purchase between November 19th – December 11th to participate.**

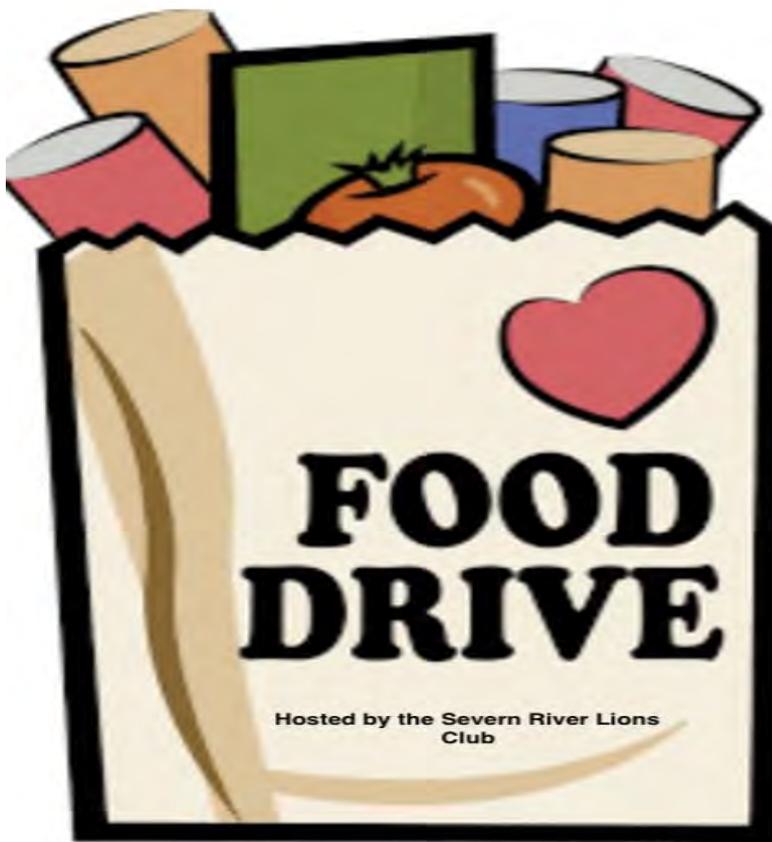
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More Information:

- e-gift cards are delivered via email.
- E-Gift Cards will be delivered after the completion of the fundraiser by December 14th.
- All major credit cards are accepted for purchase.
- E-Gift Cards can be used at over 600 locations nationwide and never expire.
- E-Gift cards can be used on our mobile app for to-go orders.

Questions? Contact Meghan Hewitt  
19marketing@texasroadhouse.com



November 21, 2020  
\*9am-1pm\*

In Benefit of

The Anne Arundel County  
Food Bank

\* please bring canned goods and/or nonperishable  
food items

Location:  
Cypress Creek Park, 11 Cypress Creek  
Road, Severna Park



**\*\*At the SRLC annual Fruit Sale\*\***

Proceeds from the fruit sales benefit SRLC's  
many community service projects.

\*see [severnriverlions.org](http://severnriverlions.org) for details



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Our Severn River Lions food drive was quite successful with the Cub Pack being the largest contributor with 57 items. In all we collected 526 items and donated it all to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. Having the largest donation, the champion Cub Pack 688 won our Pizza Challenge again this year. Please let me know when it would be a good time to have a little socially distanced pizza party, and we will bring the pizza. We understand that there are real challenges with the covid19 issues and will gladly work with you to make it happen, or adjust to another covid acceptable prize, sometime in the future. You have an outstanding Cub Pack and we are very proud to sponsor and support Cub activities. Page 9 of the Lions District 22A, central MD, has a write-up on the sale and food drive. (attached). If you have any additional pictures of your collection activities, please send to us. Thanks for all you do as Cubmaster leading this terrific Cub Pack!



Lion Ashley Sanford loading up for the AA County Food Bank

## **SRLC Team Service NOTES**

**11/3/2020 - Team Service Zoom meeting, 7 pm**

Agenda: Board meeting report and activity planning follow-up

### **Reports and planning**

Fruit Sale Food Drive: Lion Ashley updated team. Flyers have been distributed and posted at 23 businesses around Severna Park; A notice will be included with Fruit Sale email flyers; Club members will be passed flyers and asked to distribute them.

SPAN donation: Lion Nancy will check status of check release with Lion Sue

Cub Pack food drive pizza challenge: Kevin Chasse, Cub Pack Master would like to join us, and will present to Pack Board on 15 November. Team would like to have food delivery from the Pack at our fruit drive, and have a PR Photo Op. Timing remains open for November or December sales. Lion Bill will coordinate.

Festival of Lights activity: PIP Clem contacted FoL committee. Sponsors are key and it was suggested we work with one of the sponsors. Team concluded that it could be a project for 2021. Clem will continue to investigate and pursue.

Reports: Lions Ashley, Nancy, and Bill will update the Board next week.

**Aside** - Lion Nancy reported that other Lions Clubs have received \$7500 Cares Act grants. She will report this to the Board. **Next Zoom** – Tuesday, 24 November