

# SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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## February 2017 SRLC Newsletter

### **EVENTS Coming Soon**

The Multiple District 22—95th annual Convention will be May 15-18 2017 at the Grand Wyndham in Gettysburg.

Region 1 meeting 27 Feb.

Next SRLC Fruit Sale Feb. 18 at SPS

Volunteers are needed for TEEN COURT Call  
Lion Don Rayment to volunteer

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### **Hello Fellow Severn River Lions**

**This has been an interesting year so far! We are now doing fruit sales again. We are diligently working to take care of our long term customers and get new ones with our new options available. Our customers can order from us online, over the phone and also have the choice to have fruit shipped directly to their homes. This is a plus for mobility challenged customers. Fresh and delicious fruit at the front door. We are continuing to grow in our relationship started from the Centennial Project in serving the residents at the Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis. We have completed a coat drive, a jacket/sweatshirt drive and are finishing up this winter season with a hat and glove drive. Way to go Severn River! Coming soon for the Spring we should start our plans to go back to the Lighthouse to do more eye exams for both the adult and children residents that live there.**

**As we continue to transition and change some "Thank You"s are due. Thank you Lion Sue and Lion Suzette for transitioning to the role of Scholarship Chairpersons! Also Thank you Lion Jackie and Lion Catherine for stepping up to help with The Teen court project. Thank you Lion Chris for stepping up to help me plan a meeting where we will be inviting leaders from other service organizations for input from the outside in.**

**Also a big Thank you to Lion Catherine for taking on the long term fundraising project at Ledos Pizza. If I missed anyone my apologies and thanks so much for all that you do!**

**This year has been one filled with great opportunity for change for the good for us and the community that we serve.**

**Thanks for all that you do and looking forward to growing and learning with you**

**KL Joinette**

## Dreary Day For The January Citrus Sale

As Lions began arriving before daybreak for the third citrus sale the weather forecast did not look good and a very fine mist sprinkled on the workers. The truck had arrived by 6:00 am and several Lions ventured to Clements Hardware-twice- to get the fork lift and return to the church to start unloading the shipment of navel oranges, grapefruit, and honeybells that had been ordered. Four energetic band students arrived and helped set up two



colorful sales booths to get ready for customers who were expected at 8:00 am. In about a half hour nearly 700 cartons of fresh citrus had been off loaded and placed on the lot awaiting customers. First arrivals drove in about 7:45 and the Lions were ready. Customer's first drove to a booth, gave their names, paid, and were given a receipt that would be given to the line workers. Customers were greeted and their orders were placed in the vehicles. They were reminded that next month's sale would be on the lot in front of the new Severna Park High School. Throughout the morning several hearty Lions used flags to direct customers



into the lot. The weatherman cooperated and the mist departed but the clouds remained. Tasty doughnuts and warm drinks available in the church hall tempted the workers all morning. The line of cars was steady all morning and as noon approached the stacks of

citrus had dwindled. Extra citrus was available for sale after 1:00 pm and by 1:15 pm every carton of delicious citrus had been sold. The January sale was a great success and we are looking forward to the February sale at the new location, Severna Park High School.

## SPAN Wins Again

**For at least ten years SRLC has challenged Pack 688 to collect more food items than SRLC for donation to SPAN. This year's collection/challenge was held in January and the Lions were determined to win the pizza. Lions donations were brought to the January 17 meeting and the Pack donation was collected the next evening. Lions Bill O'Neil and Ollie Wittig journeyed to the Pack meeting to pick up the food and when they walked into the room it was apparent that the Pack would win the pizza-again. Over a dozen bags and cartons were carried out and stored for delivery. The Pack was given a hearty "thank you" for the generous donation and were told that the Lions were going to win next year.. The next day Lions delivered the food to SPAN. The final count showed that the total collection was nearly 160 cans, cartons, and jars of food that will be made available to needy families. Of the total collected, about 40 food cans were donated by the Lions. Let's get ready for next year's food challenge and win the pizza-finally. Regardless of who wins the real winners are families in need and this is a worthy project for Lions.**



## Roaring Run Lions — VISION DAYS

Saturday December 10th Lions Bob Bullock and Anita of the Roaring Run Lions participated in the annual craft fair and Vision days held at the AG Center in Westminster. During the event *Lions Clem Kusiak of the Severn River Club* and Dick Sebrosky of the Baltimore Brooklyn Club joined in with the Roaring Run Lions. Also feature in the photo is Mr. Otto a young 102 year old resident of the community who donated for the benefit of those needing assistance from Lions. Many of the donors wanted to know about LVRF and LOVRNET, responding to their inquiries resulted in donation and in turn receiving a LOVRNET Calendar, mints and a candy cane. Also, donors were very complimentary of Lions helping with eye care and glasses.





## Own a Limited-Edition Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin

**In celebration of 100 years of humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International is working with the United States Mint to produce a limited-edition, exquisitely crafted silver dollar coin. Purchase your coin today from Lions Club Supplies (instructions), or the United States Mint.**

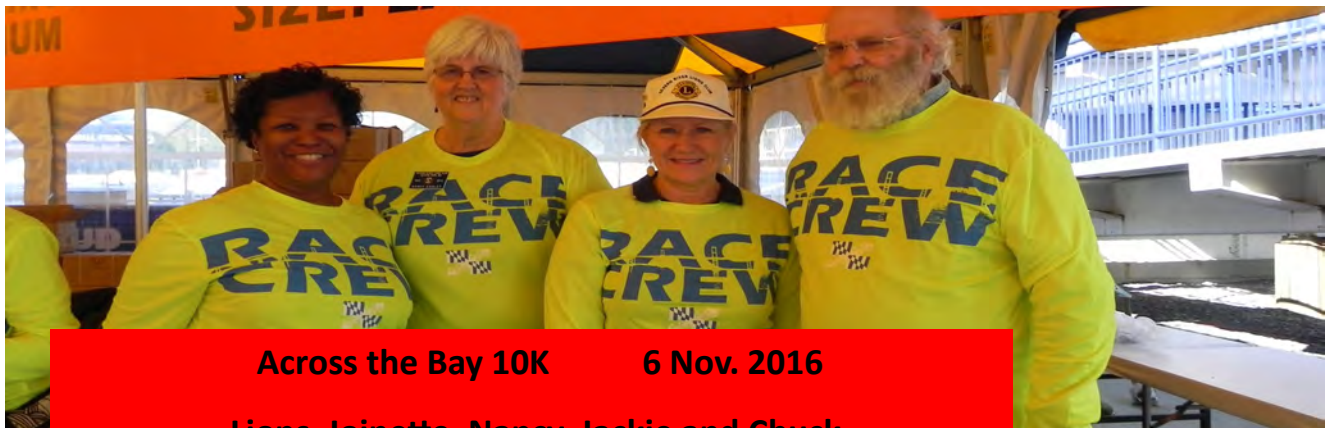
**The coin features Lions founder Melvin Jones and the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the reverse.**

**This commemorative coin is crafted to be rich in the symbolic history of Lions first century of service. Each coin is packaged in its own presentation case and is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.**

## Santa Claus Came To Town

It was a cool evening on Tuesday, December 20 when Lions arrived at Blue Dolphin Restaurant in Crofton for the club's annual Christmas party. Guest, some attired in holiday outfits, arrived, refreshed with a drink, chatted, and finally got the signal to be seated for the meal. Orders were taken and in a short time bowls of salad and plates of delicious food were on the tables. A silence fell over the room as Lions and guests began to enjoy the tasty mea. Then it was time for dessert and a variety of treats arrived and quickly were eaten. But the evening was not all dining! In the distance the sound of jingling bells was heard and the jolly fat man in a bright red outfit arrived a greeted the party goers with a hearty "Merry Christmas." Then Santa Claus got to work. He announced that he had a bag full of gifts for the Lions and guests and, assisted by two elves, names were called and recipients came forward to get their "expensive" presents. The rustling of wrapping paper could be heard as the gifts were opened. Santa announced that he had to get back to the North Pole to get ready to deliver gifts around the world in five days. Lions agreed that this had been another fun evening and will look forward to another Christmas party next year. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!





**Across the Bay 10K      6 Nov. 2016**

**Lions Joinette, Nancy, Jackie and Chuck**

**It was a sunny and breezy Friday afternoon when Lions Nancy Earley, Chuck Horne, Jackie Hetrick and Joinette Smallwood all reported to the Navy Stadium to work as volunteers. This is a new opportunity with which we were able to help. Volunteer chores included giving runners bibs/numbers to be worn on outside apparel, give out running shirts and/ or on the day of the event check the buses to ensure everyone and everything was off the buses as runners were transported. We had a great time laughing, talking visiting the expo, and the unexpected bonus was Dunkin Donuts and Mission BBQ box lunches that were in the volunteer breakroom for all to enjoy! This was such a fun event and we are looking forward to doing this again next year!**

## VET CENTER Annapolis

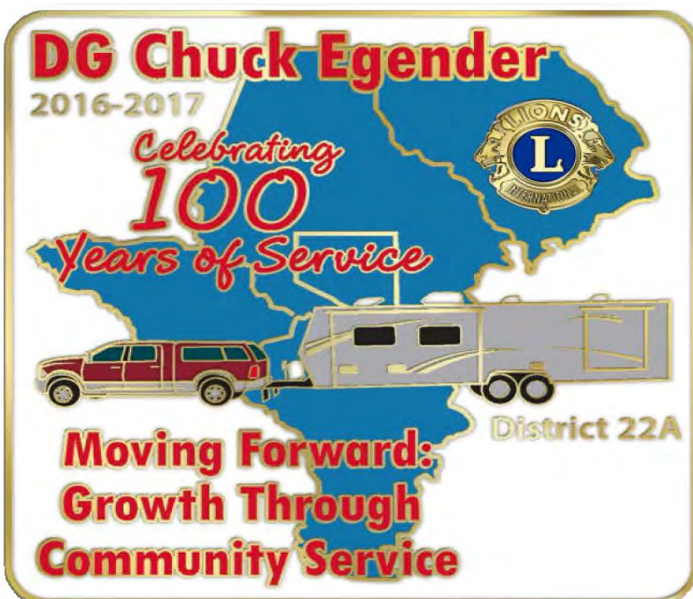
At the January 17 dinner meeting our guest speaker was Ms. Lisa Ann Walker from the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Lisa works at the Annapolis Vet Center. She presented a talk on Health Care Benefits and services which are free and confidential. Services provided are Readjustment Counseling Services for returning combat veterans of all eras.



Services include individual, marital, family, and group counseling for PTSD, relationship, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, military sexual trauma, and bereavement. Services include individual counseling, group counseling, marital and family counseling, bereavement counseling, medical referrals, assistance in applying for VA Benefits, employment counseling, guidance and referral, alcohol/drug assessments, information and referral to community resources, military sexual trauma counseling & referral, outreach

and community education.

Lisa was presented a Lions Coffee Mug by King Lion Joinette Smallwood



## The Race is On!

The annual Pack 688 Pinewood Derby was held on January 28 at Shipley's Choice School and again the Severn River Lions were tasked with judging the entries in the ten different categories-patriotic, unusual, futuristic, fastest, antique, animal, colorful, sports, Cub Scout, and judges choice. Lions Dick Bloomquist, David Knabel, and Ollie Wittig arrived at the school and began the task. Lion Bill O'Neil was the official photographer for the event and the pictures will be on display. Cub Scouts had made nearly fifty vehicles from kits and chosen one of the categories. The cars were displayed by Scout rank and had a number assigned and the Lions got busy selecting a "winner" in each of the categories. When all of the entries had been viewed the Lions sat down to give their individual choices. As expected, there was some compromising in the selection of the finalist in each category and the final tally vote was completed and given to the leaders. But the race was not over! The long metal electronic track had been assembled and the cars were readied for the race. Four cars at a time were placed on the electronic track and "the race is on" set them off down the track. When the cars crossed the finish line the results were flashed on the large screen to be viewed by the audience and cheers were heard from the crowd. The race lasted for several hours and it was a fun event for the Cub Scouts and the parents. The Pack provided refreshments for the crowd and doughnuts, coffee, and fresh fruit were available at the side of the room. It was obvious that the boys and parents had put some time into assembling and decorating their cars to match the categories and the boys enjoyed the experience. Our Lions club also helps with other Pack events such as the raingutter regatta, the bike rodeo, and the SPAN annual food challenge and our service has been appreciated for several years.



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## COMING SOON

"The Future of Peace" is the theme of the 2017-18 Peace Poster Contest.



2015-16

"Share Peace"

Yumo Zhu

12 years old

China

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2014-15

"Peace, Love and Understanding"

Wei Jin Qian

13 years old

China

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**Past International President (PIP) Clem Kusiak meeting with past President and past District Governor (PDG) Jimmy Carter**

The Marco Island Lions held their White Cane Days on Saturday January 21 at the Walmart in Naples and Saturday January 28 at 2 Public Grocery stores and Ace Hardware on Marco Island. Coverage consisted of 2 hour shifts starting 8:00 am through 4:00 pm each day. Jeanne and Clem Kusiak volunteered finding donor support complementary toward LIONS for being present in the community and the great work we do.

Comments by donors: "my husband was president of a Lions Club in up state New York, we enjoy the service aspects of Lions Clubs", a high school student named Willow wanted to know if we would be collecting donations thru her shift; later she dropped a ten dollar bill from her tips received when carrying groceries to cars, "Willow commented that her School benefits from the Lions", "my husband and I were lions in New Jersey, can we be part of the Lions in Marco Island", they gave me the it contact info. Invitation was sent the day after the white cane day.

Also note the hat Lion Clem is wearing:

The Severn River Lions Club hat

