



SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB NEWS

FEBRUARY 2024

HAPPY WINTER FELLOW LIONS!

I am looking forward to continued service to our community and fellowship together balanced with quality time at home.

We have many upcoming and ongoing fundraisers. We are still getting money for the penny drive. We are proactively raising funds in conjunction with The Texas Roadhouse and Brian Boru restaurant and the upcoming Annapolis Running Festival. The Annapolis Running Festival is scheduled for March 9 and I'm sure Lion Suzette will have details in the near future for us all.

Serving our community this year has included providing lunches for the homeless as well as sleeping mats for the homeless. Upcoming in April is an eye-glass sorting event details will be shared at both member and board meetings. Our club also has a big project hopefully happening in March to install shelving in our loan closet. This shelving will ensure efficient storage in our loan closet for items that have been a godsend and a huge need to many in the local community and beyond here in Maryland. Our club has accepted and given medical equipment to our local neighbors. In addition, we have been listed as a medical equipment resource on Facebook and TikTok. We are also listed as a medical equipment resource at Sinai Hospital for discharging patients who are underinsured or have no medical insurance at all.

Our club had a fun Bingo event in the first half of our Lions year. Our next fun event to attend is in support of Lion Tilghman Brice. His concert is in May, and I am so looking forward to seeing many of you there!

As always with all that we choose to do I wish everyone to always have a balance of quality family time. I realize that every family looks different. Which is fantastic- we embrace diversity. Quality and good family time is always a priority!

Looking forward to a nice finish for this Lions year that is balanced and hopefully supportive to all.

Yours, Joinette



King Lion Joinette Smallwood

GROUNDHOG DAY



I'm not sure if you're superstitious, but February 2nd holds lots of folk and lore as we celebrate Groundhog's Day! If Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there's six more weeks of winter, but if there's no shadow, spring is right around the corner.

Although the origin roots back to the Pennsylvania Dutch and Germany, many know the festivities to be held at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania where up to 40,000 gather each year. This celebration is dated all the way back to 1886 where the mention was made in the local newspaper.

Phil has predicted 106 forecasts for winter and 19 for an early spring. In 1942 it was recorded Phil had a partial shadow. According to the Farmer's Almanac, Phil has been known to be 50% accurate, with percentages varying from multiple other sources.

The popularity of the widely known Groundhog Day movie with Bill Murray and the holiday has steadily grown traction since its release. Today, an elite group called the "inner circle" is summoned to execute the task of handling Phil and announcing the proclamation at exactly 7:25 am each year.

You can become a member of the Groundhogs Club and join one of the dozens of clubs from around the world to celebrate, drink, and party till the early morning to see what the prediction may be! Many other localities have always adopted their version of the event to make the prediction.

As much as it may be silly, it is entertaining. Lion Ryan is hopeful to join the Groundhog Day festivities next February in 2025!

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Groundhog_Day

Lion Ryan Shupp

CELEBRATING FEBRUARY LION BIRTHDAYS

09 Lion Shannon Nixon

15 Lion Dick Maurer

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC INNOVATION

Mr. Paul Monteiro, Jr., Secretary of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation- this new department was created by Governor Wes Moore in April 2023. The mission of the office is to consolidate and elevate the agencies of state government that support service opportunities in Maryland. This department will be the home of Maryland's Service Year Option, through which high school graduates will have the opportunity to serve their communities and their state, be paid for their work, and learn skills that will serve them in their futures.



Mr. Monteiro wants to learn more about what Lions do and how we may be a part of this new department.

We as Lions had previously said that we wished more high school/college-age students were more involved in our service activities and this may be the way to do that.

The Department of Service and Civic Innovation was established by the Serving Every Region Through Vocational Exploration (SERVE) Act of 2023 to promote service and volunteerism in the state of Maryland. The SERVE Act also launched two new exciting service pathways for eligible youth and adults, in addition to existing volunteer and service opportunities available through the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism and Volunteer Maryland.

Paul Monteiro is the first Secretary of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation. Before this role, President Joseph Biden tapped Monteiro as the Director of the Department of Justice Community Relations Service and the United States Senate confirmed his nomination in April 2022.



SEVERN RIVER LIONS MEET ON JANUARY 23RD



(above) Members enjoy the evening presentation by Mr. Monteiro. (below) Guest speaker for January's meeting, Paul Monteiro, Secretary of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation gave a lively presentation.



Lions Clubs International & Diabetes Awareness

Diabetes has a large effect on our communities. An estimated 463 million adults across the world live with diabetes and its prevalence is increasing rapidly. By 2045, the number is expected to reach 700 million. Research has found that the rate of people being diagnosed with prediabetes and diabetes has been rising across the globe for many years. Diabetes is a global epidemic that touches every corner of the globe. Lions and Lions Clubs are working to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the lives of those living with type II diabetes.



DIABETES IN MARYLAND According to the Maryland Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

- ❖ **10.5 % of Maryland adults have diabetes**
- ❖ **34% of Maryland adults have prediabetes** (approximately 1.6 million people)

Risk factors for diabetes include:

- ❖ Being overweight or obese
- ❖ Age (risk increases as age increases)
- ❖ Race or ethnicity
- ❖ Poor nutrition and lack of physical activity
- ❖ Tobacco use
- ❖ Prediabetes and gestational diabetes
- ❖ Social determinants such as income and education level

Diabetes Awareness Ribbons allow Lions to become active in reducing the cause and raising awareness of diabetes. By raising small donations and handing out this small ribbon we hope to bring awareness to those with diabetes.

Diabetes Awareness Ribbons raise funds to help by sending kids to diabetes camps, providing literature for coping with diabetes, cookbooks, diet planning, and literature.

All of the funds raised with Diabetes Awareness Ribbons will go toward diabetes awareness and helping those with diabetes. That's the Lions' commitment.

Get your ribbons from Lion Suzette.



EYEGASSES AND HEARING AIDS NEEDED



To meet our commitment to promote better vision and hearing, the Severn River Lions Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling to less fortunate individuals. Lions "adopt" a collection box, check it regularly and pick up donated eyeglasses and hearing aids. We take them to the semi-annual District sorting where our club and other Lions Clubs in the District sort through thousands of pairs of eyeglasses. They are prepared for sanitizing and grading before they are shipped to many third world countries as part of the international campaign to help improve quality of living. Currently, SRLC has collection boxes around the area where surplus eyeglasses and hearing aids can be deposited. If you can't make it to one of these locations, contact Severn River Lions at srlc@severnriverlions.org and we'll arrange something more convenient for you.

LOCATION

Advanced Family Vision Care, 331 Gambrills Road, Gambrills
American Legion Post #175, 832 Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park
Arnold Senior Center, 44 Church Road, Arnold
Brightview Annapolis, 1935 Generals Hwy, Annapolis
Brightview, 469 Jumpers Hole Road, Severna Park
Edward Jones/Karen Stepler-Krieg, 550D Ritchie Hwy, Park Plaza
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8397 Piney Orchard Pkwy, Odenton
Ft Meade Ophthalmology Dept. Kimbrough Ambulatory Ctr. Ft. Meade
Ft Meade Optical Center at the Exchange, 2799 Rose Street, Ft. Meade
Looking Glass Optical, Horizons, 8028 Ritchie Hwy #124, Pasadena
Ophthalmology Associates, 83 Church Road, Arnold
Partners in Care, 8151-C Ritchie Hwy, Pasadena
Pasadena Senior Center, 4103 Mountain Road, Pasadena
Pascal Senior Center, 125 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie
Patterson Physical Therapy, 650 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park
Severna Park Eye Care, Magothy Gateway, 139B Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park
Severna Park Library, 45 W. McKinsey Road, Severna Park
Severna Park Elks, 160 Truck House Road, Severna Park
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1283 Odenton Rd, Odenton
Tarantino Eye Center, 806 Landmark Dr #114, Glen Burnie
Wilmer Eye Center, 1106 Annapolis Rd, Odenton
Wolf Eye Lab, 2446 Mountain Rd, Pasadena
Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, 611 B&A Blvd., Severna Park

THE CUB SCOUT TROOP 688 — PINEWOOD DERBY



SRLC Members,

Received an urgent request from the Cub Scout Troop 688 needing judges for their Annual Pinewood Derby Race which will be on Saturday, January 6th in the morning at the Shipley's Choice Swim and Tennis Clubhouse, located at 947 Rustling Oaks Drive in Millersville.

They needed about 3-5 Lions judges to show up around 8:30 am. Thank you Lions that participated and Happy New Year.

Thank you!!!
Lion Jackie

2024 NOTICES



**BARK, BREW AND WINE
SAVE THE DATE
June 1, 2024**

**Klausmeier Farm
Perry Hall, MD 21236**

**Club Members,
Please mark your calendars
for Saturday, June 1, 2024 for
District 22-A's annual Leader Dog
event "Bark, Brew and Wine"
being held once again at the
Klausmeier Farm.**

To: Lions and Leos of MD 22

Subject: Multiple District 22 (MD 22) Convention:

The Council of Governors invites you, your club members and guests to attend the 101st MD 22 Convention on **April 18-21, 2024**, in **Ocean City, Maryland**.

The Convention theme this year will be **“Changing the World”**. Enclosed you will find the material to register for the convention, order event tickets, arrange for hotel rooms, and register for the golf tournament. No tickets will be sold after **April 1, 2024** and no refunds issued after **April 5, 2024**.

You can begin the convention by playing in the golf tournament at the **Ocean Pines Golf Course** on Thursday, April 18, 2024 and end with the Victory Luncheon on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Please share this information with your club members and encourage them to attend as this is a convention for all Lions, Leos and guests.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the convention in Ocean City, MD.

Yours in Lionism,

Multiple District 22 Convention Committee:

- PCT Gina Daniels, Chair, (302) 547-1212, gina.daniels10@gmail.com**
- PDG Susan Bonura, Vice Chair, (443) 745-1281, PDGSusanbonura@gmail.com**
- IPDG Sue Parks, Treasurer, (410) 979-3901, rich99991@verizon.net**
- PDG David Mitchell, Registrar, (302) 604-2990, david.mitchell@mchsi.com**

Reasons to Attend

- Meet and network with Lions and Leos from around the Multiple District.
- Attend enlightening seminars that provide opportunities to share ideas and meet today’s challenges of membership in your club.
- Participate in the business of MD 22 and districts in electing District Governors and Vice District Governors

Seminars

Seminars are educational and interesting. The information obtained at the seminars can provide personal growth and help to enhance the operation of our Lions organization. **It’s a great place to bring your new members and officers to educate them on Lionism.**

The schedule for seminars has not been determined but the hours will be

Friday, April 19	3:10 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.
Saturday, April 20	10:05 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
	10:55 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Plan to attend the seminars to help yourself, your club and Lionism.

Meet with your International Guest

