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Severn River Lions Club

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President – King Lion Chuck Horne

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DG DICK & FIRST LADY TESS KICK OFF THE 22-A GOVERNOR'S GALA

(Story inside)



Check out the District or
SRLC website for
complete MD22
Convention information.



Cub Scouts – Start Your Engines

The annual Pine Wood Derby (PWD) for Pack 688 was held on Saturday, January 12 but the preparation for this big event actually began around Thanksgiving. The Cub Scouts each received a PWD kit consisting of a block of wood, wheels, axles, decals, directions, and rules. The boys, working with parents and grandparents, sawed, whittled chiseled, sanded, and painted their creations based on individual ideas by categories such as “most patriotic,” “most futuristic,” “most Scout like,” “most antique looking,” etc.

At the pre-race check in on Friday before the derby the cars were checked, measured, and weighed then assigned a number. The boys had a chance to practice on the four lane track and decide if any final adjustments to the car were needed before race day.

Race day arrived and about 60 Cub Scouts, their parents and friends filled the multi-purpose room at Shipley’s Choice Elementary School and the excitement in the air was obvious. Lion Dale Strait and DG Dick Bloomquist had been tasked with judging the entries by category and admitted that the creativity and artistic ability evident made the judging a challenge.

Soon the green flag signaled the start of the first of many heats. Four cars at a time raced down the elevated ramp toward the electronic finish line. The results were flashed to a large screen and announced which car had won and the elapsed time for each racer. Lots of happy faces lined the raceway to cheer for their cars. The races lasted about two hours and several eliminations were needed to decide an overall winner. Just as the last car came down the track someone shouted, “The pizza is here” and then the real race began as the hungry hordes ran to the serving table.

Cub leader, Keith Landgraff, gave Dick and Dale the opportunity to say a few words to the boys and the parents. Keith is very supportive of Lions and welcomes our continued involvement with Pack 688 at future events.



SRLC HOSTED COCKTAIL RECEPTION – 1/26/08 22A Governors Gala



A Super Saturday! 22-A Governor's Gala 2008

Saturday, January 26th was a special day as fifteen Lions from Severn River and a pride of Lions from all over Multiple District 22 gathered at the Richlin Ballroom to honor our own DG Dick Bloomquist and First Lady, Tess at the 51st annual District Social.

Preceding the main event was a sumptuous reception hosted by the Severn River club and a delicious assortment of cheeses, veggies, fruits, dips, and two well stocked bars provided refreshments to the many Lions in attendance. Lions and their guests from nearly all clubs in 22-A and from other clubs in Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia had the opportunity to renew acquaintances, meet new Lions, and exchange stories about happenings in the different clubs. It was a festive beginning to what would prove to be an enjoyable evening and special thanks are due to the SRLC Caterers who worked hard to make the reception a success. Bill O'Neil's digital slide show about DG Dick was a visual success and was enjoyed by viewers.

Promptly at 7:00 pm the dinner began. Lion Sue Parks ably served as MC and the traditional Lion's opening – pledge, singing, Lions toasts, and the invocation got the event started. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Dick Bloomquist and First Lady Tess were officially introduced and the District Governor's remarks emphasized the many accomplishments and challenges facing Lions in 22-A. DG Dick then introduced the keynote speaker, Steven D. Sherer, International Director from Ohio. For the next fifteen minutes ID Steven humorously addressed the 250 attendees, pointed out successes that our organization has had worldwide in combating blindness and eye problems, offered stories about successful programs he had observed in other clubs, and enumerated the challenges and opportunities that continue to face Lions. ID Steven encouraged participation in Campaign SightFirst II as a means of getting the financial resources to carry out these programs.

A special new member induction saw three new members added that evening to our sponsored club, West Arundel. Twenty eight Lions selected by their home clubs for exemplary service were recognized and presented the District Governor's Recognition Award. Our club was honored to recognize Lion Dale Strait for his many contributions to the club and District. A District Governor Award was presented to IPDG Harold Boccia. DG Dick then recognized the six Immediate Past Presidents who achieved the 2006 - 2007 Presidents Excellence Award, included in this elite group our own IPP Sue Parks. Closing remarks and the benediction ended a perfect evening for all in attendance.



FABULOUS FRUIT SALES



Order Deadline:

FEBRUARY 16, 2008

MARCH 15, 2008

Distribution Date:

FEBRUARY 23, 2008

MARCH 22, 2008

News from:

Severna Park Middle School Youth RISE/LEO Club – November/December Activities

Submitted by Judy Crawford

After a slow start, the toy drive for the Sharing Foundation, which was sponsored by Youth RISE/Leo, finished as a huge success. With a need to fill wish lists for over 300 boys and girls, the Sharing foundation was very grateful for the toys we collected here at Severna Park Middle. This is again a testament to the generosity of the parents and students in our community. A huge thanks also goes to Scott de Graffenreid, a former SPMS student, who is now the Marketing Manager at Annapolis Mall, who provided us with four \$25.00 gift certificates for our raffle. This year, the teachers who donated gifts were entered into their own raffle. Thanks to all who donated a toy for such a worthy cause.

Youth RISE/Leo members were also busy this month making tie blankets for Sarah's House. Over 15 blankets were made by the club members and these blankets will surely help keep the children warm this winter. The club would like to thank Mrs. Chaisson who spearheaded this activity, and Mrs. Nancy Burns and the Severn River Lions Club for their generous donation which enabled us to purchase the materials for the blankets.

Club members also created original holiday cards for the soldiers who are recuperating at Walter Reed Hospital. This month (January) we will begin our main winter project, designing and creating the hundreds of cancer awareness bracelets for Daffodil Day. The club meets on alternating Thursdays in Home Ec 4 from 2:45 - 3:50. Please listen to the announcements for meeting dates. New members are always welcome.



Severn River Lions Club
Minutes-Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2008
Draft- To be approved at the February 12, 2008 meeting

Call to Order; King Lion Chuck called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Attendance: Rollins Clark, Chuck Horne, Trent Kutsch, Dick Maurer, Nadja Muchow, Randy Roberts, Bill O'Neil, Dale Strait, Jon Valett, and Ollie Wittig. Other members attending: DG Dick Bloomquist, Nancy Burns, Wayne Dudeck, and Ken Tschantre

KL announcements: Chuck received word that Sue Parks' sister has died and Sue will be attending arrangements. A sympathy card will be sent from the club.

Leadership Training at Emmitsburg, February 15-17, 2008. The club has budgeted funds to help with expenses for attendees.

Membership Workshop, February 23, 2008 at location to be determined. The sessions will emphasize new techniques to promote membership. Participation is urged.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December Board meeting were amended to show that "two" bad checks rather than "several" were received at the November sale. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Correspondence: An acknowledgement letter from DePauw University for the scholarship contribution for Kathryn Middel was received. An email from Lion June Softley from the Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club in England was circulated. The email will be reprinted in the next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Detailed reports for the club's accounts were distributed for review with copies attached to the minutes. The *Activities Account* has a balance of \$9,693.85. The *Administrative Account* has a balance of \$6,500.31. Total net worth: \$16,194.16.

Old Business:

Fruit Sales: Dale reported that the current year fruit sale profit is less than same time last month by approximately \$2,000. Discussion on possible explanations was held.

Dale emphasized the budget category, Program Donations, which shows charitable giving so far and the balances remaining and asked that this be kept in mind when future requests are received.

A question of why members are charged for a second meal in November when the club meets just once was raised and discussed. Dale explained that a two meal per month charge helps defray cost of guest meals and when the number attending a meeting is less than the thirty (30) meals contracted with the caterer. Members were reminded that they must request a meal credit from the assistant treasurer when they attend meetings at other clubs or district functions when food is served.

Dale reported that Miquel Sanchez has been dropped from membership for health reason but has not paid the dues for the first quarter. It was decided that the dues arrears will be "forgiven."

Don Smith still owes dues for the first quarter. Dale recommended that we consider Don Smith's long and faithful service to Lions and nominated him for Life Membership. It was moved and passed unanimously that Lion Don Smith be given a Life Membership and the application will be processed and forwarded to LCI. It was recommended that Lion Don be presented his certificate at a future special function, perhaps the Charter Night.

Fruit Sale-January: Randy reported that an order for 933 cases of citrus was submitted to H & S, slightly less than a full truck. Navel oranges will not be available in 4/5 size. Customers who order this size will receive two 2/5 boxes at the printed 4/5 price. A bill from Recreation and Parks for school use was presented. To conserve funds it was recommended that we shorten the hours for room usage (\$10.00/hour per room) to save money.

A Bull-Oyster Roast reminder will be imprinted on the post cards for the February sale and poster will be displayed at the January fruit sale. .

District Social: Nancy reported that plans are proceeding for this event. Using the summary sheets from last year's Social, prices for commodities, spirits, and food for the reception are being checked. Purchases will be made later next week. Nancy has drafted Lions to assist with different tasks on January 26. Approximately 140 attendees are expected for the reception. Annapolis Seafood Market has donated a gift certificate that will be used to purchase crab dip. A "thank you" letter will be sent to acknowledge the donation.

Bull-Oyster Roast: Nancy reported that the plans for this event scheduled for April 12, 2008 are proceeding. Tickets for the roast and the Big Green Egg raffle will be available for members at the next meeting on January 22. Members are encouraged to be active sellers of both tickets to insure the financial success of this annual event. The goal is to sell 250 tickets to the roast.

Program: Nancy reported that the speaker at the January 22 meeting will be Jackie Geyer who coordinated the successful Thank You Calendar event that recognized the contribution made by the military to the current conflict.

Membership: Roger was ill and did not attend the meeting. He had sent copies of letters mailed to prospective members and he is actively following up on prospects identified by members.

District Raffle Ticket: The tickets for the District Raffle to be drawn at the Convention in May will be available to members at the next meeting. Clubs selling tickets get a portion of the proceeds from the raffle.

Slide Show: Bill O'Neil showed a digital slide show featuring DG Bloomquist that will be shown at the District social. Additional pictures of DG Dick are requested.

New Business:

Ramp Construction: Several requests for help with ramp construction to aid disabled citizens have been received. A Lion is needed to coordinate these projects.

SPAN Project: SPAN is planning to enclose a porch to provide additional needed storage space and may ask the Lions to assist with the construction.

Safety Railing: KL Chuck is seeking volunteers to install a safety railing at the end of the sidewalk at the Health Center. The light on the building is to be replaced to better illuminate the walkway and some bush trimming may be necessary.

Nomination Committee: The committee to be chaired by IPP Sue Parks will include Chuck Horne, Ray Smith, Jon Valett, Trent Kutsch, and George Council. The committee expects to meet in February and submit a slate by March to comply with the Constitution.

Other items:

Reminder: LASH Board meeting will be held January 29, 2008. The February 5 club meeting will be at AL #175 and not at AL #176 as indicated on the agenda

Dale reported on a recent meeting in an impoverished section of Baltimore City that will offer preschool vision screening and audiology testing in five (5) schools similar to what is being done in the Homewood area. Testing is expected to begin in February using the SureSight digital screener.

Adjournment; The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Oliver Wittig, Secretary
Severn River Lions Club



Lions Lynette & Ron Walters Announce Their Happy Addition!

Danielle Lynette Walters was born Dec. 31st, 2:45 pm 9 lbs. (even), 20 ½ inches. She looks like the rest of the kids when they were born. We have enjoyed looking at their newborn pictures in their albums and comparing them. She has lots of black hair (now I know why I had such terrible heartburn). The kids are all adjusting well to a new baby in the house.

The Red Cross got Ron an emergency stay literally 2 hours before he was suppose to catch his plane back so that he could stay another 3 days and be here for her birth which meant the world to both of us. I did have to drive him to the airport at 8 am the morning after getting out of the hospital but I am glad he was here for her birth so I won't complain. I am tired but not as tired as when I was pregnant (and certainly not as uncomfortable) so I won't complain about that either.

Thank you for the meals, the calls, the yard help, and offers of other help. I have a friend flying in Friday for a week to help out and visit with me.

Lion Lynette Walters



NEWS FROM IRONBRIDGE & SEVERN GORGE

Hi there,

Now that we have drawn breath after a very tiring Xmas campaign I thought I would write and wish you and yours and all fellow Lions a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year.

It is sooooo good to be able to stop now for a few weeks and take stock. Although we exceeded last years takings by £194 in general the areas around which we took Santa and the Sleigh were very much down this year. We will need to look at the routes and decide if they are economically viable or not. Our collections outside local stores were very good and enabled us to make some nice donations to worthy causes. We delivered 122 Xmas food hampers on Xmas Eve and again this is so rewarding. We have unearthed a couple of rather needy sheltered housing complexes in the process so we will be concentrating on these in the coming year.

My husband and I have been accompanying District Governor Shirley Vaughan on her visits to the clubs in her district and it has been an eye opener. Some clubs (not many now) are still all male and it is fascinating to see how they operate. We have come away with some very good ideas for our club to adopt but have found the whole thing very informative. We are of course hoping to win the Visiting Lions trophy into the bargain.

The weather here in the UK is very very wet at the moment, and flood warnings are out for many areas surrounding our rivers. We live in an area which is always badly affected by the overflowing of the River Severn (not personally as we are up a hill) but the town after which we are named is often flooded badly. It would seem that our weather patterns are really changing after all. A few flakes of snow in this winter season so far - nothing much - perhaps its all to come.

Anyway I will close now so this is not to long to send over the ether.

Best regards to all from June Softley, Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club

Lions June & Norman Softley and Maureen Underwood would love to hear from some our members about some of our SRLC activities. Contact them:

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Committee & Leadership 2007-2008

Committee	Chairperson	Committee members
Adopt A Highway	Wayne Dudeck	Sign up as needed
American Legion liaison	Sue Parks	Dale Strait
Bull Roast	Nancy Burns, Nancy Earley	100% Membership event. All members expected to participate.
Blood Drive	Dale Strait	
Charter Night	Don Rayment	
Children's Fair	Dick Maurer, Ray Smith	B. Zelenakas, G. Council
Christmas Party	Nancy Burns	Nancy Earley
Constitution and By-Laws	Bob Muchow	
Eye Exams / Hearing Aids	Dick Bloomquist	Roger Knauth
Eyeglass Collection	Ollie Wittig	Multiple "box sitters"
Finance	Dale Strait	R. Clark, T. Kutsch
Fruit Sales	Randy Roberts	N. Burns, R. Smith, D. Luce D. Maurer, R. Muchow, C. Horne, M. Milord, O. Wittig, B. Zelenakas 100% Membership event. All members expected to participate
Fruit Sale Lunches	George Council	
Fundraising (other than fruit sales)	Nancy Burns	George Council
Golf	Rollins Clark	Mike Anderson
Kinder Fest	Rick Stefany	G. Council, R. Smith, D. Maurer
LASH Representatives	Rollins Clark	Bruce Schriener
LEHP	Nancy Burns	
LEO	Ulysses Archie Nancy Burns Bill Zelenakas	Harbour School LEO SPMS YouthRise LEO District LEO Chairman
Loan Closet	Oriey Glenn	Nancy Burns, Joe McClellan
Meals on Wheels	Dale Strait	O. Wittig, N. Earley, M. Greene, S. Greene, O. Glenn, J. Talentino
Meeting Setup		
Membership	Roger Knauth	R. Smith, M. Payne, S. Parks, K. Tschantre
Newsletter	Sue Parks	
Nominations	S. Parks	C. Horne, R. Smith, T. Kutsch, J. Valett, G. Council
Pack 688 liaison	Ollie Wittig	
Partners in Care	Shirley Greene Milum Greene	C. Horne
Peace Poster	Nancy Burns	S. Greene
Picnic	Ken Tschantre	D. Maurer, O. Wittig, P. Geis, O. Glenn
Preschool Vision Screening	Ollie Wittig, Dale Strait	R. Knauth, D. Maurer, R. Clark
Programs	Nancy Burns	
Public Relations	Nadja Muchow	Mike Milord (fruit sales)
Rebuilding Together	George Council, Jr, Jon Valett	R. Jager, R. Clark, R. Smith
Scholarship	Ollie Wittig	T. Kutsch, M. Dare S. Parks, K. Tschantre, R. Knauth
Scrapbook	Nancy Earley	
SP Health Association	Chuck Horne, Pres.	N. Burns (VP), D. Luce (Sec), J McClellan (Treas), Jack Randall
SPHS Band liaison	Nancy Garczynski	
Teen Court	Don Rayment, Wayne Dudeck	Myra Payne
Twinning	T. Kutsch	B. Johnson
Visitations	Ray Smith	
We Serve, Lion of the Year	Jon Valett	Don Rayment, R. Jager
Website	B. O'Neil	S. Parks



BIRTHDAYS

January

Rick Mulderick – 5
 Randy Roberts – 7
 Oriey Glenn – 11
 Don Counts – 17
 Art Foehser – 25

February

Dick Maurer – 15
 Joe Hunter – 27

March

Don Lilley – 14
 Don Rayment – 14
 George Williams – 19
 Ken Tschantre – 21
 Ulysses Archie – 24
 Trent Kutsch - 27
 Nelson Chesler – 31

SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT			
	CLUB DOLLARS	Year to Date Hours	January, 2008 Hours
Health	0.00	68	9
Diabetes Awareness	0.00	0	0
Sight	4,245.00	239	25
Hearing	0.00	194	0
LASH	0.00	32	8
Youth	6,180.00	327	36
Community	131.00	445	70
Environment	0.00	66	6
International Relations	0.00	24	0
Lionism	0.00	1935	348
TOTALS	10,556.00	3330	502

Membership Report February 1, 2008

Members January 1, 2008	65
Active	33
At Large	11
Life	1
Affiliate	20
Privileged	0
Members January 31, 2008	65

REMINDER

If you expect to miss a Membership Meeting, be sure to email Secretary Ollie Wittig, witbrew@comcast.net, or call 410/647-7338 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.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

An updated roster is included in this issue. Please check the information carefully and let me know if any changes are needed. Thanks.

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The SRLC meets semi-monthly on the first and third Tuesdays at the American Legion Post 175 on Manhattan Beach Road.

Social – 6:30 pm
Meeting – 6:59 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2/5 General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
- 2/12 Board of Directors Meeting, SPHA Building
- 2/15-17 Lions Leadership Institute, Emmitsburg
- 2/18 PRESIDENTS DAY
- 2/19 General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
- 2/22 LASH General Meeting
- 2/23 Fourth Fabulous Fruit Sale
- 3/4 General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
- 3/10 Region I Advisory Meeting
- 3/11 Board of Directors Meeting, SPHA Building
- 3/14 Lions Day at the UN
- 3/18 General Membership Meeting, American Legion post 175
- 3/22 Final Fabulous Fruit Sale of the Season
- 3/31 District Cabinet Meeting
- 4/1 General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
- 4/5 Eyeglass Sorting, Maryland School for the Blind
- 5/7-10 MD22 Convention, Dover, DE