



Severn River Lions Club News

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Give Yourself a Standing Ovation!!!

King Lion Jon Valett

I can honestly say I have never been more proud of the Severn River Lions Club than I was after seeing our club in action during the December fruit sale and snowstorm. Congratulations to you all for pulling together as a real team through one of the most difficult 4 days any club could have faced. Looking back on it a few weeks later, I am even more impressed. I have seen this club do some great things over the years, but facing that storm, we unloaded that truck, stored the fruit, and sold it all during a record storm. The SRLC really showed their commitment to their club and their community during that week and you all deserve a big standing ovation.

A couple of other points:

- The January fruit sale is nearly upon us. We can use all the help we can get. Remember we are at a different location for this month's sale (Severna Park Baptist Church). I'll try to arrange for better weather this time!
- We all need to sell some Bull and Oyster Roast tickets over the next couple of months. The success of that event is dependent on chipping in and selling tickets. We will need volunteers the night of the event as well. Look for opportunities to sign up at upcoming meetings.



District Governor's Theme
"Service: Today, Tomorrow,
Forever"

Bull & Oyster Roast!

Saturday, April 17th

6 – 10pm Columbian Center • Sell those tickets.

Bring a Friend Night

To acquaint prospective members with Lions clubs and our club in particular, the Severn River Lions Club hosted a Bring a Friend Night on October 20.

Members had been asked to invite spouses, friends, coworkers, relatives, or neighbors to this informal but informative event to learn about the many service activities done by the club and Lions.

Around the perimeter of the meeting room were posters, displays, and items that represented many of the club activities including vision screening, hearing screening, Peace Posters, scholarship program, Teen court, fund raising activities. Lion Bill O'Neil had formatted a slide show that featured a year's worth of activities and this was of particular interest to prospective members and regular members as well.

It had been announced that the event was to be informal and informative and guests were soon talking to members about the displays and services. An informal buffet arranged by Lion Sue Parks was an immediate hit with the group and long time members mingled with guests to talk about Lionism.

Prospective members were given a brochure about SRLC and will be contacted to confirm possible membership. Special thanks to all the Lions who contributed time and talents to crafting the visuals which were a highlight at Bring a Friend Night.



Displays and hands-on exhibits were set up to educate prospective members on SRLC activities and fundraisers.



Prospective members were warmly received.



Lion Ollie demonstrates eye screening equipment.

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!
January 27th • February 24th • March 24th • April 28th • June 23rd

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

Peace Poster Winners are Chosen

Lions Laurie Bishop, Dick Bloomquist, Nancy Burns, Nancy Earley, David Knabel, and Ollie Wittig gathered on October 21 to help judge the annual Peace Poster contest.

Using the 2009 theme, The Power of Peace, over 80 students at Severna Park Middle School and 15 students at Severn School crafted nearly a hundred attractive peace posters that were prominently displayed for Lions Club judges at each school.

At Severna Park Middle School the students, directed by art teacher Nancy McClintock, used different art media to design colorful posters. and Each artist's creativity communicating the theme could be seen on display near the school's main office.

At Severn School, teacher Elaine Green guided the work of her talented class in preparing vibrantly colored entries for the contest.

Lions judges carefully considered each entry and after much discussion reached a decision about the final winners. Sophia Dietrich was judged the finalist at Severna Park Middle School and the winner at Severn School was Patrick Dennin.

The winning artists will receive a fifty dollar savings bond from SRLC and the two finalist posters will be forwarded to the District to be entered into the final competition.

Congratulations to Sophia and Patrick on their winning designs and a special thank you to the art teachers for encouraging their students to participate in the annual Peace Poster contest.

Special thanks to art teachers Nancy McClintock and Elaine Green and also to the many students who took the time and made the effort to create these attractive posters.



The winning poster from Severna Park Middle School created by 8th grade student Sophia Dietrich.



Here come the judges—left to right: Lions Dick Bloomquist, Dave Knabel, Ollie Wittig, Nancy Earley, Nancy Burns and Laurie Bishop.



Lion Ollie Wittig judging Peace Posters on display at SPMS.

SPAN Wins Again!

The annual “food for pizza” competition between SRLC and the Severna Park Middle School Youth Rise/LEO club was ratcheted to a higher level this year. The enterprising LEO’s decided to make this a school wide competition between the grades. Each grade was challenged to donate more canned or dry goods and gaily decorated collection boxes were soon all around the building.

The LEO club, co-advised by Judy Crawford and Debbie Sparby, coordinated the collection effort this year. A call went out to the Lions to please come and get the food because the school was running out of room so on November 12 Lions Nancy Burns Dick Maurer, Bill O’Neil, and Ollie Wittig arrived via truck and vans for the collection.

Rain did not dampen the LEO’s enthusiasm for the project and boxes and boxes and boxes of canned and dry food filled the back of the club truck and three vans. The caravan set out for SPAN and the group, Lions, LEO’s, advisors, and parents, quickly stored the food in the basement and upper level of the SPAN facility. There was hardly room to move about the office as boxes filled every nook and cranny.

The food generously collected by the LEO group and the SPMS students was distributed to needy families in time for Thanksgiving and helped to brighten this holiday for many families. The Lions conceded the victory to the LEO’s and they received their well deserved pizza as a reward for their enthusiasm and caring.

In December we challenged our Cub Scout pack to out-collect the Lions with the “winner” getting pizza from the “loser.” Our track record with the Cub Scouts is not good and that was the case again this year.

SPAN is the real winner in this competition and we can take pride in this activity that will benefit many deserving families.



Rain did not dampen the LEO’s spirit.



The SRLC truck is loaded to capacity with SPAN donations.



Some of the brightly decorated donation boxes.

Successful Eyeglass Sorting

On November 14 SRLC Lions, PDG Dick Bloomquist, PDG Bob Muchow, Dale Strait, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas joined about seventy other Lions, a delegation of LEO's from Fallston High School, and several Girl Scouts from Troop 415 at Knefley Gym at the Maryland School for the Blind for the semi-annual eyeglass sorting. After the customary coffee and doughnuts, the group gathered around twelve large tables that were filled with boxes and bags of eyeglasses collected from the District and neighboring District 22-C. Several regular attendees commented that the supply of used eyeglasses was the largest in several years.

Groups of Lions gathered around the tables and began sorting through the boxes. Lions sorted useable prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses, packaged regular sunglasses separately, and identified possible gold or titanium framed eyeglasses for examination by several "expert goldfinders."

Off to the side Lion Joey Livingston and his crew quickly assembled packing boxes for the useable eyeglasses and began to receive and tape the full cartons that began to appear on his table.

Sorting Lions managed to converse socially as the sorting progressed and about three hours after starting, the annual sorting was nearly completed. Nearly one hundred cartons of used eyeglasses had been packaged and will soon be on the way to an eyeglass facility in northern Virginia where they will be sanitized, graded for prescription, marked, and readied for shipment to third world countries. Upon arrival the eyeglasses will help the visually impaired enjoy better vision.

Lions can be proud of this eyeglass recycling effort and members should consider attending the next sorting in April 2010.



Fruit sale "Booth Training" took place at the November general meeting – it was also "College Sweatshirt Night."



District Governor Senora Haywood and SRLC King Lion Jon Vallet at the November meeting.



GIVE BLOOD

ELKS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, March 1st

Unstoppable Team!

It has been said that the US Postal Service delivers in spite of snow, rain, sleet or hail and the same thing can be said of the SRLC orange team at the December fruit sale.

The King Lion's failure to communicate with Mother Nature about the weather resulted in a "white out" on December 19 that closed schools and precluded our using the Severna Park High School parking lot and building for the year's largest citrus sale.

King Orange Randy made a hasty and wise decision to move the sale to the nearby SP Health Center so we would have inside access. This was a good trade off except that the Clements forklift that is usually used to remove the pallets of fruit from the truck would not be available. Nearly twenty able bodied Lions did not shirk and lined up to manually unload the one thousand plus cases of citrus by hand. The off loading task that usually takes about an hour required over two and a half hours of pure grunt work to accomplish, but by 10:00 am the fruit was positioned inside and customers began arriving for pickup.

Weather and road conditions prevented many customers from arriving so two additional pick-up days, Sunday and Monday, were designated and communicated to purchasers who could not come on Saturday. All morning the snow continued to fall and late morning saw near white out conditions that reduced visibility and a decision to close early was made. The King Lion's weather faux pas may result in a punitive resolution. In spite of the bad weather the team worked industriously, exchanged jokes and banter, and enjoyed a hot lunch before departing for home.

Let's hope for better weather at the January 23 sale which also will be at a different location due to a conflict at SPHS, this time to the **Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Road**. See you at the next sale!



The SRLC December arctic fruit sale crew. "Adapt and overcome" was the phrase of the day.



Fruit fresh from sunny Florida is unloaded in Maryland's near blizzard conditions...



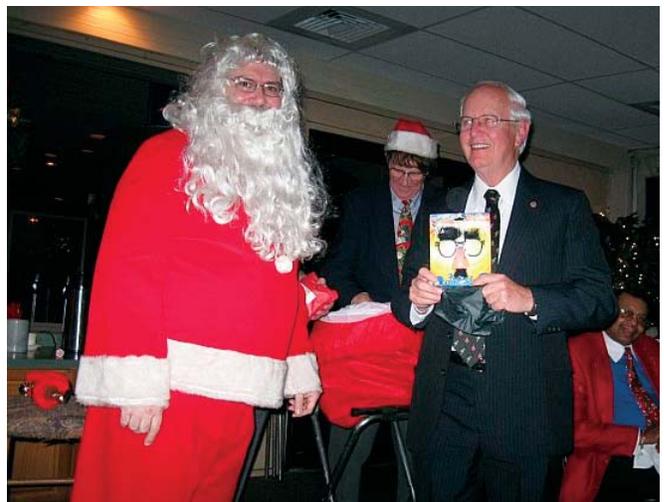
...and stacked, individually, case-by-case, for distribution from the Severna Park Health Center.

A Look Back at the Holiday Party

December 1, 2009—Severn River Lions Club Lions gathered at Lights on the Bay 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.



Santa's Surprise Visit





Lions enjoyed a very merry time!

A Day at the Races

January 9, 2010 – The Lions were invited again to assist with our Cub Scout Pack 688 annual Pinewood Derby event and there was no scarcity of volunteers. Lion and Pack volunteer, David Knabel, was the chairman of this event for the Pack and he did a masterful job of organizing the race.

The Pack's new aluminum track with electronic finish line and computer scoring was in place again this year. The electronic finish line flashed the race results on a large screen as soon as the cars crossed the finish line.

The entries from the Dens and Webelos showed a lot of creativity and presented a challenge for the Lions judges who were tasked with picking a winner in the nine different categories such as most patriotic, unusual, futuristic, sports related, animal, Cub Scout, colorful, antique, and fastest looking. Lions Dick Bloomquist, Bruce Schriener, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig managed to select winners in each category and were thanked with delicious pizza, coffee, and doughnuts and were invited back again next year.

Each car was entered in at least four heats until final winners were determined and each race brought cheers from the Cub Scouts, parents, and grandparents who were in attendance that day.

Constructing the race cars from the provided kits is a great father and son activity and a great deal of creativity and artistic merit was in evidence. The finalists in each category were awarded a ribbon and certificate to attest to their racing prowess and design skill.

The Pinewood Derby is not only a great competitive event but an excellent opportunity for father and son bonding. Lions can look forward to helping Pack 688 with this event again next year.



Pack 688's new aluminum race track with electronic finish line and computer scoring system.



Lions car theme judges Bruce Schriener, Dale Strait, Dick Bloomquist and Ollie Wittig.



Pinewood Derby cars lined up at the starting gate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<http://my.calendars.net/srlc>

JANUARY 2010

- 1/5 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 1/11 Region I Meeting 6:00 PM
- 1/12 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 1/19 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 1/23 Fruit Sale 8:00AM to 1:00PM
- 1/27 Ledo's Pizza Night
- 1/30 District Social 6:00PM

FEBRUARY

- 2/2 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 2/9 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 2/16 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 2/19 - 2/21 Emmitsburg Leadership Institute
- 2/24 Ledo's Pizza Night
- 2/27 Fruit Sale 8:00AM to 1:00PM

MARCH

- 3/1 Elks **Blood** Drive
- 3/2 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 3/8 Region I Meeting 6:00PM
- 3/9 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 3/16 Charter Night & St. Patty's Celebration 6:30 PM
- 3/21 MJF Luncheon Richlin Ballroom
- 3/24 Ledo's Pizza Night
- 3/27 Fruit Sale 8:00AM to 1:00PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

MARCH

- Don Lilley – 14
- Don Rayment – 14
- Jonathan "Jack" Brown – 17
- George Williams – 19
- Ken Tschantre – 21
- Trent Kutsch - 27
- Nelson Chesler – 31



GIVE BLOOD

2010 Fruit Sale Schedule

All pick up times are 8am to 1pm

We conduct fundraisers to raise money for our charitable giving. We need your help. Our fruit sales are a main source of income for our scholarship program (Severna Park, Broadneck High Schools), pre-school vision screening program, youth programs and many other projects. Please consider purchasing some fruit to help support these programs.

We sell fresh Florida fruit straight from the tree to you, no color added or gas treatment. Our supplier, H&S Citrus, obtains mature fruit "spot picked" from the trees. The fruit is packed just days before it is delivered to us at Severna Park High School (please note: January pick-up is at Severna Park Baptist Church).

Research shows citrus fruit can promote a healthy heart, lower cholesterol, significantly reduce the risk of stroke and ease the severity of colds and flu.

On sale day, when you arrive between 8am to 1pm at Severna Park High School, we will load your fruit directly into your vehicle, no need for you to even get out of your car! NOTE: After 1pm all remaining fruit will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis until fruit is gone or when we close at 2pm

Please call Lion Dick at 410-544-1156 or you can email us to have your name placed on our customer list. We will mail or email you monthly reminders of the upcoming sales and the fruit available.

FYI:

2/5 bushel = 15-20 count (Grapefruit) or 24-40 count (Oranges, Tangelos)

4/5 bushel = 27-40 count (Grapefruit) or 40-80 count (Oranges, Tangelos)

JANUARY order by 16th, pick-up on 23rd

(Note: Pick-up at: Severna Park Baptist Church, 506 Benfield Blvd.)

Fruit Type	2/5 bushel	4/5 bushel
Red Seedless Grapefruit	\$17	\$30
Navel Oranges	\$16	\$29
Mixed (Oranges & Grapefruits)	\$18	
Honeybells (Tangelos)	\$22	

- Order by the 16th - Email us your order -

- Pick up on the 23rd -

FEBRUARY order by 20th, pick-up on 27th

Fruit Type	2/5 bushel	4/5 bushel
Red Seedless Grapefruit	\$17	\$30
Temple Oranges	\$17	
Mixed (Oranges & Grapefruits)	\$18	
Honey Murcott Tangerines - 8 lb bag		TBD

- Order by the 20th - Email us your order -

- Pick up on the 27th -

MARCH order by 20th, pick-up on 27th

(Last one of this season!)

Fruit Type	2/5 bushel	4/5 bushel
Red Seedless Grapefruit	\$17	\$30
Temple Oranges	\$17	
Mixed (Oranges & Grapefruits)	\$18	

- Order by the 20th - Email us your order -

- Pick up on the 27th -

(Due to weather conditions and fruit production problems - prices/availability of fruit is subject to change)

**Do you have Lions news,
photos or a story to
share?**

Please send them via email to Dave Knabel at:
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