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## Notice to Members

As required by the constitution and by-laws of the Severn River Lions Club, notice is hereby given that the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for 2014-2015 at the General Membership Meeting on March 4, 2014. Nominations from the floor will also be taken at this meeting. Voting for officers for 2014-2015 will take place at the regular meeting on March 18, 2014.

Due to the snow we have changed our night at Ledo's for this month (Jan) to Wednesday January 29, 2014.



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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **MD 22 Regional Lions Leadership Institute** will take place on April 4 and 5 at The Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury. There will be some changes from past Institutes as the result of the necessity to find a new venue. Probably the most significant change is that Wor-Wic is not open on Sunday. We will therefore have to modify our schedule in order to continue to provide Lions with the quality program to which they have become accustomed.

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## Multiple District 22 Convention

**The Council of Governors invite you, your club members and guests to attend the 92nd MD 22 Convention on May 12 - 15, 2014 in Ocean City, MD.**

**The Convention themes this year will be "*Follow Your Dream*" and "*The Fun Continues*". In the Convention booklet, you will find the material to order event tickets, arrange for hotel rooms, rent exhibit booths and pin trader tables, and register for the con-vention, golf tournament and miniature golf tournament. You can begin the convention playing in the golf tournament at the Bay Club (West) Golf Course on Monday, May 12, 2014 and end with the Victory Luncheon on Thursday, May 15, 2014.**

## LVRV RALLY

Friday, April 25;-- Save the date for our district's first annual rally for the LVRV and the Lions Low Vision Center. This is an opportunity to learn first-hand about your role and what the professionals at Wilmer and the Lions Low Vision Center are doing. We have planned an informative and entertaining speaker, good catered buffet, and great fellowship. This is not a fund raiser but donations will be accepted. Please plan to learn more about your program at Wilmer. More and more people are being diagnosed with low vision and Lions and Wilmer are leading the world in this research. All clubs are invited to send their members and make reservations through your zone chairs by April 19. The cost is \$30 and the location is the American Legion, Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park. Invite your friends and neighbors. This could be a recruiting opportunity and an opportunity for some well-deserved PR. April 25 will be here before we know it. Mark the date on your calendar and get your reservations in to the zone chairs..

## Annual Peace Poster Contest

Eight Lions, Dick Bloomquist, Jackie Hetrick, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, Catherine Violette, and Ollie Wittig were drafted to be the judges for the annual Peace Poster contest on December 1. The judges assembled at the Health Center building and were given directions by coordinator Catherine. This year's theme, *Our World, Our Future*, drew nearly eighty entries from the students at Severn River Middle School and Magothy River Middle School. And the judges initially reviewed all the entries and narrowed the field down to seventeen semi-finalists. These posters were displayed on the tables and judges walked around to view the art works and make a final decision. After review and careful consideration of how the students interpreted the theme artistically a vote was taken to select the three finalists. The judges votes were tallied and first place winner from SRLC was Ellisa Smith. Two honorable mention selectees, Breda Vinga and Elin Fan, from Severn River Middle and Paris Sistilli from Magothy River Middle were selected. The winner will receive a savings bond from the Lions and the runner ups a smaller prize.

But it wasn't over yet! Next Catherine laid out winners from three other Lions clubs, Aberdeen, Eastern Regional, and Fallston, for review and the judges went back to work. After some deliberation the judges selected the SRLC poster as the District finalist. Unfortunately our Severn River Middle School poster did not win the District Contest.

The judges were in agreement that the students displayed considerable artistic talent and creativity in crafting posters that fit this year's theme and the task of pick-





## Severn River Lions Judge the Pack 688 Pinewood Derby

For the eighth year Severn River Lions were invited to help at Cub Scout pack 688's annual Pinewood Derby. The call went out and seven Lions responded and were at Shipley's Choice Elementary School on Saturday, January 11. Dick Bloomquist, Carl Gilbert, David Knabel, Randy Roberts, Dale Strait, Jon Valet, and Ollie Wittig, all wearing Lions shirts and hats arrived promptly at 9:00 am for the event. Parents and Cub Scouts had used kits to design racing cars that fit one of the themes of the Derby-most patriotic, unusual, futuristic, fastest, antique, animal, colorful, sports, and Cub Scout. About forty Derby cars were lined up and the Lions began looking at the entries. Lots of creativity and originality were on display and the Lions judges had to carefully look at all entries and some compromising was needed to select a finalist in each category. The winners in each category were announced and a prize certificate was awarded to the Cub Scout entry. Then the race was on! Four cars at a time were placed on the electronic track and the race began. The cars zipped down the track and across the finish line. The results were available immediately on the track's electronic score board and posted for all to see. Hearty applause greeted each heat. The competition went on for about two hours and finalists were chosen for the Grand Prix event which concluded the race. In one corner several Lions manned the concession stand selling coffee, soda, doughnuts and snacks to the race goers. Several parents requested received information about SRLC and the fruit sales. The Cubmaster thanked the Lions for their help and we were given a round of applause. SRLC has been invited to assist with the bike rodeo in April and the Bridging ceremony in June-events that we have helped with in the past. As always it is an enjoyable experience interacting with the cubs and parents and we look forward tto the next event. Go Lions-"We Serve."





## **Santa Visits Severn River Lions Christmas Party**

The forty Lions and guests arriving at Café Bretton on December 3 were greeted by the friendly and attentive wait staff and directed to the tables which were decorated for the holiday occasion. For about an hour the revelers mingled and got reacquainted while enjoying the delicious appetizers that were on the nearby table. The announcement, “dinner is served” saw everyone find a table. Delicious tomato bisque soup whet the appetites and this course was followed by a crispy mixed salad. Party goers had the choice of beef, chicken, or salmon with vegetable sides and soon all that could be heard was the clinking of silverware as the food disappeared. Dessert finished off the excellent meal but the festivities were not over yet. The sound of sleigh bells got everyone’s attention and the jolly fat man arrived with gifts for all the party goers. Santa Chuck assisted by elves Dick Maurer and Ollie Wittig distributed gifts to the club officers and all the guests. The elaborate gifts helped recognize the member’s contribution to SRLC this past year. Even Santa was gifted with a tin of delicious cookies for his visit. King Lion Chris had a few announcements and his usual puns which got applause. KL Chris thanked the wait staff for the attentive service and the delicious meal which helped make the evening a truly festive occasion. Members agreed that this was a festive evening and we will be back next year. Merry Christmas to all!!







## December Fruit Sale—Not Much Left!!

If the dwindling stacks of citrus left on the pallets at the 1:00 pm closing of the December 21 sale is any indication then that day's sales was very successful and Lion Rhine will not have much to put in his garage for latecomers. Early arriving Lions retrieved the fork lift and awaited the big truck which did not arrive until about 7:10 am that morning. The crew, about a dozen Lions and six hardy band students got to work and assembled the booths, off loaded the truck, set up the citrus lines and prepared for the customers who began arriving about 8:00 am. Bill Z's "warming hut" was nearby and offered hot coffee and doughnuts and Christmas music for the workers. King Lion Chris did a good job persuading the weather man to bring good weather and before the sale ended the thermometer registered nearly 70 degrees- not bad for the first day of winter. For the next several hours a steady line of cars came to the stacks and the citrus was loaded and the customers were given a hearty "Merry Christmas." As late morning arrived Chef George Council and Soup Queen Nancy Burns offered delicious sandwiches and hot Maryland crab soup to the workers who expressed their appreciation. King Orange Carl deserves a hearty "thank you" for organizing the sale this month and all of the Lions who participated to make the season's largest sale a success. We will be back again on January 18 so mark your calendar and plan to come out for a day of service.



## Great January Fruit Sale -In Spite Of!

The possibility of not having a fork lift to unload the trailer and the serious threat of cold and snowy weather promised to dampen the January citrus sale but the “powers that be” prevailed and the sale was a success. The fork lift that is borrowed from Clements Hardware was in the shop for repair and the loaner lift was only available until 7:30 am. Fortunately the truck arrived very early and the large crew recruited by King Orange Carl had the order of about 1,500 cases of delicious navel oranges, ruby red grapefruit, and juicy honeybells off loaded and on the line by 7:00 am. King Lion Chris delivered on the promise of good weather and even though it was a brisk and breezy day the Lions managed. By 8:00 am the cars were lining up as the hardy band students assembled the booths and then the parade began. Customers visited the booths, paid for the fruit, and were given tickets to present at the citrus line. As the cars approached they were greeted, the citrus was loaded, the customers were thanked, and reminded of the next sale in February. Chuck Horne’s “warming hut” helped stave off the chill and the coffee and doughnuts were not bad either. The lines continued throughout the morning but near mid-day the call, “soups on” was given and the workers in shifts ventured inside to enjoy the delicious sandwiches offer by Chef George Council and hot and tasty soup provide by Chef Nancy Burns. By late morning the pallets of delicious citrus had dwindled to small stacks and there will not be much left for late comers. The crew who volunteered to help on this frosty day deserves a hearty round of applause for the effort which made the January citrus event a success. We will be back for the next sale on February 22 so mark your calendar.





## Harbour School LEO's Exceed Challenge, Donate and Visit Food Bank

The Harbour School LEO's were challenged by the SRLC to beat our collection of 118 cans and boxes of food for the needy. They conducted a food drive at the Harbour School and collected over 150 items which they donated to the Anne Arundel Food Bank. Lions Bill Zelenakas, SRLC Harbour School LEO Coordinator and Ken Tschantre, SRLC Food Bank Coordinator met Ms. Rosena Jordan, LEO Advisor and the LEO's with 'New Blue,' loaded the food and drove to the Food Bank at the old Crownsville Hospital Center. While there, the LEO's sorted their goods and helped sort hundreds of cans and boxes of other donated food. Before leaving, they were given a tour of the warehouse and its operations and were thanked profusely for their help. Having lost the challenge, we will treat them a well earned pizza party.



## Lions We Have Lost

The Severn River Lions Club was saddened by the loss of three long time members in 2013. Their service to the club and the community will be remembered and their contributions to Lionism will serve as an example for the active membership .Please keep these Lions in your thoughts.

**Joseph Hunter** became a Lion in 1975 and during his tenure with SRLC he served as Tail Twister, Director, Finance Committee member, Visitations, Membership chair, Fruit Sale coordinator, and Loan Closet manager. Joe joined Severn River in 1975 and continued as an Active member for 26 years. During his tenure Joe sponsored two new Lions. He had 20 years perfect attendance. In 2003 his health condition worsened and the club voted to extend Joe Life Membership and he continued in that until his demise.

**John- Jack- Randall** joined SRLC in 1972 and continued as a member for 41 years. As a Lion Jack served on the Safety Committee, Tail Twister, Membership Chair, Assistant Secretary, Director, Blood Donor Committee, Social Committee, and membership on the Severna Park health Association Board. Jack especially enjoyed being the “money collector” for the citrus sales and his wry humor while collecting added a laugh to the day. Jack rarely missed a club event and he achieved 25 years perfect attendance while a member.

**Jim Talentino** was a member of SRLC for 17 years and served the club as Program Chair, Visitations Coordinator, Assistant Secretary, LASH representative, Teen Court, Meals on Wheels, and Blood Drive coordinator. During his membership Jim had 2 years perfect attendance. Health issues necessitated Jim to become an Affiliate member in 2008 but he continued to participate in club activities as his health allowed.

We have been fortunate to have had Joe, Jack, and Jim as members and we can keep their memory alive by following the example they set during their time with Severn River Lions Club.

