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# Severn River Lions Club News



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## Letter From the King Lion

### King Lion Trent Kutsch

Time flies by and another year in Lionism has ended and a new one begins with the turnover of new Club Officers.

I just saw a video of the US Navy Presidential Drill Teams performance in Norway, and was amazed at the precision that it takes to be a winner. We have that precision-teamwork in our club. I see it all the time with the way everyone has worked and pulled together to achieve successful years of Community Service. I see our commitment today as we venture forward into this New Year. We all depend on each other for the timing and trust to do what it takes to ensure success in "We Serve."

We started this new year off with a new Community Project, assisting the Chamber of Commerce in cleaning up after the 4th of July Parade, bringing in two new members, one at the end of Past KL Jon's tenure (Lion Judith Morey and one new member for this Lion Year, (Lion Bill Stack). With this kind of enthusiasm, fortitude, and club precision, we will have another successful and great year.

We not only do community projects, fund raisers and other community service functions, we also have great social events to bring our fellowship as Lions to our families, friends and neighbors. Monthly dinners at Ledo's in Severna Park on the last Wednesday of the month, our annual Bay Sox night, our Lions Picnic, Christmas Party and other events throughout the year.

As your King Lion, I look forward to both leading and serving the Severn River Lions Club. I am proud of our achievements in the past and will work hard to support all future enterprises.

**KL Trent**



International Theme for 2010-2011  
"A Beacon of Hope"

## Turnover Time

Seven SRLC Lions (PDG Dick Bloomquist, Dick Maurer, PDG Bob Muchow, Nadja Muchow, Sue Parks, Dale Strait and Ollie Wittig) journeyed to Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant on June 18 for the annual District turnover meeting. A pre-event social period was followed by the traditional Lions opening ceremony where nearly one hundred Lions enjoyed a delicious buffet meal.

Outgoing District Governor, Senora Haywood, expressed her appreciation to the clubs and Lions for a successful year. Since July 2009 membership in 22-A grew by sixteen members, a new club, the Maryland Cycling for Sight Lions Club, was chartered, and several clubs were revitalized. Additional accomplishments included the implementation of the Lions Quest program in eight Baltimore City schools under the guidance of PDG Bloomquist and Muchow, and the continued expansion of the LEO club program. DG Senora thanked her cabinet for the support during the year and urged clubs to continue to support the incoming District Governor and cabinet this year.

DG Senora recognized and gave awards to forty Lions who served on various committees during the year. Nine clubs (Glenwood, Glen Burnie, Edgewood, Baltimore 40 West, Joppatowne, BelAir, Havre de Grace, Aberdeen Lioness, and South Anne Arundel) who attained membership growth of 5% or better were awarded a special trophy for this accomplishment.

To recognize the incoming District officers for 2010-2011, the leaders were introduced and received their nametags and pins. The traditional exchange of District property and the gavel presentation from DG Senora to incoming DG John S. Cullison commemorated the transfer of power for the coming year. Outgoing District Governor Senora again thanked all who had contributed the past year and urged members to continue their support for the incoming officers.

## We Cook, Therefore We Serve

About sixty Cub Scouts from Pack 688, parents and relatives gathered at Lake Waterford Park on June 5 for the Pack's annual bridging and awards program. A part of the program signifies the boy's advancement and walking over the bridge is a symbolic tradition in the program. The boys and parents gathered and the ceremony began.

On the sidelines a crew of Lions including: George Council, Carl Gilbert, Trent Kutsch, Bruce Schriener, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig, manned the large grill and prepared mass quantities of hamburgers and hot dogs for the soon to be arriving hungry Cub Scouts. Lions George and Dale manned the grill while the other Lions plated the rolls, added the meat, and served the grilled delicacies. A long line formed and the hamburgers, hot dogs, and the delicious dishes provided by the parents began to disappear as the hungry group filed by.

Several parents expressed their appreciation to the Lions for taking over the grilling which freed them to participate with their sons. Cubmaster John Dennison conveyed the Pack's appreciation and the Lions were given a round of applause and an invitation to come back next year.



# June 15th Turnover Meeting



Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors 2010 to 2011.



PDG Bill Malamphy.



Lions Jack Randall and Jon Valett.



PDG Malamphy and wife enjoying the Adams rib catering.



Jon Valett passes King Lion to Trent Kutsch.



Lion of the Year Ollie Wittig.



Jon Valett receiving Leadership Award.



Lion Ray Smith 46 Years Attendance.



Lion Chris Werth receives the Program Chair award.



Lion Sue Parks receives the Secretary award.

## Lions Greeting Lions

Saturday June 12 was a perfect day for cycling and three SRLC members were on hand at the health center near the Baltimore-Annapolis Trail to greet bike riders from the recently chartered Maryland Cycling for Sight Lions Club as they traveled north from the starting point at Boulter's Way near Annapolis. The Lions riders, Mike Layman and John Lambert planned to continue north on the trail to Glen Burnie before returning south to complete the thirty seven mile ride.

The Maryland Cycling for Sight Lions Club is a non-traditional club in that their meetings, dues paying, communicating, service activities, and fund raising are conducted on the PC, laptop, Blackberry, or iPhone.

Since being chartered in early May the Maryland Cycling for Sight Lions have already held two bike rides and two more are scheduled with others in the planning stages. Funds raised by the "Cyber Lions" so far have been dedicated to supporting a homeless shelter in Cecil County, funds for Hope for Haiti, and The Wilmer Eye Clinic. Membership is not confined to a specific service area and Mike Layman mentioned one member resides in Florida.

SRLC Lions Trent Kutsch, Jon Valett, and Ollie Wittig were on hand to greet the cyclists and offer cold water and snacks. During the half hour stop there were opportunities to talk and learn about the new club from the members and a tentative agreement for a joint ride with the club was mentioned and will be discussed with our club in the near future.

Individuals or clubs wishing to support the Cyber Lions may get information and make a pledge or donation by forwarding it to:

Mike Layman,  
3023 Pulaski Highway  
Edgewood, MD 21040

or by visiting the website,  
[LionsCyclingforSight.org](http://LionsCyclingforSight.org).



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## Lions Do A Good Turn With Health Center Cleanup

It had been some time since the outside area of the Severna Park Health Center building, where our board meetings are held, had received any outside maintenance and the building, gardens, and walkway had taken on a very untidy appearance. At a recent board meeting Lion Bill Zelenakas volunteered to get a crew to perform this much needed cleanup task.

On a warm and steamy July 19 morning the volunteer crew arrived at the center ready to work. Project Chief Bill Z. led the Lions in a walk around to decide what needed to be done. Before starting off, the crew was reminded that doughnuts and cold drinks were available. Soon the buzz of a chain saw and weed wackers could be heard around the building. Lions

Dick Bloomquist, Rollins Clark, Carl Gilbert, Bob Muchow, Bill O'Neil, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig began clipping the overgrown bushes and vines, hauling large branches and loading them on the trailer, clearing the walkway to the entrance, and raking smaller debris into trash bags. Walkers and cyclists on the nearby B & A Trail waved to the crew as they passed. The trailer was soon filled with the trimmings that would be hauled for recycling, the tools were loaded, and the sweaty crew sat on the boundary fence to rest and rehydrate after a job well done. Plans for future cleanup around the building were discussed and another good turn cleanup project at the Health Center may be in the works.

## Lions Answer the Call

The South County Senior Center put out a call for help at their health fair on July 20 and four Lions from Annapolis and Severn River responded to the request to provide vision and hearing screening to the residents. PDG Bill Malamphy and Dale Strait teamed to offer hearing screening using the District's audiometer testing device. Residents were fitted with headsets and the operators sent different tones at varying frequencies that helped measure the hearing levels of the residents. During the four hour session twenty one residents were screened

Lions Rollins Clark and Ollie Wittig manned the Titmus screener in an adjoining room and checked far and near vision with the device.

Residents were asked to read columns of letters that decreased in size with each eye then both eyes. The majority of those tested were wearing glasses or contact lenses and reported that they have regular eye examination by an ophthalmologist. Twenty one residents were tested during the session.

Several people tested mentioned that a family member was involved in Lions and nearly all expressed appreciation to the Lions for offering this free service. The testers enjoyed the opportunity to screen and interact with the seniors and are looking forward to being invited back again.

**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!*

**August 25th • September 22nd • October 27th**

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

## Happy Birthday USA

The Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce community parade was a great example of small town patriotism and SRLC once again took part in this annual event. Considerable preparation took place before the marchers stepped off from St. Martins at 10:00 am on Monday. Before decorating, the truck got a much needed bath on Saturday to remove the grime accumulated after several month's storage in the woods. The cleanup was accomplished on Friday and the truck sparkled. When the eight Lions decorators showed up on Sunday afternoon the truck was quickly festooned with red, white, and blue bunting and flags, rosettes, and pendants that listed the clubs many community services. After decorations were complete the decorators adjourned to the patio to refresh after their labors.

Parade day dawned bright and HOT with temperatures expected to approach 100°F that day. SRLC had a coveted line up spot, # 6 and did not have to march behind horses dropping "presents" or vintage autos spewing exhaust. The nearly two dozen Lions marchers began the 1.5 mile trek from St. Martins to Cypress Creek Park and along the route saw many friends seated comfortably under shade trees or canopies. KL Trent donned the Lions costume with its recently refurbished head and stood in the moon roof of Lion Joinette's car to wave and roar at the crowd. At the intersection of B&A Blvd. and Evergreen Road the announcer welcomed the Lions and mentioned our many community service activities which earned us a round of applause from the crowd.

After turning the final corner the Lions marched upgrade to Cypress Creek Park. There the Lions continued the tradition of handing out Popsicles to the weary marchers. To say that the icy treats were appreciated on this torrid day would be an understatement. For nearly two hours the Lions were available to give Popsicles to marchers of the nearly sixty units in this year's parade.



King Lion Trent, in the newly refurbished lion costume, waves to parade spectators.



SRLC Lions decorate the truck for parade duty.

At Cypress Creek Park, vendors and attractions welcomed marchers and watchers until 1pm. This year SRLC had been tasked with another community project and had been asked to assist with cleanup and trash removal from the park. The Lions quickly emptied the barrels, loaded them on Lion George's trailer, and transported the trash bags to the dumpsters at Kinder Farm Park.

Even though the weather man did not cooperate this year, the majority was in agreement that this had been another successful and fun event. A hearty "Thank You" to all the Lions who assisted with the truck cleanup and decorating, marching in the parade on a hot day, helping with Popsicle distribution, and assisting with the post event cleanup.

## Lions Rise, Shine, and Serve With Highway Cleanup

Neither the early 7:00 am starting time, 90°F plus temperature, nor the sweltering high humidity discouraged ten Lions who showed up at the Earleigh Heights Fire Hall on July 24 for the club's monthly cleanup along Ritchie Highway.

Chief Highway Engineer Rollins Clark provided his crew with delicious doughnuts then gave instructions on pick up protocol. The Lions team: Pete Geis, Carroll Hicks, Rhine Jager, David Knabel and his wife, Chandra, KL Trent Kutsch, Don Rayment, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig, donned bright florescent hats and vests, picked up large trash bags, and pickup sticks and tongs, then set out on the southern portion of Ritchie Highway below the fire station for which our club is responsible. Teams of two or three Lions carefully walked the shoulder of the highway and collected cans, bottles, cardboard containers, discarded bags of food, items of clothing, paper, and other detritus tossed by careless motorists. It took the crew about ninety minutes to clean the roadside and a dozen large trash bags were collected and deposited for pick up by state highway crews.

The highway cleanup is not one of the more glamorous activities done by SRLC, but our effort and the signs crediting our club with the cleanup that mark our boundary, tell the community the we care.

Following the cleanup several Lions adjourned to the newly open Breakfast Shoppe in Park Plaza for a delicious and filling breakfast before returning home.

Thanks Lions for another job well done. Hope to see more Lions at next month's cleanup!

## SWAT Cleanup Schedule

The following schedule is for the SWAT highway pick-up for Richie Hwy. Please be advised that dates may change do to other events. Please look for the sign-up sheet at our General Membership meetings.

**August 28, 2010**

**September 25, 2010**

**October 23, 2010 (if weather permits)**



SWAT volunteers at work keeping our community clean.

## Baysox Game A Hot Night in Bowie

Nearly two dozen Lions, friends, and family members braved the stifling pre-game temperatures of nearly 100°F at the Prince George's Stadium on July 24 to watch the Bowie Baysox take on the Richmond Flying Squirrel's. The Lions had choice upper reserved seats, just behind home plate, which offered a great view of the field. The Baysox mascot, Louie, made an appearance and greeted the fans much to the delight of the younger crowd. The usual pregame announcements were followed by a stirring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by a talented barbershop quartet and the game was underway.

The first inning displayed both team's talents but in the second inning the Baysox bats came alive and put four runs on the board including a long distance home run with a runner on base. Between innings the fans were entertained by a contingent of Star Wars characters, Darth Vader, and storm troopers in keeping with the evening's Star Wars theme. Attendees made repeated trips to the concessions to rehydrate or enjoy the chilled treats which helped in the heat.

The Baysox strong offense continued and the home team hitters put more runs on the board. Midway through the game the announcer recognized visiting groups including the Severn River Lions Club and reminded fans to check the score board which displayed our name. The Baysox played well offensively and defensively and at game's end the final tally on the scoreboard was Baysox -10 and Richmond-0.

But the fun wasn't over yet. A final "battle" between Star wars characters and a musical chairs race with several youngsters got the fans cheering. The announcer encouraged fans to count down for the fireworks and the stadium lights dimmed. The first rocket boomed and lighted the night sky. A twenty minute pyrotech-

nic display filled the sky with light, flashes, and thunderous booms which brought cheers from the audience. The finale, a barrage of rockets and mortars, lighted the sky and brought cheers from the appreciative fans who agreed that it was worth enduring the heat to see the stellar play on the field, the fireworks, and the opportunity the gather socially with fellow Lions and friends.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### AUGUST

- 8/3 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 8/10 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 8/17 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 8/25 Ledo's Pizza Night
- 8/28 SWAT Cleanup 7:00AM
- 8/31 22A Cabinet Meeting 6:30PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 9/7 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 9/14 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 9/21 Linstead Beach Picnic 6:30PM
- 9/22 Ledo's Pizza Night
- 9/22 to 9/25 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
- 9/25 SWAT Cleanup 7:00AM
- 9/28 WA General Meeting 6:00PM

### OCTOBER

- 10/5 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 10/11 Region I Mtg., Annapolis Elks 6:30PM
- 10/12 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 10/19 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 10/23 SWAT Cleanup 7:00AM
- 10/27 Ledo's Pizza Night
- 10/29 22A Cabinet Meeting 6:30PM

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### AUGUST

- Yvonne Jackson – 2
- Chris Werth – 3
- Rollins Clark – 7
- Mike Milord – 17
- Bill Meyers – 25
- Ollie Wittig – 26
- Milum Greene – 26

### SEPTEMBER

- John Randall – 2
- Ron Walters – 8
- Don Luce – 8
- Robert Bauman – 13
- Dave Knabel – 13
- Edward Taylor – 20
- Gordon Clement – 20
- Wayne Dudeck – 22
- Ray Smith – 22

### OCTOBER

- Jon Valett – 17
- Leanna Maurer – 17
- Clinton Wallace – 26

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share?**

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