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# Severn River Lions Club News



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SRLC and Cub Scout Pack 688 in the Severna Park July 4th Parade.

## Patriotic July 4th Parade

On Sunday, July 3 a group of patriotic and artistic Lions gathered to decorate the truck in preparation for the July 4 parade. The truck was festooned with red, white, and blue bunting, flags, and ribbons and banners listing SRLC's many community service activities, then the group adjourned to rehydrate after this strenuous effort in the summer heat.

On Independence Day the truck, driven by Carl Gilbert, joined the many floats, cars, and marchers at St. Martins Church at 9:00 am to line up for the parade. Marching Lions Bob Bauman, Dick Bloomquist, Carroll Hicks, Chuck Horne, Rhine Jager, Dale Strait and Ollie Wittig stepped off at 10:00 am for the walk along Benfield Boulevard to Evergreen Road and then to Cypress Creek Park. Hundreds of spectators lined the route and waved as the marchers passed. At the reviewing stand the announcer told the audience of SRLC's many community activities and got a round of



International Theme for 2011-2012  
"I Believe"

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King Lion Rollins Clark waves to the crowd as Cub Scout Pack 688 follows close behind.

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applause. The marchers finally turned the corner and the march ended at the park.

At Cypress Creek Park to greet the weary walkers were Lions Nancy Burns, Esther Johnson-Kerner, Dick Maurer, Bill O’Neil, Rick Stefany, and Bill Zelenakas who distributed frozen Popsicles. Nearly 1,800 of these frozen treats were distributed to an appreciative group.

After the community fair at Cypress Creek Park concluded at 1:00 pm several Lions made the rounds to the many trash barrels to collect the bags, load them on George Council’s trailer, and dispose of them at Kinder Farm Park.

The marchers, Popsicle distributors, and clean-up crew let the community know that SRLC takes our motto, “We Serve” very seriously.

**Lions — “We Serve”**



SRLC Lions and Cub Scout Pack 688 bikers on parade.



SRLC’s patriotically decorated truck.



Severn River Lions Club 2011-2012 officers.

## **SRLC Changing of the Guard**

On June 21 District Governor John Cullison visited SRLC to induct the officers for the 2011-2012 Lions year and to present awards to several deserving Lions. Immediately following an excellent meal DG John summoned the elected leaders forward and individually listed their responsibilities for the coming year. His remarks also included several compliments for the club's many worthwhile projects and contributions to the District.

Inducted to lead SRLC for the next year were President Rollins Clark, Vice Presidents Bill O'Neil, Nadja Muchow, and Chris Werth, Secretary and Assistant Secretary Dick Maurer and Nancy Earley, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Sue Parks and Dale Strait, Directors Bill Stack, Joinette

Smallwood, Carl Gilbert and Nancy Burns, Tail Twister Rhine Jager, Lion Tamer Ken Tschantre, Membership Ollie Wittig, and Immediate Past President Jon Valett. The new officers pledged to dedicate themselves to again make SRLC a premier club in the District.

On June 25 the officers and members convened to plan for the coming year, make committee assignments, and develop a plan to keep the club moving forward. Members have been asked to take on these responsibilities for the benefit of the community and the District and if past performance is an indicator "WE SERVE".

## Welcome New Lion Esther

On July 5 PDG Dick Bloomquist inducted the newest Lion into SRLC. Esther Johnson-Kerner, sponsored by Sue Parks, pledged to follow the Lions code and was presented a pin, certificate, and visor as testament to her membership. Esther was welcomed by all the attending members that evening.

Esther did not wait to be inducted to begin participating in club activities. She joined the crew that distributed Popsicles following the community July 4 parade the previous day. Esther said that she doesn't get along with boredom very well and has immersed herself in numerous activities and hobbies. She has expressed interest in getting involved with sight and hearing services, and preschool vision screening and she has already been drafted to serve on the LASH committee.

Esther is a native Marylander and was born in Baltimore and grew up in Parkville. Esther's son and daughter and six grandchildren live in the area and she is involved with them. Esther's professional career has included several stints at computer support positions at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Applied Physics Lab and she has tested software for related companies. Currently Esther is working with an agency in Carroll County that offers assistance and companionship to seniors as they adjust to aging.

In her "spare time" Esther enjoys knitting, wood working, computer searches, camping, and furthering her skills with classes at Anne Arundel Community College. Esther indicated that by joining Lions she will have new ways to be of service in the community.

SRLC welcomes new Lion Esther and we look forward to the opportunity to serve with her to benefit the community



Sponsor Sue Parks and new Lion Esther Johnson-Kerner.

## SRLC Perfect Attendance Recognized

On August 2 twenty-five Lions were recognized for perfect attendance as members of Severn River Lions Club and were presented certificates for this achievement. These Lions have set an example for all members to follow.

The honored Lions and their years of perfect attendance are listed:

<i>Dick Bloomquist-22,</i>	<i>Don Rayment-1</i>
<i>Nancy Burns-10,</i>	<i>Randy Roberts-12</i>
<i>Rollins Clark-9,</i>	<i>Bruce Schriener-2</i>
<i>George Councill-13</i>	<i>Bob Siska-3</i>
<i>Nancy Earley-1</i>	<i>Ray Smith-47</i>
<i>Carl Gilbert-1</i>	<i>Bill Stack-1</i>
<i>Chuck Horne-8</i>	<i>Dale Strait-16</i>
<i>Rhine Jager-22</i>	<i>Ken Tschantre-7</i>
<i>Dick Maurer-11</i>	<i>Jon Valett-7</i>
<i>Bob Muchow-27</i>	<i>Chris Werth-3</i>
<i>Nadja Muchow-1</i>	<i>Ollie Wittig-13</i>
<i>Bill O'Neil-10</i>	<i>Bill Zelenakas-18</i>
<i>Sue Parks-9</i>	

These lions have set the bar high for all members to follow.

# Severn River Lions Club Members Honored



Lion Sue Parks is the first in District 22-A to earn the District Governor's Sponsorship Pin.

## A First in District 22-A

Lion Sue Parks of the Severn River Lions Club became the first Lion in District 22-A to earn the coveted District Governor's Sponsorship pin for sponsoring a New Lion.

The attractive bronze pin and a congratulatory note from DG Owen Landis were presented to Sue Parks at the regular meeting on July 19.

New Lion Esther Johnson-Kerner, who was inducted into SRLC on July 5, was sponsored by Lion Sue Parks. Lion Esther has already become active in the club participating in the July 4 parade prior to her induction and also volunteered to serve on the LASH committee.

When KL Rollins made the presentation he challenged all members to follow Lion Sue's example and recruit New Lions for our organization.



SRLC received an Excellence in Effort Award which was accepted by King Lions Rollins Clark shown here with DG John Cullison.



Lion Bill Zelenakas receives an Achievement Award for District LEO Club Chairperson. Way to go Bill!

Lion Sue Parks receives a Letter of Commendation at the August 2nd meeting from Past International President Clement Kusiak.



Lion Ollie Wittig is awarded the International President's Award from Past International President Clement Kusiak.

## A Night At The Ballpark

On July 16 twenty four Lions, spouses, and friends journeyed to Prince George's Stadium for an exciting evening of baseball. That night the Bowie Baysox were hosting the Richmond Flying Squirrels but prior to the game Milkshake Concert offered some musical entertainment. There were also some pre-game antics by the many "superheroes" who dressed for the theme night game. Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman and others accompanied Louie, the Baysox mascot, around the park to the delight of the many young fans in attendance.

To get the evening off to a good start the honor guard from the Glen Burnie American Legion carried the flags onto the field and the choir from the Metropolitan United Methodist Church offered its rendition of the Star Spangle Banner. Then it was "play ball" as the opposing teams took the field. Baysox pitching in the first inning quickly sat the visitors down.

Richmond scored first with a long homerun into center but the Baysox came back with a three run homer to take the lead in the next inning. During the next several innings the teams traded great pitching, fielding, and some hitting which brought applause from the fans. The Baysox then went into "win mode" in the late innings and put six more runs on the scoreboard to end the game with a Bowie victory by a score of 9 to 2.

But the evening wasn't over yet! Several contests between costumed Sumo wrestlers and superheroes garnered applause. Then the lights dimmed and the countdown began. The first boom and sparkle of the evening's fireworks filled the sky and for the next fifteen minutes fans were treated to a noisy, colorful pyrotechnic display that brought appreciative applause. Mother Nature even cooperated that night and provided comfortable temperatures once the sun dipped behind the clouds.

Lions Night at the Baysox was a fun event for all in attendance so watch out for next year.



Bowie Baysox take on the Richmond Flying Squirrels.



SRLC members were treated to an exciting game.



The game was great fun for all attendees.

## Severn River Lions Club Membership Goals 2011-2012

The Membership-Retention committee met on August 9, 2011 and is proposing the following specific goals for this Lion's year. The goals were approved by the Board on August 16, 2011.

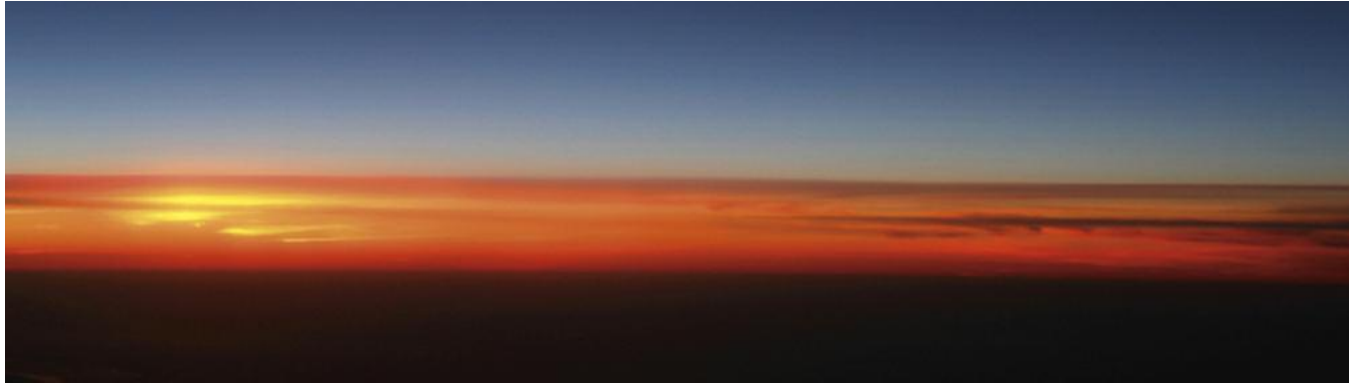
- ◆ Prepare and distribute a New Member Recruitment sheet to all members. This is to be used to assist with recruiting prospective New Lions
- ◆ Recruit at least ten percent -10%- new members during 2011-2012.
- ◆ Emphasize recruitment of women, younger prospects, and spouses and have programs that appeal to these groups.
- ◆ Continue the Buddy Plan and have the "Buddy" make frequent contacts with Affiliate and Members at Large to encourage attendance at meetings and participation in club events. Offer them a "ride share" to meetings.
- ◆ Develop and publish a Membership Fact Sheet for distribution at citrus sales, club events, and public locations to inform prospective members about SRLC and encourage members to use the Free Dinner Card as a recruitment incentive.
- ◆ Work with the Publicity Committee to publicize SRLC events and services in the local media. Articles should include information about meetings, a contact name and number, and links to the SRLC website.
- ◆ Recognize and reward members who recruit new members. Acquaint members with the District's recruitment incentive awards.
- ◆ Implement a mentorship program for all New Lions to help get them actively involved as participating members.
- ◆ Distribute the Member Prospect form to all members and encourage them to recruit family, friends, co-workers, neighbors. Prepare a Prospect List and follow up with personal contacts.
- ◆ Schedule a Bring A Friend Night in October and invite prospective members to attend and learn about SRLC. The format will be informal and interactive and will include displays, slide shows and information about the club's many service activities.
- ◆ Plan and present a visible joint community service project with another civic group to help publicize Lions.

**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 24th • September 28th • October 26th • November 23rd**

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



## Route 2 Promenade With Purpose

Neither the early 7:00 am start or the semi-darkness could discourage six hearty Lions who showed up at the Earleigh Heights Fire Hall on August 13 for the monthly SWAT cleanup along Ritchie Highway.

Chief Highway Engineer Rollins Clark offered delicious croissants to the crew and then issued bright vest, hats, trash bags, and pick-up sticks to Lions Carroll Hicks, Rhine Jager, Ray Smith, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig.

Engineer Rollins explained that today's route was the section between Rt. 10 south to below Pasadena Road and he reminded the team to "walk safely."

In teams of two the Lions set off to retrieve the trash tossed by careless motorists. Some of the "treasures" found today included a collection of

empty whiskey and beer bottles, an assortment of lunch bags, soda cans and bottles, a slightly used tee shirt, part of a fender and reflectors from a wrecked vehicle, and numerous empty cigarette packs.



About eight bags of refuse were collected in less than an hour and the bags were placed for pickup by State Road crews later.

At several intersections drivers in passing cars acknowledged the Lions for a "job well done."

If you enjoy an early morning stroll for a good cause then consider joining the SRLC SWAT team next month. In addition to doing a good turn it is interesting seeing sections of Ritchie Highway that you would not notice when passing by in the car. Join the team next month and remember "We Serve."

## ADOPT A HIGHWAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

The following dates are for the remaining Adopt a Highway pick-up for 2011. These are tentative date and may change due to uncontrolled circumstances.

**September 10th at 7:30 AM**

**October 15th 8:00 AM (daylight hours are shorter)**



## What is a Melvin Jones Fellowship?

That question is best answered in terms of individuals whose lives have been enriched by humanitarian projects. Projects made possible by donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program.

The fellowship, which was created in 1973, takes its name from the founder of Lions Clubs International (LCI), Melvin Jones. It is an honor—not an award. The Fellowship was established as LCIF's highest form of recognition to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian service.



- ◆ Fellowship donations are largely responsible for successfully launching the Lions' aggressive global attack on preventable and curable blindness—the LCIF SightFirst program.
- ◆ Fellowship donations, combined with other unrestricted gifts, provide funding for constructing and equipping medical facilities. These projects are often designed to benefit disadvantaged and underserved populations.
- ◆ Fellowship donations support vocational assistance programs that teach skills for disabled persons, giving them an opportunity to live productively and independently.
- ◆ Fellowship donations help fund reconstruction projects following major disasters.
- ◆ Fellowship donations have been used to provide homes for children with special needs and homes for the elderly.
- ◆ and the list of humanitarian projects goes on...

### Individuals become Melvin Jones Fellows in several ways:

- ◆ When any individual Lions Club, or district donates \$1,000 to LCIF for a Melvin Jones Fellowship, an inscribed plaque and a lapel pin are presented to the specified individual. It is not a requirement that the humanitarian so honored be a Lion. Donations must be identified as applying toward a Melvin Jones fellowship at the time they are submitted.
- ◆ Any individual Lions Club, or district may choose to donate unrestricted funds in increments of at least \$100, over a five year period. When contributions total \$1000, an individual named by the donor(s) becomes a Melvin Jones Fellow.
- ◆ For a gift of \$1000, a Melvin Jones Fellowship may be given to honor the memory of a deceased individual. When a fellowship is registered posthumously, LCIF sends an appropriate plaque in the deceased's name, and a lapel pin, to the individual designated to receive them, usually a family member.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check our web calendar for updates at:  
<http://my.calendars.net/srlc>

### AUGUST

- 8/24 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM
- 8/26 Full Cabinet Meeting 6:00PM
- 8/27 State Vision Screening 10AM - 8PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 9/6 Picnic 6:30PM
- 9/10 Adopt-A-Highway 7:30AM
- 9/13 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 9/20 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 9/22 - 9/24 USA/Canada Forum
- 9/26 Region I Meeting 6 - 8:00PM
- 9/28 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

### OCTOBER

- 10/4 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 10/5 LASH General Meeting 6 - 8:00PM
- 10/15 LASH Eyeglass Sorting 8:00AM
- 10/18 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 10/26 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

### NOVEMBER

- 11/12 District Social 6:00PM
- 11/15 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 11/19 First Fruit Sale 8:00AM
- 11/23 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### AUGUST

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

### SEPTEMBER

- John Randall – 2
- Don Luce – 8
- Robert Bauman – 13
- Dave Knabel – 13
- Gordon Clement – 20
- Ray Smith – 22

### OCTOBER

- Jon Valett – 17
- Clinton Wallace – 26



Severna Park High School student Alex Pipesh received a \$1000 scholarship from SRLC. The check is presented by King Lion Rollins Clark and District 22-A Governor John S. Cullison at the June 21st meeting.