

# SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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I, Jackie Hetrick, King Lion, value the club for its Non Profit values. "We Serve". The foundation and purpose of what we do.

As the president of our local chapter, I will work on my self-confidence. I will be responsible and show good judgment. In addition, I will work at problem solving, setting goals and serving others.

The fundamentals will be continued, Peace Poster, Ear and Eye screenings, glasses and hearing aid distribution.

I will be hopeful our team of Lions continues to support our education system to help develop our youth. This includes the boy scouts, band students and high school students.

In addition, I aspire to expand our efforts to the pain and suffering of the children less fortunate and of our service members coming home from war. Our service projects and fund raisers will be there to be friend raisers as well as fund raisers.

I aim to introduce new ideas. The different programs, will take us in new directions. I will work to have comprehensive material covering the Service Projects and Fund Raising information to distribute.

We will continue to learn the social media platform. It will be Social Media -Education 101. I will be the first student. We will need (HELP) in our fund raising efforts, to expand awareness to family and friends, asking for their support and participation.

So please talk about the program to all that will listen. I will be counting on, The Public Relations Team for their continued support. Thank you.

Yours in Lionism. Your Kind Hearted,  
King Lion Jackie

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## Fearless Leaders For 2018

On June 20 DG Chuck Egender inducted the Lions who will lead the club next year. He also provided a “job description” for each position and encouraged the Lions to continue to serve the club to keep SRLC as one of the premier clubs in the District. Officer training will also be provided but several of the electees have considerable experience in their positions. Serving and leading SRLC next year will be King Lion Jackie Hetrick, 1VP Chuck Horne, 2VP Chris Werth, 3VP Jon Valet, 2 Yr Directors Catherine Violette and George Council, Jr., 1 Yr Directors Ollie Wittig and Jim Coolbaugh, Tail Twister Suzette Kettenhofen, Lion Tamer Tilghman Brice, Treasurer Sue Parks, Asst Treasurer Bruce Schriener, Secretary Dick Maurer, Asst. Secretary Carl Gilbert, Membership Joinette Small wood, and IPP Joinette Smallwood. After the swearing in ceremony the newly elected received a hearty round of applause and the promise to make an effort to help SRLC live up to the motto, We Serve.  
Go Lions

## Welcome to SRLC

At the June 20 meeting we welcomed two new members to become Lions. DG Chuck Egender inducted Sherri and Chris Parks and challenged them to become active members of SRLC which he described as one of the premier clubs in District 22-A. Their sponsor, Lion Sue Parks, will guide them as they begin their tenure with our club. We are looking forward to having them as active members of SRLC and welcome Sherri and Chris to take part in the club's many beneficial projects.



# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

## 100th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO, USA

### IS IN THE HISTORY BOOKS!



An incredible event from start (the Parade of Nations) to finish (new International President Naresh Aggarwal and DGEs sworn in). We were welcomed back to Chicago where it all started with Melvin Jones in 1917. Five very full days included 30,000 Lions from around the world, Plenary Sessions with keynote speakers such as Al Gore on global warming, former UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon stressing the importance of international relations, and Patti LaBelle who spoke on how diabetes has impacted her life and then performed a few numbers. These sessions were fun with raffles thrown in (I didn't win anything) and entertainment including the Beach Boys, the American English (Beatles), Blues Brothers Revue, David Archuleta (American Idol runner-up), the Charlie Daniels Band, the amazing African Children's Choir, and the band *Chicago* to top it all off. Sheila LoCastro from West Arundel and I teamed up to share expenses and managed to get in a tour of International Headquarters before heading back to the airport for our July 4th flight (didn't see any fireworks but perhaps too exhausted to notice).

And even with the crowds, I managed to bump into Lion George Jenkins (former SRLC member and my sponsor, now PDG in Summerville SC, and his wife, Lion Dianne). They send their regards to all their friends in Maryland.



One of the grand prizes - others included a Harley Davidson motorcycle and registration airfare etc to the 101st International Convention in Las Vegas.

International Convention continued:

Peace Posters were on display including this one by  
the grand prize winner

2016-17 "A Celebration Of Peace"

Lakkana Meepara, 13 years old, Thailand



And a side trip to International Headquarters:



Lions Sheila LoCastro and Sue Parks in front of headquarters



International President's Office



Melvin Jones statue  
in front of  
headquarters building  
and office display



## **Lions Plan For Next Year**

**On Saturday, June 24 sixteen Lions convened at the Health Center to lay out plans for SRLC for the next Lions year. A table filled with delicious bagels, muffins, fresh fruit, coffee, and soda helped to energize the group and then “the gavel came down” and King Lion Jackie Hetrick called the meeting to order. She distributed an agenda which listed the topics that would be discussed this morning and Lions got down to business. Topics on the agenda were numerous and varied but provided a sense of where our club will be going in the coming year. KL Jackie presented her mission statement and offered explanations. The calendar for the coming Lions year was an initial item and a tentative list of meetings was decided. KL Jackie announced several awards the SRLC had received and these show how active and energetic the club has been. Club service projects, some that the club currently does and several new projects that can be considered for implementation and continuation were discussed. Possibilities included Save the Children, Wounded Warriors, Vision screening and food drive at Annapolis Lighthouse. The next topic was fundraising and the list of current fundraising activities was brought up and included a possible joint bull roast with other Lions clubs. Past KL Joinette reported that the million penny drive had been profitable and over \$3,000 had been donated. Several online fund raising activities were presented and will be on the agenda at a future Board meeting. The club’s continued participation in fund raising at LEDOs was discussed and will be on a Board agenda. Lions Jon Valett and Carl Gilbert will chair the fruit sales again this year and they reported that they are working with the supplier on possible delivery dates. Whether the sales location this year will be located at Severna Park HS or the Baptist Church was discussed and more information on possible venues will be brought up soon. Publicizing the club’s numerous activities was discussed and options including publicity in local newspapers, brochures distributed at fruit sales, and a variety of public announcements will be considered in the near future. The current protocol for the scholarship program which offers assistance to students at Severna Park, Broadneck High Schools, and Anne Arundel Community College will be reviewed in the near future to determine if the current procedures will continue. KL Jackie thanked attendees for the active participation and input and we are looking forward to another productive year.**

## 2016 – 2017 DONATIONS

Severn River recovered well this year after having a disappointing 2015 – 2016. With net income of just under \$20,000 from our fruit sales and penny challenge, we were able to make the following donations:

American Legion Post 175	\$ 500.00
Severna Park Health Association	\$ 600.00
Hospice of the Chesapeake	\$ 500.00
Meals on Wheels	\$ 500.00
Partners in Care	\$ 500.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation (Melvin Jones)	\$ 2,000.00
Lions Saving Kids Sight	\$ 500.00
AA County Back to School Fund	\$ 500.00
Boy Scouts Handicapped Troop 216	\$ 250.00
Cub Scouts Pack 688	\$ 100.00
HOBY Maryland	\$ 250.00
LEOs	\$ 200.00
Lions Camp Merrick (Diabetes Camp)	\$ 1,000.00
AACC Foundation Marcous/Council Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00
Severna Park & Broadneck High School Scholarships	\$ 6,500.00
Severna Park High School Band Trophies	\$ 1,000.00
Severna Park High School Band Kids – Fruit Sale Help	\$ 500.00
LASH General & Hearing Aids	\$ 1,000.00
Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$ 1,000.00
Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF)	\$ 1,000.00
LVRF - LOVRNET	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$20,400.00

## **.Lions Who Didn't Miss**

**Outgoing King Lion presented certificates to Lions who have had perfect attendance during their tenure in SRLC. The years of perfect attendance at meetings and club functions are impressive and deserve to be shared. Listed are the names of the perfect attending Lions and the number of years they have not missed a session.**

**Dick Bloomquist-28, Tilghman Brice- 4, Rollins Clark-15, Jim Coolbaugh-1, George Council-19, Nancy Earley-7, Carl Gilbert-7, Jackie Hetrick-2, Chuck Horne-12, Dick Maurer -17, Bill O'Neil-16, Susan Parks-15, Don Rayment-7, Joinette Smallwood-6, Ray Smith-53, Bill Stack-7, Ken Tschantre-13, Jon Valett-13, Catherine Violette-4, Christopher Werth-9, Ollie Wittig-19, Bill Zelenakas- 24.**

**These Lions have provided a model that all members can follow during their tenure with SRLC**

## **Lions Recognized**

**DG Chuck Egender complimented Severn River as one of the most productive in the District during his talk on June 20. DG Chuck presented certificates to Secretary Dick Maurer, Treasurer Sue Parks, and newsletter editor Bill O'Neil for the exceptional job that they have done this Lions year. He stated that the contributions made by these Lions was outstanding in the District and encouraged all members to follow their example. The awardees received a hearty and well deserved round of applause from the other members.**



**A special certificate was presented to**

**Lion Ray Smith**

**for 53 years of Perfect Attendance**





## Lions Cook For The Pack

**On Saturday, June 10 Lions Tilghman Brice, George Council. Jackie Hetrick, Carl Gilbert, Clem Kusiak , and Bill Zelenakas wearing colorful SRLC aprons journeyed to Lake Waterford Park for Cub Scout Pack 688's annual Bridging Ceremony to celebrate the older boys "graduation" from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. For at least eight years Severn River Lions have been invited to man the grill so that the parents would be available to take part in the ceremony with their sons. It was a pleasant and sunny day when the Lions arrived and wheeled George's big grill to the Blue Jay Pavillion. As the ceremony began at the park bridge the Lions chefs began grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for the crowd that was expected to return soon. Stacks of delicious burgers and hot dogs were ready when the Cub Scouts and parents returned to the pavilion. The lines formed and the food began to disappear. Pack leaders thanked the Lions for doing the cooking and promised to invite us back again next year. In addition to the Bridging ceremony SRLC also helps the Pack with the bike rodeo and water slide event. Pack 688 is one of the most active units in the local Scout district and it has been a pleasure to assist them over the years.**





## Great Day For A Parade

**The 2017 Severna Park Independence Day Parade on July 4 was provided great weather as participants gathered at St. Martins Church to line up for this annual event. This year SRLC and our Cub Scout Pack were able to line up at the beginning of the march. Lion Rollins piloted the big truck and Lion Pete Geis drove his convertible which transported KL**

**Jackie, in costume, down Benfield Rd along the parade route. The parade began promptly at 10:00 am but the first arrives didn't get to Popsicle Place for about forty five minutes. Lions Dick Bloomquist, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil. Don Rayment, Bill Stack, Catherine Violette. Chris Werth and Ollie Wittig were stationed at the**



**park and ride to hand out the popsicles to the weary marchers as they "crossed the finish line. For the next two hour Lions along the roadside gave popsicles to the marchers and the Lions were given a hearty "thank you" from the marchers. This year's parade included a large cadre of classic autoes which pulled into the parking lot so onlookers could check them out several local high bands, private**

**music groups, , a variety of club groups, and a number of local politicians. For two hours the "Popsicle Pitchers" handed out the cool treats and before the parade's end the last box of popsicles was distributed. Again this year the parade was a success and Lions had a chance to take part and we will return next year. At about 12:30 pm Lions departed for home to celebrate July 4 with family and friends.**







Lion Pete Geis



**The 3rd Annual Lions Day on the Hill was held May 24, 2017.**

**This years agenda talking points with Senators and Representative: Facts about LCI and LCIF,**

**Maryland's Fact sheet (see attached), the Volunteer Organization Protection Act (VPA) - HR 2432, LCI's Diabetes and Lions Quest Program.**

**Emphasis was place on seeking our Senators and Representatives to sign onto HR 2432. The bill would amend the VPA of 1997 by protecting volunteer organizations from being held "vicariously" liable when the organization had nothing to do with an event that caused harm.**

**Jeanne and Clem Kusiak visited the offices of the following Representatives - Anthony Brown, Dutch Ruppersberger, Andy Harris, John Delaney, John Sarbanes, Jamie Raskin and Senators - Chris Van Hollen and Ben Carden. Interaction went well with a positive message from each office recognizing the need for change.**



**For the a reception ws held by inviting members of Congress and or their staff thanking them for their support of Lions. Attendees were Senators: Jerry Moran (R- KS),Ron Paul (R-KY), Mike Enzi 9R-WY) and John Boozman (R-AR). Each Senator addressed our group of Lions from across the USA, giving support for what we due as humanitarians s.**

**In the attached photo is Senator Van Hollen with Lions Jeanne and PID Clem**

## **MEMBERSHIP RETENTION PLAN**

**In preparing for a Membership Summit in Multiple District 22, brainstorming sessions were held. Districts 22B and 22D conducted joint sessions, 22A and 22C conducted a joint session, and 22W conducted a session. Ideas from these brainstorming sessions addressed retention of existing Lions and attracting/recruiting potential Lions. Compiled ideas from the various sessions were categorized under different main objectives. These were presented at the first membership retreat of forty Lions from Districts 22A, 22C, and 22W. They reviewed the ideas and developed the action plans . These action plans can be used by any club to implement the retention or recruiting ideas. For a copy of the Action Plans contact Lion Bill O willy.o@cablespeed.com**



Turnover king Lions Joinette and Jackie



Lion Rollins Clark



Dinner at the American Legion hall

