

# SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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July 2019 SRLC Newsletter

## Lions Leaders Inducted

District Governor Angela Bruce and her husband PDG Bob were in attendance and tasked with inducting leaders of SRLC for the coming Lions Year. The candidates were called forward and greeted by the District Governor. Serving SRLC in the coming year are King Lion Suzette Kettenhofen, VP Chris Werth, Secretary Carl Gilbert, Asst. Secretary Dick Maurer, Treasurer Sue Parks, Directors Jim Coolbaugh, Nancy Earley, Lillian McGraw, and Jon Valet, Lion Tamer Tilghman Brice, Board member Chuck Horne, and Membership Chair Joinette Smallwood. As each officer was announced DG Bruce had them pledge to do a good job in office this lions year. The officer induction ended with a hearty round of applause from the members who also promised to dedicate service to SRLC this year and our Lions activities. Go SRLC!

Hello Severn River Lions,

Boy have we have had a busy 30 days!

First - Our Club Retreat was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June where among other things the club board decided to change our meeting format (at least for the next few months) to having only one General Meeting and having our Board Meetings separate from our General Meetings so we can offer more Guest Speakers and Programs. This means our Board Meetings now will be held each 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7 pm at the Severna Park Health Center, 714 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD 21146 and our Dinner/General Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:59 pm at the American Legion Post 175, 832 Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park, MD 21146.

Second – Our Club once again participated in the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Severna Park Fourth of July Parade, holding the 10<sup>th</sup> float spot so we were right upfront. It was a very hot and sunny day (before the storm hit) and those popsicles at the end were greatly appreciated by all the parade participants. Thank you all who participated and Lion Jackie for driving the Convertible and Intermediate Past President Chuck for driving the Lion Truck.

Third – During our General Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> our Club heard a report from PIP Clem Kusiak on the International Convention and then SRLC presented a check to our Severna Park High School sponsorship winner Ms. Mackenzie Davis, who along with her parents came to our July meeting to thank our club and talk about her future plans.

Fourth - On what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year so far, on Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> the club watched right behind home plate in Section 202 as the Bowie Baysox took on the Altoona Curve winning 7-6, Lion Tiffany was able to get the club a promotion deal where any tickets bought through our special Groupmatics link earned our SRLC Foundation a \$5 per ticket donation.

Fifth – The Membership Committee sat down on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, lead by Membership chair Lion Joinette, we reviewed, discussed and updated our club Membership Plan which is due to the District Governor in September. Our Plan will be presented to the board on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

And lastly our Severna Park Ledos Pizza held our Severn River Lions night on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Whew, August looks busy for us as well. We Serve! King Lion Suzette

## Scholarship Winner Mackenzie Davis

As exclusive as high school might seem, putting forth effort to create a welcoming community for those around me that also fit me was a large part in my accomplishments throughout the past four years. My goals for college are very long and require much persistence, but I trust myself to complete them without struggle. Receiving an education is my highest priority as a young person, provided it will kick start my path and lead me to live a fortunate life. I am going to spend as long as it takes to complete undergraduate along with medical schooling to earn a doctorate degree in psychiatry, with a specialization in schizophrenia. With this qualification under my belt, it will be easier to make a difference in the world of mental health. I want to not only help those who are suffering, but also fix laws that restrict these people from getting the help they need. Specifically, laws that prevent the mentally ill from getting hospitalized against their will, because sometimes it becomes necessary for their survival.



I hope to also travel while I have time. The world has so much beauty to offer and I would be selfish if I didn't take advantage of it. I would love to study abroad at some point in my college career, because that would allow me to learn even more about other cultures and just the world itself. It's important to me to have a good foundation in order to be able to support my family in the ways I see fit. Attending school will and has acted as a sort of domino effect in the process of achieving my goals. It will further set me up with the support I need for a suitable job, and also give me real world experiences that will help in everyday life. I value learning in every aspect of its nature and truly cannot see my ambitions being accomplished without it. Over the past few years I have gained tremendous experience in leadership that will push me to excel in my journey. I have been a manager at the Park Deli for three years now which has forced me to develop better people skills while working with customers and other employees. I also participated in clubs such as Chick-fil-a Leadership Academy, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Key Club, Student Government, and Deca which promoted my ability to work with others and also taught me many valuable life lessons.

While volunteering at my local hospital through Chick-fil-a leadership academy I was greatly humbled by the sick children who didn't even want presents for Christmas, but only to get better. In a similar situation while enlisting my time at an assisted living I learned that sometimes company is the best gift you can give others, because those people who might be too old to live on their own don't always receive visitors.

Since my junior year I have been a part of National Honors Society, French Honors Society, Math Honors Society and Rho Kappa Honors Society. Within these honors societies I have offered my help tremendous amounts of times within my school, and each time I have become a new level of satisfied with what's been completed. I've also spent my senior year aiding in the counseling center and nannying for a family for three days a week after school. Being able to help others is something I'm very passionate about and will continue to do so not only throughout the rest of my high school career, but throughout the rest of my life.

## 2019 International Convention Report – Lion Clem

102 International Convent was held in Milan Italy.

Lion Jeanne Kusiak attend as a Severn River Lions Club Delegate. As a Lion with the position of Past International President I attended as Delegate representing Lions International.

### **Day One:**

This year's convention registration exceeded 20,000 with Lions from 205 Countries.

First day of the convention always begins with a Parade of Nations and International Show... The parade marched within the City of Milan with 154 Delegations. Multiple

District 22 Contingency of 60 marched 38<sup>th</sup>.

Entertainment during the International show was a musical variety consisting of 5 unique performance groups including Italian tenors, folk music, famous classical pieces.

### **Day Two:**

Opening Plenary Session – Presidential Address by President Gudrun Yng Va Dottir. Successes reported: 666 new Leo Clubs, 1,714 new Lions Clubs. Diabetes Service projects resulted in 30,000 Diabetes projects and 6.5 million people served.

Followed by a meet and greet with the LCI board and Past Presidents with keynote speaker Prime Minister Tony Blair. Mr. Blair's talk was a fire side sitting with British journalist Mr. Alastair Campbell.

Mr. Blairs talk related to Lions and their opportunity to support major domestic reforms throughout the world.

Following Mr. Blairs talk the Flag Ceremony was performed consisting of 214 Flags

followed by nominations for Third Vice President.

### **Day Three:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session Consisted of memorial Service and LCIF Update.

### **Day Four:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session featured Installation of our 2019 – 2020 International President Dr Jung – Yul Choi from Busan City, Republic of Korea (show program) the newly elected 17 International Directors representing the 7 constitution areas of Lions Clubs International and 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president Dr Pattie Hill. President Chois theme for the year is We Serve Through Diversity.

During the 4 days of the convention seminars are provided ranging from Club Project, Self-Improvement to Group Activities.

## Lions At The July 4 Parade

On the morning of July 4 thirteen Lions gathered at Cypress Creek Park to participate in the annual Severna Park Independence Day Parade. In addition to the clean and decorated SRLC truck driven by Chuck Horne in the parade other Lions would be tasked to giving popsicles to parade participants as they reached the “end of the line” at Cypress Creek Park, something that our club has done for about a decade. The weatherman cooperated for the parade and the day began as mild with some sun and Lions were able to locate in a shady patch on the parade route. About ninety five groups were set to march down Benfield Road to the park and the march began at 11:00 am. For the next ninety minutes a variety of community groups, fraternal organizations, classic cars and trucks, politicians, and church marchers traveled the route in an estimated two mile walk. As parade participants arrived at the park Lions gave out popsicles to help refresh the marchers and “thank you” could be heard. The police department was on hand to direct traffic since part of Cypress Creek Road was closed for the parade. As the parade neared the end the sky clouded over and rain was on the way but the weather held off until the parade concluded. This annual parade event is a tribute to the military and community participation and is looked forward to each year. Lions will plan to be back for the parade again next year.



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### Lions Get The Truck ready

On July 3 Lions Carl Gilbert, Chuck Horne, Dick Maurer, Ollie Wittig and host Janet Wittig were ready to get the SRLC truck clean and ready for the Independence Day parade. Lion Chuck delivered the truck and Lions went to work to clean off all the grime that was on the truck since the last bath. The truck was sprayed with water and the crew began the task of cleaning and getting it ready for the parade. The truck prep lasted about forty five minutes and the vehicle took on a clean and colorful appearance. The hardworking Lions then adjourned to the cool house to rehydrate after the hot job was complete. Lion Chuck will bring the truck to the parade lineup on the next day and the colorful red, white, and blue decorations will be placed to show viewers that we are patriotic. The annual parade has been a community event for many years and in addition to this Lions have passed out free Popsicles to marchers when they reach the finish line, a tradition that has earned many hearty thanks from the marchers as they cross the line. Marching in the parade is just one of the activities that SRLC does in the community and we expect to continue this tradition.



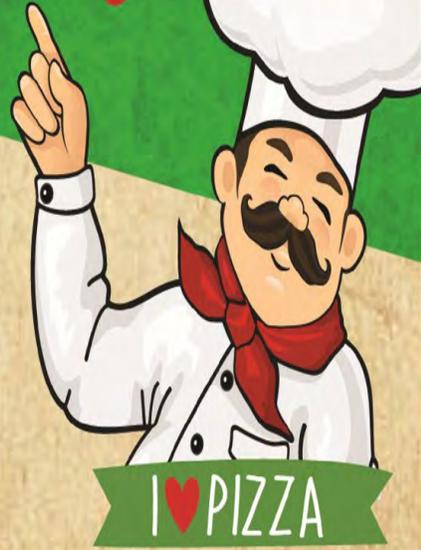
### Lions Gather For The Planning Retreat

On Saturday, June 29 a dozen energetic Lions gathered at the Health Building to discuss plans for the coming Lions year. A two page agenda indicated there would be a lot of discussion on nearly two dozen topics on the agenda such as positive and negative club points, community need assessment, constitution and by-law changes, committee roles, membership 4 year plan, budget, fundraising ideas, attendance rules, LCI events, District events and meetings, and club meetings and events. The participation by attendees covered all of the agenda items during the 90 minute meeting. Lions got to sip coffee, cold drinks, and delicious doughnuts during the meeting. Judging from the decisions made SRLC will have a busy and productive year this time and it promises to be a good Lions year.



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Severna Park, MD 21146

## When

Fourth Wednesday of every month

## Why

It helps Lions help those in need  
in your community.



the Severn River Lions Club

When you  
leave your register

Good morning LEDO Owners and Managers,

On behalf of the Severn River Lions please accept a personal thank you for allowing our members and their families for their participation during "Lions Day at LEDO" on Wednesday June 26.

I do want to say thank you to Bobby for her kindness and support. I felt Bobby made me part of the LEDO family. Also, The wait staff were very complementary and caring. A number of the staff as they left for the day said thank you for being present, especially as we offered balloons to children as they exited the restaurant.

All the best, Clem Kusiak, SRLC Member SRLC

