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Severn River Lions Club

1956 – 2006

President – King Lion Randy Roberts



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LION SUE PARKS**

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Greetings Fellow Lions,

The District 22 Convention has come and gone. The Severn River Lions Club ruled supreme at this event. We had marvelous participation with 9 members and 6 spouses attending this year.

Our own Lion Dick Bloomquist was unanimously elected as the next Vice District Governor of District 22-A. Congratulations, Lion Dick. You can count on your club for our continued support as you enter into this new area of service to Lions and our District.

Lion Dale Strait received the prestigious International President's Leadership Medal at the Multiple District dinner. This is the third highest award in Lions; only 40 are given each year in the U.S. Congratulations, Lion Dale, on a well-deserved recognition of your hard work in so many areas of service.

Our club was the only club in our District to qualify in every award category and one of only two who received the Achievement Award. We were recognized for: Achievement, Activities, LEHP, Bulletin, Public Relations, Scrapbook and Web Page. Congratulations to the whole club for the hard work it takes to produce these results and the club's dedication to service.

As usual, Lion Bill O'Neil garnered another 100% Treasurer Award. Congratulations to Lion Bill for sustaining his high level of excellence year after year and thank you for your service to our club.

Lion Jon Valett stepped up into the position of Secretary this year and with his willingness to learn and hard

work received the 100% Secretary Award. Congratulations and thank you, Lion Jon, for your valuable service to the club and me.

This was by no means the end of our excitement and pride in the club. The Scrapbook competition was a rough and tumble affair with a tie between SRLC and another club in the District. The tie was broken and our club emerged with the 1st Place Scrapbook for District 22-A. On to the Multiple District competition we go. Another tie, not so easily broken. Again, the SRLC Scrapbook wins and is presented the Multiple District 22 First Place for Lions and then the overall Grand Prize!

Lion Sue Parks worked extremely hard to document the club activities and events in this scrapbook. With all her other duties as Cabinet Secretary, 2nd Vice President, Newsletter editor (and don't forget her recent 50th Anniversary committee activities), she still put the time and energy into this Scrapbook that took it to Number One. Please take the time to congratulate Sue on a great Scrapbook and a great year.

It was a great pleasure attending the convention this year; I encourage all members to make an effort to attend the next convention.

Lion Ollie Wittig has come up with a wonderful concept for our 4th of July float. We still need some creative minds to help flesh out the details and make the float happen. If you want to get involved please talk to Lion Ollie.

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Our Turnover Meeting on June 20th will take place at the regular meeting location; American Legion post 175. District Governor Bill Malamphy will preside over the induction of the new Board. Many of the same hard-working, dedicated Lions will continue their work on the Board and some new members will join them. I am confident all club members will support the new Board and lift our club to new heights. While DG Bill is with us, he'll also induct some new West Anne Arundel Branch members.

I want to thank all the Board members that have worked so hard this past year. Every one of them made valuable contributions to the success of this Lion year. It was a pleasure serving as your King Lion during our 50th anniversary year.

Yours in Lionism, KL Randy



Lions Ollie, Bill, Randy, Rhine, and Dick cooking for the Scouts (likely story!)

We Cook – We Serve

Six Lions learned a valuable lesson on June 3rd. Don't be in the way when 60 hungry Cub Scouts are told that "the food is ready!" The stampede began, but fortunately SRLC chefs **Rhine Jager, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, Randy Roberts, Ollie Wittig** and delivery man **Ken Tschantre** had prepared well and the hamburgers and hot dogs were sizzling on the four grills and were ready for the hungry horde when they hiked up the hill from the ceremony.

The Lions assisted our Cub Scout Pack 688 at the annual Bridging Ceremony at Black Oak Pavilion at Kinder Park. The elite cooking crew, clad in red and blue SRLC aprons, cooked dozens of hamburgers and hot dogs and these quickly disappeared along with the appetizers, salads, and desserts that were part of the feast.

A number of Scout parents commented on the quality of the food and the fact that they could participate in their son's ceremony rather than man the grills as had been the practice in past years. This was a great opportunity to interact with the parents and acquaint them with the Severn River Lions Club. Retiring Cubmaster and SRLC member, Bob Bieri, was especially lavish with his praise for our contribution to the successful event and there is a strong possibility that we may be invited back again next year.

More from our 50th Gala Celebration



On April 29th during our celebration at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Severn River honored 3 new Melvin Jones Fellows. Pictured from left, IPIP Clem, Lions Joe McClellan and Chuck Horne, KL Randy, and DG Bill

Editor's Note: I ran this information in 2004, but I'm re-running for the benefit of our new members and a reminder to those who have been around awhile, from the International Website and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Application:

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 \$1,000, an individual named by the donor(s) becomes a Melvin Jones Fellow...
 - ◆ For a gift of \$1,000, 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.



JOINING FORCES TO BENEFIT KIDS PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING & CAMP BLAZE

On Saturday, May 6, 2006 at the Camp Blaze Children's Fair sponsored by Big Vanilla two veteran Lions Clubs, **South Anne Arundel and Severn River**, joined forces for the fourth year to offer preschool vision screening services to youngsters 18 months to 5 1/2 years of age. Preschool vision screening can help detect the amblyogenic factors which can affect up to 6% of this age group and alert parents that a potential eye disorder exists and professional eye care can be gotten. Using a special camera the Lions take pictures of the child's eyes. These pictures are read by eye care professionals at Vanderbilt University and each parent receives a report about the test results. Children with potential eye problems are noted as "Referred" and parents are urged to seek professional eye care. Lions follow up to see that this occurs.

South Anne Arundel Lions Paul Acito, Peter Bell, Audrey Mae McWilliams, Paula Pierson, and John Sesso joined with **Severn River Lions Colleen Benda, Bill O'Neil, Chuck Horne, Randy Roberts, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas** and screened thirty-six youngsters during the Children's Fair.

The preschool vision screening program is not only a valuable service to our communities, it is a great way to acquaint citizens with the excellent work that Lions do.

Camp Blaze, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established in 1992 with a mission to discover, develop, and implement programs to meet the ever-changing needs of families. Camp Blaze's purpose is to serve the community with constructive, experiential, and educational seminars, workshops, programs, and events that are central to making a difference in assisting parents raising children in today's culture. Our family programs have made an impact because we have pulled together area resources, networked and partnered with businesses, organizations, school and government personnel who all have a vested commitment to family's lives.

The Camp's primary mission is to provide programs in an environment to relieve families/children under stress, parents overwhelmed by today's concerns, and those who would benefit from the structure of a focus in priorities. We operate on a non-profit basis.

The annual Children's Fair is a central part of Camp Blaze's mission. We believe the success of our children requires strong and connected families linked to a family-focused community including the workplace, churches, government, education, recreation, and non-profit agencies. The Children's Fair is an effective way to spotlight the community's family-focused resource base.

The Children's Fair has been held the first Saturday of May for the past 19 years and is hosted at the Big Vanilla Athletic Club in Arnold, Maryland. This community outreach offers a time for family fun with hands-on educational, resource, and health exhibits that help make a difference in raising children today. The Fair has a special dimension in spotlighting Hometown Heroes, family, business, and civic leaders whose good deeds inspire us to do better, and whose love and actions help children to learn about their culture, to learn what is right and wrong, good and true and what is honorable.



South Anne Arundel Lions



Severn River Lions with one of their "victims"

**Draft Minutes of 5/9/06
Board of Directors Meeting
Severn River Lions Club
To Be Approved at 6/13/06 Board Meeting**



Attendees:

Board:

Colleen Benda	Nancy Burns	Oriey Glenn	Chuck Horne
Joe McClellan	Bill O'Neil	Sue Parks	Randy Roberts
Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett		

Other Members:

Dick Bloomquist	Milum Greene	Shirley Greene	Trent Kutsch
Dick Maurer	Bob Muchow	Ollie Wittig	

The Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors' Meeting was called to order by KL Randy Roberts at 7:35, with ten board members present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last board meeting held on April 11, were presented by Lion Jon Valett. Lion Sue Parks motioned for approval as presented and was seconded by Lion Nancy Burns. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Bill O'Neil reported bank account balances as follows:

50 th Anniversary Money Market	\$ 3,541.07
Activities Checking	13,084.10
Administrative Checking	11,029.49
Truck Replacement Fund	13,384.43
Foundation Checking	3,473.53
Foundation Money Market	12,488.02

Correspondence: Many thank you notes were presented including one from IPIP Clem Kusiak.

Priority Items:

Caterer Price Increase – The caterers have proposed a two dollar price increase as of July 1, 2006. After discussion, Lion Sue Parks, Lion Jon Valett, and Lion Nancy Burns will form a committee to provide a recommendation.

Old Business/Reports:

50th Anniversary Celebration Report - King Lion Randy reported that 128 people signed up with 120 showing up. All reports were very positive.

May 2 LEO picnic report – KL Randy reported the picnic went off very well.

Scholarship Update – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that the committee had chosen Hannah Bourquin and Julie Musgrave from Severna Park, and Matt Llano from Broadneck.

Children's Fair at Big Vanilla – Lion Dick Maurer reported that the event had been quite successful and that since South Arundel Lion's Club was present it could count as a joint project.

Campaign SightFirst II – Lion PDG Bob Muchow reported that pledges had passed \$14,000 so far.

Rebuliding Together – Blitz Day Report - No report given.

Other items: We Serve Award – Lion Jon Valett reported that Judy Crawford was the committee's selection. Judy is the Leo Advisor at Severna Park Middle School. KL Randy motioned that the selection be approved and Lion Sue Parks seconded, with unanimous approval. The award will be given at the turnover meeting.

New Business:

Membership – WAA Branch New Members – Lion Colleen Benda and Lion Ken Tschantre reported on two potential new members. Mariam Nasser Pelletier, sponsored by Andrew Pruski and Clara Richardson who was scheduled to be inducted with the other WAA members and whose membership was approved at a prior meeting. Lion Jon Valett motioned to approve Mariam's membership contingent on attendance at an orientation session. Lion Chuck Horne seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

July 4th Parade, Liberty Day Kids, and Fundraiser – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that he has an idea for the float.

Harbour LEO's Grill Off Fundraiser – KL Randy reported that the Harbor School is looking for helpers at Harbor Center..

Severna Park Health Association/Loan Closet issues – Lion Joe McClellan reported on space and cost issues at the building. He stated that the Lions have an opportunity to move into that space and he will provide a report with options to the next board meeting.

MD 22 Convention Issues – Lion Sue Parks reported that she will scan and send out to delegates potential constitution and by laws changes.

Other Items – Lion Nancy Burns reported that she is looking into a few choices for the Christmas party.
- Lion Oriey Glen reported that he will be away in June and July, therefore someone will need to get access to the loan closet.

Lion Jon Valett motioned to adjourn at 9:00 pm, which was seconded by Lion Nancy Burns and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary

PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

It is not too early to begin thinking about the big Severna Park July 4th parade. This year's event will also mark the celebration of Severna Park's centennial celebration and fifty years of service to the community by the Severn River Lions Club as well. The event will be a bit different than in previous years. We will enter a float in the parade, but we need to be creative and design a float to commemorate our anniversary as well. Ideas for the float are welcome! Our Cub Scout Pack 688 will march with us in the parade as we wind our way through the community. The parade will end at Cypress Creek Park this year instead of at the shopping center. The Cub Scouts will be serving as Liberty Day Kids and will be questioning spectators about their knowledge of the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution. The scouts will give each participant a small copy of these documents for further study.

We will be handing out the traditional Popsicles at the end of the parade to cool the weary walkers. This year we plan to have a booth at Cypress Creek Park and sell fried shrimp and potatoes. What a great opportunity to acquaint the community with our club and the service projects we sponsor.

Plan to be a parade walker, popsicle dispenser, shrimp and fry cook, or promoter of Lionism on July 4th! Watch for a sign up sheet at future meetings. We've got a lot planned so we'll need you all – please plan to share the day with us.

2006 MD 22 CONVENTION – VIRGINIA BEACH

Nine Severn River Lions with six spouses converged on Virginia Beach in May. In addition to supporting our candidate for Vice District Governor, Lion Dick Bloomquist (who was given a unanimous nod), we starred in the annual awards presentation.



Severn River hosting hospitality room for Lion Dick (now VDGE).



Lion Dale receiving the International President's Leadership Medal.



Cabinet Secretary Sue looks on as KL Randy accepts the award for Achievement, Activities, LEHP, Bulletin, Public Relations, Website, and Scrapbook.



Lion Bill O'Neil accepts his award for 100% Treasurer and KL Randy brought back 100% Secretary award for Lion Jon Valett.

And we weren't done yet - after taking First Place in 22-A for Scrapbook, we took Grand Prize and First Place in the Multiple District Scrapbook contest.

2006 MD 22 CONVENTION - VIRGINIA BEACH

More Photos

Hospitality Room



Waiting at Rockefellers for dinner the night before the convention gets underway.



Multiple District Banquet



Registration Table



When: 6/12
Where: Elks,
Truckhouse Road

Contact Lion Dale
Strait to sign up.

S.W.A.T pickup schedule

June 24 th	7:00 AM
July 22 nd	7:00 AM
August 26 th	7:00 AM
September 23 rd	7:00 AM
October 14 th	7:30 AM

Please be sure to review the Membership Roster and let Lion Sue Parks know of any errors, omissions, or changes required. Thanks.

REMINDER
If you expect to miss a Membership Meeting, be sure to email Secretary Jon Valett, valett@comcast.net, or call 410/544-7278 by 4 pm on the Sunday prior to the meeting. If you are an Affiliate or MAL Member, call if you are going to attend. Thanks.

Membership Report May, 2006

Members April 30, 2006	78
Active	44
At Large	12
Life	2
Affiliate	19
Privileged	1
Members May 31, 2006	78
Leo Club Members	60

SRLC ACTIVITY REPORT		
	May, 2006	Year-to-Date
	Hours	Hours
Health	55	133
Diabetes Awareness	0	88
Sight	13	402
Hearing	5	27
LASH	18	131
Youth	27	450
Community	240	1847
Environment	10	70
International Relations	1	132
Lionism	609	4510
TOTALS	978	7790

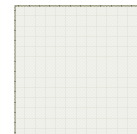
BIRTHDAYS

June
 George Council - 9
 Clara Richardson - 14
 Pat Weathersbee - 16
 Bill O'Neil - 29



TEEN COURT SCHEDULE
 Lions will cover the following Court sessions:
 June 7 (Annapolis)

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The SRLC meets semi-monthly on the first and third Tuesdays at the American Legion Post 175 on Manhattan Beach Road.
Social - 6:30 pm
Meeting - 6:59 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/2 New Officer Training – Severna Park High School
- 6/6 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 6/12 Blood Drive – Elks, Truckhouse Road
- 6/13 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
- 6/16 District Turnover – American Legion Post 276 - Severn
- 6/20 General Membership Meeting – TURNOVER NIGHT – Post 175
- 6/24 SRLC Club Retreat – Kinder Park – 9 am

- 6/30 – 7/4 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – BOSTON
- 7/4 Severna Park Parade
- 7/11 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
- 7/18 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 7/22 Adopt a Highway – 7:00 am

- 8/1 PICNIC

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.SEVERNAPARK.COM/~SRLIONS