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On June 14 soon to be King Lion Bill Stack convened the annual retreat to set the path for the Severn River Lions Club for the coming Lions year. Fifteen Lions convened at the health center building and were greeted with trays of tasty bagels, boxes of doughnuts, steaming coffee, water, and soda courtesy of the King Lion Bill Stack. Members arrived, enjoyed to treats and then moved to the meeting room. An agenda listing the topics to be considered was distributed and the Lions got to work. Ideas to increase membership, encourage less active members to get involved, getting new members involved, improving club services, increasing publicity about the club to acquaint the general public about the club, possible new fund raiser and service activities, working with other service organizations on projects, and the future meeting format were the main topics discussed during the three hour session. The majority of the items discussed will be implemented this Lions year and will help to improve and expand our club's activities and services. Attendees were in agreement that this was a productive gathering and SRLC will continue to be one of the best clubs in the District

Important Notice to all members

Starting with July, the first Tuesday dinner meeting of the month will be a NON-catered meeting. Instead of Adams Ribs, we'll have make-your-own sandwich meats and cheeses or pre-made sandwich platters. Cold drinks will also be provided. If that doesn't appeal to you or if you want to supplement it, feel free to bring your own. On the third Tuesday, we'll have our normal catered dinner meeting. The meals portion of the dues bill will also be adjusted. Instead of paying \$16 times 2 meals per month, the charge will be \$20 per month (\$16 for the catered meal and \$4 for the platter only meal).

Newsletter Publisher Lion Bill O'Neil

Notes from the Severn River Lions Retreat 14 June 2014

Incoming King Lion Bill Stack called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM June 14th. Members attending included: Tilghman Brice, PDG Dick Bloomquist, George Councill Jr., Jackie Hetrick, Chuck Horne, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, Sue Parks, Dale Strait, Jon Valett, Catherine Violette Chris Werth, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas.

KLE Bill thanked everyone for attending and asked for suggestions to bring the inactive members back into the club and involve them in more activities. It was suggested that sponsors call them and maintain contact with them.

We need to increase the community's knowledge of the club and what we do. Lion Chris Werth will take the job of PR Chair and work on increasing communication both within and outside the club. We need to increase participation within the club and talk positively about what we do. There is also a need to explain what we do to all members of the club and not assume that everyone knows. In this regard we can have several committee chairs explain the function of the committee or what the project is at our general meetings the first Tuesday of the month. These would be scheduled in advance. The results of board meetings should be summarized at the general meeting.

Several thoughts about new fundraisers were mentioned including a coffee break on major holidays, a food booth at the farmers market.

It was noted that we need a new service activity. There was some discussion about building a ramp.

State Fair vision/hearing screening was mentioned. Dick Maurer stated that he had tried to contact last year's coordinator but the e-mail bounced. He will ask the DG who the coordinator is.

There was some discussion of borrowing "C's" vision/hearing trailer and holding a screening in the Severna Park area – Kinder Park, Park Plaza or some other location.

There was discussion about forming a campus club at either AACC or USNA.

We need to develop a survey for all members to ask for suggested new service projects and what services we can provide,

It was decided to form a committee to investigate a crab/shrimp feast as new fundraiser. Lion Chris will check the availability of the St Martin's in the Field.

We need to work with other organizations – other Lions Clubs or other service clubs.

On the first Tuesday in July, Lions Catherine Violette will get the trays and Dick Maurer will bring the drinks, condiments, plates, and silverware.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32AM

SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB



Lions Begin “Spring Cleanup.”

The section of Ritchie Highway between Rt. 10 and Earleigh Heights Road has not had a good cleaning for about six months so on May 10 a group of seven early rising Lions-Rollins Clark, Carroll Hicks ,Bill Stack, Dale Strait, Chris Werth, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas- met at the fire hall, sampled some doughnuts, put on bright vests and hats, grabbed the plastic trash bags and pick up sticks and set off after instructions from Chief Highway Engineer Rollins Clark. Working in teams of two the Lions picked up bags of detritus that had been tossed by careless motorists. The “collection” included food wrappers,



soda bottles, beer cans, a flattened basketball, plastic bags, cardboard, a plastic flower pot, a roll of insulation and assorted paper. After about an hour’s walk a dozen bags of trash were deposited for pickup by the state road crews. Two large signs along the highway reminded motorists that the Severn River Lions Club was responsible for the monthly pickup-another example of our numerous service projects. If you have never participated in a highway cleanup then come on out for the next one, join with an energetic group, have a doughnut, enjoy a walk in the crisp morning air, watch traffic zip by on Ritchie Highway, and perform another worthwhile community service. We are Lions, “We Serve.”

Severna Park Middle School LEO’s Win—AGAIN

No matter how hard the Severn River Lions try they can’t manage to best the Severna Park Middle School LEO club when it comes to food collection and this year was no different. SRLC had to make good on the bet and on May 22 three Lions, Nancy Burns, Nancy Earley, and Ollie Wittig journeyed to SPMS to pay off the LEO’s. Nancy Earley brought delicious LEDO pizza which the LEO members enjoyed. As they ate they worked on a special project-making artistic “thank you” book markers that would be given to the school staff as the years winds down. All year long the LEO club has engaged in projects that benefit others. In addition to the annual food collection, they collected used children’s books that were presented to the Linthicum Lions Club. The club, consisting of over twenty members, has also done projects for the local SPCA by making or collecting blankets and toys for the puppies. Groups of LEO’s have visited the Brightview and Sunrise senior centers to interact with the residents, play games such as Bingo or Scrabble, and help cheer them up. LEO advisor, Lori Fowler, thanked SRLC for the ongoing support of the club’s many projects. When the visit was ending there was very little pizza left and the LEO’s gave the Lions a hearty “thank you.”

Welcome New Lion Steve Keefer

New Lion, Steve Keefer is a native of Milton, Pennsylvania but he relocated to Maryland after graduation from college. His professional career included a thirty five year stint with the Defense Department and in that capacity Steve worked in Maryland, Virginia and did stints in Germany , Bosnia, Kosovo and several other countries. Since retiring Steve has been involved with construction projects at Kinder Farm Park where his carpentry skills are put to use. Steve and his bride of forty five years, Debbie, reared two children and enjoy their four grandchildren. In his spare time Steve enjoys boating, golfing, and doing activities that give back to others and it is this characteristic that attracted Steve to the Severn River Lions Club. Steve's background and interests will certainly get him to fit right in with our club's many service activities and we are looking forward to having him as an active member. Lion Steve Keefer was sponsored by Lion Ollie Wittig and he was installed by DG Dan Scott on 17 June.



DG Dan Scott

Lion Steve Keefer

Lion Ollie Wittig

Take Me Out To The Ballgame !

Saturday, June 14 was a perfect night, weather wise, for baseball and two dozen Lions and guests journeyed to Baysox stadium for a game between the Bowie Baysox and the Harrisburg Senators. In recognition of Flag Day a chorus sang the national anthem, the crowd joined for the Pledge of Allegiance, and the colors were presented. And then it was “play ball” as the Senators took the field. The visitors scored in the first, fifth, and seventh innings and had eight runs on the board and appeared headed for a shut out. Both teams made some terrific plays and the crowd appreciated the athleticism shown by both teams that evening. To entertain the many youngsters in attendance numerous Star Wars characters performed on the field and in the stands. Louie, the Baysox mascot, roamed around and gave high fives to the audience. Between innings there were entertaining “athletic events” which elicited rounds of applause from the sell out crowd. And finally in the ninth inning the Baysox bats came alive and the home team put four runs on the board and the game ended with a score of Harrisburg-8 and Baysox-4. But the evening wasn’t over yet. The stadium light dimmed and the audience was directed to look into center field. A series of explosion and bright flashes filled the night sky and for the next fifteen minutes the boom and crash of fireworks filled the air. Traditionally the Baysox have about a dozen fireworks events following games and these are crowd pleasers. SRLC night at the Baysox has become an annual event and we will be back in bowie again next year.



AWARDS

Two members of the Severn River Lions Club were recently recognized for their contributions to Lionism at the Multiple District 22 Convention in Ocean City last May. Lions Clubs International President Barry J Palmer of Australia presented **PDG Dick Bloomquist** and **Lion Dale Strait** with his personal Certificate of Appreciation "in recognition of Distinguished Achievements in Fulfilling the Mission of Lions Clubs International." PDG Dick and Lion Dale have been very much involved in Lions Quest as well as vision and hearing programs of the District.



3 New SRLC LIFE Members Rhine Jager, Dick Bloomquist and Chris Werth



Lion Ray Smith with 50 YEAR PERFECT Attendance Award Joind SRLC in 1963

Lions with Durability

At the turnover meeting on June 17 twenty four Lions were recognized and presented certificates in recognition of their durability in the club. To achieve Perfect Attendance a member must attend all meetings or attend another Lions function such as a board meeting, club activity, or Region, Zone, or District activity. Certificates for perfect attendance were presented to the following SRLC Lions .

Lion	Years Perfect Attendance	Lion	Years Perfect Attendance
Dick Bloomquist	25	Don Rayment	4
Tilghman Brice	1	Randy Roberts	15
Nancy Burns	13	Joinette Smallwood	3
Rollins Clark	12	Ray Smith	50
George Council	16	William Stack	4
Nancy Earley	4	Dale Strait	19
Carl Gilbert	4	Ken Tschantre	10
Chuck Horne	9	Jon Valett	10
Rhine Jager	25	Catherine Violette	2
Dick Maurer	14	Chris Werth	6
Bill O'Neil	13	Ollie Wittig	16
Sue Parks	12	Bill Zelenakas	21

Scholarship Winners Chosen

The scholarship committee was challenged again this year to select finalists from the list of applicants at Broadneck and Severna Park High Schools. Academic performance in high school, participation in extra curricular activities, financial need, and teacher recommendation were the traits that the committee considered in making the final selection for 2014. Chosen to receive the E. Roy Shawn Memorial Scholarship at Severna Park are **Madeline Echeveria** and **Christopher DeMaio**. Chosen to receive the Patrick Dionne Memorial Scholarship at Broadneck was **Connor Joyce**.

During her tenure at SPHS Madeline Echeveria completed 45 advanced and honors courses and finished the year with a grade point average of 3.84. Academics was not the only participation for Madeline. She was active in the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Latin Club, Key club, Spanish club. In sports Madeline was the manager for the field hockey team, was a player on the unified tennis and bowling teams. In addition to school activities she was active in a club to collect items for underprivileged children, served on the prom fashion show, volunteered at Woods Church committee for Habitat for Humanity, volunteered at Sarah's House. Madeline will be attending Ohio State University and plans to be a business major.

During his four years as a student at SPHS **Christopher Thomas DeMaio** has completed a rigorous academic load which included thirty six honors classes and his grade point average for four years was 3.91. In addition to academic performance Christopher found time to be a member of the cross country team-4 years-, the basketball team-3 years-, and baseball team -1 year. In addition to athletics Christopher was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Spanish Club and Spanish Honor Society, and was a member of the National Honor Society. Christopher is the oldest of four siblings and he will be attending Virginia Tech where he will major in environmental engineering.

At Broadneck HS **Connor Joyce** completed a strong academic program and during his tenure Connor completed fifty two honors classes and earned a grade point average of 4.50 and was 4 in a class of 509. In addition to academic excellence Connor was a member of the varsity soccer team-2 years-, varsity wrestling-4 years-. varsity baseball-1 year-and served as captain of the soccer and wrestling teams. In addition to athletics Connor was a member of the National Honor Society, was a senior mentor to assist other students. In the community Connor was active in the church youth group and the Teen Scripture Study Group. He has been a member of the Boy Scouts of America since 2010 and is currently a Life Scout and expects to complete Eagle Scout requirements before graduation. Connor will be attending Johns Hopkins University and will major in mechanical engineering. Connor will also be joining the Army ROTC.





Hands of Harmony

A CHOIR associated with AACC that performs songs using sign language to show the hearing world the beauty of sign language through music.

Ann and Bill Snitcher demonstrated their talent to SRLC at the 3 June dinner meeting.

<https://www.facebook.com/hohaacc/timeline>

At our June 3 dinner meeting Boy Scout Matthew Poindexter presented his proposal to build three new fruit booths for our fall fruit sales. Matthew is from Troop 672 in Severn and he will use this project for his Eagle Scout Award. Matthew is a freshman at Severna Park High School



Lion Rollins Clark appointed Region 1 Zone 1 Chairman by DG Dan Scott

LIONS Please gather at St. Martins church to march in the 4th of July parade and pass out popsicles on Cypress Creek Rd. King Lion Bill Stack will be riding with Lion Pete Geis in the big red convertible.



The COC is requiring all participants to sign a waiver to hold the COC Harmless.

The following Lions organizations and community service groups have been given cash donations from the SRLC Activities account totaling over \$24,000 dollars. The Board of Directors sincerely thanks all members who participated in the fund raising service events during the last year.

American Legion Post 175	Lions Saving Kids Sight
Community Center of SP	Lions Vision Research Foundation
Health Center of SP	Radio Reading Network
Hospice of the Chesapeake	Sight & Hearing Aids
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	LCIF (Phillipines relief)
Maryland Therapeutic Riding	New club (Parkville-Carney)
Meals on Wheels	MD Parents of Blind Children (NFB)
Parade - 4th of July	Hands of Harmony
Partners in Care	Boy Scouts-Handicapped
Rebuilding Together	Cub Scouts Pack 688
SPAN— Serving People Across Neighborhoods	HOBY Maryland
Wounded Warriors	Leo Club
USO (BWI)	Lions Camp Merrick
American Diabetes Society	Lions Youth Foundation
District 22A Social Ad Book	Lions Quest
Lions Association for Sight & Hearing	MD Special Olympics
Leader Dogs	Peace Poster Bonds/kits
	High School Scholarships
	AACC Scholarship
	SPHS Band Booster - trophies
	SPHS Band Booster - Fruit Sales

