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Lions Luau Lively and Fun

The weather was perfect for an outdoor event for the guests arriving at the Legion Post 175 on May 30 for the SRLC Luau. The large tent was the main area for the planned entertainment and dining that was the major part of the event. Guests, many attired in Hawaiian attire, checked in and were given information about seating, dining, and entertainment that would occur over the next four hours. The Hawaiian Entertainment Company was tasked with providing the excellent meal and the entertainment and the party began on-time. To set the tone for the evening a native musician strummed his ukulele, a native Hawaiian instrument, and told of the evening's events. Soon it was time to dine and guests moved to the hall where the delicious Polynesian catered meal was to be served. Guests had a choice of pork from a whole pig, several flavors of shrimp with a Polynesian flair, meatballs, assorted salads, various greens, and choice of desserts. The servers were attired in Hawaiian garb and would do double duty that evening as the dancers and entertainers. As diners began to finish the delicious meal the entertainment began. The four dancers attired in the traditional Hawaiian apparel, grass skirts, head pieces, and leis, performed traditional island dances and the history was given by the narrator. The audience members were invited to take part in the hula dance and several complied and got a round of applause. Next a fire dancer came on stage wield-



King Lion Bill Stack with LION

ing his blazing torches and thrilled the audience with his skill. All of the action was not un-

der the tent that evening. Downstairs tables contained over sixty silent auction items that had been donated by generous vendors in the community. Guest could enter a bid and at the end of the evening the highest bidder took home the prize. KL Bill Stack also announced the winners of several raffles and some guests went home with a prize. The proceeds from the Luau

event, nearly \$6,000.00, will benefit the Severn River Lions Club's many community service projects such as vision and hearing programs, scholarships, and contributions to numerous worthwhile charities. As the evening drew to a close departing guests told of how much they enjoyed the event and several asked if it would be repeated next year.

An excellent article written by Sharon Tegler in the Capitol Gazette and can be viewed at <http://www.capitalgazette.com/neighborhoods/cgnews-severn-river-lions-club-luau-20150603-photogallery.html>

And <http://www.capitalgazette.com/neighborhoods/ph-ac-cc-around-the-park-0604-20150603-story.html>



PDG Robert Bruce





SRLC Members SERVE

The Lions motto, “WE SERVE” was recognized at the club turnover meeting on June 16 and seventeen Lions were honored and presented a certificate by District Governor Doug Dewitt to commemorate this service to the club and the community. The Lions services cover a wide range of activities and exemplify SRLC’s commitment to serving our community. These Lions are a good example for all members to follow.

Ken Tschantre-loan closet, Ray Smith-visitation chair, Randy Roberts- 50-50 raffle, Don Rayment-Teen Court Ed Dizon-programs, Rollins Clark-adopt a highway Nancy Burns-LEDO night, Dick Bloomquist-Lions Quest, Bill O’Neil-newsletter, Chris Werth-Luau chair, Bill Zelenakas- LEO sponsor, Tilghman Brice-Lion Tamer, Ollie Wittig-PSVSP,scholarships, Chuck Horne-Director, George Councill-honors table, Jon Valett-membership, Nancy Earley-scrapbook and banners.





PDG Warren Kellner and wife Lion Carol





The outgoing officers were also recognized for their service, thanked by the District Governor and given a certificate in recognition of his service during the previous Lions year.

Outgoing King Lion Bill Stack receives a Plaque from DG Doug Dewitt

Long Serving Lions

At the Turnover meeting on June 16 two dozen Lions who had achieved perfect attendance during their tenure were recognized by the District Governor and presented a certificate in recognition of this achievement. The Lions earning the perfect attendance certificate and the years of service are listed.



Lion Ray Smith 51 Years of Service

Tilghman Brice-2
 Catherine Violette-2
 Bob Siska-4
 Joinette Smallwood-4
 Nancy Earley-5
 Carl Gilbert-5
 Don Rayment-5
 Bill Stack -5

Chris Werth-7
 Chuck Horne-10
 Jon Valett-11
 Ken Tschantre-11
 Rollins Clark-13
 Sue Parks-13
 Bill O'Neil-14
 Nancy Burns -14

Dick Maurer-15
 Randy Roberts-16
 George Council-17
 Ollie Wittig-17
 Bill Zelenakas-22
 Rhine Jager-26
 Dick Bloomquist-26
 Ray Smith -51

SRLC Peace Posters are Winners

Lions had an opportunity to meet two Peace Poster winners who attended the meeting on May 5. Both winners are students at Severn River Middle School and will be freshman next year. The art teacher, Mrs. Erica Oldershaw, has been very supportive of the Peace poster program for several years and her encouragement has set student interest in the program.

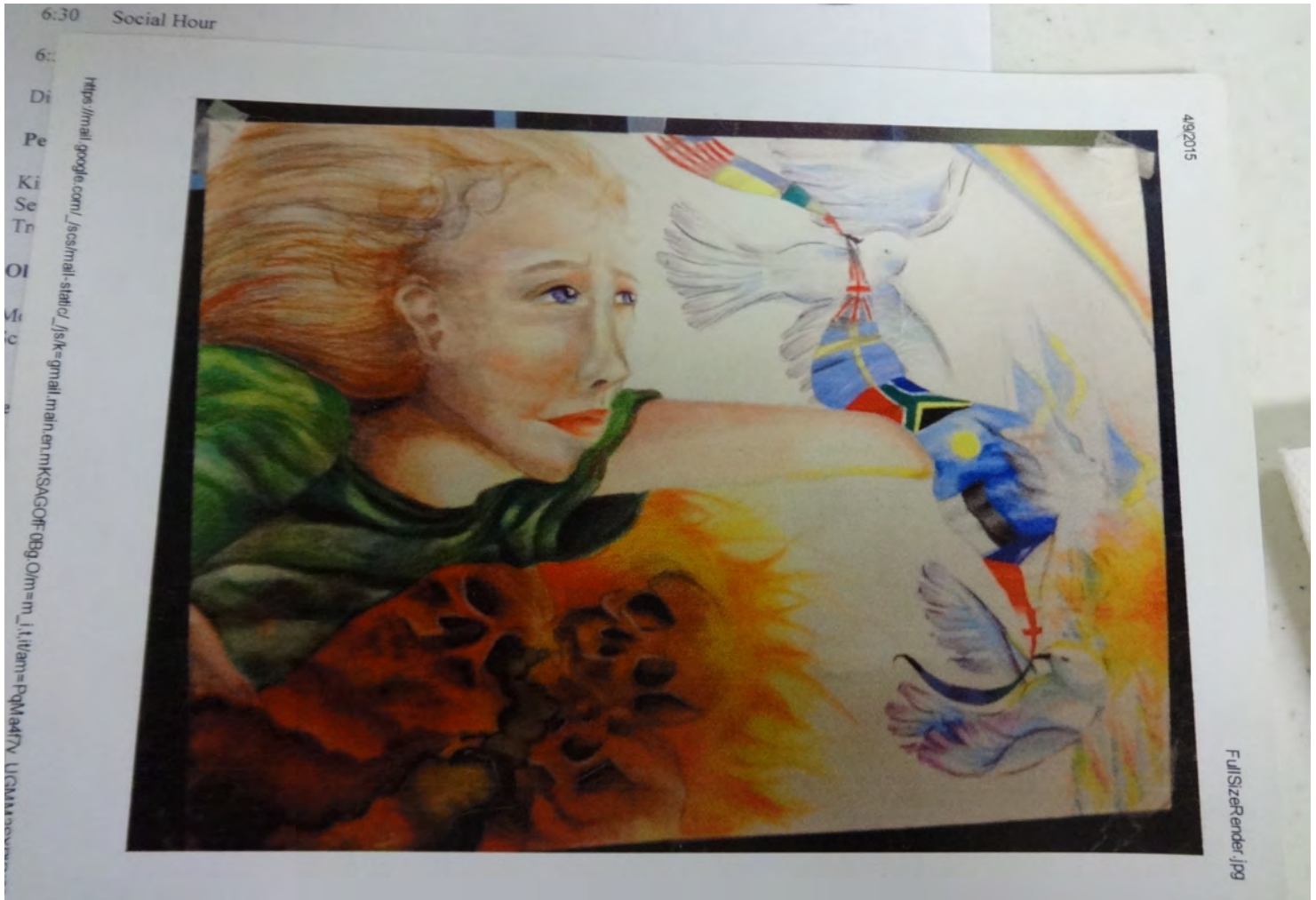
Beda Vining, this year's winner at the club, District, and Multiple District has been forwarded to LCI for entry into the world wide competition. Pictures of Beda's poster were shown to members that evening. In addition to her art talents Beda has other interests which include swimming, piano and viola performance. Beda has also had the opportunity to be a "world traveler at an early age and, with her family, she has visited eleven countries before she turned ten. Beda had been presented a check for the winning club poster. Beda and her parents were in attendance at the meeting. We extend Beda our best wishes in the LCI competition.

Elissa Smith submitted her poster last year and it was given the District 22-A award. The original poster was on display for the members to view. Art is not Elissa's only interest and her other hobbies include rock climbing, reading, and horseback riding. Due to earlier schedule conflicts it was not possible to present Elissa with her award until May but as the saying goes "better late than never." Elissa's parents also attended the meeting and her Dad expressed interest in SRL and was given a brochure.





Lion Catherine Violette coordinates the Peace Poster program for the club at the school level and for District 22-A and her efforts to engage the entrants each year has helped produce very good results. Thanks Catherine and Mrs. Oldershaw for your interest and effort to this worthwhile activity.



2014-15 Grand Prize Winner
Wei Jin Qian
13 years old
China

See more at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/contests/peace-poster-contest/ppc-winners.php#sthash.E8PNSycm.dpuf>



Scholarship Winners 2015

For over ten years the Severn River Lions Club has awarded scholarships in the local high schools and at Anne Arundel Community College. The award is for one the recipient's situation has not changed and the club can financially support the scholarship. Again this year the scholarship committee, Lions Sue Parks, Nancy Earley, and Ollie Wittig were challenged to make a final choice from the qualified applicants-Candidates are judged based on academic performance over four years, curricular or service activities, and the recommendation of two teachers. The finalists have been notified and they will be presented a certificate at the school's awards assembly in May. The scholarship is paid in two installments of \$500 each semester directly to the college and can be applied to tuition, textbooks, or other college fees.

The scholarship winners for 2015 are:

Severna Park High School- E. Roy Shawn Scholarship—**Brian Nicholas Huntley**. During his tenure at SPHS Brian pursued a challenging academic program including advanced placement and honors courses and earned an excellent Grade Point Average of 4.01. Brian played varsity football four years and was the linebacker captain, he was a member of DECA and served as vice president, and in his “spare time” he was in the cast of Rock and Roll Revival for three years. Brian is considering several prestigious colleges and plans to major in Business.

Broadneck High School-Patrick Dionne Memorial Scholarship-**Matthew Kamens**. During his time at Broadneck Matthew pursued a challenging academic program and he was listed in the upper fifth of his class of 508 students. During his four years in high school Matthew performed in several musical groups including wind ensemble, concert band, marching band, orchestra, and was a member of the Tri-M Society, National Honor Society, and Big Band. Matthew's college of choice is University of Maryland and he plans to focus on music education.

Anne Arundel Community College-Council Marcous Scholarship-**Casey Duley**. This award is determined by the college committee based on the local criteria. Students at AACC attend there for two years and generally transfer to four year institutions to complete their degree requirements.

The scholarship recipients and parents will be invited to attend a Lions club meeting in the near future to tell members about their high school experience and future plans. The scholarship awards are another example of SRLC's involvement and contributions in our community. We wish Brian, Matthew, and Casey the very best as they pursue and continue their education.