

SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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Just a reminder that the Club Retreat/Planning Session will be held JUNE 24 at the Health Center starting at 9:00 AM. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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JUNE 2017 SRLC NEWSLETTER

Salutations Severn River Lions Club!

As I sit here writing my final letter to you as King Lion, I am thinking how proud we should be of our accomplishments as we have transitioned and changed.

Kudos to Lion Carl and Lion Jon whose leadership in handling our Fabulous Citrus Sales this year was invaluable. We strived to deliver fruit at every sale and accomplished this goal. Both gentlemen worked through construction at Severna Park Senior High School and were able to utilize alternative sites for our fruit sales. Thanks for your hard work and being proactive in this endeavor.

The Million Penny Drive, a new passive fundraiser, did net over \$2000.00. This was a great accomplishment for an activity that had partial participation from the group. Special thanks to those who have contributed and all your hard work. We still have a drive scheduled at a local school to add to this fund.

Thank you to Lion Sue and Lion Suzette for becoming the new key people for our Scholarship Program. Also, thank you Lion Jackie for becoming the new key person for our loan closet.

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Since our initial Centennial Project at the Lighthouse Shelter (which included a professional clothes drive, bag lunch project and eye screenings) we have continued doing joint projects with the West Arundel and Annapolis Lions Clubs. This brings me to our latest service project. On April 24, 2017, we had another successful joint project with these clubs doing eye screening for the adult and child residents. I can't stress enough how invaluable this is since we are taking care of members of the community from Cape St. Claire, Arnold, Severna Park, Glen Burnie and Pasadena. We have been asked to come back every six months to do eye screenings as the Shelter turns over residents. We are also considering a "themed" breakfast food drive and serving the residents breakfast at the Shelter in the Fall.



For our most recent and new service project, we volunteered at Maryland Therapeutic Riding ('MTR') in Crownsville, Maryland. The fundraiser was Derby Day on May 6, 2017. Eleven SRLC Lions greeted and registered guests of the Derby. We also monitored both the silent and live auction. MTR is another vital function that serves the community. It helps children, young adults and military personnel learn and transition into the general population. Most of these services are not covered by medical insurance. That evening, \$150,000.00 was raised to help with operations and the care of the horses.

Next congratulations for our member PIP Clem Kusiak. Lion Clem was awarded a Silver Centennial Award for recruiting and retaining new Lions and/or helping to organize a new Lions club. Way to go PIP Clem!

Thanks so much for all that you do. *KL Joinette*

And The Winners Are?

The scholarship committee was challenged this year to select finalist for the 2017 recipients since all the applicants had impressive resumes. Reviewing the applications to determine the courses taken, extra curricular involvement, school or community service, teacher recommendations the committee finally determined a winner from Broadneck HS and Severna Park HS.

At Boadneck HS the committee chose **Miranda Tyson**. During her high school years Miranda was active with the orchestra, Recycling club, field hockey, and lacrosse. In her "spare time" Miranda was enrolled in Honors, AP courses and finished 32 in the class of 498 students. Miranda will study environmental engineering and will attend University of Vermont this fall. If Miranda does as well in college as she did at Broadneck she will be an outstanding student. Miranda was presented a scholarship certificate at the school on May 4.

At Severna Park HS the committee chose **Shelby Hogan** to receive the scholarship. Shelby was active with the dance company, participated in the annual Rock and Roll Revival. Participated in unified sports, and managed to find time for employment as pool snack bar assistant at the Chartwell pool. Shelby carried a rigorous academic load during her four years and excelled in Honors, AP courses and finished 41 in the class of 409 students. Shelby will be attending York College in Pennsylvania and will pursue a career in nursing.

Traditionally we have invited the scholarship winners and their parent to attend a meeting before they leave for college to provide details on their career plans. Our congratulations and best wishes to **Miranda Tyson and Shelby Hogan** as they begin college and careers.



2017 MD22 CONVENTION IS IN THE BOOKS

SRLC Lions Sue Parks and Dick Maurer returned from the Gettysburg convention re-energized from four days of interacting with Lions from all over Maryland, Delaware, and DC (and even a few Lions from Pennsylvania dropped in). As always, the Seminars were educational and fun (yes, fun!) with talented speakers from International and around the Multiple District.

While we didn't get a lot of time to roam around Gettysburg, following our traditional 'group dinner the night before the convention' started, Lions Dick and Sue, along with Lion Sheila LoCastro from West Arundel enjoyed dinner at the 1776 Dobbin House Tavern, the oldest structure in Gettysburg. The food was great and served by colonial costumed wait staff.

International President Chancellor Bob Corlew and his spouse, Lion Dianne were our International Guests, and they didn't miss an event. Especially notable was a medical emergency that occurred during the MD Banquet – IP Corlew jumped on the phone to 911 while everyone else seemed to be wondering what to do. His messages during the sessions were inspirational and Lion Dianne's message during the final business session was extremely moving.

No club or individual awards were passed out at this convention. DG Chuck decided to keep us in suspense – awards will be given out at the District Turnover on June 23rd.

The next three Multiple District conventions are scheduled for Ocean City. Please mark your calendars for May 7 - 10, 2018. Ocean City is always fun!

MARYLAND THERAPUDIC RIDING

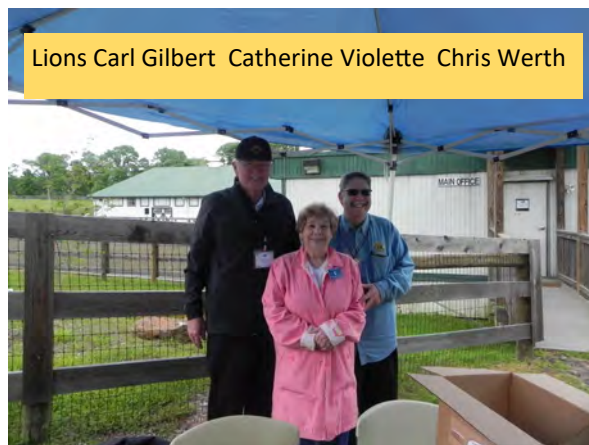
The Severn River Lions Club volunteered at the Maryland Therapeutic Riding on Saturday May 6,2017 in Crownsville, Maryland. We were a formidable volunteer team that accomplished a lot in our 5 hours.

We greeted attendees and got them registered as they arrived. Some of us worked the main gate and some worked the special needs entrance. Other duties we took care of included monitoring for both the silent and live auctions. Participants of the Maryland Therapeutic Riding program did riding demonstrations to show off their talents. The live auction was quite a lively event

with a couple of bids tapping out at 10,000.00 and resulting in two of the trips to Tennessee up for grabs. The evening was chilly and rainy but we did it all for a good cause.

The money raised that evening was 150,000.00 to go towards operations, horse care and other expenditures. This program helps the community since most services are not covered by health insurance.

The programs assists not only children and young adults with special needs but also soldiers requiring transition back into the regular population.



A Letter from PIP Lion Clem Kusiak about his trip to Ethiopia

TO: LCIF Chairman Dr Yamada, Greeting from Maryland.

I do want to thank you for allowing Jeanne and I the opportunity to visit and see first hand activities the Lions of Ethiopia and the Carter Center are doing in Ethiopia.

During our visit Jeanne and I were hosted first by the Lions and during travel within the country by the Carter Center.

The start of the tour in Addis Abara we visited the ALERT Ophthalmic Training Program where we had the opportunity to witness their facility and discuss with nurses their involvement within the Carter venue. In my opinion the program is essential to the needs meeting the Carter Center Goals and encourages Lions involvement through their advocacy.

Upon arrival our airport arrival into Lalibela we were greeted with a traditional Ethiopian greeting of dance etc. We also witnessed a large banner announcing the "Opening of one week long 18th MDA Campaign".

During our journey to Lalibela we were greeted with two different assemblies of villagers welcoming the Lions and representatives of the Carter Center. In addition to seeing large banners announcing the 18th MDA Campaign.

We attended the Launching of the Trachoma-XVIII-MDA Campaign that was held in the Lalibela Town, North Zone. Demonstration included "Clean Face, Healthy Eyes" walking the talk and traditional dances. We were welcomed by Ato Abebaw Sisay, North Wollo Zone Administrator followed by Key note addresses by; Dr. Dean Sienko, Vice President, Health Programs of the Carter Center, Dr Paul Emerson, ITI/FGH Director, Myself Representing LCIF, Prof Yifru Berhan Mitke, Minister of Health and Dr Tebebe. His Excellency Ato Gedu Andargachew, Amhara Regional State President official announced the opening of the 18th MDA campaign.

Our tours included the following; Two schools where curriculum included healthy eyes teaching material and demonstrations, latrine construction at local school and villages, meeting with patients and observe TT surgery to revert and correct the eye lid from scraping the eye ball, reviewing data collect related to distribution of Zithromax and remote facilities for patients to visit a healthy care specialist.

Two patients that received surgery happily presented myself and Dr Dean Sienko with the tweezers that they will no longer need. mention was made for us to display the tweezers for others see the crude devices used by those with Thrachoma.

Our last day of the tour consisted of a courtesy visit with FDRE President H.E. Dr. Mulatu Teshome at his Palace. After my remarks of thanking Lion Mr. President for his support to the Trachoma program I presented on behalf of LCIF an MJF plaque and pin. Also include in the visit was Dr Tebebe, District Governor Jiz Munir Chaudhri of 411A, Lion Ramendra Shah, Carter Center representatives Kelly Callahan, Dr Dean Sienko and Dr Tadesse Zerihum

Summary: The Carter/Lion relationship in Ethiopia is working extremely well. Support by the leadership of Ethiopia was constantly exhibited at all events during our visit and their praise for the Lions was always stated. Four of the Carter Center Trustees and their companions attended all the events. Jason & Kate Carter also attended. Words of praise from the Carter Center representatives were continually being stated.

The operations of the Carter Center are extremely well managed. The dedication of their staff was evident by their willingness to eradicate Trachoma etc.



SRLC SPRING ROAD CLEAN UP

Saturday morning May 20th turned out to be a clear Sunny day for 5 Lions from the Severn River Lions starting their season off by picking up debris along Ritchie



Hwy between Early Heights Fire Department and Route 10. Thanks to Chair Rollins for arranging with the county, letting them know the Lions would be present, also for the breakfast of champions from Dunkin Donuts.

In the photo starting left to right; Lions Carl Gilbert, Rollins Clark, Bruce Schriener and Bill Zelenakas. Photo by Clem Kusiak

SERVICE PROJECT HOPLE

One more new upcoming service project is the Hop(e) Skip and Jump 5K and Family Fun Walk scheduled for Kinder Farm Park on Saturday, July 29, 2017. This will be an early volunteer event. Volunteers are asked to meet at the River Birch Pavilion at 7am. Most volunteers will be able to drive to or at least close to their designated spot and can bring a folding chair to sit in between runners. Looking forward to seeing you there!

I am so looking forward to seeing what the immediate and far-reaching future holds for the SRLC. I am hoping that we can strive to continue to be a viable, active group that attracts new members and is here to serve the community for many more years to come.

Thanks so much for all that you do.

KL Joinette

Celebrating a Century of Service

On June 6 two dozen SRLC Lions met at the Legion and learned that there would be special information about Lions Clubs International. PIP Clem Kusiak was scheduled to provide members with information about the founding of Lions Clubs by Melvin Jones in 1917. Lion Clem had set up a special table decorated with a centennial table cloth, Lions balloons, and an artistic cake with the Lions logo. Clem related how Melvin Jones founded the organization in Chicago a century ago and how Lions Club has grown to become the world's largest service organization with millions of members around the globe. Lion Clem mentioned the great variety of service activities offered by clubs including, vision programs, eyeglass collection, scholarships, a variety of community centered programs, and some activities specific to each club's location, interests, and skills. Lion Clem complimented SRLC for the variety of activities and services that are available and he encouraged that the club continue to live up to the Lions motto, "We Serve."





LCI 100 years Anniversary Cake



WE SERVE Award to PIP Clem Kusiak and Lion Sue Parks

LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE
OUR NATION'S SAFETY



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22
CONVENTION

"We Serve"

RESOLUTION

NO. 117

WHEREAS, PIP Dr. Clement F. Kusiak has performed outstanding service to the Convention and to the Lions of Multiple District 22 in the Lions year 2016-2017 as MD 22 Convention Distinguished Guests Committee Chair and has given so generously of his time and effort in working tirelessly throughout the District and in making this Convention an outstanding success for the advancement of Lionism; and

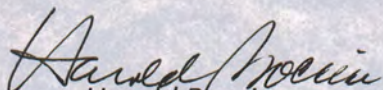
WHEREAS, the contribution of his advice to the Lions of Multiple District 22 has been in keeping with the high ideals of our great Association.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Lions of this ninety-fifth Annual Convention of Multiple District 22, Lions Clubs International, gathered in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on this 18th day of May, 2017, do hereby express our appreciation to PIP Dr. Clement F. Kusiak for his excellent contribution in making this Convention an outstanding success for the advancement of Lionism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lions Clubs International Headquarters, Oak Brook, Illinois, to be circulated to all Officers and Chiefs of Departments so they may be apprised of our action.

Resolutions Committee

Attest: 117


Harold Boccia
MD 22 Council Chairperson


Wayne A. Cole
Resolutions Chairperson

Lions Clubs International History

1917: The Beginning Chicago business leader Melvin Jones asked a simple and world-changing question – what if people put their talents to work improving their communities? Almost 100 years later, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with more than 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs and countless stories of Lions acting on the same simple idea: let's improve our communities.

1920: Going International Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

1925: Eradicating Blindness Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired.

1945: Uniting Nations The ideal of an international organization is exemplified by our enduring relationship with the United Nations. We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and have supported the work of the UN ever since.

1957: Organizing Youth Programs In the late 1950s, we created the Leo Program to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are approximately 166,000 Leos and 6,600 Leo clubs in more than 145 countries and geographic areas worldwide.

1968: Establishing Our Foundation Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) assists Lions with global and large-scale local humanitarian projects. Through our Foundation, Lions have received more than \$900 million in grants to help meet the needs of their local and global communities.

1990: Launching SightFirst Through LCIF, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale with the SightFirst program. Launched in 1990, Lions have raised more than \$415 million for this initiative. SightFirst targets the major causes of blindness: low vision, trachoma, river blindness, childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

2014: Centennial Service Challenge Lions Clubs International begins its Centennial Celebration by pledging to benefit 100 million people through projects impacting youth, vision, hunger and the environment. Lions honor their long tradition of service and look to the future by coming together to strengthen their local communities and the global community.

2017: Centennial and Beyond Lions will celebrate our 100th anniversary and first century of service!