



March 2021 NEWSLETTER

King Lion Christopher's Comments

The COVID pandemic continues to take its toll on each one of us. It has impacted much of our daily lives and forced each of us new ways of living. I have stressed that as we strive to live into our moto, "We Serve" that we not only should be thinking externally in our service area but *internally in our own club.*



Many in our circle are hurting and facing daily struggles. Some of those are our fellow Lions. Some are what I refer to as our 'extended Lions members.' These are family members who are care givers for our Lions members.

I want to remind each of us that the Sunshine Committee is not just Lion Joinette and Lion Chris-it is all of us as we strive to care and meet the needs of others. So again, I encourage us to take a few minutes and reach out and see how you can make a difference now in this pandemic-this hour of need!

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I have enclosed this 'tip sheet' for caregivers that might be useful in our journey we call life.' Share it with someone today. Strive to take care of yourself too! Each of you matter to me and at least one other person. Take care, be safe and be well! All the best to each and every one! *King Lion Chris*

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From the newsletter contributors and publisher—

Our newsletter will continue to keep the lines of communication open during the COVID-19 epidemic. What better way than through the written word with photos of the event. Please be safe, follow precautionary measures and 'wear the damn mask.'

Please note: We plan to publish 8 newsletters during the year - **Jan/Feb, March, April, June, August, September, October and Nov/Dec.**

Cutoff date for articles etc. is the **3rd weekend** of the month prior to releasing the newsletter. Suggestions relating to Newsletter content is greatly appreciated.

WORKING WITH SPAN, HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Recently the Severn River Lion Board approved donating \$1,000 to SPAN as an ongoing effort to help those in need during the pandemic. As a result, the donation was broken down into \$100 gift cards then distributed to local families. In addition to the donation SPAN responded with a letter of thanks and provided a news release in the Village Voice (locally known as the “crab wrapper” per Lion Dick M.) telling the community of our donation.

Do you know of SPAN’s beginning?

On April 2, 1990, the Severna Park Assistance Network (SPAN) opened its doors to local area families in crisis. SPAN was formed because of the concern on the part of the ministers in the Severna Park area with regard to the growing demand for emergency help, the need to identify the people seeking help, and a process to help those people in a dignified and expeditious manner. Before that, those needing assistance would be forced to go from church to church. SPAN enabled them to find that same resource in one convenient place.



Since then, SPAN has been serving our neighbors to help them through a critical or emergency situation such as hunger, utility turn-offs, court-ordered evictions, and prescription/medical needs. We have expanded beyond Severna Park, so SPAN is now an acronym for Serving People Across Neighborhoods.

SPAN’s primary service areas include: Severna Park, Millersville, Arnold and Broadneck. SPAN’s secondary service areas include the surrounding communities of Crofton, Crownsville, Odenton, Gambrills, (requires referral Crofton Christian Caring Council), Pasadena and Glen Burnie (requires referral from NCEON), Linthicum, and Severn.

In order to receive assistance all clients must have a current Maryland ID with current address or change of address card, a referral (if needed), a utility turn-off notice, or disposition (for evictions) signed by a judge.

SPAN is located at 400 Benfield Road, behind Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, in Severna Park. For more information and eligibility requirements, or to see a copy of SPAN's annual report, please contact us at 410-647-0889, or email us at spanhelps@yahoo.com.

HOURS: Mon.-Thurs., 10:00am-2:00pm.



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COMMUNITY COMMITMENT**

CONGRADULATIONS

TO LIONS

Rollins R. Clark, Jr

19 years of service

Joined Lions March 2002

Sponsored by: Dick Bloomquist

Nancy Earley

14 years of service

Joined Lions March 2007

Sponsored by: Sue Parks

Yvonne A. Jackson

19 years of service

Joined Lions March 2002

Sponsored by: Randal Roberts

William Joseph Meyers

29 years of service

Joined Lions March 1992

Sponsored by: Patrick Dionne



Tip Sheet from page 1

1. Learn healthy ways to manage your stress
2. Think of challenges as opportunities to shine
3. Look for the best in others and yourself
4. Eat right and get plenty of rest
5. Exercise for 30 minutes or more on most days of the week
6. Focus on the joys in life and remember to laugh
7. Do something nice for someone
8. Make time each day to relax
9. Surround yourself with upbeat people
10. Take pride in your work and your achievements

by Helen Hunter, ACSW, LSW



RECAP SRL BOARD MEETING

9 February 2021

King Lion Remarks Lion Chris – King Lion Chris welcomed everyone. Requested moment of silence for Lion Ollie Wittig. KL Chris requested help in identifying methods and or practices to recognize recently deceased members. Conclusion; create a committee. KL Chris received volunteers to serve on the committee to identify best practices etc. Also, this evenings agenda has changed.

Secretary Report Lion Carl – Recreated minutes 25 minutes prior to meeting due to misplacing prior draft. Please look over 2nd draft and provide feedback.

Topic of meeting dates were discussed. Mention of meeting days evolved into maintaining the 2nd Tuesday of each month as a SRLC board meeting and moving the membership meeting to the 4th Tuesday. Motion made and seconded for the SRL to meet as follows: 2nd Tuesday- BOD Meeting, 4th Tuesday - Membership meeting starting March 2021.

Treasurer Report Lion Sue – Reconciliation sent to board members for review, Request for comments, hearing none, motion made to file for review.

Old Business

Membership Lion Joinette – Extended a reminder to everyone to reach out to current members by contacting, sharing opportunities of possibly having breakfast and or lunch. Also, pass on information to Joinette and or KL Chris so they can forward get well, congratulation cards etc.

Medical Loan Closet Status Lions Jackie, Lion Chuck – Shed shimmed up, additional flooring added, sorting out of unusable items taking place by Jackie and Ashley. Also, various items now placed in specific locations. Power Point presented showing the new storage areas etc. Interesting finding during sorting out MLC, found 50-year-old photos and bag of used eye glasses. KL Chris expressed appreciation to Lions Chuck, Jackie and Ashley for their loan closet involvement.

Fruit Sales Lion Jon – Sale was successful, close to \$2,000 net. Waiting donation from Bisciotti Foundation. All the help was certainly appreciated, Very smooth operation with pleasant weather. KL Chris also expressed appreciation to everyone.

Texas Roadhouse Lion Suzette – Roadhouse gift certificate fundraiser # 3 expires in a few days. Acquiring additional certificates for Peace Poster Participants. Requested input from the board for Roadhouse Gift Certificate #4 up through Easter. Also, #5 for Mothers & Father's Day. Comments from the board: All in agreement.

Service committee Lion Bill Z – January Food Drive went well, committee continues using round robin exercise, looking into visitation and fund raising. KL Chris mentioned restarting the fundraising committee.

Eyeglass collection and sorting Lion Carl – Slowly working way through 18 collection areas. We have places to store, waiting direction from LASH; April date to disperse SRL sorted eye glasses. Many comments made offering to assist Carl when needed.

Penny Drive Lion Joinette – AAC Co-Op and Bingo Hall continues supporting drive, picked up \$43.00 at AAC and \$119.00 at Bingo Hall. Penny Drive Article will be created for March Newsletter.

New Business

January Food Drive Report Lion Ashley – Expressed thank you to everyone for assisting with the drive. Comments from BOD "All agreed the food drive should be an ongoing service program during each fruit sale".

ZOOM Account and Hosting Lion Carl – Discussion centered around training new operators (SR Lions) using existing Zoom account. Two different levels are available. Suggestion given to write up proposal for Board to review and comment.

LASH – Sue commented LASH is requesting clubs to consider additional donations due to pandemic.

Potential Partnerships with other Anne Arundel Lions Clubs Lion Chris – Request for eyeglasses, hearing aids etc. within AAC has increased. KL Chris requested SRL volunteers to gather as a committee to develop a solution. Lions volunteered, Chris setting up gathering.

Zone update – ZC Chuck commented clubs have not reported activity within last three months or more. Carl commented on the difficulty entering info into MyLCI. DG Jim is a good resource to assist, DG Jim is his club secretary.

District update – ZC Chuck, Sue and Clem attended 22A's Virtual Cabinet meeting. Comments: District Social cancelled and MD Convention date moved to May 22-23, 2021. VDG Position open for interested Lions.

9 Mar -- Board meeting – Next SRL BOD meeting.

Additional Comments – Sue suggested selling Terri Lynn Nuts as new online fundraiser. Board Agreed.

Also, SRLC 65th Charter Anniversary will be March 2021. Possible Month to schedule event could be June, also include traditional SRL turnover event. KL Chris suggested Sue and Clem develop article for the News Letter.

Clem provided Newsletter update. Request for Newsletter Deadline 3rd weekend of the month.

BOD input; stay with average of 8 issues per year. Skip June and July.

Newsletter issues would be; Jan/Feb, March, April, May, August, September, October & Nov/Dec

MARCH SRL MEETING DATES VIA ZOOM

STeam Meeting – Tuesday 3/2, 7:00 PM

SRL Board Meeting – Tuesday 3/9, 7:00 PM

SRL General Meeting – Tuesday 3/23, 7:00 PM

SUNSINE COMMITTEE – Lion Joinette

Hello my fellow Lions,

I just wanted to follow up about a couple on going projects. The first is taking care of each other. This topic was discussed at our last board meeting .Now more than ever we want to ensure that our members and family do not feel alone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone.Please call ,text, email or make a zoom call brunch, lunch or dinner. Today it's not only the pandemic that separates us but also the weather. Please do take care of yourself and if you can check on a friend, neighbor or family member. As little as once a week reaching out can make someone's day.

Next is our penny drive. Again yes I realize that the pandemic has changed the landscape of our interactions with each other. If I may make some suggestions.

Make a game of cleaning in, under and around our sofas and cars. This has been good source of coin for me with my nieces and nephew. When we do infrequently go into the office maybe a day in the month to please ask your co-worker's for coins. The easiest is to clean out pockets from laundry or if you are like many of us as you go through clothes to donate, check the pockets. I want to again thank Lion Bill Z for his recent collections of coin. I have also been collecting at the Bingo World too. Between the two of us we have over two hundred dollars to add to the cause.

Thank you as always for all that you do!

Take care of yourself and stay warm for the rest of the winter season!

Thank you, Lion Joinette

Severn River Lions Club partnering with Texas Roadhouse

Purchase a Texas Roadhouse e-Gift Card using the link or QR Code below. 10% of every gift card purchase will be donated.

•Cards Ordered between March 1st and March 31st will be emailed by April 3rd in time for Easter.

•Cards Ordered between April 1st and May 5th will be emailed by May 8th in time for Mother's Day.

•Cards Ordered between May 6th and June 16th will be emailed by June 19th in time for Father's Day.

The same link is being used for all three campaign dates:

<https://na.eventscloud.com/severnriverlionsclub>

Our fundraiser will also be posted on social media.

The graphic is a promotional flyer for the Severn River Lions Club's online gift card fundraiser. At the top, it features the Texas Roadhouse logo and the text 'ONLINE GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER'. Below this, the Severn River Lions Club logo is prominently displayed. The text explains the partnership with Texas Roadhouse to raise funds, stating that 10% of every gift card purchase will be donated. It provides specific dates for when cards ordered will be emailed: March 1st to March 31st (emailed by April 3rd), April 1st to May 5th (emailed by May 8th), and May 6th to June 16th (emailed by June 19th). A QR code is provided for easy access to the fundraiser page. At the bottom, there is a 'More Information' section with bullet points: e-gift cards are delivered via email; cards will be delivered after the fundraiser completion (with a note to see dates above); all major credit cards are accepted; cards can be used at over 600 locations nationwide and never expire; and cards can be used on the mobile app for in-store orders. Contact information for Meghan Hewitt is also listed at the bottom.

2/16/21 - STeam Committee - Zoom meeting, 7:00 pm

- **Status**

- o Discussed many new ideas, and how we might implement some spring/summer projects.
- o Decided to have STeam meetings on first Tuesday so will be fresh to present to the board on the second Tuesday.

- **Planning ideas**

- o Lion Ashley went through the SRLC archives, especially newsletters, found a treasure trove of ideas, past projects, successes and failures, and much more. Many of the Club records were found in the loan closet stores.
- o Lion Clem spoke of a Native American history day. He also told of previous presentations to Baltimore City Elementary schools and suggested a program for Native American day which is the day after Thanksgiving.
- o Lion Bill suggested re starting club twinning zooming with clubs outside of USA. Lion Clem would contact a fellow Lion friend in a Finland club.
- o We discussed possible in District zoom visitations, and will suggest same to the Board.
- o Lion Clem commented interviewing Lion transfers into our club as a way "welcome to SRL family".
- o We discussed and propose publishing snapshots of members, new and old in the newsletter. KL Chris recommended doing article on SPAN. Also, articles on Scholarship Recipients.
- o Possible partnering with Habitat for Humanity, and supporting Habitat projects.
- o Will publish STeam notes in an article in the newsletter. (Lion Bill)

What happened to M&A Report? —Lion Clem

I'm sure our Lions that served as club secretary remember the monthly task of first gathering information from our members on what they completed in service projects and or how many cases of fruit you sold etc. After pulling all the info together you would complete the M&A (membership and activities) Reports, then send copies to individuals in the District Cabinet and LCI. You may recall this was done manually with record keeping and outreach capability limited by volumes of reports to draw from.

Well as of fall of 2016 LCI Long Range Planning Committee embarked on a Strategic Plan focusing on the Association. Questions were sought by asking! Help us shape our future by Sharing ideas from Lions across the globe? Following the comments.

LCI FORWARD was then created by focusing on Four Areas and their Strategic Initiatives

AREAS OF FOCUS

New Innovative Products	Undated Global Causes	Strategic Marketing Plan	Total Quality Program
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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Improve Membership Value & Reach New Markets	Enhance Service Impact & Focus	Reshape Public Opinion & Improve Visibility	Pursue Club, District and Organizational Excellence
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Now is the time to be asking what next! In 2018 LCI created MyLci replacing the M&A report. MyLci also requested membership changes and service projects etc. A short time later MyLion was created for Lions & Leo Clubs to report service project information. Leaving MyLci for membership reporting.

Is it simply; to those recalling M&A reports, there could be an adrenalin rush at times but, the final outcome is worth the effort?

So here is the easy path. Once the 1. Club President, 2. Secretary, 3. Service Committee Chair or 4. Club Administrator log onto MyLci membership changes etc. can be entered. The same Lions will also be able to report into MyLion our service projects, hours and dollars spent.

Special Note of interest: Once MyLci is opened there are two areas (other or global causes) for the information to be entered. **Other** - will reflect areas such as: Fundraising, Health & Wellness, Meetings/Administrative and Service Activities. **Global Causes** – found in the **drop-down** section allowing for entries be entered under five (5) LCI Global Causes: 1. Vision 2. Diabetes 3. Hunger 4. Environment 5. Childhood Cancer.

And now as a former club secretary I now understand the task at hand using MyLci and MyLion.

Addition information can be found by going to:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/service-reporting>

Lion Clem