



Severn River Lions Club News

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A Big Thank You to SRLC!

King Lion Jon Valett

A year can seem to go by in such a short time. My year as President of the Severn River Lions Club is almost over, so its time to look back, say thanks, and move on. On a personal note, I have truly enjoyed every minute of being King Lion (well, nearly every minute).

SRLC has had a really great year. Our fundraising was slightly ahead of our budget expectations, allowing us to give generously to many really fine charities and to fund our scholarships. Our service projects were many and varied. Our club maintains a vibrant and active membership. Do we still need to add some members? Yes, but overall, we have maintained our membership number at the same level as last year, so that's not bad.

I would like to say thank you to every member of SRLC for all that they have done (and continue to do) this year to support the club and its projects. It is all the members and their efforts that make a club successful. Special thanks go to IPP George for his support and encouragement and to treasurer Lion Chuck for keeping the books for us this year. Extra special thanks to Lion Sue, the best Lions secretary a president could hope for. I wish I could say I was as good a secretary for her as she has been for me, but there is no way I would have been able to reach her level.

Finally, I want to wish the best of luck to the new board for Lions year 2010-2011. I know Lion Trent will do a great job, and I offer him whatever he needs in the way of help. Thanks again to all of SRLC for supporting me during my year as President, I truly believe that we are one of the best Lions clubs around.



District Governor's Theme
"Service: Today, Tomorrow,
Forever"

Bowie Baysox Lions Night!
Saturday, July 24th • Get Your Tickets

54th CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION



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Early Morning Eyeglass Sorting

Just after daybreak on April 10, Severn River Lions, PDG Dick Bloomquist, Rollins Clark, PDG Bob Muchow, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig joined about five dozen other Lions and LEO's at the Maryland School for the Blind for the semi-annual eyeglass sorting.

Trailer and trunk loads of used eyeglasses from all over District 22-A as well as glasses collected in District 22-B were carted into the gym and placed on three rows of tables that had been set up for the sorting. The oral directions advised Lions to remove eyeglasses from their cases; put prescription sunglasses with regular glasses; and sort non-prescription sunglasses and broken eyeglasses into separate containers. Eyeglass frames with potential gold, silver, or platinum were set aside for special verification.

Lion Joey Livingston and his team assembled boxes for the eyeglasses and the Lions got to work. What originally seemed like a mountain of used eyeglasses began to dwindle as the Lions sorted per instructions. Once filled, cartons were then sealed and labeled for transmittal to the recycling facility in northern Virginia. Here they will be graded, sanitized and prepared for shipment to third world countries as part of the Lions international campaign against eye defects.

By 9:30 am that morning nearly a hundred cartons of useable eyeglasses had been processed and were loaded on the trailer for shipment. Discarded cell telephones, printer cartridges, used hearing aids and batteries were also accepted for recycling. It wasn't all work, however. The usual coffee and delicious doughnuts tantalized the sorters and helped stimulate conversations between Lions getting reacquainted.

In conjunction with the sorting, another Lions sponsored event was taking place on the track at MSB: the Diabetes Walk. Many Lions left the auditorium to support this worthwhile project. Marchers who made a donation and walked the track were given a bright colored T-shirt with the Lions logo and diabetes walk symbols in testament to their contribution. The weather for this outdoor event was perfect and encouraged participation.

The semiannual sorting is a worthwhile project and gives Lions from all over the District the opportunity to reconnect while performing a valuable service. If you have not participated in a sorting consider attending the next event in the Fall of 2010.

"We Serve"



Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Mark your calendar for the next Lions Night at Bowie Baysox. On Saturday, **July 24** the Bowie Baysox face the Richmond Flying Squirrel's at Bowie Stadium just south of Crofton. Currently, Bowie is ranked #2 in their division and is playing great baseball. A section of seats have been ordered in the upper reserve area behind home plate for the roaring Lions.

Ticket orders will be taken at the next several meetings so be sure to sign up early. This will be a great time to gather with Lions, families, and friends for an evening of fun. At the conclusion of the game there will be a spectacular fireworks show by Pyrothechnica that will flash and boom across the sky. Be sure to sign up early—tickets go fast.

Eleven and Counting

Since 2000 the Annapolis and Severn River Lions Clubs have joined forces to offer vision screening at the annual health fair at Anne Arundel Community College. On April 14, Steve Smith from the Annapolis Lions joined with Severn River Lions PDG Dick Bloomquist, Ed Taylor, and Ollie Wittig for the eleventh year to offer adult vision screening and, this year for the first time, hearing screening.

The Lions used the Titmus Screener for testing participant's far and near vision and the audiometer to check the hearing. The screeners were in a separate room away from the main display area to minimize noise distraction but nearly thirty people visited to have either their eyes or ears checked.

The health fair was also a great opportunity to acquaint visitors with the many service activities done by Lions. Membership brochures and Free Dinner Cards were available for distribution to prospective members. PDG Dick was also able to interest several folks in the club's upcoming bull and oyster roast and sold several tickets.

The annual health fair is a great way to acquaint the community with some of the activities offered by Lions and it gave the participating Lions a chance to reconnect and chat. It was agreed that the clubs will join forces again next year.

Serving Lions

The Annual Relay For Life, the national event to raise funds for cancer research, kicked off at Anne Arundel Community College at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 14; but preparations for this mega event began early in the day and several Lions had volunteered to assist with the set up, cooking, and serving for the large crowds expected.



Teams of walkers with pledges from friends and neighbors walked on the track all night long. The money collected will benefit a very worthy cause. Walkers, many attired in distinctive team T-shirts, marched around the track throughout the night while music and entertainment from the infield helped fill the hours. Many marchers came with lounge chairs and sleeping bags for a well deserved rest during the night.

Lions Don Rayment, Bruce Schriener, Dale Strait, Ken Tschantre, and Ollie Wittig worked shifts beginning at 10:00 am and helped with set up, sign placement, food prep and grilling chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers for the marchers. By conservative estimates over one hundred fifty pounds of chicken were grilled, several thousand hot dogs and nearly that many hamburgers were prepared by the SRLC Lions and other volunteer grill chefs that day. Immediately after opening ceremonies the hungry marchers descended on the food tents and all of the food that had been grilled that afternoon began to disappear.

The Relay For Life is a "working event" and gave the participating Lions another opportunity to show the community that "We Serve." Our club will probably be invited next year to participate in this event so consider volunteering your time and talent for a worthy cause.



Seven is the Charm

Ollie Wittig

The 2010 bull and oyster roast held on April 17 was a successful event if the crowd and the delicious food was an indicator and all the SRLC members who contributed to the evening are due a big “Thank You” for their efforts. Dick Maurer and Bill O’Neil coordinated the evening, Nancy Burns distributed and collected roast and raffle tickets, Nancy Earley organized the cake wheel, Sue Parks accepted and catalogued the three dozen silent auction items and door prizes, Joinette Smallwood enticed attendees to buy bingo raffle tickets and Don Rayment and Bill O’Neil for MC-ing the door prizes and raffles.

Atlantic Caterers did their usual terrific job and the beef, oysters, various sides, appetizers, and fruits were ready when the hungry hordes arrived at 6:00 pm. The previous year’s experience at the oyster line was resolved by having two shuckers and this added to the oyster con-



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sumption this year. Soon there were steady lines at the beef and oyster tables and the food lines which continued through the evening.

Well over 250 guests filled the thirty tables. We were honored to have Lions from twelve different clubs in attendance. One Lions couple from the Gettysburg Lions Club made the one and a half hour drive to join the festivities. Several past District Governors were in attendance and current District Governor, Senora Haywood, was present to enjoy the food and mingle with the guests.

It was not all delicious food, however. An announcement reminded guests to try their luck on the cake wheel and the number wheel and soon the lines formed. Several Lions served as barkers for the wheels and the crowds soon gathered. A delicious variety of cakes lined the tiered shelves and enticed players. At the rear of the room six tables were filled with the three dozen items collected for the silent auction. Guests could examine a diverse selection of items: a single malt scotch whiskey party, three months of car washes, bicycle tune up certificates, specialty baskets for different ages, an HO train set, jewelry, and dinner certificates and names and bids began to fill the bid sheets.

Guest enjoyed the excellent festivities and the opportunity to socialize with friends at the seventh annual SRLC bull and oyster roast. As the evening began to draw to a close the guest waited patiently for the final big drawing, the either/or raffle for a Big Green Egg cooker or a Weber S-310 grill which were currently on display at Clements Hardware. The raffle stubs were shuffled and the drawing for the big prize began. The winner of the either/or drawing was Mark Quillen who will select his prize.

The guests enjoyed the festivities and could depart with pleasant memories. The SRLC Scholarship program, the primary beneficiary of the proceeds from this event, will be sustained for another year and will help to provide scholarship assistance for college bound seniors from Broadneck and Severna Park High Schools.

See everyone at next year's bull and oyster roast!

Lions All Around

Saturday, May 1 was a bright sunny day and the crowds gathered at the annual Camp Blaze children's fair at Big Vanilla on Ritchie Highway. Severn River Lions were again multi-tasking at this event. Dick Maurer and his hard working crew—George Councill, Trent Kutsch, Sue Parks, Randy Roberts, Ray Smith and Bill Zelenakas—staffed the outside tent and sold tickets that patrons could use for the various activity and food booths that were set up around the lot. By late morning the crowds arrived and the crew was kept busy dispensing tickets. It was a great opportunity to let the visitors see Lions in action.

Inside the preschool vision screening was in operation and manned by Rollins Clark, Carl Gilbert, Chuck Horne, Chris Werth, and Ollie Wittig. The screening team checked for amblyopia-lazy eye and possible refractive errors in the youngsters. As always it is fun but can be a challenge to work with this age group and provide this valuable service to the community. Parents of children screened will be notified if the youngster was "Pass," "Refer," or "may need



eyeglasses." The club will follow up to see that professional eye care is gotten if needed.

A parent whose son was screened last year stopped by and thanked the Lions for screening her son. He had been referred for a possible eye problem, was seen by an ophthalmologist, and glasses were prescribed. The mother indicated that the glasses made a difference in his performance at school and in his activities. It is these kinds of testimonial that make the preschool screening program worthwhile.

Earleigh Morning Lions

The sun had barely risen when a pride of Lions gathered at 7:00 am at the Earleigh Heights fire hall for the first session of highway cleanup on Ritchie Highway north and south of the fire station.

Chief Highway Engineer, Rollins Clark, passed out bright florescent vests and hats, trash collection bags, pick up sticks and issued directions for the cleanup. The Lions—Carroll Hicks, Chuck Horne, Rhine Jager, Don Rayment, Ray Smith, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig—first sampled some of the doughnuts Rollins had provided then set off in teams to scour both sides of the roadway for trash tossed by thoughtless motorists. Since this was the first pick up of the season quite a variety of detritus was found and bagged. After about forty five minutes the task was completed and the teams deposited the orange bags for pickup by state highway crews. While this is not one of the most "fun" activities done by our club the effort is one which helps make our section of Ritchie Highway more presentable and lets the community know that "We Serve."

If you have not been on a highway cleanup crew, there will be more opportunities since we do the cleaning on a monthly basis through October. Come join the next pickup, enjoy a walk in the fresh air, and know that you have done a good service.

SRLC Scholarships Awarded for 2010

The Scholarship Committee (Mary Dare, Nadja Muchow, Trent Kutsch, and Ollie Wittig) unanimously selected the winners of the SRLC Scholarships for 2010 from a group of very well qualified applicants. Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, involvement in extra curricular and community activities, teacher recommendations, financial need, and the student's potential to excel in college. Scholarships are originally awarded for one year but can be renewed if the applicant's situation has not changed and the club's financial resources will support an extension.

At Broadneck High School the winner of the Patrick Dionne Memorial Scholarship is Stephen W. Carbine. During his tenure at Broadneck High School Stephen carried a demanding academic load with many honors and advanced placement courses. His extra curricular involvement has included service to his church as a youth minister and summer mission work to assist low income families, varsity tennis team, community sports teams, piano study, and summer employment. Stephen was ranked 7 in his senior class of 504 students. Stephen has been accepted at Loyola University

and University of Maryland and plans to pursue a career in chemical engineering.

At Severna Park High School the winner of the E. Roy Shawn Memorial Scholarship is Rebecca Selle. While at Severna Park Rebecca took many honors, advanced, and advanced placements courses and achieved ranking of 14 in her senior class of 454 students. Rebecca was actively involved in several school programs; cross country, indoor and outdoor track, school orchestra, and attained recognition for academic excellence with selection for Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Key Club. Rebecca also found time in a busy schedule to share her sports expertise with several community sports programs. She was actively involved in several humanitarian projects with global impact that included fund raising efforts and several trips to disadvantaged countries to assist with projects. Rebecca has been accepted at University of Maryland, Virginia Tech, and Clemson and plans to major in engineering.

The Severn River Lions can be proud of these scholarship recipients and our role in helping them financially in their college program.

Now That Spring has Sprung... S.W.A.T "Cleanup Days" Along Route 2 Will Be Starting Saturday Morning Operations

Stay tuned for more details concerning the schedule and please look for the sign-up sheet at future meetings! It's been a long, cold and dirty winter. Now is a great time to beautify and serve the community by getting outdoors to pick up some trash.



Don't Forget...Ledo's Pizza Night is the 4th Wednesday of each month!

The Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park will donate a portion of sales to the SRLC, plus kids eat free too!

May 26th • June 23rd • July 28th • August 25th • September 22

It's easy to help raise money, just stop by and get a slice of pie!



LEO's Presentation Shows Caring & Community Involvement

LEO's leader Judy Crawford and about a dozen LEO's from Severna Park Middle School attended the May 4th meeting. The LEO's presented an attractive display showing some of their projects such as the blankets they make for Sarah's House, the eye glass collection at school, the food collection for SPAN, and their visits to the local senior center. Several of the members gave brief talks about the different projects. Lions in attendance were impressed with the LEO's spirit of helpfulness and community assistance demonstrated through their service projects.

Letter From The Editor

Over the past year many of my fellow Lions have expressed to me their thanks and compliments for the club newsletter. I'm a firm believer in credit where credit is due, and I want to take a brief moment to thank the SRLC newsletter staff: Ollie Wittig, writer; Bill O'Niel, photographer; and Sue Parks, assistant editor. Thank You! Without your many articles, photos and help this newsletter would be sorely lacking. Please keep them coming!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<http://my.calendars.net/srlc>

JUNE

- 6/1 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 6/4 Club Officer Training SPHS 6:00PM
- 6/5 Cycling for Sight Charter Event 2-5PM
- 6/5 Cub Pack 688 Bridging Ceremony 4:30PM
- 6/8 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 6/12 Cycling for Sight Ride B&A Trail 7:30AM
- 6/12 Special Olympics, Towson 10AM
- 6/15 Turnover Meeting 6:30PM
- 6/23 Ledo's Pizza Night
- 6/28 - 7/2 International Conv., Sydney, Australia

JULY

- 7/6 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 7/13 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 7/20 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 7/24 SRLC Night Baysox Game 6:00PM
- 7/28 Ledo's Pizza Night

AUGUST

- 8/3 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 8/10 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 8/17 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 8/25 Ledo's Pizza Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- Bill Zelenakas – 24
- Joe McClellan – 26
- Nancy Garczynski – 28
- Dick Bloomquist – 30

JUNE

- George Councill – 9
- Carl Gilbert – 18
- Bill O'Neil – 29

JULY

- Myra Payne – 7
- Laurie Bishop – 12
- Bob Muchow – 16
- Bob Siska – 18
- Jack White – 18
- Dale Strait – 19

AUGUST

- Yvonne Jackson – 2
- Chris Werth – 3
- Rollins Clark – 7
- Mike Milord – 17
- Bill Meyers – 25
- Ollie Wittig – 26
- Milum Greene – 26

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photos or a story to
share?**

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