



Severn River Lions Club News

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Fall Into Action

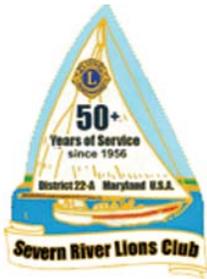
King Lion Jon Valett

As fall comes, it seems SRLC really gets into the heart of its service and fundraising activities. Early in September saw many of our members participate in vision screening at the State Fair. Thanks to Lion Sue for organizing. With school starting, more vision screening gets going. Lion's Dale and Ollie are great organizers for that activity. We held a successful fundraiser at Kinder Park. What a great day in the community, and many thanks to Lion Dick for directing that one. Finally, we showed our support to the schools by handing out the trophies at the Tournament of Bands (special thanks to Lion's Trent and Ollie for filling in for me on that one). Wow, we're barely half way through October and we've done quite a bit. It seems service clubs like ours really come to life when fall comes on the calendar.

Looking forward to the rest of the fall, sees us starting our fruit sales again. *We really need the support of all of our members for this activity.* It is our major fundraiser of the year, so please make every effort to get out and provide whatever time you can. The first sale is November 21st. I'll see you there.

Two other notes:

- In this issue of the newsletter are the committee assignments for LY 2009-2010. Please take a look and if there are places you want to serve and get involved contact the respective committee chair.



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

Holiday Party! December 1st

Mark your calendar, more information to follow.



Severn River Lions enjoy appetizer's while socializing.



Lion Rollins Clark received a Melvin Jones Award.

Lions Night Out

by Ollie Wittig

The perfect weather, the picturesque setting on the Severn River, and the bountiful and delicious food all came together on September 15 for the club's annual picnic at Linstead Beach. Over 50 Lions and guests including special guests, District Governor Senora Haywood and PDG Rowe Haywood, gathered at the beach to mingle, socialize, and enjoy the delicious appetizer's and beverages. The early morning set up crew led by Ken Tschantre had placed the tables and benches on the deck and everything was ready. King Lion Jon asked everyone to take seats and get ready for the feast. The usual Lions opening formally began the event and the selection of which table got to eat first was made. The Lions and guests were treated to Adam's Ribs delicious barbecued chicken, pork ribs, green salad, slaw, and potato salad served in "all you can eat" fashion and soon the only sounds that could be heard was contented munching from the pavilion. Cookies and fresh fruit were featured on the dessert menu and it seemed there was always a line at the serving table.

After the meal, our special guests were formally introduced and expressed their appreciation for a festive evening. KL Jon announced that a Melvin Jones award would be given that

evening to a deserving Lion and DG Senora presented a plaque and citation to Lion Rollins Clark to commemorate this honor.

Following the meal and presentation everyone enjoyed the opportunity to mix and mingle some more. The group was spared the usual post picnic work of storing the tables and benches that would be used by another community group in a few days. The leftover food was claimed by hungry Lions and "goody bags" could be seen.

KL Jon recognized and thanked everyone who had attended and contributed to another successful and enjoyable evening on the river and everyone is looking forward to next year.

Go Lions!



Gentle waves break on the Linstead beach.



SRLC Lions gathered at the Severna Park Community Center (near the Woods Church). The Community Center graciously supplied bus and driver for the expedition.

A Visit to the Wilmer Low Vision Center

On October 6 twenty Severn River Lions and guests boarded a school bus-yes, a school bus-for a ride to the Wilmer Low Vision Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital Center in Baltimore. The club elected to visit Wilmer in lieu of a meeting so members could see first hand the renowned facility that Lions from District 22 have helped support for many years. After a sometimes bumpy ride the group arrived at the Wilmer Center and checked in. We were welcomed by our guides for the evening, Drs. Dagnelie, Bittner, and Malik, and were given an introduction to some of the excellent work done with low vision patients. For convenience the group was divided and each of the doctors explained the role and function of the Wilmer program and responded to questions. Dr. Dagnelie has been affiliated with Wilmer for nearly three decades and has conducted research on various aspects of low vision.

Dr. Ava Bittner, a recipient of the Lions Fellowship at Wilmer, explained the important intake process that patients with low vision undergo on the initial visit. The data collected helps the staff determine the best treatment modality. Dr. Bittner demonstrated the different equipment that is used to assess a patient's

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One of the many plaques on display honoring the Lions.

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vision and Lions were able to experience using the diagnostic equipment. Dr. Bittner also outlined some of the research she is currently undertaking and demonstrated an at home test that patients self administer so that the results can be used to devise a treatment regimen.

Dr. Alexis Malik presented information on the various aids that are available to enhance a patient's low vision so that they can function reasonably normally in a home or work environment and Lions had an opportunity to try some of the devices. In addition to these devices, patients are counseled on how to more effectively deal with their low vision.

Dr. Dagnelie demonstrated various vision enhancement tools currently on the market. Of particular interest were the small electronic aids that could be carried to a grocery store to assist with reading labels and tags. Other larger devices similar to computer screens could be used to enlarge print in newspapers or books, change the print contrast, and improve functioning in daily living situations.

The final stop on the tour was at the Wineburg Center where Dr. Dagnelie demonstrated some of the implant devices currently being developed or used. The Wilmer Low Vision Center is world renowned and patients from all over the USA and foreign countries have benefited from the treatments there.

Lions can be proud of their relationship and contribution to the ongoing success of the Wilmer Low Vision Center. In recognition of the continued support of Lions in District 22 numerous plaques testifying to this contribution could be seen on the walls of the Center. Lions clubs looking for an interesting evening in lieu of a meeting might consider a tour of the Wilmer Low Vision Center.

The Lions returned to the bus for another jolting ride via Russell Street and the Beltway to Severna Park but all agreed that the visit to The Wilmer Center was worth the inconvenience.



Dr. Dagnelie demonstrates an experimental prosthetic vision aid that utilizes a small camera (worn as ordinary eye glasses).



Dr. Malik demonstrates and explains various vision aids.



Dr. Bittner demonstrates a diagnostic test that patients self administer. The test provides valuable data for her research.



Lions Ollie Wittig and Trent Kutsch stand ready to present the trophies.

Tournament of the Bands

On Saturday, October 3 the Tournament of Bands-TOB- returned to Roberts Field at Severna Park High School. Fifteen bands from Maryland and Delaware assembled and at 6:15 pm the SPSHS Falcon marching band took the field to open with the national anthem. Immediately after that bands in four categories based on size and experience took the field for energetic march music and precision drill. The tubas rumbled, the horns blared, the drums beat, and the cymbals clanged and the audience appreciated every maneuver. Five judges mingled with the bands as they performed and evaluated each group's musical and marching performance and recorded comments that were later given to the director for review. The judges determined a band's ranking in several different categories and trophies were awarded to the winners.

The support of the band parents of all the bands was outstanding as parents assisted with getting equipment on and off the field in quick order and there should have been trophies awarded for their invaluable assistance.

For at least twenty years the Severn River Lions Club has provided the trophies and Lions Trent Kutsch and Ollie Wittig were honored to present these to the winning bands. The TOB souvenir program recognized the ongoing contribution of our club with a page one full page add that listed the citrus sale dates, some of the club's service activities, and an invitation for prospective members. If you have never attended a Tournament of Band mark your calendar for the first week in October next year and come to SPSHS for a high energy evening.

Severn River Lions Club Membership Goals 2009-2010

The Membership-Retention committee met on August 13 and proposed the following goals for this Lion's year. The goals were approved by the Board on September 8.

- ◆ **Prepare and distribute a New Member Recruitment sheet to all members. This is to be used to assist with recruiting prospective members.**
- ◆ **Recruit at least ten percent 10% new members during 2009-2010.**
- ◆ **Emphasize recruitment of women, younger prospects, and spouses.**
- ◆ **Have programs and presenters that appeal to women, younger prospects, and spouses.**
- ◆ **Establish and implement a Buddy Plan and have the "Buddy" make frequent contacts with Affiliate and Members at Large to encourage attendance at meetings and participation in club events. Offer them a "ride share" to meetings.**
- ◆ **Develop and publish a Membership Fact Sheet for distribution at citrus sales, club events, and public locations to inform prospective members about SRLC.**
- ◆ **Design and print an SRLC "business card" with information about the club that can be distributed at public events.**
- ◆ **Work with the Publicity Committee to publicize SRLC events and services in the local media. Articles should include information about meetings, a contact name and number, and links to the SRLC website.**
- ◆ **Recognize and reward members who recruit new members.**
- ◆ **Update the Member Prospect List and do additional follow up with them.**
- ◆ **Schedule a Bring A Friend Night social event and invite prospective members to attend and learn about SRLC. Agenda to include a slide show, displays about activities, and interactive discussions.**

Don't Forget

**Save The
Date**

Winter Gala!

**5PM January 30, 2010
Marriott Hunt Valley Inn
245 Shawan Road Baltimore, MD**

Special Guest: Humanitarian Award Recipient, Dr. Benjamin S. Carson
Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital
(see flyer at the end of this newsletter)

A Great Day at Kinderfarm Park

Neither occasional rain showers nor blustery wind could deter the sixteen Lions who gathered at Kinder Park for the annual Fall Festival on October 10 to cook the Italian sausage, hot dogs, French fries, and shrimp for which our club has been known for the past five years. Chief Chef and Organizer Dick Maurer's work began at least a week prior to the event as he recruited helpers, made purchases, sorted equipment needed, and even getting the club's truck back from a needed repair to the fuel pump.

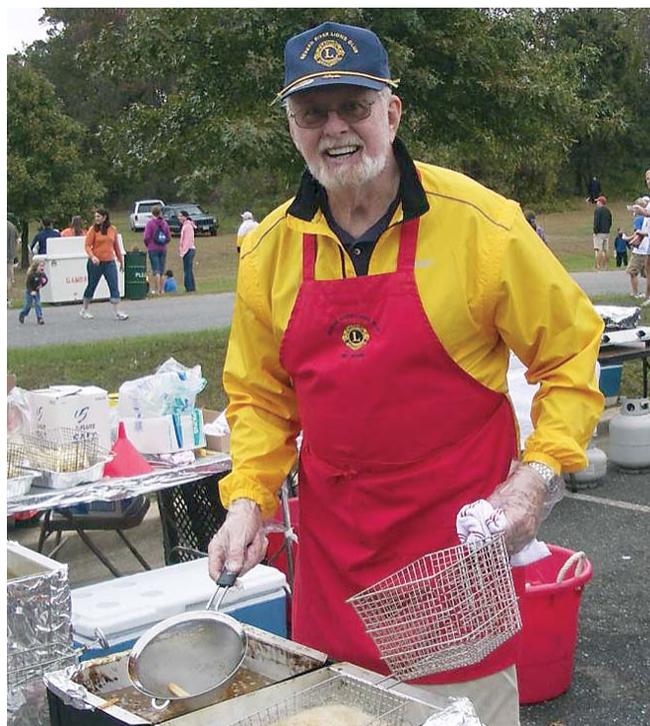
Lions began arriving at 7:30 to set up the tents and unload the supplies and equipment, set up the grills and cookers, ice the soda and get ready for the hungry festival goers. George Council's very large grill that could accommodate several dozen sausages and hot dogs was manned by Rollins Clark. The fryers were manned by George Council, Dick Bloomquist, and Bruce Shriner, while Nancy Burns, Jack Randall, and Rick Stefany skillfully sliced the onions and peppers for the sausage sandwiches. Other Lions, Jack Brown, Trent Kutsch, Bill O'Neil, Randy Roberts, Dale Strait, Jon Valett, Chris Werth, and Ollie Wittig, performed the myriad of other tasks needed before serving began.

At about 10:30 the festival goers began to line up for the delicious food and for the next two hours the crew worked diligently to serve Italian sausage smothered in peppers and onions, hot dogs, chili dogs, French fries, and fried shrimp. At times the lines backed up as customers waited for the fryers or the sausage/hot dog cookers but patience prevailed. For the next four hours the crew, many clad in red, blue, and maroon SRLC aprons, provided excellent refreshments as well as information about our club to the festival goers.

As the fall festival drew to a close the crew began the task of shutting down and storing the leftover supplies and equipment until the next



King Lion Jon Valett and Lions Rollins Clark, Chris Werth and Jack Brown (that's George Council in the background too).



Lion Dick Bloomquist mans the fryer at Kinderfarm Park.

cook-a-thon. All agreed that it had been a strenuous but worthwhile day and a great opportunity to acquaint the community with the many activities our club does. Information about membership, the next Bring a Friend Night, and the 2009-2010 citrus sales was offered to customers as they passed through the serving line.

We are indebted to Dick Maurer for his hard work and organization in making this another great event and successful fund raiser.



A Day At The State Fair

On Saturday, September 5, six Lions from Severn River joined with over forty lions from eight clubs to round out a week of vision and hearing screening at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Lions Rollins Clark, Trent Kutsch, Rick Stefany, Dale Strait, Chris Werth, and Ollie Wittig staffed the District 22-C vision van for the day and used the audiometer and Titmus screening device to check for potential problems.

For the hearing test clients sat inside a small booth and wore a headset that transmitted pings at different decibels to which they responded by a hand wave. Results of the screening were recorded and explained to the clients

The Titmus vision screening device was used to check the client's far and near vision. By reading columns of letters that decreased in size the reader's vision potential was assessed, recorded, and explained to the client.

Both the hearing and vision testing are a screening tool and not an official eye or ear examination, but the results can indicate possible problems that should be diagnosed by a professional examination.

Lions had the opportunity to interact with fairgoers that day and several of them commented that they had a relative in Lions, had previously been screened by Lions, or had heard of the good work done by Lions.

It was not all work, however. During occasional lulls the Lions had an opportunity to walk around the fairgrounds and see the exhibits, sample different food offerings, and enjoy a perfect day to be out of doors. The screenings at the State Fair have been an annual event and are a good way to let the public know what Lions contribute to their communities.

See you at the Maryland State Fair next year!

Happy Birthday!

OCTOBER

Jon Valett – 17
Leanna Maurer – 17
Clinton Wallace – 26

NOVEMBER

Nadja Muchow – 2
Carroll Hicks – 5
Bobby L. Edmond – 17
Jim Talentino – 20
Bob Engh – 21
Nancy Earley – 25

DECEMBER

Susan Parks – 5
Mary Boblitz – 5
John Linsley – 13
Mike Anderson - 19
Nancy Burns – 20
Rick Stefany – 23
Rhine Jager – 26



SWAT volunteers at work keeping our community clean.

S.W.A.T. Clean-Up Days Concluded for 2009

Clean-up Saturdays have ended for 2009. Once per month SRLC volunteers pick-up trash along the Route 2 corridor from Earleigh Heights Rd, North to Route 10 and South to Whites Rd. SWAT will resume in the Spring of 2010.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

OCTOBER

10/28 Ledo Pizza Night

NOVEMBER

11/3 No Meeting - Election Day

11/10 Board Meeting 7:30PM

11/17 General Meeting 6:30PM

11/21 Fruit Sale 8:00AM to 1:00PM

11/25 Ledo Pizza Night

11/30 Cabinet Meeting 6:30PM

DECEMBER

12/1 Holiday Dinner 6:00PM

12/15 General Meeting 6:30PM

12/19 Fruit Sale 8:00AM to 1:00PM

12/23 Ledo Pizza Night

JANUARY 2010

1/5 General Meeting 6:30PM

1/12 Board Meeting 7:30PM

1/19 General Meeting 6:30PM

1/23 Fruit Sale 8:00AM to 1:00PM

1/30 District Social 6:00PM

**GIVE BLOOD****The Vampire Sez:**

Next time you see PDG Dick and Tess Bloomquist, Lion Ken and Rachel Tschantre, and Lions Wayne Dudeck, Chuck Horne, Bill O'Neil, Chris Werth, and Jon Valett thank them for volunteering to give blood at our quarterly blood drive on Bloody Monday, 21 September. Each pint of donated blood has the potential to save three lives. Often the inventory of available blood for emergencies is measured in hours. Giving blood is truly giving the gift of life.

The next blood drive is scheduled for December at the Truckhouse Road Elks Club. Please come out to give your life's blood to give others a chance at life. The need is particularly great during the holiday season.

A signup sheet will be available at our meetings. If you can't make it to a meeting to sign up, contact Lion Dale Strait at 410-987-4879 or dalestrait@alum.mit.edu. Someone really will be glad you did.

**Do you have Lions news,
photos or a story to
share?**

Please send them via email to Dave Knabel at:
dknabel@verizon.net

SRLC Committee Assignments 2009 - 2010

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Adopt a Highway	Dudeck	Clark, Kutsch, Smith, Strait, Tschantre, Wittig, Zelenakas
Am Legion Liaison	Parks	Strait
Blood Drive	Strait	Bishop, Tschantre, Werth,
Bull & Oyster Roast	D Maurer, O'Neil	Bishop, Burns, Earley, Kutsch, Parks, Tshantre, Werth, Wittig, Zelenakas
Charter Night	Rayment	N. Muchow, Parks
Children's Fair	D. Maurer	Smith, Strait, Tschantre, Zelenakas
Christmas Party	Burns	Bishop, Earley, Werth
Constitution & By Laws	B. Muchow	Parks
Eye Exams/Hearing Aids	Strait	Stefany
Eye Glass Collection	Wittig	Kutsch, Werth, Zelenakas
Finance Committee	Horne	O'Neil, Smallwood
Fourth of July Parade	Wittig	Burns, Siska
Fruit Sale	Councill	Bishop, Earley, Luce, D Maurer, Parks, Roberts, Strait, Tschantre, Werth, Zelenakas
Fruit Sale Lunches	Parks	Burns - soup
Fund Raising	Kutsch	Burns, Councill, O'Neil, Maurer
Golf Outings	Clark	Hicks, Stefany
Kinder Fall Fest	D. Maurer	Bishop, Burns, Smith, Stefany, Strait, Tschantre, Werth, Wittig
LASH Reps		Clark, Strait, B. Muchow
LEO Clubs	Burns	Zelenakas
Lion of the Year	Clark	
Loan Closet	Glenn	
Meals on Wheels	Strait	Earley, O'Neil, Tschantre
Meeting Programs	Werth	
Meeting Set Up	D. Maurer	Stefany, Strait, Wittig
Melvin Jones Fellowships	Bloomquist	
Membership	Wittig	Knabel (graphics), Kutsch
Newsletter	Knabel	O'Neil, Parks
Nominations	Councill	Burns,
Pack 688 Liaison	Wittig	
Partners in Care	Strait	Smith
Peace Posters	Burns	Earley
Picnic	Burns	O'Neil, Tschantre,
Pre School Vision Screen	Wittig	Stefany, Strait,
Public Relations	Werth	Bishop,
Rebuilding Together	Councill	Bishop, Burns, Smith, Strait, Werth
We Serve	Rayment	Parks
Scholarships	Wittig	Kutsch, N Muchow,
Scrapbook	Earley	
SP Chamber of Commerce	Bloomquist	
SP Health Association	Horne	Burns, Luce (Secretary), McClellan, Randall
SPHS Band Liaison	Garzynski	
Sunshine Committee	Kutsch	
Teen Court	Rayment	Kutsch, Smith, Strait, Wittig
Twinning	Parks	
Visitations	Smith	Werth
Website	Parks	Knabel

2009 - 2010 Fruit Sale Schedule

All pick up times are 8am to 1pm

We conduct fundraisers to raise money for our charitable giving. We need your help. Our fruit sales are a main source of income for our scholarship program (Severna Park, Broadneck High Schools), pre-school vision screening program, youth programs and many other projects. Please consider purchasing some fruit to help support these programs.

We sell fresh Florida fruit straight from the tree to you, no color added or gas treatment. Our supplier, H&S Citrus, obtains mature fruit "spot picked" from the trees. The fruit is packed just days before it is delivered to us at Severna Park High School (please note: January pick-up is at Severna Park Baptist Church).

Research shows citrus fruit can promote a healthy heart, lower cholesterol, significantly reduce the risk of stroke and ease the severity of colds and flu.

On sale day, when you arrive between 8am to 1pm at Severna Park High School, we will load your fruit directly into your vehicle, no need for you to even get out of your car! NOTE: After 1pm all remaining fruit will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis until fruit is gone or when we close at 2pm

Please call Lion Dick at 410-544-1156 or you can email us to have your name placed on our customer list. We will mail or email you monthly reminders of the upcoming sales and the fruit available.

FYI:

2/5 bushel = 15-20 count (Grapefruit) or 24-40 count (Oranges, Tangelos)

4/5 bushel = 27-40 count (Grapefruit) or 40-80 count (Oranges, Tangelos)

NOVEMBER order by 14th, pick-up on 21st

Fruit Type	2/5 bushel	4/5 bushel
Red Seedless Grapefruit	\$17	\$30
Navel Oranges	\$16	\$29
Mixed (Oranges & Grapefruits)	\$18	

- Order by the 14th - Email us your order -

- Pick up on the 21st -

DECEMBER order by 12th, pick-up on 19th

Fruit Type	2/5 bushel	4/5 bushel
Red Seedless Grapefruit	\$17	\$30
Navel Oranges	\$16	\$29
Mixed (Oranges & Grapefruits)	\$18	

- Order by the 12th - Email us your order -

- Pick up on the 19th -

JANUARY order by 16th, pick-up on 23rd

(Note: Pick-up at: Severna Park Baptist Church, 506 Benfield Blvd.)

Fruit Type	2/5 bushel	4/5 bushel
Red Seedless Grapefruit	\$17	\$30
Navel Oranges	\$16	\$29
Mixed (Oranges & Grapefruits)	\$18	
Honeybells (Tangelos)	\$22	

- Order by the 16th - Email us your order -

- Pick up on the 23rd -

FEBRUARY order by 20th, pick-up on 27th

Fruit Type	2/5 bushel	4/5 bushel
Red Seedless Grapefruit	\$17	\$30
Temple Oranges	\$17	
Mixed (Oranges & Grapefruits)	\$18	
Honey Murcott Tangerines - 8 lb bag		TBD

- Order by the 20th - Email us your order -

- Pick up on the 27th -

MARCH order by 20th, pick-up on 27th

(Last one of this season!)

Fruit Type	2/5 bushel	4/5 bushel
Red Seedless Grapefruit	\$17	\$30
Temple Oranges	\$17	
Mixed (Oranges & Grapefruits)	\$18	

- Order by the 20th - Email us your order -

- Pick up on the 27th -

(Due to weather conditions and fruit production problems - prices/availability of fruit is subject to change)

Winter Gala

MIDNIGHT FROST

*You are Cordially Invited to Attend
Lions District 22-A
Winter Gala "Midnight Frost"*

SATURDAY

JANUARY 30, 2010

OPEN RECEPTION – 5:30 PM, DINNER – 7PM

at

**MARRIOTT HUNT VALLEY INN
245 SHAWAN ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
www.marriott.com**

**Humanitarian Award Recipient, Dr. Benjamin S. Carson
Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital**

**\$40 PER PERSON, CASH BAR
Entertainment by "Moonstruck"**

SILENT AUCTION

*Proceeds from this event will directly
support Lions Quest, Leader Dogs and
Lions Saving Kids Sight*

Appetizers

FRESH RAW VEGETABLE CRUDITÉS WITH PEPPERCREAM DIPPING SAUCE,
DOMESTIC CHEESE DISPLAY WITH CRACKERS, BAQUETTE BREADS, GRAIN MUSTARD,
FRESH FRUITS & BERRIES WITH STRAWBERRY YOGURT DIPPING SAUCE,
BUTLER PASSED VEGETARIAN EGG ROLLS WITH PLUM SAUCE

FIELD GREEN SALAD WITH GOAT CHEESE, SUNDRIED CRANBERRIES, TOASTED PECANS,
RASPBERRY VINAIGRETTE DRESSING, WITH WARM ROLLS & BUTTER.

Entrées

CHICKEN SALTIMBOCCA
(Stuffed with Prosciutto, Provolone & Sage with Champagne Veloute)

or
ORANGE ROUGHY WITH LEMON TARRAGON BEURRE BLANC

or
SLICED SIRLOIN OF BEEF WITH ROSEMARY ZINFANDEL DEMI-GLACE

or
VEGETARIAN PURSE
(Grilled Vegetables & Mushrooms in a Puff Pastry Purse, Drizzled with Balsamic Glaze)

**All entrées are accompanied with
Potatoes Anna, Fresh Asparagus and Dilled Baby Carrots**

Desert!

TIRAMISU ON A PAINTED PLATE OF RASPBERRY COULIS
DIABETIC DESSERT ALSO AVAILABLE
COFFEE & TEA

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE LIONISM WITH
DISTRICT GOVERNOR SENORA HAYWOOD

