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The SRLC Christmas party will be held December 2, 2014 at the Sunset Restaurant, 625 Greenway Road SE, Glen Burnie. The cost will be \$35.00 per person. Meal selection will be made at your table. Reservation call 410-544-1156

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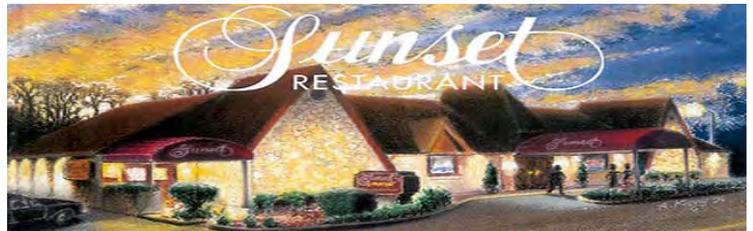
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SRLC Christmas Dinner Menu

Salmon Fillet

Baked Stuffed Shrimp

Ribeye Steak

Veal Parmigiana (w/Spaghetti and garden saled)

Sour Beef and Dumplings (w/tossed salad)

Unless noted all served with two vegetables, rolls & butter

Cream of Crab Soup (cup)

Maryland Crab Soup (cup)

Tossed house salad



Guest Speaker PDG Dick Bloomquist



PDG Dick Bloomquist presented a slide show on LVRF and Project LOVRNET to members on 18 November.



LOVRNET Objectives

- Train and support local eye care professionals in providing low vision services
- Provide a single portal for the low vision rehabilitation system
- Coordinate care by matching patients with service providers in their local area
- Constantly improve quality and effectiveness of Low vision services
- Funding through LVRF endowment

Lions and LOVRNET

- Lions will direct their acquaintances to LOVRNET
- Lions will be advocates for LOVRNET with local eye care professionals
- Lions Volunteers will assist blind and visually impaired people
- Lions will promote LOVRNET throughout the district
- Lions volunteers will provide service to patients
 - Transportation
 - In home follow up
 - Telephone interviews

At the November 18 dinner meeting 2VDG Chuck Egender talked about improving membership and recruiting new members by the theme **Ask 1**. Chuck was presented our signature Severn River Lions Club coffee cup by King Lion Bill Stack.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

**Booth Construction
by
MATTHEW POINDEXTER
Troop 672 BSA
Eagle Scout Project
November 2014**

Boy Scout Matthew Poindexter was presented a plaque to be permanently mounted on each fruit sale booth. For his EAGLE project he built three portable booths and painted them in Lions colors. This project was only possible with generous donations from Gorden Clement from Clement Hardware and John Ogline from Ace Hardware in Park Plaza. Over 350 hours of design, construction and painting were needed. Matt thanks all for the help he received from his dad Scott and Troup 672 friends



Super Saturday Citrus Sale

The Severn River Lions first citrus sale of the season began November 15 on a chilly morning at SPHS. A crew of about two dozen Lions were on hand to get the Clements Hardware forklift, off load 1060 cartons of delicious navel oranges and ruby red grapefruit that over 500 customers had ordered. As the sun rose the citrus line was set up with stacks of fruit on the pallets. About that time six energetic band students and a group of Lions greeted the club truck when it arrived and the crew began unloading the new booths that had been constructed by Eagle Scout candidate, Matthew Poindexter over the previous three weeks. Matthew, Lions, and band students off loaded the brightly colored panels and an “instruction period” was given by Matthew since the new booths went together differently than the former booths that now reside at George Council’s yard. As each booth was assembled the crew agreed that these were a big improvement over the old ones and Matthew was given much deserved “thank you” for his efforts. The booths were painted a bright blue and gold and had lots of eye appeal



About an hour before the announced starting time some customers lined up and King Orange Carl was able to accommodate these early arrivers who paid, were given tickets, and drove to the line where fruit was distributed. Cars began arriving and the crew was ready. Cars visited the new booths, gave their names and orders, and were given tickets that matched their orders, and then drove to the pickup line where friendly Lions and band students greeted them and placed the citrus in the cars. Off to one side of the lot Bill Z’s “warming hut” offered a respite from the chill along with coffee and doughnuts-a favorite of the crew. For the next three hours the lines moved steadily and the citrus stacks began to shrink. Customers were reminded of the next sale on December 13. At the front of the line a table was stacked with bags of a variety of pecans, pistachios, peanuts, and almonds-a sales experiment this month and these packages began to diminish.

At about 11:30 the word that “soup is on” could be heard and the crew, in shifts, journeyed into the school to partake of delicious SPHS band subs and hot and tasty tomato bisque soup served by Chef George Council and Soup Queen Nancy Burns. The conversations overheard at lunch shared agreement that this had been a successful sale and King Orange Carl deserved credit.

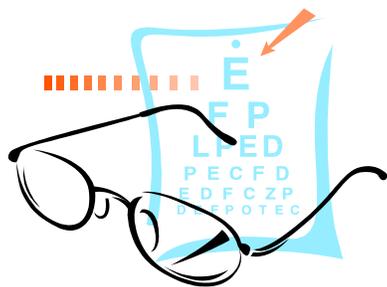
To commemorate the new booths Sharon Tegler, a reporter with the Capital newspaper, was on hand to interview Matthew Poindexter and his parents about the Eagle Scout booth project. Her report and pictures of the new booths will appear in the newspaper later in the week. About an hour after “high noon” the stacks of citrus had diminished considerably and the consolidation began. Gradually the new booths were taken down and stored in the club truck until the next sale on December 13 and the surplus citrus was loaded and held for customers who had forgotten to be at the pickup. There was agreement that this season’s first citrus sale was a success and everyone is looking forward to the December sale.







EYEGLOSS SUPER SORTERS



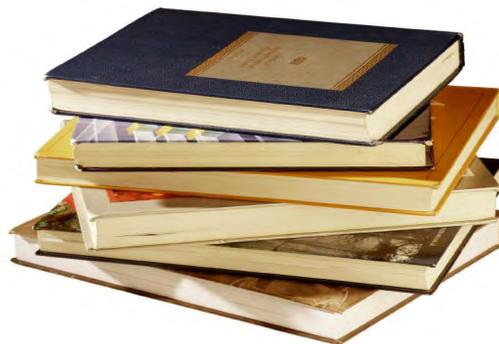
Early on October 11 five energetic Lions from Severn River, Dick Bloomquist, Rollins Clark, Carl Gilbert, Dale Strait, and Bill Zelenakas journeyed to the Maryland School for the Blind for the District's semi-annual eyeglass sorting. During the past six months SRLC had collected sixteen cartons of eyeglasses at the thirteen collection locations in the club's area and these were unloaded in a mild drizzle. Inside the gymnasium long tables had been set up and they were soon filled with eyeglass cartons that had been collected by clubs in the District. Directions for sorting were given and "the work began" as Lions sorted and packaged the eyeglasses, sunglasses, cases, and occasionally some hearing aids. Refreshments were available and animated conversations between the sorting Lions could be heard. As cartons were filled they were given to Lion Joey for sealing. The collected will be delivered to a facility in Virginia where they will be sanitized, graded, and packaged for shipment to third world where the glasses will help the less fortunate see better a better quality of life. The next sorting is set for April SRLC will be busy collecting during that time. The eyelection is another example Lions living up to the motto, "Serve".



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Books, Books, and More Books

Again this year SRLC has joined with the Baltimore-Brooklyn Lions Club to assist with that club's annual book collection drive. For several years BBLC has collected used children's books that are donated to the Marie Farring Elementary -Middle School in Brooklyn. Our Cub Scout pack 688 and the Severna Park Middle School LEO Club have actively collected used books again this year. On October 22 five cartons of children's books were picked from the Cub Scouts and given to BBLC. Early in November the Leo Club collection, seven cartons of children's books were collected and given to BBLC. Over 600 children's books will be given to the students at Marie Faring School and will help these youngsters read and learn.



PIP Clem Kusiak coordinates the book collection for BBLC and he plans to visit Pack 688 and the LEO Club in the future to present a certificate of appreciation to the donors. The book collection is another example of Lions contributing to the communities that they serve.

STRIKE UP THE BANDS

“Judges, Are you ready” ?, “Drum major, Is your band ready”?, “Your band may take the field in competition.” These phrases were heard over a dozen times at the Broadneck Stadium where Severna Park High School was hosting their 36th annual USBands competition on Saturday, November 1, 2014. A dozen marching bands from Maryland and one from neighboring Virginia traveled to Broadneck to display their musical and marching skills for an appreciative audience. Each band had fifteen minutes to set up, perform, and adjourn after their presentation. The band fronts twirled flags, mock swords, and rifles as the bands played music while marching and doing intricate field maneuvers for an appreciative audience who heartily gave them a round of applause at the conclusion. The music, colorful outfits, and precision drills was evidence of the hard work that the bands had put into preparing for this evening’s event. The Severna Park High School band was not competing but they did two presentations for the audience that would have won them an award.



On a large table on the sideline were elegant trophies for the winners in each class. For many years these trophies have been donated by the Severn River Lions Club and the band shows appreciation by putting a full page ad in the tournament program publicizing the annual citrus sales and announcing our club’s support of this event. It has been tradition that representatives of SRLC attend and present the trophies as the winners in each category are announced. King Lion Bill Stack and Ollie Wittig braved the chilly wind that evening and presented the trophies to the band winners as they were announced. Several SPHS band parents thanked the Lions for the interest and support for the band for many years. We can look forward to attending and supporting the USBands competition again next year.





WELLNESS EXPO

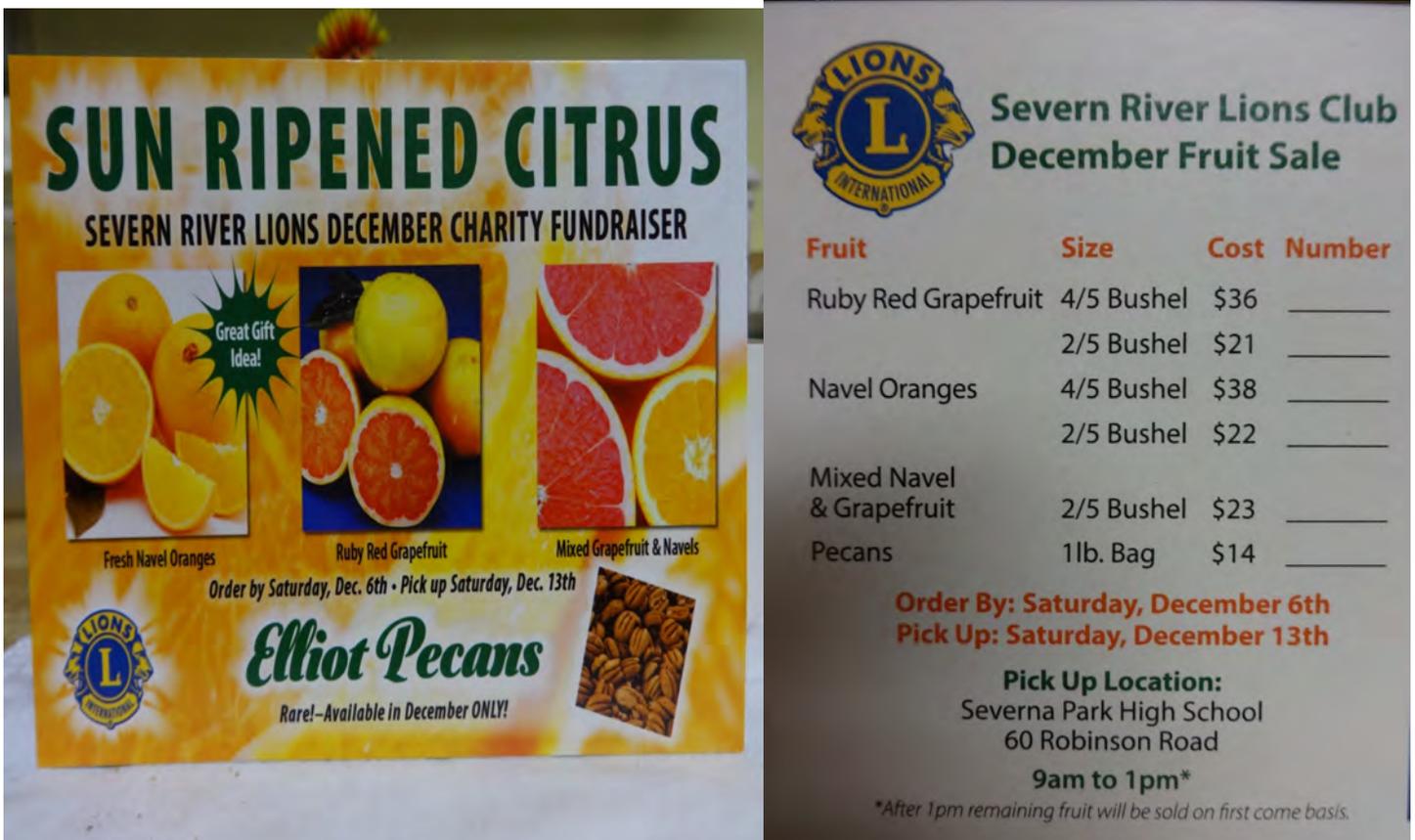
On Thursday, October 2 the Severn River Lions participated in a “Wellness Expo” at Homestead Gardens. This event, open to the public and sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce to which we belong was attended by 35 local businesses and organizations dedicated to the health and wellbeing of the community. Lion Dale Strait, Past District Governor Dick Bloomquist and Lion Bill Zelenakas represented the Club. Severn River’s participation was planned to increase our visibility in the community and to introduce Lions to prospective members. Specific mention to attendees was our upcoming fruit sales and the October 18 Clay Shoot Aim for Sight in addition to our new club brochures. We were able to meet with many longtime supporters and we added a few more names to our fruit sale mailing list. This community outreach event directly supported our District Governor’s and International President’s goals of greater community involvement.



Cakes, Books, and Food Donation

For at least five years SRLC has been invited to judge Pack 688's annual cake contest and this year Lions Dale Strait, Bill Stack, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas journeyed to Shipley's Choice Elementary School for this event on October 22. The Cub Scouts and parents arrived carry the cakes made to match one of the ten themes; animal, candy cartoon, chocolate, Cub Scout, halloween, nature, patriotic, sports, and disgusting. Soon four long tables were filled with cakes and the judges began to review the entrants. The imagination and creativity of the cakes, a combined effort of the Cub Scout and parent, presented a challenge for the judges. Some deliberation and compromise was necessary but a final winner in each category was chosen and certificates were made for the winners and were presented by the Cubmaster. The baked delicacies could be taken home by the Cub Scout for family enjoyment.

Another highlight of the evening was the book collection challenge that the Pack had contributed to for two years. About four hundred used children's books had been donated and these will be given again to the Baltimore-Brooklyn Lions Club for distribution at the Maree Farring Elementary School in Brooklyn where they will help disadvantaged youngsters enjoy reading. PIP Clem Kusiak from the BBLC thanked SRLC for this donation and plans to present a certificate of appreciation to the Cub Scouts at a later Pack meeting.



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Great Gift Idea!

Fresh Navel Oranges Ruby Red Grapefruit Mixed Grapefruit & Navels

Order by Saturday, Dec. 6th • Pick up Saturday, Dec. 13th

Elliot Pecans
Rare!—Available in December ONLY!

**Severn River Lions Club
December Fruit Sale**

Fruit	Size	Cost	Number
Ruby Red Grapefruit	4/5 Bushel	\$36	_____
	2/5 Bushel	\$21	_____
Navel Oranges	4/5 Bushel	\$38	_____
	2/5 Bushel	\$22	_____
Mixed Navel & Grapefruit	2/5 Bushel	\$23	_____
Pecans	1lb. Bag	\$14	_____

**Order By: Saturday, December 6th
Pick Up: Saturday, December 13th**

Pick Up Location:
Severna Park High School
60 Robinson Road
9am to 1pm*

*After 1pm remaining fruit will be sold on first come basis.