



SRLC NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

King Lion Roars

The continuum – October – November 2017

I attended the District Lions Institute **Saturday, October 21**, at the **Maryland School for the Blind**. Networking with other Lions from around the District and courses such as Lions Fundamentals, Setting and Reaching Club Goals, Motivating Members, and Diversity gave me lots of ideas for the future of our Club.

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We took a hit at **Ledo Pizza, Wednesday, October 25**. Without Clem and Bill Stack there running the show, the participation level was low. We need more Lions, friends and neighbors to eat or pick up food the fourth **Wednesday** of the month.

Cub Scott Pack 688's cake judging **Wednesday, October 25**, was a fun filled event. Ollie, Carl and I judged the cakes. A lot of excited scouts, scout masters and parents were in attendance. There were great entries and happy winners. The cakes were amazing as they are each year. Thanks Ollie for keeping us connected to the Cub Scout Pack 688.

The **Glen Burnie High School, Eye Screening for the Homeless, Saturday, October 28**, multi-club event was a great success. We screened approximately 100 people and gave vouchers to about 15-20 people for free eye exams and eyeglasses.

We continued our million penny drive at **Sam's Club in Annapolis**. The people were in a giving mood and larger donations were coming in, not just pennies. Thank you Joinette for leading this drive!

On **November 3**, Lions were present to hand out bibs and t-shirts for 18,000 plus runners for the **Across the Bay 10K** race. Thank you Lion Joinette for again arranging a donation to our Foundation, in exchange for our working this event a second year in a row.

District Governor Paul Rufe's Social on Saturday, November 4, at The Horseshoe Casino went off without a hitch. DG Paul's theme for his year is "Fun thru service." A member from the new Baltimore Nepalese Lions Club performed a traditional native dance and dinner was enjoyable. The silent auction had 62 entries and raised approximately \$2000.

Two Peace Posters with the theme "**Future of Peace**" were presented for voting. Voters were given Lion cookies for placing a vote in a box. The winner was from Severn River Middle School. More details on that later.



November 7, our **Three Club Meeting** was very enjoyable. In addition to Severn River members, Lions from the Annapolis and West Arundel Clubs attended. A bonus included a two member visitation team from Jarrettsville. **DG Paul Rufe** did a recap of the Glen Burnie eye screening for the homeless along with some other key initiatives he is working on. Lion Chris Werth also lined up a great guest speaker for our Three Club Meeting. **Kate Collins-Ihrke, MBA, MS, Executive Director of Accessible Resources for Independence**, gave us detailed information about the services that her organization provides.

We would also like to thank Lion Nancy Earley, keeping our **Leo Club** alive, collecting items for our service members. On another subject, Lions Nancy and Suzette have our banners looking nicer than ever with the re-organization of our patches, displaying our club's history and achievements.

November 11, Veteran's Day, (poppies were handed out, thanks to Lion Sherri) was our **first fruit sale** of the 2017 – 2018 season. A little cold, the sun was shining and the wind stayed to a minimum, or so I thought until I heard from Lion Bill Stack about his 6 am forklift drive thru below freezing temps and winds. Thanks Lion Bill for a job well done! It was a great effort by all. I put out membership information, our mascot the Lion's Head and a New Members Welcome sign, encouraging new prospects to call for more information about our club. All in all, it was a wonderful first fruit sale, good camaraderie and participation. Thank you Lions! Great Lionism exhibited by all!! **Now we look forward to our next sale, December 9. Come Roar with US!!!!!!**

Last but not least, the **Lions Vision Research Foundation** has invited us to attend Lions Days at Wilmer Eye Institute on November 18, 2017 at 9:30 am. Tours of the Lions Low Vision Center will be available.

From your kind-hearted, King Lion, Jackie

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Santa's Coming to Town



DECEMBER 19, 2017
6 pm

BLUE DOLPHIN
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SRLC MEMBERS - \$40
GUESTS - \$46

APPETIZER
Soup Du Jour

SALAD
Caesar Salad

VEGETABLES
Mashed Potatoes
Baby Carrots and Peas

ENTREES
Choice of:
Broiled Crab Cake (2) Platter
Stuffed Filet of Flounder
Roast Prime Rib of Beef

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Dec 5 meeting or e-mail secretary Dick
dick.maurer@comcast.net

Annapolis Lighthouse Shelter



This was another great volunteer event that we completed that directly impacts the communities that we serve. As mentioned before the Annapolis Lighthouse Shelter takes in men, women and families from throughout the entire county. The shelter houses 30 men, 20 women and has apartments for six families with children. Many stay for various time periods as they transition back out into the general public. The shelter provides medical services, prescriptions and counseling for its residents. Once an individual or family leaves they are able to come back for these services as well as bags of groceries to enable the transition from shelter to self sufficiency and thriving.

Our donations were well received today by Kait Dawson the Volunteer Programs Manager and Jenny Dell'Oro and Jo Ann Mattson the Executive Director of the Lighthouse Shelter.

Today's donations included 25 boxes of pancake mix, 26 bottles of syrup, 7 packages of paper plates, 9 boxes of cold cereal, 2 boxes of instant oatmeal, 11 cans of assorted fruit/soup/vegetables, 2 boxes macaroni noodles, 1 box granola bars and one package paper napkins.

Severn River Lions please give yourself a big round of applause for a job well done helping those in our community that need us!

Thanks for all that you do!

Lion Joinette

Special Gathering Of Lions

The SRLC meeting on November 7 was a special event and it was titled as a three club meeting. Lions from Annapolis, Jarrettsville, West Arundel joined with our club for an evening of Lionism. District Governor Paul Rufe was a special guest at the meeting and he commented on how SRLC is a premier club in the District and encouraged the club to continue the good work.

A representative from each club provided some information about their club's activities to benefit their communities and publicize Lionism. The catered meal with a Thanksgiving menu was delicious and enjoyed. Guest presenter, Katie Collins-Ihrke, the executive director of the Accessible Resources for Independence Center told of the organization's activities that help elderly people have and enjoy a good life style. Katie suggested the SRLC might want to get involved with the organization and she provided material which explained in



detail what the group does. Lions were also reminded on the season's first citrus sale on November 11 and were reminded to arrive early-about 6:00 am- to set up and prepare for the sale. Several other events—club visitations, Pack 688 poinsettia sale, holiday dinner on December 19 at the Blue Dolphin and the Wreaths Across America event were mentioned and Lions were encouraged to participate. There will not be a regular meeting again until December and all Lions were encouraged to visit other clubs in the District. The meeting was adjourned and "cleanup began" to restore the hall.



A Gathering of Lions

On October 14 Lions Carl Gilbert, Dick Maurer, and Ollie Wittig journeyed to Maryland School for the Blind for the semi-annual eyeglass sorting. The previous day the Carl, Dick, and Ollie had loaded 38 cartons and bags of used eyeglasses for delivery to the sorting and it was estimated that SRLC had collected about 3,800 pairs of glasses and about 2,200 pairs from the Annapolis lions. The gym at MSB had been set up with four rows of long tables to accommodate the sorting and the stack of eyeglasses was huge which verified that clubs in the District had been active collectors. Lions from SRLC joined with forty five Lions from all around the District and "the sorting began." On the side of the gym Lion Joey Livingston had assembled boxes for the eyeglasses to be placed after the sorting. The collected glasses were sorted into separate cartons for prescription glasses and sunglasses, eyeglass cases, non prescription sunglasses, and broken glasses. Eyeglasses that might be gold or titanium were give to the Gold Lion who determined whether they were genuine. The sorting began about 8:00 am and continued for three more hours before all the cartons of donated glasses had been sorted. As the shipping boxes were filled they were taken to the side table where Lion Joey taped them and stacked them for delivery where they will be used to benefit needy individual in the world. At the end of the morning seventy seven cartons of eyeglasses had been sorted and packaged and will be forwarded to benefit people in need. As the sorting drew to a close Lions helped with the cleanup to restore the gym for school use. The sorting has taken place at MSB for many years. The sorting are held twice yearly and the next sorting will be in April 2018 so if you have never attended consider coming there to assist and socialize with Lions from across the District. Go Lions! We Serve!



SRLC Bay Bridge Walk Volunteers

Friday started out chilly but turned into a beautiful day to volunteer. Lion Sheri Parks, Lion Chris Parks, Lion Chuck Horne, King Lion Jackie Hetrick and Lion Joinette Smalwood were at the Navy Stadium to help out. This year the SRLC volunteers not only gave out shirts to the runners but also gave out the runner Bibb numbers to all the registered runners for the event.

This year the event was run by Ironman so things were a little different for us. Yes we registered in advance like last year and we also completed a link for a funds based on our volunteerism and how our group impacts the community.

As usual thank you fellow lions for all that you do !

Yours in Lionism Lion Joinette



Lions Are The Judges-Again

On October 25 Lions Jackie Hetrick, Carl Gilbert, and Ollie Wittig journeyed to Shipley's Choice Elementary for our Cub Scout Pack 688's annual cake judging contest-something that Lions have done for years. Long tables at the back of the room were filled with many cakes that were created for one of the themes: Best Animal, Best Candy, Best Cartoon, Best Cub Scout, Best Nature, Best Patriotic, Best Sports and Hobbies, Best Scariest/Disgusting, and Best cake in Disguise. Lions visited the tables, viewed the many entries and chose a winner in each category and then sat down to share the results. There was some compromising in several of the categories but "final winners" in each category were selected. Certificates for the category winner were prepared and KL Jackie was tasked with presenting the award to each winner and Lions Carl and Ollie shook hands with the winners as the certificates were presented. The cake judging is just one of several Pack 688 events that SRLC helps with and we have assisted with the bike rodeo, rain gutter regatta, and Pinewood Derby. It is always a "fun event" to interact with the Cub Scouts at these events so if you have not participated in the past consider coming to one of the next events.



District Governor Paul Rufe Honored

On November 4 Lions from Multiple District 22 gathered to honor 22A DG Paul and to celebrate the good work we do throughout the District and the world. DG Paul's theme "Fun thru Service" was demonstrated when he took a pie in the face from 1st VDG Angela Bruce. A Buffet Dinner included Roast Beef Brisket and Salmon and Past International Director Ed Lecius from New Hampshire inspired us to be our best. Severn River Lions Suzette Kettenhofen, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, Sue Parks, and KL Jackie attended and helped with the Silent Auction and various activities.



Off To A Good Start

The season's first citrus sale of the season started on a dark and cold morning at SPHS as Lions arrived to prepare for the sale. The forklift was delivered and the huge tractor trailer awaited in the lot to be unloaded. Lions and four energetic band students helped with the off loading and the grapefruit and navel oranges in different size boxes were placed on the lot. Another crew began setting up the colorful ticket booths to be ready as customers started to arrive. They were directed to a booth, gave their name, paid, and were given a ticket showing what was purchased. Customers then drove to the pickup line and were greeted and thanked for their purchase which was quickly placed in the vehicles. Drivers were also told that the long table at the end of the line held an assortment of Terry Lynn nuts and scented candles-a first sale for these items. As the sun rose the buyers arrived and their fruit was loaded and the stacks began to shrink. Workers needing a break could journey to the two travel trailers to enjoy coffee and doughnuts. As mid day approached the stacks of citrus had shrunk and customers who had not ordered were able to purchase some citrus. The next sale is scheduled for December 9 at SPHS so mark your calendar and come out to help our club with this major fund raiser.



FUNDRAISR for THE MILLION PENNY DRIVE

This was our event to collect coin donations at The Sam's Club in Annapolis. The weather was very nice, sunny with a hint of a breeze blowing. We were again greeted by many youngsters who walked by in pajama's with an big smile or wave.

We had a fantastic collection day. Our total for October 28th was \$118.19 collected. These funds will be added to our on-going passive fundraiser, The Million Penny Drive.

Kudos and thanks to Lion Bill Stack, Lion Chuck , Lion Suzette, Lion Jim, Lion Chris, King Lion Jackie and Lion Bill Z. Your extraordinary efforts made this day quite the success! Looking forward to seeing you again as we serve together!

Thanks for all that you do!

Lion Joinette



Thanks to the many contributors to this newsletter - Lions Ollie Wittig, Carl Gilbert

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