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# Severn River Lions Club News



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## From the King Lions Desk

What an exciting year it's been, and the year is only just beginning. We had an opportunity that presented itself to help the Chamber of Commerce for a Sunday in the Park venture. We immediately acted upon it and with short notice, made it happen. I want to thank all those who were able to participate in making this event a success. This event provided us with exposure to the general public and we made such a good impression, that the Chamber has asked us to participate in their next event which will be held in the spring.

This last Saturday, (Oct 2), Lion Ollie Wittig and I participated in the Tournament of Bands sponsored by the Severna Park High School. The Lions have been contributing the trophies for this event since its inception in 1978 for over 32 years. Watching the Band parents who assisted in setting up the Podium and insuring all the percussion instrument were in place for the bands performance reminded me of the Severn River Lions Club. Each and every one of us is willing to pull together to make sure we have the right things at the right place at the right time to make every event a success, whether it is a fund raiser, a work project, or other Lion activity. Our club has been serving our community for over 50 years and we have lived up to our motto of "We Serve". With our enthusiasm and dedication, we will continue that spirit for another 50 years.

The first Tuesday in Oct is our "bring a friend night", let's bring new people into Lionism and infect them with our commitment to "We Serve".

Our first fruit sale for the season is on Nov 20. There is still a lot of preparation that has to be accomplished, and with everyone's help, this will be the beginning of a very successful year.



International Theme for 2010-2011  
"A Beacon of Hope"

**KL Trent**

# September 21st Linstead Beach Picnic



Linstead Beach looking very patriotic from the pier.



Lions, family and guests enjoyed delicious salad, ribs, chicken, coleslaw and potato salad from Adam's ribs catering.



The September weather was delightful, yet breezy. Later in the evening a nearly full moon glistened over the river.



SRLC Immediate Past President Jon Valett was awarded the Melvin Jones Award.



PDG Dick Bloomquist, District 22A District Governor John S. Cullison, and King Lion Trent Kutsch presented the award.



Jon's daughter affixes the distinctive lapel pin.



Lions enjoying a sunset dinner on the beach.



District Governor John S. Cullison and wife enjoying their dinner at Linstead Beach with the SRLC.



Sunset over the Severn.

## Welcome to SRLC's Newest Lion

SRLC's newest Lion, William (Bill) Stack was inducted on August 3 by PDG Bloomquist and Muchow, was presented the traditional new member kit, certificate, Lions pin, and hat and was welcomed by his fellow Lions.

Lion Bill, a native Marylander, was born in Baltimore and has lived in the Arnold/Severna Park area with his wife, Dixie, for the last thirty seven years. Bill and Dixie have resided in Chartwell for over twenty years. Their daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren live nearby in Lexington Park.

Bill is a semi-retired security specialist who spent forty years in that field, most recently with Advent Automation. Bill enjoys the special time spent with the family, traveling, managing his various collections: foreign coins, Lionel trains, and photography. Since his teens Bill has been a volunteer and his activities have included service as an officer with the Baltimore County Auxiliary Police force and his current involvement as an active participant with the Chartwell Board of Directors. Lion Bill has expressed



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interest in several of our club's activities and is looking forward to contributing to our many community service projects and we are looking forward to working with him.

Welcome Lion Bill Stack to the Severn River Lions Club!

## SWAT Go the Lions

At the early hour of 7:30 am on September 18, a group of wide awake Lions gathered at the Earleigh Heights fire hall for the monthly roadside cleanup. Chief Engineer Rollins provided doughnuts as an incentive and the banter got the event off to a good start.

Lions Rollins passed out caps and vests to Rhine Jager, Trent Kutsch, Don Rayment, Randy Roberts, Dale Strait, Clinton Wallace, and Ollie Wittig. He then gave directions for the area to be covered that day, and divided the group into teams of two or three to scour the section of Ritchie Highway south of the fire station to Whites Road.

Large bright orange signs advised motorists of our presence and the florescent vests worn by the team stood out in the early morning. Carrying pickup sticks and bright orange trash bags, the teams began the cleanup and in short order, about forty five minutes, the task was completed and the bags were tied and left for pick up by state highway crews later that week. There will be one more cleanup session in October on the 23rd, and that will conclude our community effort for another year. Consider joining the team for the October session.

## Sunday in the Park

Sunday, September 19 was the first Sunday in the Park sponsored by the Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce and SRLC had volunteered to cater this event and provide tasty food for the expected crowds. Prior to Sunday, Lion Rick Stefany went shopping for the commodities needed to provide grilled hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs plus cold drinks for the crowd. Early Sunday morning Lions Nancy Burns, chief chef George Council and his nephew Tilman, KL Trent Kutsch, Bill O'Neil, Rick Stefany, Dale Strait, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas arrived to erect the canopies, set up tables, and get the large grill ready for action.

Vendors began setting up displays along Holly Road which was blocked for the event and soon trail walkers on the nearby B&A trail and family groups began arriving and visiting the exhibits which included local artisans and vendors. Hand crafted jewelry, clothing items, crafted glass and pottery, paintings by local artists, and vendors offering their services were available.

Lions also took the opportunity to tell the visitors about our organization and offer Free Meal tickets to prospective members, several of whom plan to attend Bring a Friend Night in October.

The crowds grew around the lunch hour and Lions were kept busy handing out the grilled items, cold drinks, and chips. Lions Bill and George kept the food coming off the grill and the other Lions were tasked with packaging the food and selling tickets.

The Sunday in the Park event was another fund raising opportunity for the club but was also a good way to acquaint the community with our organization. Linda Zahn, Chairperson of GSPCC, was pleased with this first ever event and the group plans to have another event in Spring 2011 and SRLC has been invited to return to do the catering again.



SRLC team awaits the hungry crowds at the Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce "Sunday in the Park" festival.



Linda Zahn from the Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce was guest speaker at the September 7th meeting. Linda informed the Lions about the chamber's new "Sunday in the Park" community outreach festival. SRLC response to this news: Do you have food arranged? Can we come and serve food? The answer was: If you can make the arrangements to sell food in four days, then Yes! Lions quickly responded and another SRLC fund raising opportunity has been established.



## Lions at the Maryland State Fair

Lions from the District were asked to staff the vision van at the Maryland State Fair again this year and the Severn River Lions stepped right up again. The club volunteered to staff both the afternoon and evening shifts on Saturday, August 28 and Lion Rollins Clark got six volunteers to provide vision and screening to the fair goers. The van was conveniently located near the main entrance and attracted the crowds as they arrived. The vision van, a converted tour bus, was decorated in Lions colors and logos and told the crowds that "We Serve". The vision van will be at the Fair the entire week and other clubs from the multiple District also assisted with the screenings.

Vision and hearing screeners from SRLC, in addition to team leader Rollins Clark, included PDG Dick Bloomquist, PDG Bob Muchow, Rick Stefany and his wife Jane, and Bill Zelenakas. In fact, Rick Stefany, Jane Stefany, and Bill Zelenakas enjoyed the two shift experience so much that they volunteered to stay an extra two hours. During the shifts nearly three dozen fair goers asked for both the vision and hearing screening and had an opportunity to see Lions in action and serving the community. Those screened received a written sheet showing the results and were advised to see a medical professional if screening results were below normal limits.

Lion Rollins reported that there were rewards for this type of service and the Lions were able to purchase round trip tickets on the light rail for just \$1.10. What a bargain!

Hope to see more Lions next year at the Maryland State Fair!



SRLC Lions club celebrated Lion Jack Randall's 90th birthday at the September 7th meeting. Yes, that card says 38 years of service!



Lions were treated to Jack's birthday cake after singing "Happy Birthday to you!"

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check our web calendar for updates at:  
<http://my.calendars.net/srlc>

### OCTOBER

- 10/5 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 10/8 to 10/10 Camp Merrick  
Leadership Weekend 6:30PM
- 10/9 Kinder Farm Park Fall Festival  
8AM to 2PM
- 10/11 Region I Mtg., Annapolis Elks 6:30PM
- 10/12 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 10/19 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 10/23 SWAT Cleanup 7:30AM
- 10/27 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM
- 10/29 22A Cabinet Meeting 6:30PM

### NOVEMBER

- 11/2 Visitations - No General Meeting
- 11/9 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 11/16 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 11/20 Fruit Sale 9AM
- 11/24 Ledo's Pizza Night

### DECEMBER

- 12/7 Holiday Party 6:30PM
- 12/14 Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 12/18 Fruit Sale 9AM
- 12/21 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 12/22 Ledo's Pizza Night

## 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



## 2010-2011 Fruit Sale Schedule

**All pick up times are 8am to 1pm**

**NOVEMBER pick-up on 20th**

**DECEMBER pick-up on 18th**

**JANUARY pick-up on 29th**

**FEBRUARY pick-up on 26th**

**MARCH pick-up on 26th**

Information on pricing and ordering deadlines  
 will be available shortly.

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**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!

**October 27th • November 24th • December 22nd**

**FIRST FRUIT SALE IS HERE!**

**Saturday, November 20th**

9AM to 1PM at Severna Park High School

**We Serve!**



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