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Severn River Lions Club News

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The Suggestion Box is Always Open!

King Lion Jon Valett

As we start the new Lions year, I am reminded that service clubs like ours run on ideas. In June we had a club retreat, and it generated a lot of good ideas. We have turned those ideas in goals and actions. As we move forward through the first part of the year, we had a great time at the 4th of July parade (although the idea of wearing that Lion suit was no picnic). Some time in the past, some Lion had the idea to take part in the parade, and a tradition was born. Ideas are the seeds for activities.

At every meeting, Lions approach me with ideas for fundraisers, service projects, or activities for the club to pursue. I encourage all of you to come forward with your ideas. Whether they are ways to improve our old way of doing things, or something completely new, all ideas are welcome. New ideas are what help us to improve and grow as a club.

Don't forget – lots of opportunities to serve this fall. Blood drives, Kinder Park, State Fair vision screening, highway pick-ups, and more. Check the calendar or ask another Lion for more information on any of these activities. Also, if you want to participate or help with any club or committee, please let me know, we are always looking for volunteers!



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

Annual Picnic!

6pm September 15th
Linstead Community Beach

This will take the place of our second Tuesday meeting



(l-r): Joinette Smallwood, George Councill, Bill O'Neil, Sue Parks, KL Jon Valett, Dick Maurer, Nancy Burns, Bill Z, Chuck Horne, Randy Roberts, Ollie Wittig, Rollins Clark, and Chris Werth (not pictured – Nancy Earley, Trent Kutsch, Ken Tschartre)

New Officers Meet to Plan and Map Strategies

Recently installed officers for the SRLC 2009-2010 year gathered at the SP Health Center on June 27 for the annual planning retreat to map strategies to guide our club for the coming year and, following coffee and delicious Carlson doughnuts, got down to business. Led by new King Lion, Jon Valett, the other Lions, Dick Bloomquist, Nancy Burns, Chuck Horne, Dick Maurer, Bob Muchow, Sue Parks, Randy Roberts, Ken Tschartre, Chris Werth, and Ollie Wittig discussed ways to help our club grow and prosper in the coming year.

Topics for discussion and resolution included a possible caterer price increase, the monthly calendar of meetings and club activities, possible new fund raisers and service projects, membership goals, ideas for meetings to add interest and sparkle, and a publicity campaign to let the

community know about our good works. At a future meeting the membership will be canvassed in ways to successfully implement these strategies. KL Jon indicated that one goal will be to increase member participation in committee service and club activities, especially the Affiliate and Members at Large.

KL Jon will prepare a roster by committee that will include the name of the chairperson and committee members. A list by member will show the committee assignment and responsibilities that each member will have this year. It was suggested the each serving vice president be given responsibility for overseeing several committees to insure that they are functioning and productive.

KL Jon's initial meeting gave an insight into his leadership style and the meeting adjourned on an optimistic note, ***Go Lions! We Serve!***



Mighty Marchers and Popsicle Purveyors

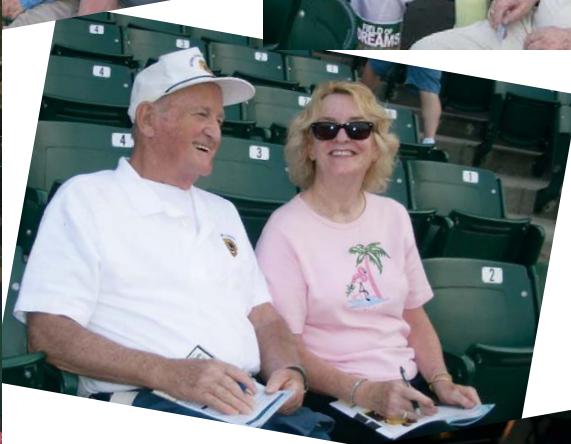
by Ollie Wittig

The weather on July 4th could not have been more perfect for a parade to commemorate our nation's birth. A hearty contingent of marchers assembled at St. Martin's Church to prepare for the annual July 4th parade along Benfield Road, through Olde Severna Park, and ending at Cypress Creek Park. Before stepping off the marchers were tasked with decorating two convertibles that had to be substituted for the club truck which refused to start again. Nadja Muchow and Pete Geis generously donated their topless vehicles for the parade and the marchers quickly festooned the cars with red, white, and blue bunting and flags. A "royal seat" was prepared for KL Jon Valett who opted to ride in style rather than walk the 1.5 miles. Several Lions fortified themselves with the traditional orange juice punch before setting off. Gathered to march were PDG Dick Bloomquist, Lions Rollins Clark, Pete Geis, Chuck Horne, Rhine Jager, Trent Kutsch, PDG Bob Muchow, Nadja Muchow, Don Rayment, Dale Strait, Jon Valett, and Ollie Wittig. Promptly at 10:00 am the parade began and the SRLC marchers were #6

this year—much better than previous years when we were behind cars spewing exhaust or horses dropping [you know what].

The marchers trekked down Benfield Road led by the Stars and Stripes and the club banner. Observers lined both sides of the roadway and cheered the marchers. Youngsters especially enjoyed seeing a lion in the back of a convertible and greeted him enthusiastically. Many spectators were adorned in patriotic colors and stood and saluted as the flag passed. Soon we were passing the reviewing stand and the master of ceremonies told of our club's many and significant contributions to the community. With the end of the parade approaching, the marchers agreed that we were ready for a break. As the walkers tuned onto Cypress Creek Road they were greeted by Lions Bob Bauman, Nancy Burns, Carroll Hicks, Dick Maurer, and Ken Tschantre who were distributing Popsicles to the foot sore walkers. Lions were on both sides of the road and the frosted treats quickly disappeared.

It was a great parade and there was agreement that we needed to plan for an artistic float for the 2010 parade.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

by Ollie Wittig

The weather was perfect and nearly two dozen Lions, spouses and guests ventured to Prince George's Stadium on July 11 to see the Bowie Baysox and the Altoona Curve battle it out on the diamond. The Lions were in choice upper deck reserved seats just left of home plate and were in a good position to see all the action on the field. Bowie scored first and got on the scoreboard but the Altoona team soon answered with some runs to go ahead. The evening saw several exciting offensive and defensive plays by both teams. Between innings fans, mostly young people, were on the field for several fun competitions which brought rounds of applause from the stadium as the youngsters competed in ball toss, big jeans race, and a horse back ride on inflatable ponies.

The game ended with the Baysox trailing by one run but there was agreement that it had

been a great evening of baseball. And, the fun was not over yet! The stadium lights dimmed and a boom resonated across the field as fireworks soared into the night sky. For nearly fifteen minutes the sky was ablaze with color as shells exploded, sending multi-colored streamers above center field earning appreciative "Ohs" and "Ahs" from the fans. The finale, a crescendo of color and sound, lighted the sky and garnered applause from the crowd. Gradually the lights returned and the Lions made their way home after another fun evening at the ballpark.

Severn River Lions Club Presents Scholarships at Broadneck and Severna Park High Schools and Anne Arundel Community College



2009 Scholarship recipients Melissa Orgera and Lauren Armiger attended the July 21st meeting, where the SRLC presented the scholarship checks.

The Severn River Lions Club showed their support of the community by presenting scholarships at Broadneck and Severna Park High Schools and at Anne Arundel Community College in May 2009. The scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 are initially awarded for one year but can be renewed for up to four years if the recipient situation is unchanged. Applicants are judges based on academic performance, financial need, participation in extra curricular activities, potential to be successful in college, and teacher's recommendations. The selection is made by the scholarship committee in the second semester of the applicant's senior year.

Broadneck Scholarship Awarded

At Broadneck, Melissa Orgera, was selected as a recipient of the Patrick Dionne Scholarship for 2009. Melissa had an excellent academic record over four years and ranked in the upper 5 % of her class of 500 students. While at Broadneck, Melissa was active in several varsity sports, was involved in school service activities and was

active in her community. Melissa has committed to attend Salisbury State University and plans to major in health and physical education.

Severna Park Scholarship Awarded

At Severna Park the 2009 recipient of the E. Roy Shawn Scholarship is Lauren Audrey Armiger. During her four year tenure at SPHS Lauren successfully completed a rigorous academic course load and was an active participant in a variety of school and community service activities as well. Lauren will attend Towson State University and she plans a career in nursing.

Anne Arundel Community College Scholarship Awarded

At Anne Arundel Community College the Lions make an annual contribution to the general scholarship fund that is administered by the College. The Councill-Marcous Scholarship is named after two former club presidents. The Severn River Lions Club is proud to be able to assist such deserving students complete their education and enter into worthwhile careers after graduation. The Severn River Lions Club currently has over sixty men and women who are active in serving the community with vision and hearing screening, preschool vision screening, highway cleanup, and a variety of other service activities.

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

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



July 21st Hawaiian shirt night.



At the August 5th meeting, guest speaker former MD State Senator, Gerald W. Winegrad made an exciting presentation on the environmental health of the Chesapeake Bay .



George Councill Jr. turns over the position of King Lion to Jon Valett.

S.W.A.T. Scheduled to Sweep Route 2

The following Saturday mornings are scheduled as "Clean – Up" Days for the Severn River Lions Club along the Route 2 corridor from Earleigh Heights Rd, north to Route 10 OR from Earleigh Heights Rd to Whites Rd.

- **August 22nd 7:00 AM**
- **September 26th 7:00 AM**
- **October 17th 7:30 AM**

Meeting location will be in the parking lot of the Earleigh Heights Fire Department. Meeting date and time will also be listed on the "sign up sheet."

Happy Birthday!

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

John Randall – 2
Ron Walters – 8
Don Luce – 8
Robert Bauman – 13
Dave Knabel – 13
Edward Taylor – 20
Gordon Clement – 20
Wayne Dudeck – 22
Ray Smith – 22

OCTOBER

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

AUGUST

- 8/22 7AM SWAT Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up
- 8/26 Ledo night
- 8/28 6:30PM 1st Full District 22-A Cabinet Meeting (Bayou Restaurant)
- 8/28 through 9/6 Maryland State Fair Vision/Hearing Testing

SEPTEMBER

- 9/1 6:30PM General Meeting
- 9/5 SRLC Working in Vision/Hearing Testing Van at State Fair
- 9/8 7:30PM Board Meeting
- 9/15 6PM Annual Picnic, at Linstead Beach
- 9/21 Blood Drive at Elks Club
- 9/23 Ledo Night
- 9/26 7AM SWAT Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up

OCTOBER

- 10/3 Tournament of Bands SRLC Trophy Presentation at Broadneck HS
- 10/6 6:30PM General Meeting
- 10/10 9AM Kinder Farm Park Fall Festival
- 10/13 7:30PM Board Meeting
- 10/16 to 10/18 Camp Merrick Leadership Training
- 10/17 7AM SWAT Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up
- 10/20 6:30PM Bring A Friend Night
- 10/23 Ledo Night

DISTRICT 22-A CABINET MEETING

Our first Cabinet Meeting of the year is scheduled for FRIDAY August 28th - at the Bayou Restaurant located in Havre de Grace.

Social starts at 6 p.m. and Dinner will be available at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner will consist of:

All Inclusive Salad Bar including Tossed Salad Bowl, Caesar Salad Bowl, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, and Fresh Fruit Bowl.

Sliced Beef au jus, Encrusted Pollock and Lemon Baked Chicken has been selected as the Entrées. Complete with a Vegetable Medley and Red Bliss Potatoes.

Dessert will be a variety of the famous Bayou Homemade Pies plus the Fresh Fruit Bowl.

Beverages include Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea. Soda IS Extra. There also will be a cash bar in the room.

IF ANYONE has Food Allergies or dietary restrictions please let me know as the staff will prepare a special entrée for you.

This will be a Buffet Style Dinner. Cost is \$25 per person. Make all Checks payable to "District 22-A".



Cabins at Camp Merrick

Multiple District 22

Lions Retreat

October 16 – 18, 2008

At Lions Camp Merrick



On the banks of the
Potomac River

Hold the Date Now



Mark your calendars now for the....

2009 Lions Retreat

"Preparing Lions for Super Service"

October 16 – 18 at Lions Camp Merrick

Team Fun!

- Team "Survivor" Challenge
- Camp Fire Circle
- Team Building Exercising

Great Topics!

- "So You Want to Lead!"
- Working in Teams
- How to Make My Club Even Better
- Improve Communication

This weekend is designed specifically for those Lions who want to improve their skills, meet other Lions, and have an interest in having fun.

Lions from all over District 22 (Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia) have the opportunity with other Lions within our Multiple District to gain new ideas and skills and just as important to share their knowledge, successes and even their failures with the others.

What Lions have said about this retreat:



Working Together

"Great! Do it every year!"

"This was a great motivator"

"You are on the right track"

"It was like a family atmosphere"



Making New Friends

"Would love to do this again, I learned a lot"

Registration Form: Please send your reservation before Sept. 16th with **\$45.00 registration fee – check made out to Multiple District 22 (note that it is for MD Leadership Training) to:**

PCC John Lawrence
1007 Oyster Cove Dr
Grasonville, MD 21638

Need more info? Contact your District Leadership Chair
or PCC John Lawrence 410-827-7544
lions@johnlawrence.name

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Club: _____ District A B C D W

Do you plan to stay at Camp Merrick? Yes No

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____

Please check here if you have any special needs, including dietary and allergies, in order to fully participate. Please specify: _____

How can we convince you that this retreat is an experience you don't want to miss? Talk to Lions who attended this retreat before – they'll tell you! The workshops are informative, the activities are fun (always something new), the relationships you build are lasting, the camp is beautiful, and we have lots of fun! Lions Camp Merrick is located on the Potomac River in Charles County, MD. It is approximately one hour from Washington, D.C. The site is beautiful with 300-year-old oak trees, the river, bald eagles, etc. Sleeping accommodations are heated/air conditioned cabins with multiple bunk beds and a bathroom in each cabin. Birdsong, PCC Rowe Haywood's version of "Reveille", and the aroma of breakfast will greet you each morning. Evening brings a spectacular sunset and a campfire complete with all the marshmallows you can roast!

If you are going to stay at the camp you should bring your own bedding (sheets/blanket/pillow or sleeping bag), towel and washcloth, and your own soap and shampoo. Dress is obviously casual. Bring comfortable clothes that you can adapt for warm days and cool evenings.

If you are "just thinking about" coming – call any one of the district leadership chairs and talk about your reservations. We want you there! Don't be left out this year!

Tentative Schedule:

<u>Friday, Oct. 16th</u>	<u>Saturday, Oct. 17th</u>	<u>Sunday, Oct. 18th</u>
Camp check-in	8:00 am Breakfast/Reg.	8:00 am Breakfast
Registration	9:00 am Welcome Session	9:00 am Workshop
	9:30 am Workshops	10:00 am Workshops
6:00 pm Dinner	12:30 pm Lunch	11:30 am Q&A Leaders
	1:45 pm Workshops	12:30 pm Lunch
7:00 pm Workshop	3:00 pm Teambuilding Events	1:30 pm Clean Up/Check-out
	4:30 pm Networking Break	
	6:00 pm Dinner	
	8:30 pm Camp Fire	