

SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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September 2017 Newsletter

Hello Lions,

We had a wonderful Full Cabinet Meeting, August 31, 2017. It was held at the **Boulevard Diner** in Dundalk, MD. **DG Paul Rufe** gave an inspirational speech which was welcomed by the group. Various speakers talked about action plans/different program(s) information and PIP Clem gave a very nice rundown on LCIF activities.

Our Lions Club meeting September 5, 2017 was very productive. We concentrated our attention on hurricane **Harvey** and suggested we make donations for the **Harvey** victims; donations would go to **LCIF** via our **Severn River Lions Foundation**.

We also discussed next year's **Bull and Oyster Roast**. **Sue Parks** volunteered to be the chair, while **Nancy Earley** said she would help with the cake wheel. There will be different assignments issued/requested to cover the various positions needed to conduct a successful event: venue reservation, decorations, silent auction items, etc.

The **SRLC Loan Closet** is still up and running. Many thanks to **Ken Tschantre** for his many years of service as Loan Closet chair. I've agreed to chair the Loan Closet and spent approximately two and a half hours cleaning and reorganizing all the equipment. We give many thanks to our contributors. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR CLUB LATELY?

The **Medication Safety Awareness for the Blind Week** starts September 9th and ends the 15th. Please make sure to visit your local pharmacy and explain this program. An important note, this program is not free to the pharmacy. The estimated charges to the pharmacist is \$1000.00. The customers, who need the machines, should apply and upon approval receive the machine at no cost.

Severn River Lions Club Annual Picnic will be held September 19th, at **Linstead Beach** in Severna Park. Please do not miss this exciting evening as a **Melvin Jones Fellowship** will be presented.

On another subject, our **Million Penny Drive** will continue at Sam's Club in Annapolis, MD. The dates are October 8th and 28th. We will set up a table and possibly have someone wearing the Lions Club costume for our fund raising event. Lions needed, please support this event.

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Finally, **Jeff Fair, President of the Annapolis Lions Club**, is looking for volunteers. He is conducting an Eye Screening at the Glen Burnie High School, from 8:30 to 4PM on October 28th. He is in need of an additional Eye Screening Machine. His number is 410-349-1962. Please try to participate, if your schedule allows.

Yours in Lionism.

King Lion Jackie

Contributors LIONS Ollie Wittig, Bill O'Neil

KL Jackie Hetrick, Sue Parks, Clement Kusiak



Lions Clean The Highway

Early on a July Saturday morning (from left below) Lions Rollins Clark, Chris Parks, Ray Smith, Jackie Hetrick, Chris Werth, and Carroll Hicks arrived at the Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, munched on some tasty doughnuts before setting out to pick up trash along Ritchie Highway. Lions donned bright orange vests and caps, and took a “pickup stick” and plastic trash bags for their journey along the highway. The trash recovered included soda cans, paper, glass bottles, tobacco products, and some “unidentified” items. Lions returned to the fire station with full bags that they had collected for disposal. The Severn River Lions do the highway cleanups usually May to October to help to keep this section of the well-traveled road looking more presentable. Lions who have not taken part in a highway cleanup should consider participating in this worthwhile event in the future.



Lions Help At Kinder Farm Park

On Saturday, July 29 Lions Clem Kusiak, Rollins Clark, Christopher Parks, and Sherri Parks journeyed to Kinder Farm Park just after sunrise to assist at a special event scheduled that day,. The activity, known as Hop, Skip and Jump 5K involved walking and running around the park trail which is about three miles in length and circles the entire park. Runners and walkers started at the River Birch pavilion and set out on the trail. Lions served as guides at several points along the scenic trail and helped keep the participant “on track.”. This was a charitable event and proceeds will benefit the AA Special Needs Program. The weather for the 5K Walk and Run was good -cloudy but cool and was perfect for this type of event. The event lasted about two hours before all participants returned to the pavilion. Severn River Lions had assisted with a similar event at Kinder Park several years ago and they are certain to be invited back again. The assistance provided is another example of Lions contributing to the community and living up to our motto “We Serve.”



And The Winners Are?

The scholarship committee was challenged this year to select finalist for the 2017 recipients since all the applicants had impressive resumes. Reviewing the applications to determine the courses taken, extra curricular involvement, school or community service, teacher recommendations the committee finally determined a winner from Broadneck HS and Severna Park HS.

At Broadneck HS the committee chose Miranda Tyson. During her high school years Miranda was active with the orchestra, Recycling club, field hockey, and lacrosse. In her "spare time" Miranda was enrolled in Honors, AP courses and finished 32 in the class of 498 students. Miranda will study environmental engineering and will attend University of Vermont this fall. If Miranda does as well in college as she did at Broadneck she will be an outstanding student. Miranda was presented a scholarship certificate at the school on May 4.

At Severna Park HS the committee chose Shelby Hogan to receive the scholarship. Shelby was active with the dance company, participated in the annual Rock and Roll Revival, participated in unified sports, and managed to find time for employment as pool snack bar assistant at the Chartwell pool. Shelby carried a rigorous academic load during her four years and excelled in Honors, AP courses and finished 41 in the class of 409 students. Shelby will be attending York College in Pennsylvania and will pursue a career in nursing.

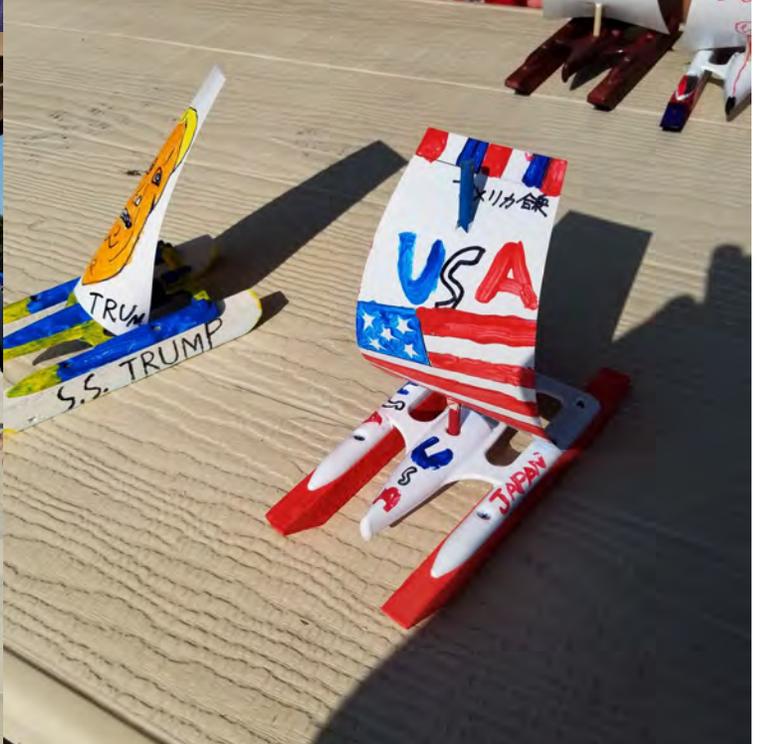
Traditionally we have invited the scholarship winners and their parent to attend a meeting before they leave for college to provide details on their career plans. Our congratulations and best wishes to Miranda Tison and Shelby Hogan as they begin college and careers.

The Severn River Lions appreciate all of the hard work and dedication Lion Ollie Wittig has put into chairing the scholarship committee. After 12 years as chair, he's passed the task on to another Lion. Thank you so much, Lion Ollie!



Raingutter Regatta

Early morning on August 26 Lions Jackie Hetrick, Chuck Horne, Carl Gilbert, Bill O'Neil, Chris Werth, and Ollie Wittig journeyed to the Shipleys Choice Swim Club for our Pack 688 annual raingutter regatta. For several years Lions have helped at this event by judging the entries in different categories. This year there were four themes-Most Patriotic, Most Cub Scout Looking, Fastest, and Best Pirate Ship. The Cubs had crafted a small boat with sails from kits and decorated the craft for one of the themes. The boys had been very creative and the Lions spent some time on the judging and then it was time to sit down and make a final selection in each of the four categories. Some compromising was necessary but a final choice for each category was reached and the final choices were given to the leaders. Several water filled gutters had been set up and the boys placed their boat at one end then huffed and puffed into the sails to the end of the gutter. Winners of each race will compete for the finalist category. It is always a treat to come to this event and interact with the boys and the leaders. Our club also helps with other Pack events and we have been invited to do the cake judging event next month and more details about this event will be forthcoming.



SRLC Million Penny Challenge Fundraiser

Mallory Gersch a student at the Severn School was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for raising \$1000 dollars in 4 days for the SRLC Million Penny Challenge Fundraiser.



Lions Enjoy an Evening Out

On Monday, August 8 over a dozen Lions and guests ventured to the recently opened MOD Pizzeria in Severna Park to enjoy delicious pizza and salad and contribute to the Lions club. Diners that night could present a coupon and the Severn River Lions would get 20% of the sales that evening. Dozens of diners lined up at the order line to select from ten different pizzas which came in three sizes-and could be topped with over three dozen different sauces, meats, vegetables, and cheeses. When the order was placed the customer could watch the "pizza assembly line" as the staff prepared the treats. When ready the pizzas then went to the cook who placed them on a long paddle and put them in a large open oven to bake. When each pizza was ready the buyers name was called to the counter and then they could be seated to enjoy a delicious meal that was freshly made. It was a delicious evening and SRLC benefitted financially as well. Hope that we will be invited back again.



LEDO Pizza Fund Raiser

August 23rd at Ledo was a great opportunity for Lions and Ledo, promoting who the Lions are and the benefits of sharing a day being present during our "Lions and Ledo Day".

Lions Promotion - Lions Clem and Bill S. set out newly designed tent cards placed on each of the 44 Tables, Fliers handed and SRLC Brochures handed out to Customers when seeking info on "Who are the Lions". Newly created Posters created for use in business windows etc. 60 plus ballon's (inflated and handed out by Lions Clem, Bill S. and Jackie) with Lion Emblem handed (with permission of parents) to children as they departed Ledo. Lion Jackie, either wearing or holding the Lions Costume for children to touch and being the outward going person she is sharing her usual Lions welcome. Lion Willy had taken photos for the news letter.

Ledo Promotion - Manager Justin Warren approved the wording of all the printed material. Also message to customers " Welcome to Lions Day at Ledo" and " Thank you for eating at Ledo". Justin posted Lions day at Ledo on the Ledo web page (8,000 followers), Taken photos of the Lion at the entrance and shared on Ledo Face Book.



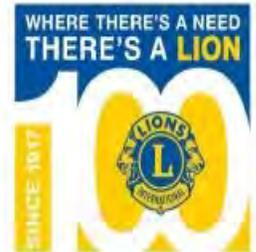
A total of 13 Lions and their family had either lunch or Dinner at Ledo.

Baskets with the Lions Flier were set out at the two different cash registers, Total amount of sales tickets set in the baskets came to \$842.00. Lions portion of the sales amounted to \$169.00 for the Day at Ledo Pizza.

Ledo Chair Catherine,



WANT TO HAVE FUN? BE HERE NOVEMBER 4TH!



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November 4, 2017 will be a

**night of Lions FUN at
HORSESHOE CASINO!**

**We will be honoring
DG PAUL RUFÉ**

and thanking him for

his dedication to District 22-A.



SAVE THE DATE SO YOU CAN BE IN ON THE FUN!!

It's not too early to make your reservation!

There will be a Silent Auction, Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar, and your ticket includes a \$5 credit to play slots.

Back Pack Lunch

Our guest speaker on 15 August was Michelle Cummings

Our Mission

To address and reduce the impact of poverty on communities by providing weekly backpacks of food to children in need and creating volunteer opportunities within the community.

We provide healthy meals and snacks to children over weekends, holidays and school breaks.

Outcome Measures

- Provide nutritious food to Backpack Buddy Participants
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- Distribute a Satisfaction Survey to participants and School Program Coordinators
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- Complete a Pre & Post Food Security Survey (measures high, low, and very low food security)
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- Create volunteer opportunities in the community
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Title I Schools Served in Anne Arundel County

- Hilltop Elementary School (Glen Burnie)
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- Eastport Elementary School (Annapolis)
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- Belle Grove Elementary School (Brooklyn Park)



Please accept my invitation to a meeting and/or service project of the



Severn River Lions Club

Meetings are held at the
**AMERICAN LEGION
POST 175**
832 Manhattan Beach Rd.
Severna Park, MD 21146



6:30 PM Social Time,
7:00 PM Meeting on the
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Lion _____
Phone or email _____

We take pride in our towns, cities, state and our service to our fellow man.



When a Lions Club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get better. We help where help is needed locally and all over the world with unmatched integrity and energy.



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Come Join Our Pride!

LIONS DAY

at



Ledo
PIZZA & PASTA

Hosted by the
SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB

Thank you for joining us today for tasty Ledo food and "thanks" for putting your register receipt in the basket on the counter. Ledo's donates a portion of tonight's proceeds by way of your receipt to help support many Lions community service projects. Join us the fourth Wednesday of each month for SRLC Day at Ledo Pizza & Pasta.

Great Pizza for a Great Cause!

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