

SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB

September 2021 NEWSLETTER

As King Lion I wanted to share some thoughts with each of you as we enter into the Fall Lions Season. Thank you each and every one of you for your ongoing efforts to serve those in need!

Christopher Werth, President



Elements of a Successful Lions Club · Provide a major service activity that the community needs and wants · Provide a major fundraising project in which the community will participate and to which the community will contribute · Provide good public relations both inside and outside the club · Provide good meetings. This means having a comfortable meeting place, good meals, effective greeters and interesting programs. · Exhibit team spirit · Provide a membership growth and development program that includes a meaningful induction ceremony and immediate orientation and involvement of the new member

Responsibilities of Each Lion · Sponsor a new member or work to retain an existing member to help promote/extend Lionism · Attend as many meetings as possible...clubs flourish by involvement of each and every member · Participate in as many fundraisers and service projects as possible · Share the workload · Assume leadership roles · Use your talents · Share your ideas for the betterment of the club and your community.

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Time to Bring Back our Annual Picnic!!

Lion Ken Tschantre has arranged for us to visit

Linstead Beach on

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at

6 pm (dinner served at 6:30)



Catering by Adam's Taphouse and Grille

Menu

BBQ'd Babyback Ribs and Chicken

Tossed Salad, Potato Salad,

Cole Slaw, Baked Beans

Fruit plate, rolls and butter

Dessert

Iced Tea

Cost Per Person - \$27

(Members who have been billed for meals, have already paid \$10 of the \$27.)

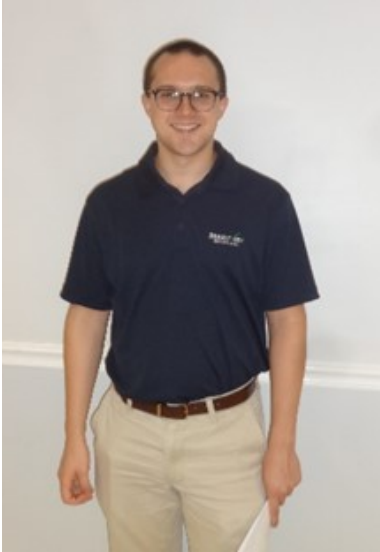
RSVP: Lion Sue Parks (preferably via email -
rich99991@verizon.net)

ASAP with whether or not you will join us
so that we may plan accordingly.

We understand that things are changing every day. This is
just a gauge of your interest, not a final commitment to
attend.

Lion Ryan Shupp Transfers into SRLC

The Severn River Lions board accepted the request by Lion Ryan Shupp, as the clubs newest transfer. Ryan stated his Lions career as a Leo during his freshman year of High School in 2010, as soon as he turned 18, joining the East Cocalico Lions Club in Eastown, PA became his goal. Following his induction as a Lion he attended college at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia then transferred his membership to the Broadway Lions Club. After graduating college in 2018 and taking a job in Northern Virginia, Lion Ryan transferred yet again to the Mount Vernon Evening Lions Club. Ryan still stays connected with all his past clubs where he served as a Board Member in the past two clubs, Lion Tamer in the Broadway Club, and 1st Vice President in the MVE Lions Club. Wherever I landed in life there was a Lions Club to welcome me and it a remains a high importance to remain an ac-tive member in servicing the community we live in. Ryan is very excited to be joining the Severn River Lions Club, he sees a lot of potential and energy which caught his interest.



Lion Ryan is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator and Public Notary!

Being a Lion is very important to Ryan especially the international aspect of Lions and his prior travels to Brazil, Germany, Canada, Bahrain, and the UAE.

Ryan's past time activities; an avid concert goer, averaging a couple a month, frequent trips to Baltimore, DC, and Philadelphia. His second passion lies with antiques, collecting antique phonographs, advertisements, and oddities.

Ryan is currently Director of Assisted Living at Brightview Annapolis, a lot of time is dedicated to residents He loves the challenge and reward related to the position. We are honored to welcome Ryan into our Lions Family.

MILLION PENNY CHALLENGE

Our Lion's Foundation is asking for your help with the MILLION PENNY CHALLENGE. Our goal quite simply is to raise a million pennies before June 30, 2022.

With 52 members, the Severn River Lions serve the community in many ways by focusing on those in need. You may be familiar with our citrus sales that have taken place in Severna Park between November and March for over 40 years. We have been challenged the past two seasons with fewer sales than usual due to Florida supply issues and county covid restriction. This means your pennies are more im-portant than ever!

Lions we need your assistance to help meet our goal of MILLION PENNIES by identifying a collection location, sponsor an event for the purpose of collecting pennies or embarking on a family penny collecting project. Thank you to our members and collection locations; we are more than halfway to our goal by receiving 503,412 pennies as of June 30, 2021.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMUNITY COMMITMENT and SERVICE

CONGRATULATIONS

LIONS

Tilghman Brice

9 years of service
Joined Lions September 18, 2012
Sponsored by: George Council

Steven Marr

6 years of service
Joined Lions September 15, 2015
Sponsored by: George Council

Joseph McCellan

25 years of service
Joined Lions September 1, 1996
Sponsored by: Pat Dionne

Michael Milord

17 years of service
Joined Lions September 21, 2004
Sponsored by: Donald Luce

Robert Siska

41 years of service
Joined Lions September 1, 1980
Sponsored by: Robert Urschel

Joinette Smallwood

13 years of service
Joined Lions September 9, 2008
Sponsored by: Trent Kutsch

*Here's wishing our Severn River Lions a September Happy Birthday
And a Happy September Wedding Anniversary*

SCOUT PACK 688 ANNUAL RAIN GUTTER REGATTA

On a beautiful day starting early morning on August 26 Lions Lillian McGraw, Bill Zelanakas and Clem Kusiak journeyed to the Shipley's Choice Swim Club for our Pack 688 annual Rain Gutter 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. Winners of each category received a certificate from Committee Chair Mrs. Nora Klee. The Cubs had crafted a small boat with sails from kits and decorated the craft illustrating 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.

Following the judging several water-filled gutters had been set up and the boys placed their boat at one end, then created wind by waving cardboard made fans into the sails to the end of the gutter. Winners of each race competed for the finalist speed category. Intense interest by each boat builder centers on the speed of their boat. It is always a treat to come to this event and interact with the boys, and witness their siblings, parents and the leaders providing words of praise and encouragement. Our club also helps with other Pack events.



SRLC Meeting Discussion Notes on Service

SRLC Dinner meeting August 24, 2021

Discussion Leader: Lion Bill Zelenakas, Service Team (STeam)

Note Taker: Lion Clem Kusiak, Participants: SR Lions

The goal of tonight's discussions was to start the process of increasing our service activities in line with the will of our Lions. Our Lions Survey results showed that of 18 surveys, 10 Lions want to see more and 2 less service projects. A handout showed the projects suggested in the Survey and projects suggested by the STeam. Lion Bill asked Lions to become involved and join the discussions and help us focus on increasing our service activities.

Project Discussions and Responses:

SRL ASSISTING WITH MEALS ON WHEELS

- Q. Did we get people to do meals on wheels.
A. Lion Chuck is only Lion in SRL doing meals on wheels.
Q. Are volunteers needed.
A. Yes, they always need help.

SRL HIGHWAY PICK UP

- Q. Are we continuing with highway pick up.
A. County is maintaining clean up prior to grass cutting
reducing clean up by volunteers

CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

- C. Glen Burnie High School Students etc. host an annual homeless day.
A. We could also be part of the program.

BROWN BAG MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

- C. Majority of members felt this to be a worthy project.
A. KL Chris will contact Lion Nancy

RECYCLE PROJECT – BUILD COMPOST BINS

- C. Would be great for Lions and Scouts to undertake design and build.
A. Distribution could be advertised and distribution take place during park clean-up day. Great project to undertake. Further evaluation needed.

UNDERTAKE ANNUAL PARK CLEAN UP DAY

- C. Select a park within our communities for Lions to take the lead and other volunteers groups share the day.
A. Lion Suzette & Jackie will investigate starting with the Maga Vista Parks.



HOLD ANNUAL OCTOBER FEST

C. Lion Suzette will look into newly renovated property in the community and report back on possibility of SRL hosting an event.

CHILDRENS BOOKS/VIRTUAL BOOK READING PROGRAM

C. Lion Clem recalled Lion Ashley's committee input to provide a Book Nook located at the side of the Heath center and between the walking path.

A. Lion Clem volunteered to design and build the Nook. KL Chris will contact Ashley for further input. Nook would be identified as a Lions project. Message on the Nook would read – Take a Book Leave a book.

C. Lion Clem talked about the LCI Reading Action Program and Opportunity for Lions to share books and do virtual reading.

A. KL Chris will contact Ashley regarding additional info.

EYE SCREENING

Q. Are we still doing eye screening?

A. Lion Chuck said that he was working on restarting the eye screening program and recommended that Kids for Sight Screening remain on the to do list of projects.

C. Lion Chuck noted that we have all the equipment we need to be successful.

YMCA CHILDRENS FAIR

C. Recommendation to keep this with in the club's radar of service projects.

TROOP 688 REQUEST TO REPLACE TRAILER

C. Lion Clem mentioned Troop 688 Committee Chair Nora's request for assistance for a replacement trailer.

A. Lion Clem shared he will propose the project scope to the SRL Board on September 14, 2021

ANNUAL SRLC BAY SOX BALL PARK GAME

C. Can we re start the annual day at the BS park.

A. We are late for this season due to planning for the game. Planning for next year should start May of 2022. Would a member be willing to take this on as a club social event?

C. Lion Chuck commented Club history of most projects happened because a Lion either liked or proposed an idea and was willing to take leadership to carry it out.



COMING LION'S EVENTS

September Date to be announced – Truck Washing at Dick Maurer's House. Bring extension handle etc.

Tuesday September 7th - SRL STeam zoom meeting 7:00 pm. Contact Bill Z for link and your input.

Thursday – Saturday September 9– 11 - USA/Canada Forum Des Moines, Iowa. Visit <https://lionsforum.org/>

Tuesday September 14th - SRL zoom Board meeting 7:00 pm. Contact Carl for zoom info and or placing item on agenda.

Saturday September 18th - LVRF zoom meeting 9:30 am. Contact Sue Parks for link.

Tuesday September 28th - SRL ANNUAL PICNIC, 6:00 pm at Linstead Commuinty Beach.
Contact Sue Parks

Thursday September 23rd, Lash Executive Meeting. See District Directory for Details.

Thursday September 30th, District 22 A Honorary Committee Meeting of all Past District Governors. 7:00 PM Bowmans Restaurant. Contact IPDG Jim Katzaman for reservation.

REMINDER

Newsletter Articles etc. are a great way of sharing happenings within the club. Also, filed within our web page for those interested in reading present and past editions. If you have information or an item (s) of interest to members, their families and friends, feel free to include in an upcoming edition. Please submit items to any of the following members by the 3rd weekend of the month prior to the following months edition.

Bill O'Neil – Editor
Clem Kusiak – Reporter
Chris Werth - President

LIONS PROFILES

Thanks to three Lions that submitted their profile for use in future issues of the "SRL Newsletter". Profiles are and can be great to start conversations followed by continued conversations.
