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Eye Glass Sorting a Success

Five Severn River Lions joined nearly forty other Lions and LEOs from eighteen clubs at the semi-annual eyeglass sorting on Saturday, October 18 at the Maryland School for the Blind. SRLC members, Trent Kutsch, Dale Strait and Ollie Wittig arrived early enough to help set up the tables, haul in the boxes of glasses, and watch while the coffee perked. The early contingent was soon joined by Rollins Clark and Bob Muchow. Other Lions from the District assembled and found a table filled with recycled eyeglasses. Lion Dale reminded sorters that we needed to separate prescription glasses and sunglasses, non prescription sunglasses, and eyeglasses made of gold, silver, or titanium into different boxes. The precious metal frames are a valuable source of revenue for the program. The sorting teams worked diligently for nearly three hours before the stacks of boxes dwindled. As usual, there were some unusual "treasures" among the recycled eyeglasses. One box contained nearly fifty new pairs of non-prescription sunglasses that, in the words of PIP Clem Kusiak would "look real cool on high-schoolers." The LEO contingent from Fallston High School disagreed and declined the offer of the glasses for a school fund raiser.

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King Lion George Councill Jr' s Message

Fellow Lions,

We have had a very successful first half of my King Lion service to our club. With your help obtaining new customers and increased advertising, the Fruit Sales have maintained a level of sales with last year. Special thanks goes to Lion Chairman Randy Roberts and Lion Nancy Burns for selling the excess fruit from the December fruit sale at Clements Hardware.

On December 16 our club was visited by the District Governor, John Andrews and District Treasurer, John Watkins. The DG provided LCI's vision of this Lions Year. This was also the meeting when we presented the 2008 "We Serve" award to Andy Borland, which is the award we give each year to a non-Lion for outstanding service to the community.

I thank all the Lions and their guests who attended our Christmas Party at Windows on the Bay. The food, atmosphere and your friendship made this social event one of the best ever.

Please invite your neighbors and friends to our new fundraiser at LEDO's Pizza on January 28.

Don't forget the next Fruit Sale on 21 February. Your help is needed.

King Lion George

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What a Great Evening

A hearty "Thank You" to all the Lions who contributed to the club's Bring a Friend Night in November by recommending a prospective member, staffing a display, interacting with the guests, or assisting with the set up for the event. Bring a friend was held to inform prospective members about the club's activities and to encourage them to be part of our active organization.

Members recommended nearly thirty friends, neighbors, co-workers, or relatives and each prospect received an invitation prepared by Secretary Sue Parks to invite them to attend. On the evening of November 18 ten "Friends" were in attendance. Nearly two dozen Lions had prepared colorful and attractive displays, posters, pictures, digital slide shows or handouts that described the many different service and charitable activities done by Severn River and they were available to tell about and answer questions about the activity.

Informality and informational was the theme and, except for the traditional Lions opening, it was an evening of getting around to see the displays and talking to the presenters. Even during the buffet portion the conversation continued as Lions and guests mingled. Each guest received literature about Lionism, a club fact sheet that addressed frequently asked questions, and a membership application form. Several guests indicated that they liked what they had seen and planned to complete the application for membership. A hearty buffet by Bob the Caterer (Adam's Ribs) provided sustenance to help fuel the conversation.

Lion Larry Burton, the 22-A Membership and Retention Chairperson, was in attendance and indicated that he would suggest other clubs consider this format in their recruitment efforts. KL Lion George stated that the evening's format gave members and guests the opportunity to interact informally and he proposed that this event be offered again later in the year.

Each guest will receive a written thank you note and the prospects who were invited but could not attend will be kept on a list for future meeting invitations.

Again, special thanks to all the Lions who worked hard to contribute to the successful evening.



Annual Food Challenge

For the past several years the Severn River Lions Club has challenged the Youth Rise/LEO Club at Severna Park Middle School to a food collection competition to benefit the Severna Park Assistance Network (SPAN) just before Thanksgiving. The challenge prize is a pizza treat that the "losers" buy the "winners." Again this year the LEO group used unfair tactics in the competition by opening the food drive to the entire school, grades 6, 7, and 8 so the Lions Club will be providing the pizza - again. They even convinced a seventh grade teacher, Mr. McTammany, to dress as an elf if his seventh grade could out collect the other grades - and they did.

When several Lions arrived at SPMS on November 13 they were met by nearly two dozen LEO members and were escorted into a classroom that was jammed with gaily decorated cartons and bags of non-perishable food items that had been donated by the students during the collection and it was quickly apparent that the Lions would be buying pizza-again. For the next thirty minutes the Lions and LEO members carried the food items to the waiting truck and two vans for transport to nearby SPAN. It was estimated that over 2300 non-perishable food items had been donated by the students. The Leo members and several parents met at SPAN and the food was offloaded into storage and will become part of Thanksgiving dinner for many needy families in the area. The LEO members approached this task with enthusiasm and bantered amongst each other about how they were going to enjoy the pizza treat.

The Youth Rise/LEO club is sponsored by the Severn River Lions Club and advised by Lion Nancy Burns. At the school level the many LEO activities are capably directed by staff members Judy Crawford, Debbie Sparby, and Eva Sweeney.

Student leaders of the club include Presidents-Lydia Peterson and Madison Fisher, Vice Presidents- Kendal Goler and Jasmine Snyder-Grade 8, Dani leradi and Kiley Poole-Grade 7, and Brooke Intlekofer and Julia Stewart-Grade 6, Secretary-Iamanee Keemer amd Kelly Bryant, Treasurers-Abby Pennington and Darby Smith. Other LEO members who assisted with the food collection included Brent Intelkofer, Julia Shuhart, Chrissy Sparby, and John Sparby.

The food collection is just one of several service activities performed by the LEO Club. While some members were helping to load the food items another contingent of LEO students were busily engaged in making blanket quilts that will be donated to ailing students. A total of fourteen quilted blankets were crafted by the LEOs and will be donated to Sarah's House

The generosity and enthusiasm of the students for these projects to benefit others was delightful to see and helps reinforce the idea that the majority of young people today are outstanding citizens.



Scholarship Recipients' Success Stories

In 2006 Matt Llano, a graduate of Broadneck High School, was the recipient of the Patrick Dionne Memorial Scholarship. Recently, information about Matt's college success was shared and is too good to not pass on to Lions members. Matt Llano is currently a junior at the University of Richmond and has excelled both academically and in extra-curricular activities. His cumulative grade point average (GPA) is an impressive 3.65 in a demanding academic class load. In addition, Matt has continued to participate in his favorite sport, cross country and track while at Richmond. He participates at the Division I level and just recently was named as the Atlantic 10 Men's Cross Country Student Athlete of the Year for his combined academic and athletic prowess.

The University of Richmond will send Matt Llano to the NCAA National Championship - the first time the University has been represented in twenty nine years - as a result of his impressive time of 30 minutes, 28.5 seconds in the 10-kilometer race held in Clemmons, NC.

Matt has not decided yet on a career field but professional running is a consideration after college. A work study internship this semester may help him with a career decision before graduation.

The Severn River Lions Club can be proud of our continuing scholarship contribution to young men such as Matt Llano who has benefited from our financial assistance during college.

Dear Mr. Wittig, Happy Holidays!

This past fall, I had an intense and busy yet exciting semester at Penn.

I took Chem, Chem Lab, Physics, Physics Lab, Advanced Spanish Syntax/Grammar, and Comparative Medicine. (I'm still Pre-med.) I will be declaring my major when I get back from Winter Break. I will major in "Health and Societies" with a concentration in either Public Health or International Health. I also hope to minor in Hispanic Studies if time permits. (If not a minor, I will at least get a Certificate in Spanish Language, which I will qualify for after this upcoming semester.) Next semester, I will be taking the next levels of Chem, Chem lab, Physics, and Physics Lab in addition to Intro to Sociological Research and Spanish for Professions.

I'm still part of a residential program called "The Study of Infectious Diseases." Through this program, I attended lectures on Infectious Diseases as well as an Infectious Disease Management Meeting at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) and visited Mutter's Medical Museum. I also continued the same work-study job as a research assistant in the Renal Research Division of the Department of Medicine at HUP.

This semester my involvement in Penn for UNICEF increased. I served as Secretary of the club. Through Penn for UNICEF, I also helped organize a Hunger Banquet and was Co-Chair of the Programming Committee for the event. Additionally, I had the opportunity to participate in a UN Training Conference and several volunteering opportunities. I just finished coordinating a Red Cross training session for Penn for UNICEF members which will be held in Feb and certify participants to help in the event of a large-scale disaster. I will be running for Community Service Chair of Penn for UNICEF in the board elections in January.

I'm also a Peer Advisor for ten freshmen, a member of the Alliance of Students Against Poverty, and the Undergraduate Research Fellow of the college house in which I reside. As the research fellow, I designed a research study on health disparities. I received IRB approval to conduct the study this past semester, and I am working to recruit patients to the study. Next semester, I will begin interviewing patients and analyzing the interviews.

Currently, I am spending time with my family, catching up on sleep, and in the process of searching for summer internships and volunteer work.

Once again, a big thanks to Lion's Club for helping to make my education and experiences at the University of Pennsylvania possible. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Vera Goldberg

Super Seller Lion Nancy Burns

When the first citrus sale of the season ended on November 22 a large stack of surplus oranges and grapefruit remained and it was packed and transported to the Jager garage to await the "I forgot to pick up my fruit" calls. The number of unclaimed cartons was high - approximately 160 cases and members wondered if we would be able to sell this amount or have to donate it to a charitable cause. Since the club's economy this year is fragile a better option seemed to be to try to sell the remaining citrus. One Lion had a great idea and practically single handedly, managed to reduce the stock to about a dozen cases within a week. Lion Nancy Burns contacted Clements Hardware owner, Gordon Clements, and asked if the fruit could be sold at his store. He readily agreed and the fruit arrived on Tuesday. For the next four days Nancy stayed at the store with the citrus and not only managed to sell all but about a dozen cartons, she got several names to add to the citrus database and found time to give out brochures about Severn River Lions Club to prospective members. Nancy's efforts to sell the surplus fruit will help the club's coffers and she is to be commended for conceiving the idea and carrying it out - especially the week before the annual Christmas party when she only has about a dozen other things to deal with.

Thanks, Nancy. Your efforts are appreciated by everyone.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[HTTP://MY.CALENDARS.NET/SRLC](http://my.calendars.net/srlc)

JANUARY 20	GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 28	LEDOS PIZZA
JANUARY 29	CABINET MEETING, CROWNE PLAZA, 6 PM
FEBRUARY 3	GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10	BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 17	GENERAL MEETING

SPECIAL EVENT

FEBRUARY 21 **FRUIT SALE**

SRLC ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	YEAR TO DATE
Health	81
Diabetes Awareness	0
Sight	353
Hearing	15
LASH	37
Youth	172
Community	518
Environment	78
International Relations	13
Lionism	1668
TOTALS	2935

JANUARY

Rick Mulderick – 5
 Randy Roberts – 7
 Oriey Glenn – 11
 Don Counts – 17
 Wayne "Skip" Beckett - 21
 Art Foehser – 25

FEBRUARY

Dick Maurer – 15
 Joe Hunter – 27

MARCH

Don Lilley – 14
 Don Rayment – 14
 Jonathan "Jack" Brown – 17
 George Williams – 19
 Ken Tschantre – 21
 Ulysses Archie – 24
 Trent Kutsch - 27
 Nelson Chesler – 31



Eye Glass Sorting (continued from front page)

It was not all work, though. Hot coffee, tea, and a variety of fresh doughnuts prepared by Lion John Watkins were enjoyed by all. Conversations among Lions who had not seen each other for a time could be heard and the morning proved to be a sociable occasion for participants.

After nearly three hours of sorting, Lions Joey Livingston and Trent Kutsch had taped nearly three dozen boxes filled with eyeglasses that, after sanitizing and grading, will be shipped to third world countries. PIP Clem Kusiak stated that during his tenure as International President he had participated in several eyeglass missions to these countries and had seen personally how much these vision aids meant to the people who received them.

Lions can take pride in this collection effort that benefits less fortunate citizens of the world and this effort helps to reinforce that Lionism is truly international in scope.

SRLC Night Out at LEDO PIZZA

Wednesday 28 January 4PM until Closing

LEDO Pizza in Park Plaza and SRLC are teaming up for a great dining experience that will financially benefit our community service activities. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the best Pizza, salads, subs and calzone in town. A special Kids Menu is also available. Deposit your check in the specially marked basket as you leave or ask your waiter how to credit the SRLC for your eat in or carry out order. A portion of the purchase price will be credited towards SRLC activities

Check out the menu at
<http://www.ledopizza.com/>



the Vampire sez!

A dedicated group of Severn River Lions volunteers regularly donate blood to the Red Cross in response to the ongoing urgent need for life saving blood.

On Monday, 1 December 2008 everyday heroes PDG Dick Bloomquist, Lions Ken Tschantre, Bill O'Neil, Wayne Dudeck, Randy Roberts, Jon Valett and spouses Rachel Tschantre and Tess Bloomquist volunteered to give their lifes' blood that others might live.

Each pint of donated blood has the potential to save three lives. Often the inventory of available blood for emergencies is measured in hours. Giving blood is truly giving the gift of life. Our next blood drive will be in March at the Elks Lodge on Truckhouse Road, just south of Earleigh Heights Road. A signup sheet will be available at our meetings. If you can't make it to a meeting to sign up, contact Lion Dale Strait at 410-987-4879 or dalestrait@alum.mit.edu. Or just show up at the Elks Lodge between 1 and 7 pm. Someone will really be glad you did.



KL George Council presents the 2008 WE SERVE award to Andy Borland with DG John Andrews looking on at our December 16 General Membership meeting.

SP Middle School Art Class student
Beththany Studnicky won the District 22A
Peace Poster contest.



Christmas Photos at Windows on the Bay, December 2008

