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BULL & OYSTER ROAST



SRLC's 9th Annual Bull & Oyster Roast at the Columbian Center in Severna Park.

Another Great Evening!

On April 20 over two hundred Lions, friends, and guests journeyed to the Columbian Center for SRLC's Ninth Annual Bull and Oyster Roast. Twenty six tables awaited the guests and Atlantic Caterers had been busy since early afternoon preparing the delicious pit beef, oysters, fried oysters, kielbasa assorted vegetables, cheese, and fruit that would soon entice the guests to eat.

Arriving guests were greeted at the entrance and directed to the reserved tables. The bar open had diners enjoying beer, wine, and soda before the main course. "Dinner is served" and the lines formed. Outside two shuckers skillfully opened and plated the oysters for the hungry guests. Another line, drawn by the tantalizing aroma of pit beef, were given generous servings of this delicacy. Inside the hall the wait staff served the fried oysters, kielbasa, sauerkraut, beans, and salads to the hungry crowds. For at least an

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International Theme for 2012-2013
"In a World of Service"



Lions Ollie Wittig and Rollins Clark greet guests at the door.



The silent auction line drew many interested bidders.



Lions Bill Zelenakas and Catherine Violette staff the cake wheel.



Guests try their luck for tasty treats at the cake wheel.

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hour a hush fell over the hall as hungry diners enjoyed the excellent food.

King Lion Bill O'Neil took the stage to remind everyone that the money wheel, the cake wheel, and the silent auction lines would soon open. A display of delicious prize cakes and pastries that had been donated filled a tiered stand. Players chose a number, placed a bet, and the wheel was spun. The lucky winner got to select which baked delight they wanted. Next door to the cake wheel the money wheel drew crowds and the players gathered to try their luck. Along the side of the hall long tables held the forty-four items donated for the silent auction. The items varied from Lions memorabilia,

party baskets, wearing apparel, vacation trips, special occasion baskets, massages, and attractive pictures. Interested bidders had several hours to examine these treasures and, if interested, place a bid. KL Bill returned to the stage and announced drawings for the door prizes – attractive gift baskets with bottles of gourmet wines. The cash bonus raffle was also announced. This year cash prizes of \$300, \$125, and \$75 would be awarded to guests who had purchased the special tickets. Winners were announced at various times during the evening and cheers went up with each announcement.

As the evening progressed guests made repeated visits to the food lines, the hum of the cake



Oyster shucking in action.



Prize and raffle drawings took place throughout the evening.



The cake wheel and money wheel drew a crowd.



Guests enjoy the SRLC money wheel game.

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wheel and the money wheel was heard. Lines of guests checked out the silent auction items and bids were placed. Lions and guests had the opportunity to socialize as they enjoyed the festive evening. Numerous Lions from other clubs were in attendance and one guest commented that he had heard about the reputation this annual event had earned and decided to attend to check it out. He plans to return next year.

It was an enjoyable evening for all in attendance and all the hard working Lions who participated to make this such a memorable event deserve credit and a hearty "thank you" for a job well done.

Profits from the annual bull and oyster roast will be dedicated to the Severn River Lions Club's numerous charitable service projects and those who attended can be assured that their donation is going to benefit numerous worthwhile causes.

Super Sorting

Four Severn River Lions, Dick Bloomquist, Rollins Clark, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig, joined nearly fifty other Lions from the District at the semi-annual eyeglass sorting at the Maryland School for the Blind in Overlea on Saturday, April 13.

Early arrivers set up three rows of long tables in the Schaffley gymnasium that would soon hold the eyeglasses received from clubs in 22-A and in 22-B Districts. Hot drinks and delicious doughnuts tempted sorters prior to the start and these were enjoyed as Lions socialized before work began. Also assisting at the sorting were several members of the Harford Community College Lions club and a delegation of LEO's from Harford County.

Printed instruction reminded the sorters to place prescription glasses and sun glasses in one container, regular sunglasses in another, and eyeglass cases in a third.

Off to the side Lion Joey Livingston and his crew assembled cardboard cartons that would hold the prescription glasses and work began in earnest. At a separate table several Lions scanned frames that could be gold or silver and separated these for packaging. Hearing aids and cell phones were also accepted that day. The hearing aids would be taken to Towson where they would be graded and made available to indigent clients through a program that the Lions have set up. What started as several pallets of eyeglass cartons and bags began to dwindle as the sorters worked diligently for several hours to ready the eyeglass for further processing and shipment to impoverished countries



where they will help less fortunate individuals see more clearly and enjoy a better life.

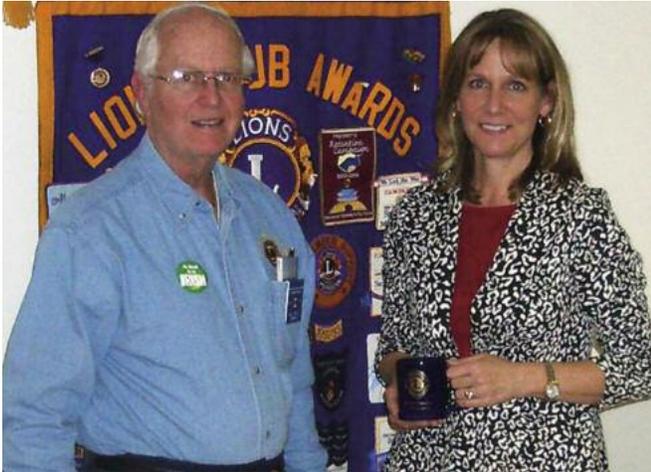
Lions can be proud of the eyeglass collection program which provides this service to less fortunate individuals. The semi-annual sorting is not only a prime example of fulfilling the Lions motto, "We Serve," it is an opportunity for Lions from throughout the District to gather and socialize as they serve.

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!

April 24th • May 22nd • June 22nd • July 24th • August 28th

It's easy to help raise money, just stop by and get a slice of pie!



King Lion Bill O'Neil and Amy Rubino, SHIP Director, who gave a wonderful talk on 2013 Medicare plans.



King Lion Bill O'Neil presents Lion Bill Zelenakas the LEO Club Advisor Award.



King Lion presenting Lion Joe McClellan with his 15 year membership pin.



Lions Carl, Dale and Ollie performed a vision screening at the Edinboro School on March 22nd.



Fred Delp from National Alliance Mental Illness spoke about NAMI's help for care givers and people with mental illness.



Last of the season—SRLC March fruit sale (1/2 truck load).

And The Winners Are-

The 2013 scholarship committee, Nancy Earley, Sue Parks, Bill Stack, and Ollie Wittig, met in March and April to review the scholarship applications received from Broadneck and Severna Park High Schools. The committee considered the applicant's academic performance over four years, participation in school or community activities, teacher recommendations, financial need, and the college and career path they had chosen. The number of applicants was smaller this year but the committee deliberations considered all the factors mentioned. The 2013 recipients will receive a bonus this year thanks to a previous recipient who has asked that her award be redirected. The original grant is for one year but can be extended for three additional years provided the recipient's situation has not changed and the club can continue to financially support the scholarship program. At the final meeting on April 2 the committee discussed their individual choices and there was some compromising before a final selection was made for each school.

Chosen to receive the E. Roy Shawn Memorial Scholarship at Severna Park High School was **Gary C. Wallace, Jr.** During his tenure at SPHS Gary carried a rigorous academic course load and achieved honor roll, was a three sport participant, and participated in several community charity and work events. Gary has applied to several well known universities and is awaiting acceptance. Gary plans to pursue a degree in civil engineering.

Chosen to receive the Patrick Dionne Memorial Scholarship at Broadneck High School is **Jonah Sheffield.** In addition to a rigorous academic course load Jonah found time to get involved in an athletic team, the Key Club, the newspaper staff as a writer, the broadcasting



team, and the foreign language exploration program. Jonah received the AP Scholar Award and has been accepted into the National Society of High School Scholars. Jonah has been accepted at several prominent colleges and he plans to pursue a career in interior design.

The Severn River Lions Club can be proud of the scholarship program which for years has assisted deserving young people attain a quality education. Certificates will be presented to Gary Wallace and Jonah Sheffield at the schools awards programs later in May. The 2013 scholarship recipients and their parents will be invited to attend a meeting in the near future.



Does your bell work? Lion Dick explains the importance of an alert sound when biking.



Lion Ollie provides guidance on proper tire pressure to some of the young Scouts.

The Wheels Go Round

The annual Pack 688-855 bike rodeo on Sunday, April 7 got off to a great start at Shipley's Choice Elementary School on a crisp and sunny afternoon. Lions Dick Bloomquist, David Knabel, and Ollie Wittig had been drafted to perform the pre-ride bike safety check. The Lions checked for proper seat height, helmet adjustment, and tire pressure before the riders set off. Nearly two dozen Cub Scouts lined up for the inspection which the Lions tried to make a learning experience for the boys.

As the horn sounded the Scouts lined up and were divided into groups to ride an "obstacle course" and show their skill at maneuvering around a set course on the parking lot. Judges scored each participant and "valuable" prizes were available for the high scoring riders. It was a fun event for the riders who participated and the parents who attended to watch and assist. Lions were able to interact with the youngsters and the parents. By coincidence a supply of flyers announcing the SRLC bull and oyster roast were distributed and several parents expressed interest.

The annual bike rodeo is just one of several events that Lions participate in to support our Cub Scout Pack. In June we will return to cook for the annual Bridging ceremony and in the fall we will again assist with the pinewood derby. Several pack leaders expressed appreciation for the assistance offer by the Lions and we are fortunate to have this bond with our Cub Scouts.



This is how a foot pump works.



Scouts lined up for the pre-rodeo inspection.