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On Sunday, April 12 Lions Carl Gilbert, Steve Keefer, and Ollie Wittig brought their tools and tire pumps to Shipley's Choice Elementary School for the annual bike rodeo sponsored by our Cub Scout Pack 688. It was a perfect day weather wise to be outdoors and Pack 688 was joined by Pack 855 for this event. Lions were tasked with performing the pre ride bike safety check which included checking the proper fit of the helmet, seat height, and tire pressure. Lions endeavored to teach the Cub Scouts how to perform these pre ride tasks that contribute to the rider's safety. The rodeo activity included a bike obstacle course, speed ride, short distance ride-all held on the back lot of the school and the boys were having a lot of fun. Lions also had a chance to interact with the parents and flyers advertising our clubs coming Luau were given out. Several parents expressed interest in our Lions club and they were invited to attend a meeting to check us out. The pre-ride bike check is just one of several activities that Lions do for our Cub Scout Pack and several parents expressed their appreciation for our involvement. We have been invited back again next year.

In Memoriam Lion Dale Strait 1932-2015



Ernest Dale Strait of Severna Park, Maryland passed peacefully on 19 March 2015. Dale was born in Billings, Montana on 19 July 1932 to Cecil Ernest and Sylvia Strait. There he met his wife, Roma. They were high school sweethearts, and that magic was very evident throughout their lives. After high school in 1950 they went to MIT for Dale's Bachelor's Degree in Architecture. In 1955 he joined the US Air Force where he served 28 years. In 1963 he graduated at Stanford University with his Master of Science Degree. He served as a facility engineer as well as a design and construction engineer. These duties took their family to Massachusetts, France, California, Ohio, Alabama, South Carolina, Hawaii, Germany, Florida, and ultimately, Maryland. He also had two one year unaccompanied assignments, in Greenland and Vietnam. His Career ended as Commander of the Air Force Engineering and Services Center at Tyndall Air Force Base 30 June 1983. Roma and Dale moved to Severna Park, Maryland and, though Billings was always the Strait family seat, they found the Home of Their Heart. They felt they were very fortunate being so close to Baltimore, Annapolis and DC. They thoroughly enjoyed the variety and amount of culture in this area. He worked briefly for the State of Maryland when he arrived but then he found many more fulfilling activities. They joined St. Martin's in-the-Field, where Dale was very active and deeply committed. They had found the Church of Their Heart. He was also very active, wearing many hats, for the Lions Club, Partners In Care, Meals on Wheels and the American Legion. He will be sorely missed at those organizations. Dale was very kind, patient and helpful to everyone he knew. He even helped Roma raise three daughters to be wonderful, caring people. He was preceded by Roma, his wife of 61 years. He is survived by his daughters Candesa Strait of Billings, Montana, grandson David and his family; Sinclair Louise McMichael of Delta, Utah, grandchildren Scire and Clinton and their families; and Calandra Blok and husband Roel of Ocala, Florida. Dale and Roma were very proud of their 8 great grandchildren.

There will be a Celebration of his life at Saint Martin's in-the-Field Episcopal Church, 375 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146 on Saturday, April 18 at 11AM. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Martin's in-the-Field Outreach Fund.

February 7 Citrus Day A Success

The February citrus sale may not have been as large as the previous sales but the delicious grapefruit, honeybells, and temple oranges were very popular with the customers. Nearly two dozen hardy Lions and four energetic band students were on the lot at SPHS on February 7 to prepare for the sale. King Orange Carl had prepared and distributed a “duty roster” to members to insure that all the necessary tasks would be performed. The early arrivals retrieved the forklift from Clement Hardware and returned to school where the truck awaited. KL Bill expertly drove the forklift and got the pallet jack from the trailer which Lion George Council had delivered the night before, and unloading the citrus got under way. Lion Bill Zelenakas had parked his “warming hut” and then directed the placement of the pallets of fruit on the line. As the sun rose the citrus was in place and ready for customers. Four energetic band students had off loaded and set up two colorful booths and King Orange Carl announced that we were ready. There was some competition for parking space on the school lots since the band was making tasty sub sandwiches, and students were arriving in large numbers to take the SAT test but no problems. The customers drove to the booths, gave their name, paid, received tickets for the order, and were given a brochure that told of our club’s many service activities. Customers drove to the pickup line, were greeted, and the cartons of citrus placed in the cars. To ward off the chill workers could adjourn to the “warming hut” for coffee and doughnuts and then it was “back to work.” For the next several hours the line of cars moved steadily. By late morning the word the “lunch is ready” was heard and workers, in shifts adjourned to the school for delicious sandwiches and soup offered by Lions George and Nancy. By late morning the stacks of citrus had dwindled but there was still a surplus of cartons that would go to Lion Rhine’s garage to await customers who forgot to pickup on Saturday. It was agreed that this had been a successful sale and everyone who assisted deserves a hearty “thank you.” We will be back in March for the final sale of the year. Go Lions-We Serve!



Season Finale Citrus Sale

March 7 was the final sale of delicious Florida citrus by the Severn River Lions. Mother Nature had covered the parking lot with snow several days before the sale but the grounds crews had plowed the lot and we were ready to go. Lion Randy and his escorts visited Clement Hardware to get the fork lift and the freezing temperature made getting the locks open a challenge but Randy prevailed and soon he and his escorts were on the road. The truck filled with fruit awaited. The frigid temps also froze the pallet jack and the crew had to resort to the chain drag to get the pallets of citrus in position for the forklift to remove them. Gradually stacks of delicious ruby red grapefruit and juicy temple oranges were on line. The bright full moon lit up the work area but the sun gradually crept over the horizon and the temperature improved. The club truck arrived and several Lions and band students began setting up the colorful sales booths that Life Scout Matthew Poindexter had built as his Eagle Scout project. By 8:30 am everything was ready and King Orange Carl opened the line for several early arriving customers. Throughout the morning customers arrived at the booths and received tickets for their purchase, drove to the line, were greeted, and the citrus placed in the vehicles. Customers also were given a flyer about SRLC's new fund raiser, A Luau, which is scheduled for May 2015 at AL 175. Several customers commented that they had enjoyed the citrus and looked forward to the next sale in November. Over two dozen Lions were on duty that day and King Orange Carl thanked everyone heartily for the service. Bill Z's "warming hut" equipped with hot coffee and doughnuts helped to keep the crew warm and happy that morning. As the stacks of citrus began to diminish and late morning approached Lions were reminded the "lunch is served" and, in shifts, they ventured inside to partake of delicious sandwiches and hot tasty soup offered by Chef George Council and Soup Queen Nancy Burns. By the end of the morning the stack of fruit had shrunk but there were cartons that would be transported to Rhine Jager's garage to await pickup by customers who "forgot to order or pickup." The season's final sale was a success and the club can look forward to and preparing for the next sale in November.



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Super Sorters

Early on October 11 five energetic Lions from Severn River, Dick Bloomquist, Rollins Clark, Carl Gilbert, Dale Strait, and Bill Zelenakas journeyed to the Maryland School for the Blind for the District's semi-annual eyeglass sorting. During the past six months SRLC had collected sixteen cartons of eyeglasses at the thirteen collection locations in the club's area and these were unloaded in a mild drizzle. Inside the gymnasium long tables had been set up and they were soon filled with eyeglass cartons that had been collected by clubs in the District. Directions for sorting were given and "the work began" as Lions sorted and packaged the eyeglasses, sunglasses, cases, and occasionally some hearing aids. Refreshments were available and animated conversations between the sorting Lions could be heard. As cartons were filled they were given to Lion Joey for sealing. The collected eyeglass will be delivered to a facility in Virginia where they will be sanitized, graded, and packaged for shipment to third world countries where the glasses will help the less fortunate see better and enjoy a better quality of life. The next sorting is set for April 2015 and SRLC will be busy collecting during that time. The eyeglass collection is another example Lions living up to the motto, "We Serve".

Eyeglass Collection Box Locations

SRLC currently has eyeglass collection at the locations listed. The box sitter for location is listed and the sitter should plan to pick up glasses on a regular basis, particularly At locations that fill quickly-marked with**. District eyeglass sorting are held twice yearly Give collected eyeglasses to Ollie Wittig.

LOCATION	BOX SITTER
Severna Park Library**	Ollie Wittig
Chesapeake Treasures Park Plaza	Joinette Smallwood
Edward Jones-Karen Stepler Krieg-Park Plaza	Joinette Smallwood
Peeper's Eye Care-Park Plaza	Joinette Smallwood
Looking Glass Optical-Horizons Pasadena	Ollie Wittig
American Legion 175	Ollie Wittig
Harbour School	Bill Zelenakas
Partners in Care- Ritchie Hwy.	Ollie Wittig
Ophthalmology Associates-Arnold**	Jon Valett
Arnold Senior Center	Jon Valett
Severna Park Elks-Truck House Road	Don Luce
Woods Presbyterian Church	Ken Tschantre
BJ's-Pasadena	Ollie Wittig



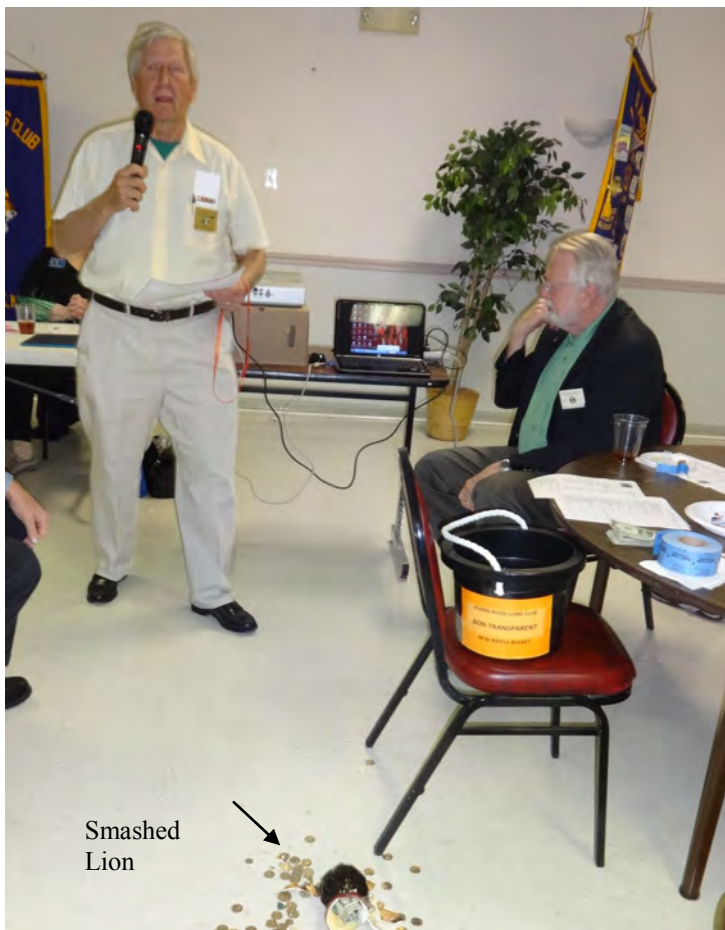
Anne Arundel Community College Health Fair



Lions Join Forces Again

For at least the sixth year the Severn River and Annapolis Lions have joined up to offer vision screening at the annual health fair at Anne Arundel Community College. This year's health fair was held on Wednesday, April 8 in the Student Union Building at the Arnold Campus. The Lions were one of just several service providers that day, but all around the dining hall thirty exhibitors had displays and items for the audience, mostly students at AACC. During the three hour fair Lions Dick Bloomquist, Jackie Hetrick, Steve Keefer, Bill O'Neil, Randy Roberts, Catherine Violette, and Ollie Wittig and Gene Zeiser from the Annapolis Lions provided vision screening to nearly thirty attendees. The attendees were given an SRLC brochure, information about LOVRNET, were told of the variety of service activities that Lions provide in the community, and a flyer about the SRLC Luau event in May. The clubs participation in the annual health fair is a good example of Lions living up to the motto, We Serve, and we will plan to be back again next year.

The Harbour School Leo Club Donation



Ceramic Lion turnover to a Brass lion by Tail Twister Lion Bill Zelanakix

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