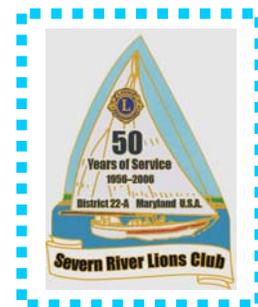


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Severn River Lions Club

1956 – 2006

President – King Lion Sue Parks



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Greetings Fellow Lions,

Summer is buzzing by and we're feeling the heat. Are we ever! Have some of you heard me say that I don't do well in the heat? Why aren't we taking the summer off? No, and through it all, we're staying incredibly busy.

Our 4th of July celebration – float building, parading, and fundraiser are well documented on pages 2 and 3 – and I think Ollie even mentioned how hot it was in his write-up (did I mention that I don't like the heat?) At the General Membership meeting on July 18th I gave out my first Star of the Month Awards – thanks to Lions Ollie, Dick M, George, and Trent, and Sara Horne for their extra-ordinary efforts in making this event a success.

Today, when the heat index is supposed to be 110 degrees, we've moved our annual picnic from the beautiful Linstead Beach location to the not-so-beautiful-but-ok-and-most-importantly-**air-conditioned**, American Legion. Our caterer for the event, Adams Ribs, probably isn't unhappy with the change in venue. (Have you guessed – I'm not unhappy about it myself – did I mention I don't do well in the heat?)

We're keeping busy with service projects too. On page 4, you'll find some information about our West Anne Arundel Branch Club performing preschool vision screening at Sarah's House and Severn River will be providing vision screening at a health fair at the Severna Park Racquet & Fitness Club on August 26th (thankfully in doors out of [you guessed it] the heat!).

Last month I published the goals we had set for the coming year at our club retreat. One of them was to "review and improve our publicity program to gain more visibility for SRLC and Lions." I am pleased to report that Lion Nadja Muchow has agreed to become our Public Relations Chair (she twisted my arm until I gave her the job, or was that vice versa?) I have every faith that she will help us develop a PR program that will put Severn River Lions in the forefront.

Stay Cool, Lions
KL Sue



Fabulous Fourth

To help celebrate America's 230th birthday, Severna Park's centennial, and the Severn River Lions Club's fifty years of service, nearly thirty Lions braved the heat and humidity over a two day period to insure this would be an event to remember.

On July 3 a creative, artistic, and talented group of Lions assembled to turn the pallet trailer into a sailboat. The sail was furled, the mast was stepped, the strings of pennants that listed our service activities were placed. Artistic lettering on the bow

announced our clubs contributions over five decades. After several hours and a few rehydration breaks, the "vessel" resembled the one on our anniversary pin and the members deemed the craft ready for launching on July 4th.

About a dozen Lions joined the float at St. Martins Church and awaited the word to set off. Fortified with spiked orange juice and bottles of water, the group began the 1.7 mile march to Cypress Creek Park. Along the route hundreds of residents watched and cheered as the various units passed by. Several friends and neighbors of the marching Lions offered words of encouragement to keep up the pace. KL Sue Parks had a willing stand in that day. Sara Horne, daughter of Lion Chuck Horne, had been persuaded to wear the Lions suit on the float and members asked what concessions dad had made for this. About forty minutes after stepping off, the SRLC float neared the judging stand and was announced to the crowd, and the tired Lions counted the final steps to the finish.

Carrying on a club tradition, **hot and sweaty** marchers were greeted by Lions handing out frozen Popsicles at the top of the hill. What a welcome treat this was and one appreciated by all the parade marchers!

Just inside Cypress Creek Park another contingent of Lions manned the cookers and sold shrimp, fries, and cold drinks to the hundreds who had gathered to view the antique vehicles, fire apparatus, the petting zoo, pony rides and the many other attractions at this centennial festival. Lions, attired in natty red or blue aprons, cooked and served for several hours and had the opportunity to acquaint festival goers with our club and its activities.

It was a steamy and **hot** day, but true Lions spirit prevailed and helped make this a banner event for both our club and the community.

Special thanks to all the Lions who participated and helped to make this a memorable day!



From Concept
(thanks Lion Ollie)



To Creation (thanks float building crowd)

More Pics from our July 4th Celebration



Parade group



KL Sue, Cub Scout Brad and will the real lion stand up? Lion Chuck's daughter Sara is wearing the suit!



Pack 688 and bringing up the rear - Lion and Scout Leader Bob Bieri



Lions George, Trent, and Randy (above) spent hours in the sun cooking while (left) Lions Bill Z and Dick Maurer handled the sales end.



West Anne Arundel Service Project

West Anne Arundel Branch Club Lions Garnita Grace and Andrew Pruski conducted a preschool vision screening at Sarah's House on Wednesday, July 26th. Eight children were screened for the presence of "lazy eye" factors. They were assisted by Severn River Lions Rick Stefany and Dale Strait. WAA Lions will be screening preschool age children at Sarah's House each quarter due to the continual turnover of residents. The initial preschool screening at Sarah's House resulted in one referral. Family case workers at Sarah's House assist in the follow-up of referred children to be sure they receive the necessary eye care to treat their condition. SRLC is assisting families by providing eye glasses, if needed.

Be sure to read this if you have any doubt about the value of our Preschool Vision Screening Program.

Your Child's Eyes: Get Them Checked Early and Often

Vision experts say children should have their first eye exam at 6 months of age. Despite that recommendation, more than 85 percent of America's 20 million children age 5 and under have never had an eye exam, according to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development.

For eyecare doctors like doctor Nick Brattis, O.D., that high percentage is unfortunate — given that most childhood eye exams can be performed quickly and accurately. And it's so easy to make an appointment with an optometrist or an ophthalmologist. "I've been examining children's eyes for more than 27 years," says the veteran optometrist from Casper, Wyoming, "and I've seen many situations in which diagnosing and treating an eye disorder early in life provided a positive outcome for the child involved."

Dr. Brattis recalls treating one 2-year-old child some 20 years ago. "When I first examined little Miles back in the mid-1980s, I found significant 'lazy eye' (lack of focusing control in one eye, or amblyopia). I prescribed some aggressive therapy in which the child wore a patch over one eye to make the 'lazy eye' stronger. "Miles and his family did a very good job on the therapy, and guess what? That young man is 22 now and he has 20/25 vision. It was a very rewarding experience for an optometrist to see this patient change from being legally blind in one eye at age 2 to having excellent vision as an adult." Dr. Brattis recommends that parents schedule eye exams for their children at three important points during their early development:

- When the infant is about 6 months old. This exam should be performed by an optometrist who specializes in treating young children or by a pediatric ophthalmologist. During this initial check, the doctor makes sure the eyes are working well together and that they're free of rarely occurring but significant defects — such as cataracts and tumors — that could threaten the child's vision.
- Between the ages of 2 and 3, before the child enters preschool. During this eye exam, the doctor looks for signs of developmental disorders, including "lazy eye," crossed eyes (strabismus), nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism — which triggers difficulties in focusing. If the doctor finds an irregularity, effective therapies can usually begin immediately, often sparing the child from wearing corrective devices (such as an eye patch) during later years.
- Before the child enters kindergarten. At this point, the eye doctor tests for sharpness of vision and corrects deficiencies by prescribing glasses.

Says Dr. Brattis: "The great thing about early exams is that we can often start working on problems before they interfere significantly with the child's eyesight — and especially with learning and development!"

Source - VSP

**Draft Minutes of 7/11/06
Board of Directors Meeting
Severn River Lions Club
To Be Approved at 9/8/06 Board Meeting**



Attendees:

Board:

| | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| Nancy Burns | George Council | Milum Greene | Shirley Greene | Chuck Horne |
| Roger Knauth | Trent Kutsch | Joe McClellan | Nadja Muchow | Bill O'Neil |
| Sue Parks | Randy Roberts | Ken Tschantre | | |

Other Members:

| | | |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Garnita Grace | Bob Muchow | Ollie Wittig |
|---------------|------------|--------------|

The Severn River Lions Club was called to order by King Lion Sue Parks at 7:30 pm. Thirteen Board Members were present.

Announcements:

King Lion Sue Parks reported that the Family Dues Program was approved at the Convention effective January 1, 2007. It provides for a credit to the International portion of the dues for family members(2-4). Also, the SRLC monthly newsletter won Honorable Mention again at the convention.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last board meeting held on June 13 were presented by Lion Roger Knauth. Lion Nancy Burns moved to approve with a correction (spelling of Lion George Council's name) and seconded by Lion George Council. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Lion Bill O'Neil reported bank account balances as follows:

Bank Accounts

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| 50 th Anniversary Money Market | \$ 0.00 |
| Activities Checking | \$12,110.25 |
| Administrative Checking | \$ 8,918.75 |
| Truck Replacement Fund | <u>\$13,401.13</u> |
| Total Bank accounts | \$34,430.13 |
| | |
| Foundation Checking | \$ 3,473.53 |
| Foundation Money Market | <u>\$12,498.46</u> |
| Total Foundation Bank Accounts | \$15,971.99 |

Lion Bill O'Neil responded to the question concerning the low balance in the Foundation Checking Account stating that funds have been paid out to LCI.

Correspondence: Lion Roger Knauth reported on the letter dated June 13, 2006 sent by the then King Lion Randy Roberts to the Severna Park Health Association about the insufficient space available for our loan equipment closet, and would there be suitable additional space to conduct our SRLC monthly Board Meetings now held at the Kinder Park Jaycee Building.

Old Business/Reports:

Club Retreat: King Lion Sue Parks confirmed the distribution of this Report. The Retreat Committee Heads had no additional comments on the eight goals established at this time. King Lion Sue asked Lion Trent Kutsch to serve as the Twinning Committee Chair and Lion Roger Knauth to Co-Chair the Pre-K Screening Program with Lion Ollie. She also noted that we are desperately in need of a PR Chair. She asked Lion George Council to help with getting people to do Fruit Sale lunches.

July 4th Report: Lion Ollie Wittig thanked everyone for their contributions in the building of the float on July 3rd and the parade and food booth at Cypress Creek Park on July 4th. Lion Dick Maurer emailed his report (unable to attend this evening) on the food concession indicating that we made only \$179.39 with some food left over, and that he did not recommend that we be a vender next year.

Meeting with Caterers/Survey: Lion Ollie Wittig reported that he and Lion Bill Zelenakas met with our caterers and learned they have never received feedback from SRLC. A survey, dated July 18, 2006, has been emailed to all members. Some copies were distributed at this meeting. Lion Ollie indicated he would follow up with another email and that the survey would be available at the July 18th General Membership Meeting.

Club Picnic: Lions Nancy Burns and Ken Tschantre reported on the August 1st Club Picnic. Adams Ribs will cater the event. The District Governor and Spouse have been invited as well as Joan Dionne and Dorothy Calvert. Scholarship recipients have also been invited. Lion Nancy will call all members who have not signed up. 62 attendees is the maximum who will fit under the pavilion.

Other Items/Reports: Lion Ollie also reported that in the future a separate table will be set up at General Membership meetings for sign up rosters to avoid some of the sign up sheets not being circulated to everyone. Lion Bob Muchow reported that the International Convention approved all six resolutions presented. It included the Family Dues Program, effective January 1, 2007. The credit represents half of the LCI dues for family members 2-4. Four SRLC couples now qualify. Also any Re-Districting must have the approval of all affected parties.

PDG Lion Bob Muchow reported on Campaign SightFirst II results – to date 20 Members (28%) have pledged \$15,200 and \$5,679 has been paid. The Pledge Goal is \$28,800, based on an average of \$400 per member.

New Business:

Membership: Lion Ken Tschantre reported that the Membership Plan is being submitted August 1st to District 22-A. The Theme is "There is Something for Everyone to Do." The Plan establishes a goal in terms of an "Increase in the Club's Active Members," which effectively sweeps the Members at Large and Affiliates categories into the goal along with current and new members. We will continue the policy of having all prospective members attending two meetings and an orientation before their application will be submitted to the Board.

Administrative Budget: Lion Bill O'Neil presented the Proposed Administrative Budget for the Year 2006-07. Proposed Budget was compared to Actual for the year just completed. Meals Income is based on \$14.00 per meal. The Total Proposed Administrative Budget is \$25,825.00, \$2,360.48 less than The 2005-06 Actual. IPP Lion Randy Roberts moved to accept the Proposed Administrative Budget, seconded by Lion George Council. Discussion followed on many of the Income and Expense items. King Lion Sue Parks stated that she can not continue to produce the Newsletter at work for much longer. Lion Chuck Horne will check out alternative printing costs. The Motion was approved unanimously.

2006-07 Fruit Sales: IPP Lion Randy Roberts announced the five fruit sale dates: November 18; December 16; January 20; February 24; March 24. The schedule has been reconciled with the High School. Prices are yet to be determined. Also, we will have a hand in designing the brochure.

Community Service Report: Lion George Council had nothing new to report at this time on the Ticks Project.

Other Items: The Annapolis Club will continue to host the 12 Club meeting in January, turning down our offer to host. Attendance has been declining. Lion Ollie Wittig reported that the Racquet Club of Millersville has invited SRLC to participate in the August 26, 2006 Health Fair. We would conduct adult vision screening.

King Lion Sue Parks requested motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, motion was made and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted
Lion Roger Knauth, Assistant Secretary

July 18th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our guest speaker was one of our scholarship recipients, Matthew Llano, who has just graduated from Broadneck High School and is on his way to the University of Richmond. He told us a little about his plans for the future and KL Sue presented him with “a big check.”



Also at the 7/18 meeting, KL Sue announced that the Family Dues Amendment had been passed at the International Convention in Boston and that our newsletter had again received an Honorable Mention – the only US newsletter recognized. If you still have it, check out the April issue or look at it on our website.

Another highlight – our twin, Ironbridge & Severn Gorge, in Shropshire, England sent us a wonderful bronze plaque that they had commissioned to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Next month we'll show how skilled craftsman, Lion George, has made a very visible permanent home for this beautiful plaque.



LEADERSHIP EVENTS

Two really important leadership training opportunities are coming up in September. On 9/8 – 10 plan to attend the MD Leadership training at Camp Merrick. I will have to send out more information via email as I haven't been able to locate anything but the dates as of press time.

The other very important event is the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum being held in Columbus, OH on 9/14 – 9/16. This is the best leadership training Lions offers. This is a case of there being too much information for this one page so check out their website.



**30th Annual
USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum**
September 14-16, 2006
Columbus, Ohio

The USA Canada Forum website - <http://usacanadalionsforum.org/>
Is where you'll find a schedule of the weekends events, seminars, and a Registration form (I was going to reproduce it here but it's 3 pages!)



Please be sure to review the Membership Roster on the next few pages and let King Lion Sue Parks know of any errors, omissions, or changes required. Thanks.

| SEVERN RIVER ACTIVITY REPORT SUMMARY | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| | July, 2006 | Year-to-Date |
| | Hours | Hours |
| Health | 7 | 7 |
| Diabetes Awareness | 0 | 0 |
| Sight | 19 | 19 |
| Hearing | 2 | 2 |
| LASH | 2 | 2 |
| Youth | 5 | 5 |
| Community | 169 | 169 |
| Environment | 12 | 12 |
| International Relations | 1 | 1 |
| Lionism | 307 | 307 |
| TOTALS | 524 | 524 |

| S.W.A.T pickup schedule | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| August 26 th | 7:00 AM |
| September 23 rd | 7:00 AM |
| October 14 th | 7:30 AM |

| Membership Report July, 2006 | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Members June 30, 2006 | 77 |
| Active (includes 8 WAA Branch) | 46 |
| At Large | 9 |
| Life | 2 |
| Affiliate | 19 |
| Privileged | 1 |
| Members July 31, 2006 | 77 |
| Leo Club Members | 60 |

BIRTHDAYS

- August*
 Yvonne Jackson – 2
 Rollins Clark – 7
 Mike Milord – 17
 Colleen Benda - 18
 Bill Meyers – 25
 Ollie Wittig – 26
 Milum Greene – 26



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The SRLC meets semi-
monthly on the first and third
Tuesdays at the American
Legion Post 175 on
Manhattan Beach Road.
Social - 6:30 pm
Meeting - 6:59 pm

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PICNIC - Linstead Beach - 6 pm
MD22 Turnover - American Legion Post 276 - 9:30 am
Board Meeting - Jaycee Building, Kinder Park - 7:30 pm
West Anne Arundel Branch meeting - Location TBD
General Membership Meeting - American Legion Post 175
West Anne Arundel Branch meeting - Location TBD
S.W.A.T Pickup - Earleigh Heights Fire Hall - 7:00 am
Health Fair - Severna Park Racquet Club
First Full Cabinet Meeting - American Legion Post 276
LASH Executive Committee Meeting

General Membership Meeting - American Legion Post 175
Paws in the Park fundraiser
Camp Merrick Leadership Weekend
Board Meeting - Jaycee Building, Kinder Park - 7:30 pm
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
West Anne Arundel Branch meeting - Location TBD
General Membership Meeting - DG Harold Boccia Visitation
S.W.A.T. Pickup - Earleigh Heights Fire Hall - 7:30 am
West Anne Arundel Branch meeting - Location TBD
LASH General Membership Meeting
Gary's Garden Fundraiser