



# Severn River Lions Club News



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## A WONDERFUL SUMMER!



SRLC King Lion Bill O'Neil in mascot costume at the Severna Park 4th of July Parade.

### Parading Lions Celebrate July 4th!

Nearly two dozen Severn River Lions gathered to celebrate our nation's birthday by taking part in the Severna Park July 4 parade. The colorful truck festooned with patriotic bunting and flags, arrived at the starting point and was given position #12. The Lions had opportunities to interact with other marchers and our Cub scouts before stepping off.

Promptly at 10:00 am the parade marshal signaled the start and units moved out onto Benfield Road for the 1.7-mile trek to Cypress Creek Park. Hundreds of spectators, most seeking shade on the 95 degree day, lined both sides of the road and waved and cheered the marchers as they passed. Lions took this opportunity to give new handout cards, which told about our club and invited spectators to attend a future meeting.



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



SRLC Lions ready to march in the Severna Park July 4th Parade.

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Marchers and floats continued on Benfield Road and then turned onto Evergreen Road for the last leg. As the Lions passed the parade marshal's booth the announcer told the crowd about SRLC and the many community service activities offered our club.

The final turn onto Park Drive was made and a contingent of Lions on both sides of the road passed out frozen Popsicle treats to the sweaty marchers. A chorus of "thank you, Lions" was heard. Across the road in Cypress Creek Park various vendors offered refreshments and food and interesting displays were available for parade goers to view.

As the event wound down the lions performed another "community service" by collecting the filled trash containers and transporting the bags to the dumpsters. It was a very hot July 4th parade but the marchers and spectators endured and helped America celebrate another birthday. Happy July 4 and see you next year.



SRLC handing out popsicles.



SRLC truck festooned in gala colors was on display.

<b>Committee 2012-2013</b>	<b>Chair Person</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>
Adopt A Highway.....	Clark .....	Strait, Wittig, Smith, Bill Z., Coolbaugh, Bloomquist, Jackson
American Legion liaison .....	Strait.....	Burns
Bull Roast.....	Maurer .....	Burns, Wittig, Bloomquist, Parks
Blood Drive .....	Strait.....	Bloomquist
Charter Night.....	Rayment .....	Burns, Wittig, Violette
Children's Fair.....	Maurer .....	Violette, Smith, Bill Z., Council (train)
Christmas Party.....	Burns.....	Maurer, Earley
Constitution and By-Laws.....	Valett.....	Bob Muchow
Eye Exams / Hearing Aids .....	Bloomquist/Strait .....	Violette, Gilbert
Eyeglass Collection .....	Wittig.....	Smallwood, Strait, Valett, Bill Z.
Finance .....	Parks.....	Strait
Fourth of July Parade .....	Maurer .....	Burns, Wittig, Stack, Geis, Hicks, Bauman
Fruit Sales.....	Bill Z./Gilbert.....	Violette, Tschantre, Bill Z. Horne, Bloomquist, Coolbaugh, Roberts
Fruit Sale Lunches.....	Council .....	Maurer, Burns (Soup)
Fruit Sale Order Takers .....	Horne .....	Maurer, Wittig, Stack, Bill Z. Burns, Luce
Fundraising (other than fruit sales) .....	Smallwood .....	O'Neil, Werth, Gilbert, Parks
Kinder Fest .....	Maurer .....	Council, Strait, Wittig, Smith, Bill Z.
Health & Wellness/Sunshine.....	Earley	
LASH Representatives .....	Clark/Violette	
LEO Clubs .....	Burns.....	Bill Z.
Loan Closet.....	Tschantre .....	O'Neil, Stack, Glenn
Meals on Wheels.....	Strait.....	Wittig, Gilbert, Stack, Smith*, O'Neil, Tschantre, Earley
Meeting Setup .....	Tschantre .....	Maurer, Stack
Melvin Jones Fellowships.....	Bloomquist.....	Council
Membership.....	Wittig.....	Smallwood, Valett, Stack
Newsletter.....	Knabel.....	Wittig (Write Articles), O'Neil (Photos), Stack (Photos)
Nominations.....	Clark .....	Council, Valett, Smallwood
Pack 688 liaison .....	Wittig.....	Bloomquist
Partners in Care.....	Strait.....	Smith*, Bill Z.
Peace Poster.....	Burns.....	Violette
Picnic .....	Burns.....	Wittig, Tschantre, Stack, Bloomquist
Preschool Vision Screening.....	Wittig/Strait.....	Violette, O'Neil, Clark
Programs (Guest Speaker) .....	Burns	
Public Relations .....	Werth .....	McAuliffe, Bloomquist, Coolbaugh
Rebuilding Together .....	Strait.....	Council, Bill Z.
Scholarship.....	Wittig.....	Parks
Scrapbook.....	Earley	
SP Health Association Liason .....	Horne .....	Maurer, Burns, Tschantre, Strait, McClellan
SPHS Band liaison .....	Garczynski	
Teen Court .....	Rayment .....	Strait, Stack, Bloomquist, Jackson
Visitations.....	Smith .....	Stack, Bill Z.
We Serve, Lion of the Year.....	Clark .....	Valett, Rayment
Web Page.....	Parks	
Chamber of Commerce Liaison.....	Bloomquist	
Lions Quest Liaison.....	Muchow, Bloomquist	

## A Night at the Ballpark

The weather was near perfect after a scorching week and two-dozen Lions and guests journeyed to Prince George's Stadium on June 23 to watch a double header between the Bowie Baysox and the Reading Phillies. The second game was added as a makeup and gave the audience a "two for one" deal. The Lions were in upper deck reserved seats to the right of home plate and had an excellent view of the activities on the field. The Phillies, ranked second in their division, scored first and went on to win the first game by a score of 3 to 1. The audience saw some good offensive and defensive plays by both teams as aspiring major leaguers honed their skills. A Star Wars themed evening saw many youngsters dueling with light sabers and wearing character masks and between innings costumed Star Wars re-enactors fought mock battles to the delight of the crowd.

The ground crew prepared the field for the second game and fans took this opportunity to visit the snack bars for food and liquid refreshment. Mother Nature cooperated that evening with cooler temperatures and Lions were able to socialize comfortably throughout the games. "Play Ball" was heard and the teams took the field for the second game. Bowie played more aggressively and managed to put two runs on



SRLC Lions at the Bowie Baysox game.

the board. Good play by both teams brought cheers from the crowd. The Phillies offense prevailed, however, and the final score was 4 to 2 against the Baysox. The announcer reminded fans that the fun wasn't over yet. The stadium light dimmed and suddenly a burst of color in the sky over right field announced the start of fireworks. For nearly twenty minutes the fans were treated to a colorful and booming fireworks display that brought appreciative applause from the crowd. The finale, a colorful and noisy blast, signaled the end and the light came back on. Lions began the exit to their cars and a return home after an enjoyable evening.

## Bring A Friend Night! Tuesday, October 2nd

Be sure to invite your spouse, neighbors, coworkers, and relatives to this event to learn about SRLC.

There will be colorful displays about our club's many service activities and Lions will be there to tell all about them. It will be an informal but interactive evening and even veteran Lions will learn more about our club and Lionism.

There will also be delicious party snacks.

**Go – Bring a Friend!!**



District Governor Owen Landis passes the gavel to incoming SRLC President Bill O'Neil.



Immediate Past President Rollins Clark with Excellence in Effort Award presented by DG Owen Landis.

## Passing The Gavel

The annual Turnover Meeting on June 19th saw the passing of the gavel as Lions were installed to lead the Severn River club for the next year.

District Governor Owen Landis and his wife, Zonda, joined nearly forty Lions and guests at the American Legion hall for an excellent catered meal and some socializing before the ceremony. DG Owen complimented the club for the many worthwhile activities provided to benefit the community and encouraged the members to "keep up the good work".

Inducted to lead the Severn River Lions Club through 2013 were: Bill O'Neil, President/King Lion; Chris Werth, Carl Gilbert, and Bill Stack as vice presidents; Dick Maurer, secretary; Nancy Earley, assistant secretary; Sue Parks, treasurer; Dale Strait, assistant treasurer; Joinette Smallwood, Nancy Burns, Catherine Violette, Esther Kerner Johnson, and Jim Coolbaugh as directors; Ollie Wittig, membership; Ken Tschantre, Lion tamer; and Jon Valett, tail twister.

The incoming officers pledged to do their best for the club and received a hearty round of applause from the audience. DG Owen presented a gavel to incoming KL Bill O'Neil who promised to work diligently to lead our club during the next year.



Lion Ollie Wittig was presented with the MD22 Lions Youth Foundation Award.



Rollins Clark presents PDG Dick Bloomquist with an award for Perfect Attendance.

## Lions With Longevity and Service

Twenty-three hardy and durable Lions were presented certificates at the club's Turnover Night on June 19 for long service and perfect attendance with the club. Recipients were announced and came forward to receive a certificate in recognition of their longevity.

Lions honored for perfect attendance and the years served included; Joinette Smallwood-1, Nancy Earley-2, Carl Gilbert-2, Don Rayment-2, Bill Stack-2, Chris Werth-4, Ken Tschantre-8, Jon valet-8, Rollins Clark-10, Sue Parks-10, Bill O'Neil-11, Nancy Burns-11, Dick Maurer-12, Randy Roberts-13, George Councill-14, Ollie Wittig-14, Nadja Muchow-15, Dale Strait-17, Bill Zelenakas-19, Rhine Jager-23, Dick Bloomquist-23. Bob Muchow-28, and Ray Smith-48 years.

Two Lions were presented service pins for their contributions to SRLC and District 22-A. Sue Parks received a pin for 10 years of service and Bill Zelenakas was given a 20-year service pin. DG Owen encouraged all members to follow the example given by Lions Sue and Bill. Lion Bill was also recognized for his service as zone chair during the previous Lions year. Ollie Wittig was presented a plaque and pin as recipient of the Clem Kusiak Bronze Fellowship. The Severn River Lions club was recognized with an excellence award for the contributions to sight conservation by leading the preschool vision screening effort in the District.

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## Planning For The Future

On June 23rd, eighteen Lions gathered at the Health Center building for the annual planning retreat that would develop the "blueprint" for the club to follow during the next Lions year. After start up coffee, doughnuts, and cold drinks, the members settled around the tables to plot the course for the next twelve months. Under the guidance of new King Lion Bill O'Neil the members discussed many items that would provide the club's direction. The spirited discussion included the upcoming July 4th parade and truck decorating on July 3rd and it was recommended that a business card size handout be developed to hand to spectators and inform them about the club. The popsicles have been ordered and will be distributed at the end. SRLC has been drafted again for the post parade cleanup at the park.

Possible new service projects got a lot of attention and it was recommended that a community needs assessment guide this activity. Several ideas for new fund raising projects were presented and will be decided on at a later date. Service projects that would involve Cub Scout Pack 688 and the LEO club were also suggested. Possible reformatting of

the meeting schedule that would have only one monthly meeting with a presenter and the second meeting devoted to sharing the output of the Board meeting with the membership was approved. This second meeting could also be used for club committee meetings. A publicity committee would become more active in promoting SRLC through local media and community newsletters. King Lion Bill also announced that he is going to stress succession in office so that "Lions in training" can learn about their task and be prepared to fulfill their new role. The list of committee chairs and members was updated based on responses from members and the final list will be published and distributed at a future meeting. Current year scholarship recipients and parents will be invited to attend a meeting in August to tell of their college plans. The current constitution and by-laws will be reviewed and attention will be given to the section dealing with the different membership categories in hopes of getting Affiliate and MAL members more active.

When the meeting adjourned everyone left with the knowledge that a good direction for the club had been developed and will help contribute to our motto, "We Serve."



HOBY guests with families and Lion Nancy Burns (center) and Lion Doug McCleay (left).

## HOBY Special Guests

SRLC members were treated to several special guests at the meeting on July 17th. Earlier this year SRLC had sponsored three sophomores at local schools to attend the HOBY – Hugh O’Brien Youth Foundation workshop in Emmitsburg, MD for a four-day convocation. Two of the HOBY students visited SRLC with their parents and provided information about the event, the opportunity to hear from qualified leaders, and learn a valuable lesson in leadership and service.

Courtney Mathis from Severn School and Keonte Henson from Broadneck High School told of the enriching experience they had during the convocation. A third student, Kendra Bloom, from Severna Park High School could not attend that evening but will be invited later.

The HOBY students are all rising juniors in their schools and will return home to complete one hundred hours of service to their schools and communities as part of the HOBY program.



Courtney Mathis tells about her HOBY experience.



Keonte Henson receives a mug from KL Bill O’Niel.



Doug McCleay, a Lion, and the HOBY representative to District 22-A also attended and commended Courtney and Keonte for their participation and thanked SRLC for sponsoring these students.

## Scholarship Winners!

This year's scholarship committee (Nancy Earley, Sue Parks, Chris Werth, and Ollie Wittig) was challenged when reviewing the dozen applications from Broadneck and Severna Park High Schools. For many years SRLC has given scholarship to students at these schools who have demonstrated superior academic performance over four years, have been involved in school and community activities, received good references from teachers, and have demonstrated the potential to excel in college. The scholarships are for \$1000 per year and can be renewed three additional years if the student's situation has not changed and the club can still financially support the scholarship.

After careful review of the applications and references and some compromising, the committee selected one Broadneck student and two Severna Park students as this year's awardees.

Chosen to receive the Patrick Dionne Memorial Scholarship at Broadneck was Eric Stephen Myers. During his tenure Eric has taken advanced placement and honors courses and has attained a 3.04 grade point average. He has been active in the Anime Club at school and in the community he has been involved with Boy Scouts since first grade and achieved the coveted rank of Eagle Scout with palms, volunteered at My Brothers Pantry and Habitat for Humanity, has worked at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center and the county Recreation and Parks. Eric plans to enter Anne Arundel Community College and then transfer to a four-year school to complete studies for a degree in business and marketing.

Two winners were selected from Severna Park this year to receive the E. Roy Shawn Scholarship. Elizabeth Liz Breighner is the youngest of five siblings and during her tenure at SPHS she attained a 4.06 GPA and completed nearly four-dozen advanced placement and honors courses. In her "spare time" Liz was on the cheerleading squad, gymnastics team, the Student Government, National Honor Society, and interned at the Department of Defense. She has been active in her church youth group, participated in the Appalachian Service project, Relay for Life, and the Polar Bear Plunge. Elizabeth plans to complete studies at Pennsylvania State University and become a nurse practitioner upon graduation.

The second recipient from SPHS is Jodie Clouser. She and her twin sister, Maddie, had been active in the LEO Club while at the middle school. Jodie has been an active team member of the cross-country, indoor track,



(L to R) Eric Stephen Myers from Broadneck High School was awarded the Patrick Dionne Memorial Scholarship; Jodie Clouser from Severna Park High School was awarded an E. Roy Shawn Scholarship



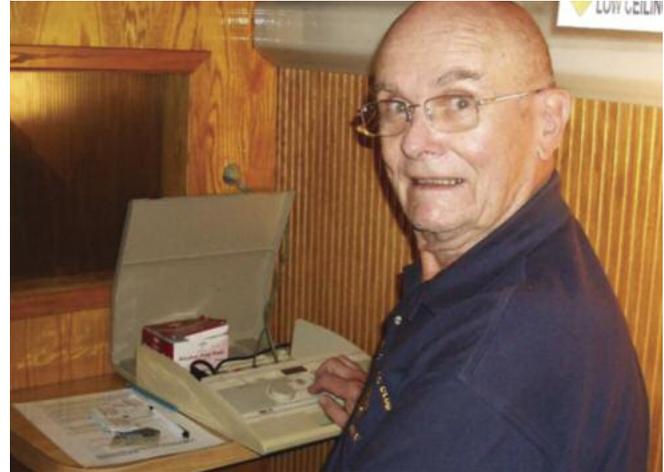
Elizabeth Breighner from Severna Park High School was awarded a \$1000 E. Roy Shawn Scholarship.

and outdoor track teams and participant in the Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Gay Straight Alliance. In the community Jodie has been active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, has volunteered at Severna Park Elementary School, the Appalachian Service Project. Jodie enjoys swimming and has been an active member of the Severn River Swim Club. Jodie has earned a GPA of 4.29 in nearly forty advanced placement and honors courses. Jodie plans to attend Appalachian State University and pursue a degree in education.

The scholarship winners and parents attended the meeting on August 7 and told the club about their college and career plans. SRLC can be proud of our role in assisting these outstanding young people advance in their chosen professions.



Lion Chris Werth welcomes visitors at the greeting table.



Lion Dale Strait at the hearing screening station.

## Lions At The Maryland State Fair

For several year Lions from District 22-A have manned the vision / hearing van at the Maryland State Fair and they returned again this year to provide this valuable service to fairgoers as they entered the grounds.

The huge screening equipped bus from 22-C was parked outside the entrance and Lions invited everyone to visit for the screenings. Severn River Lions Club was well represented on Saturday, August 25 and staffed the van all day. Besides interacting with the crowds, Lions provided hearing screening and adult vision screening inside the van and acquainted fairgoers with one of the important services offered by Lions.

The annual state fair is a great opportunity to let the public know about our organization. If you have not been to the state fair, consider volunteering next year and join the crowds. **“We Serve!”**

## Lions Dining Out

If you like delicious pizza and other Italian delicacies, then mark your calendar for the fourth Wednesday of each month to visit LEDO Pizza in Severna Park for an evening of good food and comradeship. That Wednesday is “kids night,” so you can expect a lot of families to turn out to dine. Not only is the food and conversation good, LEDO donates a portion of the proceeds that evening to SRLC and these go to support the club’s scholarship program. This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle with other Lions and community members and provide information about our club’s many services. Be sure to mark your calendar for September 26, the next SRLC Night at LEDO Pizza. See you there. Go Lions!



SRLC Lions enjoy a delicious Ledo's dinner on August 22nd.

## AREA LIONS CLUBS PARTNER WITH BALTIMORE CITY TEACHERS

### Through Lions Quest, Students Learn Valuable Life Skills

(Baltimore, July 28, 2012) – The Lions Clubs of central Maryland are partnering with 12 City schools to bring to the children of Baltimore a comprehensive life skills program. This program is a gift of the local Lions working with its charitable arm, the Lions Clubs International Foundation. This program called Lions Quest is entering its fourth year with total Lions contributions exceeding \$100,000. This program and the classroom curricula are FREE to the teachers of Baltimore City. Teachers, as a part of their professional development, attend a one-day workshop to be certified to implement this program. Workshops for 2012-13 are planned for August and September.

Lions Quest has been serving children for 27 years and has supported over 11 million children worldwide. In Baltimore City, it is a K-8 school-based, positive youth development program that unites home, school and community. The outcomes include improved academic achievement and lower substance abuse. The program is recognized favorably by the US Dept. of Education, the US Dept. of State, SAMHSA, OJJDP, CASEL, CADCA, and the National Youth Leadership Council.

Lions Quest teaches skills to resist drugs, peer pressure and violence while building self-esteem, peer relations, positive decision-making and problem solving. Approximately 2000 children of Baltimore have benefited from this program to date. Students also learn valuable skills for emotional and social development. This program is made possible by the support of the 35 Lions Clubs of central Maryland. These Lions Clubs recently received its third grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Local Lions have contributed \$15K to support the program in Baltimore City.

According to Lion Dick Bloomquist, Lions District Quest Project Leader, "This project helps the Lions to reach into the city to meet the pressing needs of our urban youth." Students are taught to carry out service learning projects in their community that reinforce their classroom learning. The participating schools are: Barclay, Eager Street Academy, Margaret Brent, Thomas Johnson, Patapsco, Cherry Hill, Maree E. Farring, Curtis Bay, Francis Scott Key, Robert W. Coleman, Calvin Rodwell, and Graceland Park. The key issues addressed by Lions Quest are bullying, substance abuse, violence prevention, improved community connection, enhanced academic performance, and social and emotional performance.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation has noted that the issues facing youth today are similar globally and the Lions Quest program is currently conducted in nearly 48 countries around the world. In independent reviews, the Lions Quest programs and professional development workshops have received high marks by numerous organizations for content and effectiveness. Studies show that it helps to reduce violence and drug use while improving drop out rates.

Lions Clubs are organizations of men and woman volunteers who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. The 35 central Maryland Lions Clubs have 1150 members and are located in an area ranging from Havre de Grace to Galesville and west to Columbia, Clarksville and Glenwood. For more information on the Lions of central Maryland, please contact "Club Links," [www.lions22a.org](http://www.lions22a.org).

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.3 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in 205 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.lions-quest.org](http://www.lions-quest.org) or [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org).

*"Lions Quest has been very important to us. It has cut down on the number of our suspensions. Children don't fight anymore. They are kinder to each other. It makes them feel better about themselves."*

**Dr. Jackie Waters-Scofield**, Principal  
Margaret Brent School

*"Thank you so much for helping to make a difference in our Baltimore City Schools."*

**Jenny Heinbaugh**, Principal  
Barclay School

*"Lions Quest has made a difference with my students. I feel as if this is something they're going to carry into the future. I feel like it's a gift that's been given to them."*

**Cathy Stachura**, Teacher  
Thomas Johnson School

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check our web calendar for updates at:  
<http://my.calendars.net/srlc>

### SEPTEMBER

- 9/4 Linstead Beach Picnic 6:00PM
- 9/11 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 9/13-9/15 USA/Canada Forum
- 9/18 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 9/26 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM
- 9/28 Combined Region Meeting 6:30PM

### OCTOBER

- 10/2 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 10/9 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 10/13 Eyeglass Sorting
- 10/16 General Meeting & DG Visit 6:30PM
- 10/24 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

### NOVEMBER

- 11/3 District Social – Hunt Valley Inn
- 11/6 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 11/13 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 11/17 Fruit Sale 8:00AM - 1:00PM
- 11/20 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 11/21 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

### DECEMBER

- 12/4 Holiday Party 6:00PM
- 12/11 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 12/15 Fruit Sale 8:00AM - 1:00PM
- 12/18 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 12/26 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### SEPTEMBER

- John Randall – 2
- Don Luce – 8
- Robert Bauman – 13
- Dave Knabel – 13
- Gordon Clement – 20
- Ray Smith – 22

### OCTOBER

- Jon Valett – 17
- Clinton Wallace – 26

### NOVEMBER

- Nadja Muchow – 2
- Carroll Hicks – 5
- Bobby L. Edmond – 17
- Jim Talentino – 20
- Bob Engh – 21
- Nancy Earley – 25

### DECEMBER

- Susan Parks – 5
- Mary Boblitz – 5
- John Linsley – 13
- Nancy Burns – 20
- Rick Stefany – 23
- Rhine Jager – 26



2012-2013 SRLC Officers and Board of Directors.