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Severn River Lions Club News

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



SRLC Holiday Party at Café Bretton in Severna Park.

Santa Visits SRLC!

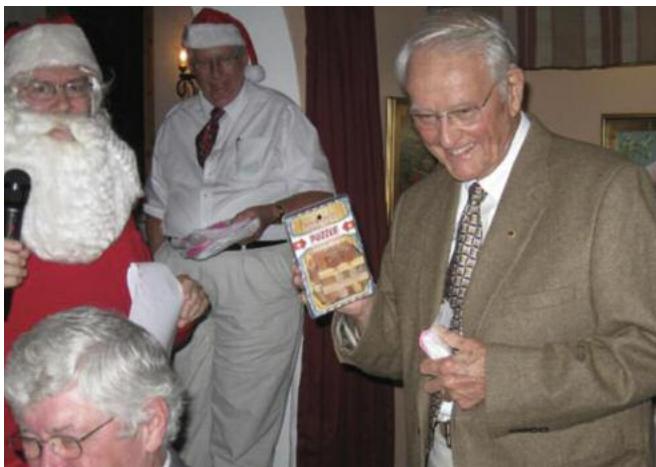
It was *not* a cool and snowy evening on December 4 when nearly sixty Lions, spouses, and guests came to Café Bretton for the club's annual Christmas party, but the group was in the holiday mood. Most were decked out in holiday finery and a party mood was evident. Arriving party goers ventured to the bar for some libation then spent about a half hour socializing.

When he heard the jingling of bells KL Bill O'Neil announced the start of festivities. Seated guests were treated to delicious soups, and tasty salad to whet the appetites. Then it was time for the main course and there were six delicious choices that the wait staff presented. For the next thirty minutes just the sound of cutlery on the plates could be heard as the plates were emptied. A choice of desserts followed and the meal was drawing to a close.



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Santa and his elves dropped in to spread the holiday spirit!



Lion Dale is pleased with his gift.

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But the fun wasn't over yet! Sleigh bells were heard and the jolly old St. Nick entered with a hearty "Ho, Ho, Ho." Helper elves Dick Maurer and Ollie Wittig had been drafted to assist Santa to distribute the "expensive" gifts to members. Santa decided to get poetic and he entertained the crowd with some puns between each gift. Gift recipients came forward and opened their gifts for all to see and admire. Tasty candy canes were given to all in attendance as well.

Even without snow this evening was a festive occasion and the staff at Café Bretton deserves a hearty "Thank you" for a job well done that night. Coats were collected and departures began and a chorus of "Happy Holidays" and "Merry Christmas" could be heard. It was an enjoyable evening and a perfect way to close out another successful year for SRLC.



Lions Ollie, Chris and Jon enjoying the libations.



SRLC Lions gathered for the holiday feast.

A Look Back at the 2012 Holiday Party

December 4, 2012—Severn River Lions Club Lions gathered at Café Bretton for the annual holiday party. The food was delicious and the atmosphere festive as Lions feasted and socialized. Santa Claus even stopped in to drop off a few early holiday presents.



Festive Cheer at the Café Bretton



SRLC Recognized at District Cabinet Meeting

Six SRLC members traveled north to the Richlin Ballroom on November 29 for the quarterly District Cabinet meeting. Lions had an opportunity to mingle with members of the other clubs in 22-A. Nearly ninety Lions attended and enjoyed a delicious meal and then it was "down to business." District Governor Skip Hoffman introduced Lions who had served as District Governors and the current leaders in the District as well. Several SRLC members were introduced and thanked for their service including: Dick Maurer-Administrative Assistant, Sue Parks-Region Chair, and Rollins Clark-Zone Chair.

The Severn River Lions Club received special recognition and was presented the *Club Excellence Award* banner patch for Lions year 2011. Past King Lion Rollins received the award and thanked the club for the continued efforts to serve.

Our club's *Bring A Friend Night* was also recognized as one of the few District clubs to use this as a recruiting strategy and other clubs were encouraged to adopt this program to aid recruitment efforts.

Club announcements about the various activities and fund raisers were made. As a finale the 50-50 drawing, worth \$104.00, was made and the mega winner was a former SRLC member, Wayne Dudeck.

The benediction concluded the gathering and members were cautioned to drive carefully on the way home.

Honoring SRLC Lions With Seniority

Fourteen SRLC long serving Lions were recognized by District 22-A and awarded a Monarch Chevron Service pin to recognize their longevity.

40 Years

Jack Randall

20 Years

Don Luce
Bill Meyers
Rick Mulderick

15 Years

Joseph McClellan
Don Lilley
Nadja Muchow

10 Years

Robert Engh
Sue Parks
Rollins Clark
Robert Bauman
Rick Stefany
Yvonne Jackson
Nancy Garczynski

Congratulations to these long serving Lions!

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!

December 26th • January 23rd • February 27th • March 27th

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

Pack 688 Wins SPAN Challenge – Again

Four Lions journeyed to the December 19th Pack 688 meeting at Shipley's Choice Elementary School to pick up the food that the Cub Scouts had donated for SPAN.

This annual “competition” between SRLC and Pack 688 to see who can collect the most non-perishable food with the winner being treated to pizza by the loser, has been going on for at least six years and SRLC’s record remains intact. We have NEVER won the pizza, as the Cub Scouts always collect more food than we do, but it is for a good cause, so they deserve their pizza reward which will be given at the annual swim party.

SRLC is the charter partner for Pack 688 and in addition to the SPAN food drive, we assist with the Pinewood Derby competition in January, provide the pre-ride safety check for the bicycle rodeo in April, and cook for the Pack Bridging ceremony in late spring.

Parents in the Pack have supported the Lions citrus sales and the bull and oyster roast in the past and we look forward to continuing this relationship with the Pack.



Lion Ollie Wittig thanks Cub Scouts from Pack 688 for the food collected to help SPAN.



Ollie with a full load. This year's bounteous SPAN collection from Pack 688 was one of the largest ever!



Lions Dale Strait, Ollie Wittig and Dick Mauer with Scout Leader Thor Young.



The November fruit sale was pleasant and mild. Money raised will benefit the local community.



The December fruit sale, less leaves on the trees, but no snow on the ground!

Fruit Sales Success

The Severn River Lions Club annual fruit sale is off to a roaring start thanks to the herculean efforts of King Orange Bill Zelenakas, King Grapefruit Carl Gilbert and the SRLC Fruit Sale Committee, and SRLC Fruit Sale Order Takers.



Not to mention the help of the many SRLC Lions and the Severna Park High School Marching Band who volunteer their time to work at the sale and help raise money that will benefit the local community. A heartfelt thank you for all that you do!

Fortunately the weather has been mild for both the November and December sales—no blizzard snowfall is always a plus, and King Lion Bill O'Neil deserves all the credit! Now if he can just promise good weather for the January, February and April sales.

Speaking of upcoming sales, if you would like to help out, please do! It's a lot of fun and a great way to give something back to the community. The next sale is Saturday, January 19th from 8 am to 1 pm—no experience required, we train on the job!



Lion Jon Valett loads a 4/5 bushel box of navel oranges.



Severna Park High School student volunteers from the marching band busy loading boxes of fruit.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

JANUARY

- 1/8 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 1/15 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 1/23 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM
- 1/19 Fruit Sale 8:00AM - 1:00PM

FEBRUARY

- 2/5 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 2/12 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 2/19 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 2/23 Fruit Sale 8:00AM - 1:00PM
- 2/27 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

MARCH

- 3/5 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 3/12 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 3/19 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 3/23 Fruit Sale 8:00AM - 1:00PM
- 3/27 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

- Rick Mulderick – 5
- Randy Roberts – 7
- Oriey Glenn – 11
- Don Counts – 17
- Art Foehser – 25



FEBRUARY

- Dick Maurer – 15
- Joe Hunter – 27

MARCH

- Don Lilley – 14
- Don Rayment – 14
- George Williams – 19
- Ken Tschantre – 21
- Nelson Chesler – 31



Lion J. Tilghman Brice with sponsor George Council was inducted into the SRLC by PDG Dick Bloomquist.