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# Severn River Lions Club

1956 – 2006  
President – King Lion Randy Roberts



**WE SERVE  
AND SHARE THE  
FUN**  
EDITOR  
**LION SUE PARKS**



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## King Lion's ROAR

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Congratulations to Lion Dale Strait, our nominee for the Rotary "Service Above Self" Award. All nominees receive a certificate, and are named an honorary member of the Greater Severna Park Rotary Club for the year. I know Lion Dale will be a fine representative of our club.

Thanks to the MAL and Affiliate members that continue to come out and help at the fruit sales along with the active members that participate. It is great to see and visit with members that we don't get to see often.

**SELL THOSE BULL AND OYSTER ROAST TICKETS!** This event can go a long way toward making up for

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS**  
As required by the constitution and bylaws of the Severn River Lions Club, notice is hereby given that the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for 2006-2007 at the General Membership Meeting on February 21, 2006. Nominations from the floor will also be taken at this meeting.

Voting for officers for 2006-2007 will take place at the regular meeting on March 21, 2006.

lower fruit sale profits. If we don't bring in the money, we can't finance our programs. This is a 100% membership event. This is also an excellent opportunity for our Affiliate and MAL members to really help out and make a difference.

Lion Nancy Burns is again chairing the event and can use help in a number of areas such as selling Bingo tear-offs, manning the cake wheel, baking your own specialty for the cake wheel, decorating the hall and numerous other duties. It is not necessary to give up your whole evening, just volunteer for an hour or two and it will really help. Give Lion Nancy a call at 410-647-2756.

Lion Sue Parks is organizing a silent auction to be held at the Bull Roast. Everyone should have received her email that included samples of items that can be used in the auction. Please take a look and call Lion Sue at 410-519-9849 if you have something to donate.

March 4 is the date, Lion Nancy needs a final count of your ticket sales no later than February 24. See you there!

Yours in Lionism,  
Randy Roberts



## IN MEMORIAM

### LTC Patrick H. Dionne

(September 20, 1928 - January 13, 2006)

Retired Army Lt. Col. Patrick Henry Dionne, 77, of Severna Park, died Jan. 13 at Genesis ElderCare Network Severna Park Center after a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 20, 1928, in Madison, Maine, Lt. Col. Dionne graduated in 1953 from the University of Maine at Orono where he was the honor ROTC cadet.

He retired in 1973 from the Army after years as an infantry and public information officer, with tours of duty in Japan, South Korea, West Germany, Vietnam and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. During his service, he earned the Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and two Overseas Service Bars.

Following discharge, he worked for the Maryland State Highway Administration as director of administration from 1973 to 1984.

An active member of the Severn River Lions Club, he served as District Governor of Multiple District 22A in the early 1990s and was named a Melvin Jones Fellow. He was also active in other Severna Park civic organizations.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Joan P. Dionne; one daughter, Mary Robertson of Keedysville; three sons, David Dionne of Pasadena, Charlie Dionne of Clarksville and Thomas Dionne of Middleburg, Va.; one brother, Valmond Dionne, and two sisters, Claire Tracy and Pauline Kimball, all of Skowhegan, Maine; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Barranco and Sons Severna Park Funeral Home, 495 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park. Services will be at 12:45 p.m. March 1 in Fort Myers Chapel at Arlington National Cemetery followed by burial. Friends and family should meet at the chapel by 12:15 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester, MI 48307. Online condolences can be made at [www.barrancofuneralhome.com](http://www.barrancofuneralhome.com).

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We lost a friend on January 13<sup>th</sup>. I only new Pat for a few short years, but in that time I remember most his smile – whether he was flagging cars at the fruit sales, inducting new members, honoring our new Melvin Jones Fellows, or just enjoying an event – he was always smiling. We'll miss you Lion Pat.



# FOURTH FABULOUS FRUIT SALE

Mark your calendars –100% membership participation events – get your orders in early and be on hand for the distribution.



Order Deadline:

FEBRUARY 18, 2006

MARCH 18, 2006

Distribution Date:

FEBRUARY 25, 2006

MARCH 25, 2006

## We Serve Award

Secretary Jon Valett is chairing the search for the 2006 We Serve honoree. As background, Lion Don Rayment advised:

***The Severn River Lions Club established the "WE SERVE" Award for Community Service as a means of annually recognizing a citizen of Anne Arundel County who is not a member of Lions Clubs International and who selflessly served his or her community in some laudable way. Selection for this significant award may arise from either a person's exemplary performance of duties or voluntary contributions of exceptional time and talents, or a combination thereof.***

All Club Members are asked to consider submitting worthy candidate names, including a thumbnail sketch of the person's accomplishments. Lion Jon and his committee will then consider the nominations and recommend one or two finalists to the Board for selection. Every effort is made to keep that name a secret.

## SEVERN RIVER TURNS 50!!!

The Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration is set for Saturday Evening, April 29th. The site is the beautiful, new Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. An evening of fun and socializing, mixed with a great dose of camaraderie awaits everyone! A Reception (aka "Lions Happy Hour!") will be followed by an excellent dinner, quality entertainment, and a brief but inspirational discourse from our beloved Immediate Past International President, Clem.

PLEASE mark your February, March and April Calendars NOW, encourage your spouse (if applicable) to do the same, and plan to be a part of this gala -- once in a half-century - - "Lions' Experience"! More details will follow (and, anticipating your next question, your Planning Committee will try to be "price sensitive").

Lion Don Rayment, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chair

PS - We will soon be putting out the call for help with various tasks - please respond with an enthusiastic yes!



## 22-A District Social



Entertainment by the  
Naval Academy Sirens

On January 28<sup>th</sup>,  
Severn River enjoyed  
District Social which  
honored District  
Governor Bill  
Malamphy and First  
Lady Sally. Both Lions  
Dale and Sue were  
presented with  
International  
President Mehta's  
Certificates of  
Appreciation by DG  
Bill and International  
Director Don Reese.



(I didn't plan for the halo,  
but nice touch isn't it?)



**Draft Minutes of 1/10/06  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Severn River Lions Club  
To Be Approved at 2/14/06 Board Meeting**



**Attendees:**

**Board:**

Nancy Burns	Nelson Chesler	Rollins Clark	George Council
Oriei Glenn	Chuck Horne	Don Luce	Joe McClellan
Bill O'Neil	Sue Parks	Don Rayment	Randy Roberts
Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett		

**Other Members:**

Milum Greene	Shirley Greene	Rhine Jager	Dick Maurer
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The Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors' Meeting was called to order by KL Randy Roberts at 7:30.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Bill O'Neil reported bank account balances as follows:

50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Money Market	\$ 3,981.65
Activities Checking	8,204.43
Administrative Checking	4,627.55
Truck Replacement Fund	13,362.26
Foundation Checking	5,748.53
Foundation Money Market	12,467.51

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last board meeting and foundation meeting held on December 13, 2005, were presented by Lion Jon Valett. Lion Randy Roberts motioned for approval and was seconded by Lion Rollins Clark. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** The 12 Club Meeting was discussed and it was announced that this year the 12 Club Meeting would not take the place of an SRLC Meeting. A congratulations on 50 years of service letter was circulated from International President Ishtok Mehta.

**Priority Items:**

**Fruit Sales Issues – Reminder email for help** – Lion Chuck Horne announced that the reconciliation meeting would be held at 7:00 at his house on Sunday January 15. KL Randy asked that a reminder be sent out to affiliates and MALs to remind them to come out and help at the fruit sale.

**Old Business/Reports:**

**Social and Ad Book update:** Lion Sue Parks reported that the Ad book was complete.

**Pre-School Vision Training Report:** KL Randy reported that the training held in Bel Air was a success with 21 people attending.

**PDG Pat Dionne:** Lion Rhine Jager reported that PDG Pat Dionne was not doing well.

**MD 22 Leadership Institute:** Lion Chuck Horne will attend; the club will support another attendee.

**Chamber of Commerce – sign meeting:** King Lion Randy Roberts that the sign on Ritchie Highway needed

to be replaced and that the cost to the chamber would be \$840. There was currently \$800 in the fund, but the Chamber will pay to replace. Lions will try to replace the lattice work on the sign on Benfield Blvd. if possible.

**Campaign SightFirst II:** After discussion it was decided that Randy would send an email to all club members to give them an opportunity to vote on whether SRLC should try to be a Model Club.

**New Business:**

**We Serve Award Committee:** Lion Jon Valett stated that he wanted to staff a committee for the We Serve Award. Lions Don Rayment and Nancy Burns volunteered.

**S.P. Health Association Board - Chairman:** Lion Joe McClellan reported that we need a new chair for this board to replace Lion Pat Dionne. Lion Joe provided history and context of the board and Lion Chuck Horne volunteered.

**Excess Loan Closet Equipment:** Lion Ken Tschantre reported that excess loan closet equipment could be given to the Anne Arundel Food Bank. Lion Chuck Horne moved that we do so, Lion Nancy Burns seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Membership Issues – Orientation meeting:** Lion Ken Tschantre reported that there would be an orientation meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Woods Church. Barry Johnson and Bob Griffith would be asked to attend.

**Melvin Jones Committee:** KL Randy reported that this committee was working and making progress.

**Nominating Committee:** Lion Oriey Glenn reported that progress was being made on this committee as well.

Lion George Councill motioned to adjourn at 8:47 pm, which was seconded by Lion Jon Valett and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted  
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary



2006 Entertainment Book Final Report

We ordered 120 2006 Baltimore Entertainment Books and sold 76 books.

These 76 books cost SRLC \$1017.50 (Around \$13.39 each)

We sold the 76 books at \$25 each for a sum of \$1900.00 therefore we made a profit of \$882.50.

44 books are being returned to Entertainment Publications Inc.

Thanks to all the members who sold or bought these books

Lion Bill O'Neil, Treasurer  
Severn River Lions Club

## February is Age-Related Macular Degeneration Awareness Month

Macular degeneration is the leading cause of legal blindness, affecting more Americans than cataracts and glaucoma combined. In macular degeneration, the light-sensing cells of the macula, which has our sharpest vision, malfunction and may over time cease to work. Macular degeneration occurs most often in people over 60 years old, in which case it is called Age-Related Macular Degeneration (ARMD). Much less common are several hereditary forms of macular degeneration, which usually affect children or teenagers.

Macular degeneration is caused by the deterioration of the central portion of the retina, the inside back layer of the eye that records the images we see and sends them from the eye to the brain. The retina's central portion is the macula and is responsible for focusing central vision in the eye. It controls our ability to read, drive a car, recognize faces or colors, and see objects in fine detail. Because only the center of your vision is affected, people will not go completely blind from the disease.

There are two forms of ARMD. The 'dry' type affects about 90 percent of those with the disease. It progresses more slowly. 'Wet' ARMD is the second type. Although only 10 percent of all people with ARMD have this type, it accounts for 90 percent of all severe vision loss from the disease. Damage in the wet type is caused by new blood vessels behind the retina that leak blood and fluid under the macula.

Age is a significant risk factor in ARMD. People in their 50's have about a two percent chance of getting ARMD, while people over 75 have a 30 percent chance. Other risk factors include being a female, smoking, having a family history of ARMD, and elevated cholesterol levels.

Neither dry or wet ARMD causes any pain. The most common symptom of dry ARMD is slightly blurred vision. An early symptom of wet ARMD is that straight lines appear wavy. Maintaining regular eye examinations is the best way to detect ARMD. The eye care professional can use visual acuity tests, field screenings, and dilated fundus examinations to look for ARMD.

For more information on ARMD, there are several informative web sites available. These include The American Optometric Association at [www.aoa.org](http://www.aoa.org), the American Macular Degeneration Foundation at [www.macular.org](http://www.macular.org), the Macular Degeneration Foundation at [www.eyesight.org](http://www.eyesight.org), and the National Eye Institute at [www.nei.nih.gov](http://www.nei.nih.gov).



**SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB  
SECOND ANNUAL BULL & OYSTER ROAST**

**Saturday, March 4, 2006 ~ 6 - 10 pm  
Columbian Center, 335 N. Ritchie Highway, Severna Park**

**Tickets - \$35 per person  
Catering by Atlantic Caterers, Inc.**

*MENU: Pit Beef, Oysters on Half Shell, Maryland Crab Soup, Beef Barbecue,  
Sauerkraut & Kielbasa, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chef's  
Vegetables, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Veggies with Dips,  
Assorted Cheeses & Crackers,  
Beverages (beer and sodas) and Desserts  
CASH BAR AVAILABLE (no Bring-Your-Own)*

**Door Prizes ~ Games ~ Silent Auction ~ Raffles  
(including raffle of Weber grill)**

**Proceeds to Benefit SRLC Scholarship Fund**

**CALL (410) 647-2756 FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION**



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

**Membership Report January, 2006**

Members December 31, 2005	71
Active	37
At Large	11
Life	2
Affiliate	19
Privileged	1
Members January 31, 2006	70
Leo Club Members	60

**REMINDER**

If you expect to miss a Membership Meeting, be sure to email Secretary Jon Valett, valett@comcast.net, or call 410/544-7278 by 4 pm on the Sunday prior to the meeting. If you are an Affiliate or MAL Member, call if you are going to attend. Thanks.

**BIRTHDAYS**

*February*

- Mark Woodard – 6
- Meade Stith – 14
- Dick Maurer – 15
- Joe Hunter – 27



	January, 2006	Year-to-Date
	Hours	Hours
Health	7	49
Diabetes Awareness	3	88
Sight	29	241
Hearing	0	3
LASH	12	70
Youth	40	222
Community	186	1161
Environment	0	46
International Relations	0	103
Lionism	477	2359
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>4342</b>

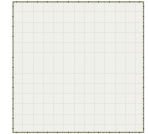
**TEEN COURT SCHEDULE**

- Lions will cover the following Court sessions:
- February 8 (Annapolis) (Snow date: 2/15)
  - February 22 (Glen Burnie) ( " " : 3/01)
  - March 22 (Glen Burnie)
  - April 19 (Glen Burnie)
  - May 3 (Annapolis)
  - May 31 (Glen Burnie)
  - June 7 (Annapolis)

**Liberty Day - 10th Anniversary 2006**

Liberty Day is commencing with our goal of having teams of Liberty Day Kids quizzing in all 50 state capitols for March 16th, 2006. Please encourage your members to visit our greatly updated website <http://www.libertyday.org> and go to the State Activities button (bottom left selection button on menu) then click on their state to see for themselves what a marvelous job Ollie & Dick did in 2005 with the students. We're looking forward to even more fun and learning this coming March! Donations can now be made on-line and applied to specific programs or schools in your state when so indicated in the donor comments. Can you spread the word to have sponsors visit the website and help furnish study/quiz kits with their gifts? Corporate sponsors are also acknowledged and linked by logo on the site as well as credited inside the Constitutions for contributions of \$1,000.00 or more. The mission summary flyer may be printed and distributed also. Encourage them to visit the Constitution Day page as this will also rapidly become a national event for in classroom opportunities to support educators and our founding documents! Yours in Liberty, Julie for Lion Andy McKean

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[srlions@toad.net](mailto:srlions@toad.net)

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 2/7 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 2/14 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
- 2/17-19 MD 22 Lions Leadership Institute - Emmitsburg
- 2/21 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 2/22 Annapolis 11 Club Meeting
- 2/25 Fourth Fabulous Fruit Sale
- 2/27 Region I Meeting – Snyder's Willow Grove – Linthicum
  
- 3/4 BULL & OYSTER ROAST!!!! Columbian Center
- 3/7 General Membership Meeting – 2006 BOARD NOMINATIONS
- 3/8 LASH Executive Meeting
- 3/14 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
- 3/18 District 22-B Social
- 3/21 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 3/29 LASH General Membership Meeting
- 3/30 Full Cabinet Meeting – American Legion Post 276 – Severn

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.SEVERNAPARK.COM/~SRLIONS](http://www.SEVERNAPARK.COM/~SRLIONS)