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Region 1 & 2 Meeting



Featured speaker Dr. Terry Portis addresses the three myths about people over 50.

A Gathering of Lions

On January 28 thirty Lions representing at least ten different clubs gathered at American Legion 276 in Severn for the combined Region I–Region II meeting. Region I chair, Sue Parks, convened the meeting which began with the typical Lions opening. Lion Sue then introduced the District officers and past District Governors which brought a round of applause. A delicious meal catered by Adam’s Ribs included salad, delicious entrees, sides, and desserts and a hush fell over the group as the Lions enjoyed the meal. Prior to the opening and during the meal “two honest Lions” sold the 50-50 tickets with the winning ticket being drawn at the end.

Lion Sue then introduced the featured speaker for the evening, Dr. Terry Portis, Director, Center on Aging, School of Professional and Continuing Studies, Anne Arundel Community college. Dr. Portis introduced his topic, “3 Myths about People over 50” and provided

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International Theme for 2012–2013
“In a World of Service”

information about the numerous programs for seniors that are available through AACC at the Arnold campus, several satellite campuses, and six senior centers in the county. The visual presentation noted that the population in the US is aging as the life expectancy has increased by several decades since the early 1900's and has required redefining the term "old". Dr. Portis presented the three myths: "everyone over 50 is the same," "seniors are scared of technology," "everyone is retiring at 65 and moving to Florida." His visual presentation explained why these myths were not true today and he offered several humorous examples to prove that point. Dr. Portis also provided many examples about how "senior citizens" control continuous wealth, influence spending decisions, and make significant contributions in their community, state, and nation. It was noted that most service organizations such as Lions include a majority of "seniors" who continue to serve their communities.

Dr. Portis also showed a visual about a program called Fidos For Freedom which provides trained service dogs to assist hearing impaired seniors and allow them to lead a reasonably normal life with their condition and compared it to the guide dog program for visually impaired offered by Lions. Several questions from the audience concluded the excellent presentation. Lion Sue provided time for club announcements and closed the meeting with a reminder to "drive carefully" on the way home.



Lions enjoyed fellowship and a delicious meal catered by Adam's Ribs.



Lions Ollie Wittig, Bill O'Neil and Dick Mauer listen intently to guest speaker Dr. Terry Portis.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Officers Election

April 2, 2013

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 2013-2014 at the General Membership Meeting on March 5, 2013. Nominations from the floor will also be taken at this meeting.

Voting for officers for 2013-2014 will take place at the regular meeting on April 2, 2012.

Nothing Left

“Nothing Left” best describes the SRLC citrus sale on January 19 which, in spite of some setbacks, was a successful event. Earlier in the week King Orange Carl got word from H & S that navels would not be available this time, and he undertook to personally contact the customers who had ordered them. The supply of honeybells was also limited but the supplier promised to send as many as possible.

The early morning crew arrived about 6:00 am but the truck had not yet come. The crew to pick up the forklift at Clements Hardware arrived but the forklift was not to be found. A panic call to Gordon was made and when he arrived and it was discovered that an employee had put the device in a storage container for which Lions had no key, but Gordon rescued that. By the time the forklift returned to SPHS the trailer had arrived and unloading began as pallets of citrus were placed on line in anticipation of customer arrival. The truck with the booths arrived and six energetic band students set up two booths for the day's business.

By daybreak everything was ready for business as customers began to arrive. KL Bill had ordered good weather for the day and when the sun came up the early morning brisk temps gave way to more moderate temps. Customers, directed by flagmen Jim Coolbaugh and Jon Valett, lined up and the delivery began. For the next several hours the lines moved steadily and the stacks of citrus—delicious ruby red grapefruit and juicy honeybells—dwindled.

Workers took short breaks in the warming trailer provided by Chuck Horn and enjoyed hot coffee and doughnuts and then it was back to work. By late morning the stacks had dropped and Lions and students took “lunch breaks” to enjoy delicious soup and sandwiches catered by Chefs George Councill and Nancy Burns. By mid-day there was not much fruit left to transport and when the sale ended about 1:00 pm all the cartons had been sold.

The January 19 citrus sale was a success in spite of the initial setbacks and Lion Carl is to be commended for his successful handling of this. Special thanks to all the Lions who came out to contribute to this success. Go Lions!

SRLC & Pack 688

For at least fifteen years SRLC has been the charter partner or sponsor for Cub Scout Pack 688. Over the years our clubs involvement with the Pack has increased and we have participated or assisted with various Pack activities. Lions have assisted with the Pack's annual bike rodeo by providing the pre-ride safety check for the riders by checking tire pressure, seat adjustment, helmet fit, and other items. The Pack has an annual cake judging in the fall which Cub Scouts and parents make and decorate cakes to match various themes. Lions have been the judges for several of these and have been given a “goodie bags” as a thank you. In the winter the pack has a Pinewood Derby where the boys use kits to make small racing cars of different themes and bring them to race for the “grand prize.” Lions have judged the cars and assisted with the event on race day. Each year prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas SRLC has challenged the Pack to out-collect us by donating more food for SPAN with the “winner” getting pizza from the “loser.” For several years SRLC has provided the pizza for the Pack's



annual swim party and SPAN is the real winner in this contest. For about five years Lions have donned aprons and manned the grill to prepare the food for the Pack's annual Bridging ceremony. Our “chefing” at this event allows the parents to take part in the boy's ceremony rather than cook and Lions have been give a hearty vote of thanks for doing this. The leaders promote SRLC's annual citrus sales and a majority of the parents are customers. When the Pack's various activities are mentioned at a club meeting consider volunteering and come out and enjoy watching the boys in action.



SRLC judges Dick Bloomquist, Dale Strait and Ollie Wittig.



Lions judges carefully consider each themed car.

The Race is On!!

Nearly four dozen Pack 688 Cub Scouts and their parents gathered at Shipley's Choice Elementary School on January 12 for the unit's annual Pinewood Derby competition. The boys and parents had crafted small race cars that fit one of nine different themes—patriotic, unusual, futuristic, fastest, antique, animal, colorful, sports, and Cub Scout. The four Lions judges—Dick Bloomquist, David Knabel, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig,—carefully inspected the lines of cars and made individual selections in each category. Then the judges convened to compare notes about their choices. There had to be some compromising, but the judges made a final selection in each category and reported results to the race coordinator. The judges agreed that the boys and parents had shown a lot of skill and creativity in crafting the cars this year. Winners in each category earned an attractive certificate for their effort.

During the judging “the race went on” as four cars in each heat raced down the Pack’s new electronic track. As soon as the cars crossed the finish line the results were flashed on a large screen and the cheers went up each time. The race went on for several hours and the finalist in various categories would enter a final grand prix race. The yearly Pinewood Derby gives the



Some of the hand-made cars ready for the big race.

boys and parents a chance to collaborate on a fun project. The Cubmaster thanked the Lions for helping with the judging and publicized the club’s citrus sales and we took a few orders. Lions also assist the Pack at the bike rodeo and the bridging ceremony and the club was commended for this help.