



Severn River Lions Club News



February 2021

Happy New Year Severn River Lions

This year as an enrichment opportunity through the SRLC Sunshine committee, KL Chris Werth and myself, Lion Joinette Smallwood, would like to take the opportunity to share what we do. Each of us is focused on providing positivity and being supportive to our fellow members. This is accomplished by making phone calls, sending letters, cards and text messages to members both active and members at large. Both of us are focused to communicate outside monthly zoom meetings so that individuals are aware during these times that they are not alone.

We hope that all of you received and enjoyed the holiday cards that were mailed this season. In the meantime, wishing you all a Happy MLK Day, Happy President's Day, and Happy Valentine's Day! Take care! Be safe and stay warm.

Best Wishes, KL Chris & Lion Joinette

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Lion Ollie Wittig was an extraordinary man. There are many Organizations and people in the community who will deeply mourn his passing as his life was of service, love, compassion and excellence. May Lion Ollie Wittig rest in peace.

The Severn River Lions Club

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OBITUARY

Oliver Wittig, age 83, of Severna Park, MD, died on January 28, 2021, after a long illness. He was born in Frostburg, Maryland, to the late Oliver and Vivian Miller Wittig. He grew up in Frostburg and attended Beall High School and graduated from Frostburg State Teachers College in 1959. He came to Anne Arundel County as a new teacher at Marley Junior High School. He later went on to teach at Corkran Junior High School in Glen Burnie. He received a Masters of Education degree in administration from University of Maryland, and his career

path shifted to administration. He served as an assistant in administration at Annapolis Junior High, Corkran Junior High School, and Glen Burnie High School. In 1966 he earned a Masters of Education degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. He was appointed principal at Andover High School in Linthicum in 1972 and served there for 10 years. He earned a Doctorate of Education degree in supervision and administration from NOVA Southeastern University in 1977. In 1982 he transferred to Severna Park High School and continued there as principal for 12 years. He transferred to Glen Burnie High School in 1994 as principal and continued in that position until retirement in 1996. After retirement he stayed actively involved with teacher education and training and served as a university supervisor for Johns Hopkins University Master of Arts in Teaching Program. Oliver was actively involved with Boy Scouts in the four Rivers District of northern Anne Arundel County for many years. At the district level, he served on the training and advancement committees and was district chairman for Four Rivers from 1990 to 1993. Following retirement, he joined the Severn River Lions Club. He was active as chairman of the eyeglass collection program, the scholarship program, membership and retention program, and the preschool vision program. The Lions Club held a very special place in his heart. In his early years, he was an active backpacker and camper and especially loved the mountains of Western Maryland. He is survived by his wife, Jan, his son Douglas and his partner, Will Rogers, of Hollywood, FL, daughter Karen Agee and her spouse Ryan of Millersville, MD, grandsons Ben and Brad Agee, brother Don K. Wittig and spouse Anna Barbara, their daughters Laura and Julianna, sister-in-law Cheryl Holewinski and spouse Stan, sister-in-law Donna Lange, niece Susan Korink and spouse Brandon, niece Jen Brazis and spouse Andrew and their daughter Allison, and brother-in-law Don Goebel and his son Don. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorial contribution may be to the Severn River Lions Club at SRLC, P.O. Box 118, Severna Park, MD 21146, or to the charity of your choice.



JANUARY FOOD DRIVE & CARING CUPBOARD

The Caring Cupboard has its roots in the program ministry of the Palmyra Church of the Brethren (PCOB), when in 2001, children at the church felt that food should be available to transients. It blossomed into a program for not just transients but also members of the church who were in need.

In the late summer of 2004, it was felt that the program should be expanded to help those in the community and become a ministry of the then Palmyra Area Cooperating Churches, now Palmyra - A Caring Community (PACC). A pilot program to see if there was a need for a community food program and if that program would be sustained by the community was launched. The Outreach Team of the PCOB was empowered with the responsibility of organizing and running the food bank which immediately became a food pantry.

From the Palmyra Area Cooperating Churches CARING CUPBOARD

started food collecting and distributing in neighboring states and counties. As a Feed the Hungry project Service Team member Lion Ashley recommended holding a food drive during the January SRL Fruit Sale. After discussion as to where to allocate the food, King Lion Chris suggested CARING CUPBOARDS. Results again, rewarding those that donated, collected and recipients receiving the food.



CARING CUPBOARD – Provides food to the following schools.

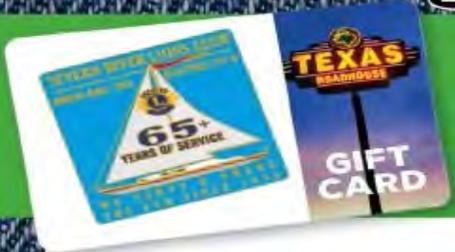
Riviera Beach Elementary Chesapeake High School Arundel Middle School
Brooklyn Park Elementary Marley Middle School Chesapeake Bay Middle School
Old Mill Middle North

SRLC GIFT CARD CAMPAIGN

Our next Severn River Lions and Texas Roadhouse Gift card campaign starts on Sunday, January 16th and runs through Wednesday, February 10th.

Gift cards can be used at over 600 restaurant locations and never expired.

You will receive an unique code for each gift card you purchase so you can order multiple cards at same time.



**ONLINE
GIFT CARD
FUNDRAISER**

Severn River Lions Club

is partnering with Texas Roadhouse to raise funds.
Purchase a Texas Roadhouse e-Gift Card using the link or QR Code below.
10% of every gift card purchase will be donated.
Purchase between January 16th – February 10th to participate.

<https://na.eventscloud.com/severnriverlc>



More Information:

- e-gift cards are delivered via email.
- E-Gift Cards will be delivered after the completion of the fundraiser by February 12th.
- All major credit cards are accepted for purchase.
- E-Gift Cards can be used at over 600 locations nationwide and never expire.
- E-Gift cards can be used on our mobile app for to-go orders.

Questions? Contact Meghan Hewitt
19marketing@texasroadhouse.com



2020 Peace Poster Winner

Congratulations to Alyx Stamp from the Severn River Middle School as our winner of the Severn River Lions Peace Poster Contest. Also, to Art Teacher Erika Oldershaw. Alyx's focus centered on meaning of her poster "Community Service, Workers and Peace create the perfect balance"

Alyx's poster was selected out of 120 posters submitted to Art Teacher - Erika K Oldershaw. The peace poster committee narrowed down to the top 6 posters and selected Alyx's as the message clearly complied with LCI's theme of "Community Service" and illustrations of community symbols, vibrant bright colors and clarity within the drawing.

Our winner was sent on to District 22-A peace poster coordinator to go up against the other clubs in the district. Since it was the only entry, we won by default but others also commented on the content and colors of the poster. Following 22-A coordinators observation, Alyx's poster went on to the MD-22 level with the Council Chair selecting the poster from District 22-W.

All 120 students who submitted an entry received a certificate from The Texas Roadhouse restaurant for a free Burger, Salad or Sandwich (with purchase of an Adult entree). Normally we would have the list of student's names and would fill these out. Since we were not given a list of names the Art Teacher is filling out the certificates.

The Winner receives a check of \$50 from SRLC and an additional check of \$50 from District 22-A for a total win of \$100 plus a certificate from Texas Roadhouse restaurant.

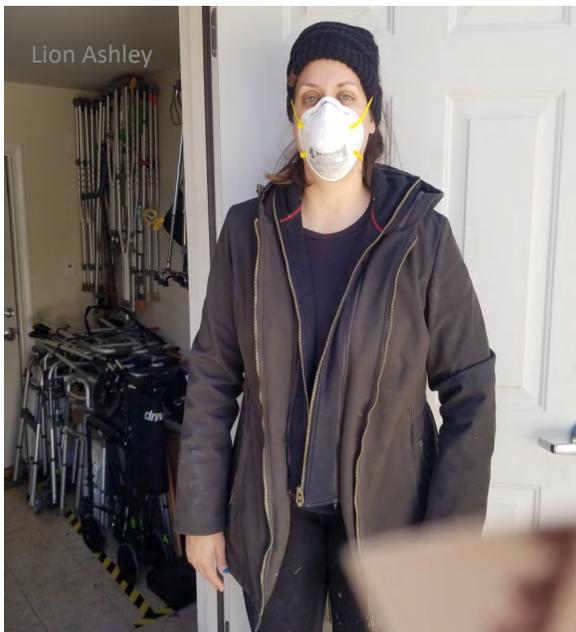
SRLC Medical Loan Closets NEW SHED

The Severn River Lions Club medical loan closet has a collection of items that are made available free of charge to persons who are ill or disabled and need aids to assist them in their daily lives. The medical loan closet is over flowing with valuable health care items such as wheelchairs, potty chairs, canes, walkers, crutches, electric lift chair and even hospital beds. We have a relatively new electric wheelchair chair. If you need any equipment for loan to a needy person please contact Lion Jackie Hendricks at 443-223-8658 to arrange a pickup or drop off time.



The Severn River Lions Club medical loan closet has gone through a long needed transition with the addition of a large storage shed for medical supplies. On Saturday, January 26, 2020, Lions Ashley Doughty and Jackie Hetrick moved hospital beds, shelves and bins donated by Lion Ashley and a file cabinet into the new shed. The file cabinet together with the medical supplies in one space allows us to make donations and the lending process easier to facilitate.

In addition, we are forming an alliance with “Alignable” the small business referral network. We have about 7 businesses join in the SRLC platform to share information. The snow has not stopped our efforts. In the past week (during the snow storm) we had a hospital bed donated and then borrowed. We still need a family or organization for our electric wheel chair. Please reach out to your networks. Call Lion Jackie at 443-223-8658 to arrange a pickup or drop off time.



SRLC VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING RECAP

JANUARY 12, 2021

7:00 PM

King Lion Remarks – Lion Chris

Chris welcomed the board members, thanked everyone for signing on and their patience during the time Secretary Carl found a solution to his internet problem.

Secretary Report – Lion Carl

Carl stated his internet carrier became disconnected from his home, as a result he was not able to send out draft minutes from the December 8th board meeting. Due to Carl losing his internet at home, he resorted to going to Dick Maurer's home, using Dick's computer to connect each board member via zoom.

Treasurer Report – Lion Sue

Sue stated reports (Admin & Activity) were sent to each board member. Request for discussion was made, hearing none treasurers report was approved pending further review. Sue reported scholarship checks were sent in January.

Old Business

Medical Loan Closet Updates - Lions Jackie, Lion Chuck

Chuck announced a shed is being delivered the next day. Delivery time would not be before 10 am or after 2 pm. The concrete pad will allow for a second shed, drainage was corrected by adding apron next to bldg. Jackie stated a hospital bed is about to be delivered. The new space will be very helpful due to demand. Bill Z commented he know of a few items to be delivered to the loan closet. King Lion Chris thanked Chuck and Jackie for their time and planning to provide additional storage space. Job well done...

Fruit Sales - Lion Jon

Need people to help direct traffic, set up etc. In need of tent, someone to help with food drive setting fruit boxes in vehicles, transporting fruit sale print outs, computer operations, setting up signs and directing traffic. We are planning for 160 customers, great weather day, temps will be cool, dress warm, no rain in the forecast. Post cards were not sent out due to last minute approval to use Cypress Park. Suzette mention she sent out via social media the announcement the fruit sale. Jon indicated he has seen news sale, thanking Suzette for her input. Chris indicated he will bring mask, sanitizer and paper towels. Also, scouts will bring food to the food drive. Chuck requested help returning pallet jack to Tilman's. Bill Z. canvased the group if they would like coffee. Also, reported he and Roland's charged the truck battery today and ran same, Truck is ready for fruit sale. Bill also indicated the truck may have a bad alternator.

Cub Scout Pack - Lion Chris

Chris indicated he will step in as Ad hoc Liaison assisting Ollie. He would like help. Question was asked how Ollie is doing... Dick indicated his health conditions is causing Ollie the lost a weight.

Fundraising opportunity with TRH - Lion Suzette

*Total Texas Road House Certificates Purchase \$375.00. SRL benefitted \$37.50. Texas Road House is offering round 3 of their gift card/fund raisers. Would like to see info in Newsletter, Joinette will put out via social media. This cycle is a great time with Valentine's day occurring at the end of round 3. Suzette moved onto reporting on the **Peace Poster Contest**: Severn River Entry won the District Contest (Only entry) 120 entries total, Committee drilled down to 6 finalist, District 22 W entry was chosen by the Council Chair for entry to Lions International. Texas Road House Certificates will be given to entry's; SRL presents \$50.00 to winner.*

New Business

Service Committee Projects - Lions Bill Z

Bill reported the committee is seeking ways to promote January Glaucoma month, recommend we look into screenings at private schools since they are operating at this time. Bill also suggested we find a way to advertise to the Scout families our activities etc. Bill mentioned discussion within committee had taken place as to how the calling tree turned out. Chuck and Nancy replied their calls were favorable. Carl mentioned the purpose was to hear from members how SRL were doing during the pandemic. Bill also requested members volunteer to be on the Service Team, their input would be valuable.

January Food Drive - Lion Ashley

Ashley mentioned she created a flier, distributed via social media outlets, will not be attending fruit sale due to family participation. Needs help distributing flyers prior to Saturday. Will assist setting up fruit sale signs the evening prior to sale. Food Drive recipient - Caring Cupboards. Bill indicated he could help distribute fliers.

Need for volunteers – Lion Chris

Chris encouraged future ideas as to how we as Lions can accommodate an enormous service area.

Lion Chris Eye Glasses collection - Lion Carl

Carl reported collection sites are being maintained, storage is spread among members. Sorting out useable glasses etc. will require help in the future. Drop off date and location of sorted glasses has changed, waiting addition info from Lash.

Club new directions? - Lion Chris

Jon stated this Lions year during the pandemic has been a challenge for the club, membership and communities we serve. Jon recommended to the board for continuation of the present board to continue into 2021-2022. Motion made, seconded and approve. Future action will be notifying the SRL membership of the board's recommendation etc.

Communications will be forwarded to SRL membership to accept board actions etc.

ZOOM account and hosting - Lion Carl

Carl provided update mentioning Zoom is offering rate reduction with addition user options. Sue mentioned the board previously approved expenditure to purchase a zoom account for the club

Second 2001 Fruit Sale of season

Jon stated holding a second sale is unlikely

19 Jan – Member meeting?

No comments

9 Feb -- Board meeting

Announcement forthcoming



Joint SRLC-Cub Pack 688 Food Drive

Our Severn River Lions food drive was quite successful with the Cub Pack being the largest contributor with 57 items. In all we collected 526 items and donated it all to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. Having the largest donation, the champion Cub Pack 688 won our Pizza Challenge again this year. Please let me know when it would be a good time to have a little socially distanced pizza party, and we will bring the pizza. We understand that there are real challenges with the covid19 issues and will gladly work with you to make it happen, or adjust to another covid acceptable prize, sometime in the future. You have an outstanding Cub Pack and we are very proud to sponsor and support Cub activities. Page 9 of the Lions District 22A, central MD, has a write-up on the sale and food drive. (attached). If you have any additional pictures of your collection activities, please send to us. Thanks for all you do as Cubmaster leading this terrific Cub Pack!

Severn River Lions Club Service Team

Have you wondered or have questions regarding a **Club Service Team** within the Severn River Lions Club?

Prior to the September 2020 SRL retreat, King Lion Chris received correspondence from the **GLOBAL ACTION TEAM** regarding the **Global Service Team (GST) Club Service Chair**. During the retreat Lion Chris brought the item to the attendees asking if members would like to be on the **committee**. As a result, Lion Bill Zelenakas volunteer as chairperson by calling for volunteers to meet for a brief meeting following the retreat. Lions Ashley, Rollins, Nancy, Chris, Carl and Clem gathered as a committee. 1st item for the committee: Bill suggested identifying the committee as a "Service Team". Bills request; please bring your ideas to the first meeting in one week via zoom.

Responsibilities of the Service Team - As the club service chairperson and team, each of you serve in the critical role of facilitating the development and implementation of your club service goals. You can help your fellow club members assess community needs, plan and implement service activities, and report and celebrate the impact of your service. You also collaborate with your club membership chairperson to involve potential new members for your club during local service activities. The service your club provides to your community brings an opportunity to attract new members that share a passion to serve the needs of their local community.

Club Service Teams Can Support Global Causes by focusing efforts of Lions and Leos clubs on five service areas with the goal of tripling Lions humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021. They complement all of the great way's clubs serve locally and give Lions and Leos new opportunities to help meet the growing challenges facing humanity.

Diabetes

Environment

Hunger

Childhood Cancer

Vision

1/5/2021 - Team Service Zoom meeting, 7 pm

Attendees: PIP Clem, Lions Ashley, Carl, Nancy, Rollins, Bill Z

Agenda: Fruit Sale Food Drive

Brainstorm new ideas

Begin planning spring activities and setting goals for longer range activities

Fruit Sale Food Drive – Discussion and agreement to arrange one for 16 Jan 21. Ashley will take the lead. Donations will go to the Country Cupboard

Brainstorming Ideas

Teen Court - Lion Bill Z will follow up and determine AA County status;

Glaucoma awareness month. Ashley reported on it and will follow up;

College kids need candy, snacks and some may be food insecure. Some Lions clubs Have provided snack carts for free snacks and have been very successful and welcome.

Hunger awareness - Shopping program. KL Chris reported discussions with Lion Joinette;

Glasses collection review and enhancement. Lion Carl is re-working the collection box list locations and POC's for each box.

Eye screening – discussed restarting the program. Need to contact Lion Chuck

Cub Scout support – KL Chris will follow up with Kevin Chasse on this and Food Drive

Reports and planning

Telephone tree - status requested and Lion Suzette will follow up

SRLC Team Service NOTES

1/26/21 - Team Service Zoom meeting, 7 pm

Attendees: PIP Clem, Lions Ashley, Carl, Rollins, Bill Z

Agenda:

Status - Fruit Sale Food Drive, initiatives status

Brainstorm more new ideas and expand on, table, or discard;

Begin planning spring activities and setting goals for longer range activities

Status

Fruit Sale Food Drive - Successful drive. Lion Ashley organized, published and distributed flyers to businesses, media and to FS customers

Glasses collection box listings - progressing (CG)

Planning Ideas – Continued whickering past ideas and added new ones

Teen Court - AA County Teen Court postponed until further notice (BZ);

Glaucoma awareness – Possible webinar and speaker(s) being pursued (AS);

Environmental awareness - Lion Bill O's daughter may present to Naples LC and we may ask for a replay and or pursue a joint presentation (CK);

LVRF - Dr. Goldstein being pursued to present Wilmer vision research activities to our club and other LC's (CK)

Visitations – Arrange zoom visitations, joint club visitations. Contact Lion Ray (BZ)

Club meeting round robin – Ask Club members to discuss 1 or 2 of their service activities in the last year.

Service to members - Send e-cards periodically, special days, etc. Supplements caring outreach currently done by JC.

Fund Raising - Discussed but feel it needs to be redirected to the Fundraising Committee.

Discussion ideas included:

Scratch-off outreach soliciting donations from 'lucky scratch.' (PC);

Teabag fundraiser - Send solicitation letters with a tea bag (PC);

GoFundMe.com - Set up a 'GoFundMe' account fundraiser (BZ);

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COMMITMENT -
CONGRADULATIONS
TO LIONS*

James T. Coolbaugh

9 years of service

Joined Lions February 15, 2011

Sponsored by: Chris Werth

Robert Engh

18 years of service

Joined Lions January 1, 2002

Sponsored by: Paul Stillwell

Carl Gilbert

10 years of service

Joined Lions February 16, 2010

Sponsored by: Bill Zelnakas

Douglas Mac Leay

31 years of service

Joined Lions January 1, 1989

Sponsored by: Cornelius Mahoney

Richard Mulderick

10 years of service

Joined Lions January 1, 1992

Sponsored by: Ken Pyle

Correction to December Newsletter

Bill Zelenakas

28 years of service

Joined Lions December 1, 1992

Sponsored by: Bill Zelnakas

*Here's wishing our Severn
River Lions a Happy*

January Birthday

Tilman Brice

Sheri Parks

Christopher Parks

Don

Counts

February

Brithday

Dick Maurer

*To our members and yours truly
celebrating a Wedding Anni-
versary*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

