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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As required by the constitution and the by-laws of the Severn River Lions Club, notice is hereby given that the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for 2015-2016 at the General Membership Meeting on March 3, 2015. Nominations from the floor will be also taken at this meeting. Voting for officers for 2015-2016 will take place at the regular meeting on March 17, 2015

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A Merry Christmas Party

On December 2 fifty Lions, spouses, and guests arrived at the Sunset Restaurant in Glen Burnie for the club's annual Christmas party . Reveler, decked out in holiday finery gathered in the dining area, shared a pre-dinner drink, and conversed. KL Bill called the group to order and diners took seats in the slightly crowded area to await the festivities. Lion Ken Tschantre asked a blessing and reminded everyone of the good things

done by SRLC. Lions were asked to introduce their spouse or guest and this got applause. The meal began with the Sunset's relish dish and orders for the entrée were taken. Diners had the choice of salmon, stuffed shrimp, ribeye steak, veal Parmigiana, and sour beef and dumplings. Tossed salad, Maryland crab soup, and cream of crab soup were served to whet the appetites and the conversation continued.



When the entrees were served the room grew quieter as revelers began to enjoy the delicious food. The event stretched out a bit and some party goers commented that their bed time was approaching. The capable wait staff cleared the tables and took orders for desserts and these arrived and were enjoyed. As the event wound down KL Bill announced that the hour was late and Santa would not be able to give out all the expensive presents until the next club meeting. As diners began to depart best wishes for the coming holiday could be heard all around. There was agreement that the excellent meal and the opportunity to connect and socialize was the proper way to begin the holiday and we will be looking forward to next year's party.



Harbour School LEO Club

Activities and Plans December 2014

Our advisor to the Harbour School LEO Club, Lion Bill Zelenakas attended the November meeting. Angel, the president, presided. Anton, the secretary read the minutes and presented the agenda. Reports were given on the children's book collection, operation gratitude, a winter coat collection effort, the corn hole raffle update, and cookie night. All were current LEO Club projects.

The LEO's collected boxes and boxes of children's books! Half the books were donated to the International Goodwill Foundation and half to the Maree Farring Elementary School in Brooklyn. Lion Bill Zelenakas and LCI Past International President, Clem Kusiak delivered four (4) boxes of children's books and a full set of World Book encyclopedia's to the school librarian



The LEO's and another Harbour School 'village' collected toothpaste and toothbrushes and shipped 48 pounds to a charity helping many needy soldiers.

The club collected funds to help a 'Lost Boy from Sudan, one of 20,000 orphaned boys that escaped from the war in Sudan. The LEO's Lost Boy is now a student at Harvard! A winter coat and Barns & Noble gift card were sent to support him.

The Wood Shop students of the Harbour School are making two 'Corn Hole' games that LEO's raffled off at Cookie Night, December 10th. One is in Ravens motif and the other customized for the winner. Our Lion Dale Strait was one of the two winners.



Honorary Lion Inducted

On December 16 the Severn River Lions club inducted Martin Gorman as an Honorary Lion in recognition of his contributions to the club for the past four years. Martin is the owner/manager of the local LEDO Pizza in Severna Park and on the fourth Wednesday of each month SRLC members are encouraged to visit LEDO and partake of the delicious pizza and other dishes that are available. Not only do club members get to enjoy good food and companionship the club gets a share of the total proceeds from the evening's sales to help finance the club's many service and charitable projects. Since SRLC began dining at LEDO four years ago the club has received over nine thousand dollars. SRLC is just one of about a dozen schools or organizations that benefit from Martin's generosity and the name of the clubs and their proceeds are displayed on a chart at the entrance. In recognition of this generosity Martin was inducted into the club, was presented a certificate of membership, a club hat, Lions pin, and coffee mug and he was invited to take part in the club's many service activities. SRLC welcomes Martin Gorman and we are looking forward to the monthly visits.



Super Second Citrus Sale

The sun had not yet risen when hardy Lions began arriving at the high school lot to begin preparations for the club's second citrus sale on December 13. Lion Randy Roberts and his escorts had gotten the forklift from Clement Hardware and returned to begin unloading the pallets from the large truck. King Orange Carl issued instructions and the work began. Several Lions in the truck helped bring the pallets of fruit forward and the forklift conveyed them to the lineup. Bill Z and the "warming hut" arrived and hot coffee and fresh doughnuts tempted the workers. When the club truck arrived six hardy band students assisted with unloading the new sales booths that had been built by Scout Matthew Poindexter and set up began. The new booths painted in blue and gold are a big improvement over the older ones that have been "retired." The sun peeked over the horizon and customers began to line up before the announced 9:00 am starting time. King Orange Carl signaled the "we are ready" and customers drove to the booth, paid, and received tickets that corresponded to their order. Cars then moved to the pickup lines where they were greeted and Lions and students loaded the delicious navel oranges, ruby red grapefruit, pecans, and cashews into the cars and thanked the customers for their purchase. All morning long the lines moved smoothly and animated conversations could be heard between servers and customers. The stacks of citrus began to diminish. Workers took breaks in the "warming hut" to sip and refresh. As the noon hour approached the call to lunch resounded. Chef George Council and Soup Lady Nancy Burns served delicious band subs and hearty Maryland crab soup to the workers who expressed their appreciation for the delicious treat. Outside the stacks of citrus grew smaller and Lion Rhine would not have large amounts to deal with this week. The surplus fruit was loaded, the citrus booths were taken apart and returned to the truck until the January sale. King Orange Carl thanked everyone for a job well done and closed with, "See you back here on January 10 for the next sale."



Cakes, Books, and Food Donation

For at least five years SRLC has been invited to judge Pack 688's annual cake contest and this year Lions Dale Strait, Bill Stack, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas journeyed to Shipley's Choice Elementary School for this event on October 22. The Cub Scouts and parents arrived carry the cakes made to match one of the ten themes; animal, candy cartoon, chocolate, Cub Scout, halloween, nature, patriotic, sports, and disgusting. Soon four long tables were filled with cakes and the judges began to review the entrants. The imagination and creativity of the cakes, a combined effort of the Cub Scout and parent, presented a challenge for the judges. Some deliberation and compromise was necessary but a final winner in each category was chosen and certificates were made for the winners and were presented by the Cubmaster. The baked delicacies could be taken home by the Cub Scout for family enjoyment.

Another highlight of the evening was the book collection challenge that the Pack had contributed to for two years. About four hundred used children's books had been donated and these will be given again to the Baltimore-Brooklyn Lions Club for distribution at the Marie Farring Elementary School in Brooklyn where they will help disadvantaged youngsters enjoy reading. PIP Clem Kusiak from the BBLC thanked SRLC for this donation and plans to present a certificate of appreciation to the Cub Scouts at a later Pack meeting.

The annual "Stuff a Truck" challenge was issued to the Cub Scouts that evening as well. For at least five years SRLC has challenged the Pack to donate more non-perishable food that will be given to SPAN. The challenge is that SRLC will out collect the Pack and the "loser" buys pizza for the "winner." For the past five years SRLC has been the loser and has contributed pizza to the Pack. SRLC has promised to win this year. We shall see!

Super Sight Screeners

On October 23 four Lions from SRLC visited Guilford Elementary School in Baltimore City to provide preschool vision screening to the kindergartners. Lions Dick Bloomquist, Dale Strait, Catherine Violette, and Ollie Wittig arrived and set up for the screening. Lions performed different tasks, screening with the SureSight, the Titmus screening, recording, and parent contact letters. Based on the screening results each of the twenty nine youngsters was determined to be PASS or FAIL. Any youngster who failed may have one or my of the conditions that can cause amblyopia-lazy eye, a condition, which, if caught early can be corrected with good results. Parents of the referred students will be notified of the possible defect and provided information about follow-up with an eye care professional. There will also be follow up contact with the parents by the screening club to insure that a professional exam has been obtained. Lions can provide help with eyeglasses for tested students if the parent is indigent and cannot afford them. The exam period was a lively one as the high energy of the preschooler's was evident that morning. These screening sessions are another example of Lions living up to the motto, "We Serve."