

July/August Severn River Lions Club

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President – King Lion Chuck Horne

Lions Making a Difference



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AND
SHARE THE FUN**

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Fellow Lions,

Starting a new Lions year following a very successful one under King Lion Sue, leaves us with a lot of work to do to measure up. The club retreat is this Saturday, August 4 and we'll be setting our goals for the year. There are two areas I would like to emphasize this year. The first is to support Dick and his programs during his year as District Governor. The second is to increase members' involvement in the club. The club has a solid base of members which are very active, however I want to increase the size of this base and better engage our less active members. We will need to evaluate what activities the

club should undertake that will encourage more participation. Hopefully the retreat will help address these areas and the other goals for the coming year. This retreat is not limited to Board Members – please come out, share your ideas, and participate in our planning.

I look forward to serving with the club over the next year while the club serves our community and beyond. As many other have said, we should have fun while serving others.

Yours in Lionism, KL Chuck

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR



Lion George & KL Chuck look on as DG Shirley Vaughan & her husband Lion John from our twin club Ironbridge & Severn Gorge in Shropshire, England admire flag set created by Lions Ollie Wittig & George Council.

(more inside)

INTERNATIONAL TWINS GET TOGETHER



In 2002 the Severn River Lions Club initiated correspondence with two Lions clubs in England chosen because of the name similarity, the Severn Dean Lions Club, District 105 W and the Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions Club, District 105 BS in Shropshire, England. For the next several years, emails and newsletters were exchanged and proved that Lionism is truly international as the Clubs shared information about activities, fund raising, and interests.

One of the remarkable and coincidental aspects of our twinning relationship with Ironbridge was that one of their members was going to become District Governor at the same time as our own DG Dick Bloomquist. DG Shirley Vaughan who was planning to attend DGE School and the International Convention in July saw a unique opportunity to visit our area after the convention and exchanged emails with IPP Sue Parks to make the arrangements.

What a great opportunity to finally meet Lions from one of the twinning clubs! The annual Severn River Lions picnic was moved from August to July to accommodate our guests. IPP Sue Parks met them at their hotel (two blocks from Lion Sue's office in DC – we couldn't have planned it better) so that they could experience our Metro system and MARC commuter trains prior to the picnic. Lion Ollie and his wife Jan invited the visiting Lions to spend some time in Maryland after the picnic and they quickly accepted.

Linstead Beach would have been our picnic location but once again, the heat and some rain drove us indoors to our backup location – the American Legion. So that DG Shirley and Lion John could at least catch a glimpse of our namesake, we stopped by Linstead Beach on the scenic Severn River for photos before moving to the picnic site where Severn River Lions were waiting to enthusiastically welcome our special guests.

On the occasion of SRLC's fiftieth anniversary, the Ironbridge Lions presented our club with a cast bronze plaque that pictured the Iron Bridge for which

the town is named. The plaque became part of the podium now used with pride by SRLC. To commemorate her visit with us, DG Shirley was presented a plaque crafted by Lion George Council which included a Maryland blue crab, a club banner, and flags of the USA, England, and Maryland.

DG Shirley reported that in Shropshire they had heard of IPDG Harold Boccia's penchant for losing his gavel and she presented him with a special gavel with a locking cable to help him retain his hammer.

DG Shirley and Lion John toured the Baltimore Inner Harbor the next day as guests of Ollie and Jan Wittig. A short water taxi ride to Ft. McHenry provided an interesting historical perspective about the War of 1812 for the British guests. A walking tour of the harbor including a crab cake lunch at the Rusty Scupper rounded out the day.

Lions Ollie & Dale signed off on a visitation card to attest that Lions John and Shirley had visited SRLC and WALC on 7/10/07. Shirley shared information about the various activities her club and others in the District do and is planning to stay in touch during the year. She is going to encourage her club members to consider corresponding with some of our members – something Lion Ollie has tried to get started previously.

Shirley expressed appreciation to SRLC for the presentation plaque and for the cordial reception she was given. I complimented her for her "presentation" to IPDG Harold.

The Vaughans returned home the following day and DG Shirley will begin a busy year as the guiding leader of District 105 BS eighty-five active Lions clubs. The emails and pictures will continue between the clubs and we plan to stay in touch with our new friends.

Editor's Note – Thank you to Lion Ollie for this article and the articles on pages 4 & 6.

LINSTEAD BEACH ON THE SEVERN RIVER



Lion Ollie and his wife Jan show our guests, DG Shirley and Lion John our beautiful Severn River.



DG Shirley presents IPDG Harold with his thief-proof "gavel." If I had a hammer....



By all accounts, the food was good, the atmosphere was cool, and a good time was had by all. A huge thanks to Lion Nancy Burns for coordinating this wonderful event.



Busy Lions...



Super Chefs at Work

Clad in bright red and blue aprons and high white hats, four SRLC chefs, **George Council, Jr., Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, and Ollie Wittig** fired up the grills at Kinder Park on Sunday, June 10 for the annual Pack 688 Bridging Ceremony. The prospect of grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for nearly 200 hungry Cub Scouts and guests may seem daunting to most people but the cooking quartet rose to the challenge. Three charcoal grills and Chef George's large gas grill were filled with simmering patties and hot dogs and the aroma of cooking beef filled the air.

A shorter than expected Bridging Ceremony saw the return of the Scouts sooner than planned and the chefs had to go into overdrive to be ready for the hungry hordes. The larger capacity of Chef George's grill made the difference. Cubmaster John Dennison wisely shifted the scheduled awards ceremony to allow the cooks some extra time. By conservative estimate nearly ten dozen hamburgers and twelve dozen hot dogs were prepared and put on rolls by the set up team. "Let's eat" said the Cubmaster and the Scouts quickly lined up for the burgers, dogs, and assorted side dishes prepared by the parents and for a short time only the contented sounds of eating could be heard.

Many parents commented about how much they appreciated the Lions involvement in the cooking so that parents and grandparents could attend the ceremony. Cubmaster Dennison echoed this sentiment and the cooking crew got a round of applause from the Cub Scouts and parents. There is a good possibility that the SRLC Chefs will be invited to return next year.

"We Cook and We Serve"

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

It started out as a muggy and humid evening at Prince George Stadium in Bowie but that didn't dampen the spirits of the fifteen Severn River Lions and spouses who came out to watch the ballgame on July 7. Before the game began several attendees visited the concession stand for some liquid refreshment to ward off dehydration. An excellent rendering of the National Anthem got things started and the Baysox quickly showed the visiting Altoona Curve how to play baseball by scoring five runs on the error prone visitors in the first inning.

Cheering the Baysox were Lions and guests Pete and Kathy Geis, Rhine and Betty Jager, Suzette Kettenhofen, Joe and Janet McClellan, Dick and Fran Maurer, Bill and Sheila O'Neil, Jack Randall, Dale Strait, and Ollie and Jan Wittig.

Numerous visits to the concession stand punctuated the evening of great baseball and entertainment and the Baysox were victorious with a final score of 8 to 5. But the entertainment wasn't over yet!. Louie, the Baysox mascot, announced that the stadium lights would dim and the fireworks would begin. Soon it was Boom!, Flash! Bang! as rockets lighted up the night sky for a spectacular fifteen minute pyrotechnic display that brought a chorus of oohs and aahs from the appreciative crowd. It was a great night of Lions fun and fellowship. See you at the Baysox event next year.



SRLC Adopt-a-Highway Report

July 28, 2007

By Chief Maintenance Engineer Lion Wayne Dudeck

Is ONCE a MONTH TOO MUCH???

Our second pickup of the “NEW” site was held on July 28th, with the following Lions contributing: Chuck (New King Lion) Horne, Pete Geis, Rhine Jager, Joe McClellan, Randy Roberts, Ray Smith, Dale Strait and Ken Tschantre. Does anyone notice a theme here?

Our “Club” voted to take on a SECOND Adopt-a-Highway project a couple months ago, which I felt was the right thing to do. NOW it’s time for OUR Club to contribute to this project.

Our “Membership Numbers” boast quite nicely of Our commitment to LIONISM, not many Clubs in our District can say that and I know that in an ALL-Volunteer organization the ability to donate “Our” TIME changes.

As I look back over the records, for the last couple of years, a pattern seems to have developed. It appears that the same “core of Lions” support the SWAT program. When one or two from this “group” can not participate it puts a hardship on the other members who signed up (instead of only walking 6/10^{ths} of a mile they are walking 1.2 miles). I’m asking “Our” members to review their schedule for “Our” once a month Saturday morning “Walk” and if possible sign up for the next Adopt-A-Highway Pick up.

Our next pickup will be on August 25th – a sign up sheet will be on the “table” at our next dinner meeting, please take a moment to add your name and help share the responsibility.

The State Highway Administration is hosting an Adopt-A-Highway Appreciation Day on August 25th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. There will be Dogs - Burgers - Salads & Drinks, also a Moon Bounce for the Kiddies (grandchildren included). A sign-up sheet will be on the “table”. Let’s get a nice turnout for this event, please add your name to the list even if you haven’t recently contributed to the Adopt-A-Highway pick up. After all, they are saying THANK YOU to us for helping them.

2007 Schedule:

August 25 th	7:00 AM
September 22 nd	7:00 AM
October 20 th	8:00 AM



PATRIOTIC MARCHERS

July 4 was slightly overcast but this did not dampen the patriotic spirit of seventeen Severn River Lions and an “adopted Lion” who showed up at St. Martin’s Church for the annual community Independence Day parade. Moby Dick, the club’s new truck, had been festooned with red, white, and blue bunting, flags, and garland for the occasion and certainly looked very festive. King Lion Chuck’s pick up truck bore pennants listing many of the Lions service activities and a “throne” for the costumed Lion. KL Chuck decided to forgo the pleasure of wearing the Lion costume and managed to persuade his daughter, Sarah, for the second year to don the outfit for the parade.

Just after 10:00 am Lions Rollins Clark, Pete Geis, Carroll Hicks, KL Chuck Horne, Rhine Jager, Roger Knauth, Trent Kutch, Joe McClellan, Dick Maurer, Bill O’Neil, Don Rayment, Randy Roberts, Rick Stefany, Dale Strait, Ken Tschantre, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas stepped off for the 1.7 mile march down Benfield and joined with over one hundred other marching units to help celebrate our nation’s independence. Both sides of the road were lined with hundreds of neighbors who cheered the marching units and several Lions stopped to chat with friends along the parade route. As the SRLC contingent passed the judges stand the narrator reminded the crowd of our club’s many service and charitable activities that have benefited the community for over 50 years and this earned us a hearty round of applause.

Finally the marchers turned into Cypress Creek Road and the end of the line. Lion Joe McClellan’s van was parked nearby and soon Lions were passing out Popsicles to the weary marchers who appreciatively welcomed these refreshing treats.

The field at Cypress Creek Park had many post-parade venues-antique cars, vintage Corvettes, vendors of a variety of food items, and entertainment for all the spectators and the morning was truly a typical small town celebration of our country’s founding. Happy Fourth of July!!



TURNOVER DINNERS

In June, we first attended the 22A Officers Turnover watching as our own Lion Dick Bloomquist assumed the top job of District Governor, Lion Bill Z received an International President Leadership Medal from visiting International Director Joe Gaffigan, and we picked up one of only two Five Star Club Awards for the 2006 - 2007 Lions Year. We then held our own Officers Turnover, where now XKL Sue presented the Lion of the Year Award to Lion Wayne Dudeck, gave new DG Dick, his banner, provided all in attendance with appreciation awards and thank you gifts, and finally turned the "gavel" over to incoming KL Chuck (his turn to keep the mallet) and welcomed the incoming Board which had been installed by DG Dick.



Minutes of June 12, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting Severn River Lions Club

Approved at the July 24th Board of Director's Meeting.

Attendees:

Board:

Nancy Burns	Chuck Horne	Roger Knauth	Trent Kutsch	Joe McClellan
Bill O'Neil	Sue Parks	Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett

Other Members:

Dick Maurer Dale Strait Ollie Wittig

The Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by KL Sue Parks at 7:30pm with 10 Board Members present.

Secretary's Report: April and May minutes were presented. Lion Nancy Burns motioned for approval, seconded by Lion Trent Kutsch, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Bill O'Neil reported financials as of June 12, 2007:

Account Balances Club:	
Activities Checking	\$14,504.09
Administrative Checking	8,010.24
Truck Replacement Fund	3,041.46

Account Balances Foundation:	
Foundation Checking	\$ 1,428.53
Foundation Money Market	11,557.39

Old Business /Reports:

SPHA Cleanup – Lion Chuck Horne reported that the cleanup would be held on Wednesday June 13 at 10:00.

Membership – Lion Ken Tschantre reported that overall we are minus one for the year with Meade's passing. KL Sue Parks stated that deaths do not count against us.

Picnic – Lion Nancy Burns reported that the picnic would be held at Linstead Beach on July 10th.

Other –

- Lion Nancy Burns reported that Meade Stith's reception will be held on June 23rd at Linstead Beach. Lion Nancy stated that she would be supplying items for the reception. Lion Bill O'Neil motioned that we reimburse her for her costs, and Lion Jon Valett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

4th of July Float – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that we would use our new truck "Moby Dick" in the parade. We would also use the trailer for the Lion.

Catering – KL Sue read a letter from Asbury Townneck United Methodist Church resigning as our caterers effective July 31st. A committee of Lion Bill O'Neil, Lion Ollie Wittig, and Lion Nancy Burns will search for replacements.

Retreat – Incoming KL Chuck Horne announced that his retreat would take place on August 4th from 9-1.

Lion Jon Valett moved to adjourn at 8:18pm. The motion was seconded by Lion Nancy Burns and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary



BIRTHDAYS

August

- Yvonne Jackson – 2
- Rollins Clark – 7
- Mike Milord – 17
- Bill Meyers – 25
- Ollie Wittig – 26
- Milum Greene – 26

September

- John Randall – 2
- Bob Urschel – 6
- Ron Walters – 8
- Don Luce – 8
- Robert Bauman – 13
- Edward Taylor – 20
- Wayne Dudeck – 22
- Ray Smith – 22

SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT			
	CLUB DOLLARS	Year to Date Hours	July, 2007Hours
Health		4	4
Diabetes Awareness			
Sight		13	13
Hearing			
LASH			
Youth		6	6
Community		56	56
Environment		7	7
International Relations		17	17
Lionism		62	62
TOTALS		165	165

Membership Report JULY 1, 2007

Members July 1, 2007	67
Active	32
At Large	12
Life	1
Affiliate	22
Privileged	0
Members July 31, 2007	67
Leo Club Members	60

REMINDER

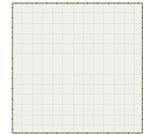
If you expect to miss a Membership Meeting, be sure to email Secretary Ollie Wittig, witbrew@comcast.net, or call 410/647-7338 by 4 pm on the Sunday prior to the meeting. If you are an Affiliate or MAL Member, call if you are going to attend. Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

An updated roster is included in this issue. Please check the information carefully and let me know if any changes are needed. Thanks.

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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

- 8/4 SRLC Leadership Retreat, SPHA Building
- 8/7 General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
- 8/14 Board of Directors Meeting, SPHA Building
- 8/21 General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
- 8/25 SWAT, Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, 7:00 am
- 8/29 First Full Cabinet Meeting, Holiday Inn Timonium 6:45 pm
- 9/3 LABOR DAY
- 9/4 General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
- 9/6-8 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
- 9/11 Board of Directors Meeting, SPHA Building
- 9/14-16 Leadership Retreat Camp Merrick
- 9/18 General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
- 9/22 SWAT, Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, 7:00 am
- 9/28 LASH General Membership Meeting
- 9/29-30 Gary's Garden Fundraiser