

**JULY
2005**

Severn River Lions Club

1956 – 2005
President – King Lion Randy Roberts



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SHARE THE FUN**
EDITOR
LION SUE PARKS

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KING LION ROARS



Hello Fellow Lions,

As we start our new Lion year, I would like to first salute Immediate Past President Oriey Glenn and his Board of Directors for guiding our club through another extremely successful year. Congratulations, Lion Oriey. Now, with the help of our new slate of officers and the hard work and dedication of our members, we can continue to build on the Severn River Lions legacy of service.

Special mention goes out to our 2004-2005 Lion of the year, Lion Nancy Burns. I do not have space to list the projects in which Lion Nancy was involved. Lion Nancy brought her boundless energy and determination to everything she did and the club has benefited greatly. Thank you and congratulations Lion Nancy.

A reminder to everyone of our Club Retreat to be held at the Jaycee Building in Kinder Park on July 9th from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be available in the morning and a light lunch will be provided. A majority of the new officers will be attending but I hope to see more members attend. We will be looking for ideas and input on improving our fundraisers and deciding on service projects. This is your club; let your voice be heard.

By the time many of you receive this newsletter the club will have participated in the Severna Park 4th of July parade. The weather forecast looks great at this writing. The parade participants will surely enjoy the Popsicles we distribute at the end of the parade route. Hopefully, I will have survived the Lion suit.

Response from the member survey has been good so far. I will be looking to catch up with members that have not turned one in yet. This is an important tool for matching member's jobs and responsibilities with their interests. It is important to get this completed soon so we can get started on attaining our goals. Please step up when you see a need, or when asked to serve.

Our annual picnic at Linstead Beach on August 2nd is coming up fast. Lion Ken Tschantre has graciously agreed to be our Chairman and organizer for this event. Sign up sheets will go around at the July meetings. If you miss them, Lion Ken will be happy to get a call from you. Help is needed for the set up so let Lion Ken know when you are available.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute will be offered in Oak Brook, Illinois, October 20-24, 2005. This is a valuable opportunity to build on your leadership skills. Contact me for more information and application forms.

A final note to our Affiliate and MAL members; it would be great to see some of you in the upcoming year. If possible, please try to make a meeting or help at one of our fundraisers. We can always use someone to help work a booth for 2 hours at a fruit sale. Watch the newsletter for dates and call to sign up.

Yours in Lionism,
Randy Roberts

MEET THE 2005 - 2006 SRLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Installed by DG Tom Baine on June 21, 2005



PRESIDENT	KING LION RANDY ROBERTS
1ST VP	LION CHUCK HORNE
2ND VP	LION SUE PARKS
3RD VP	LION NELSON CHESLER
SECRETARY	LION DEBRA WALTERS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	TBD
TREASURER	LION BILL O'NEIL
ASSISTANT TREASURER	LION ROLLINS CLARK
TAIL TWISTER	LION YVONNE JACKSON
LION TAMER	LION JIM TALENTINO
2 YEAR DIRECTOR	LION NANCY BURNS
2 YEAR DIRECTOR	LION JOE McCLELLAN
1 YEAR DIRECTOR	LION DON RAYMENT
1 YEAR DIRECTOR	LION DON LUCE
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	LION KEN TSCHANTRE

You are cordially invited to the Third Annual Burns/Pyles Family Independence Day Party

When/Where:

Saturday, July 2, 2005 3PM to 10PM
 117Marlbrook Rd. Severna Park, MD 21146

Bring the whole family

Rain Date: Sunday July 3, 2005

What's Up!!

Live Band, Whole Pig Roast, Whole Deer Roast,
 Hot Dogs and Hamburgers

Please bring a side dish or dessert

RSVP To:

Pat / JoAnn Pyles (410) 647-6844

Nancy Burns (410) 647-2756



**DRAFT Minutes of 6/14/05
Board of Directors Meeting
Severn River Lions Club
To be Approved at 7/12/05 Board Meeting**



Attendees:

Dick Bloomquist	Nancy Burns	Rollins Clark	Oriey Glenn
Chuck Horne	George Jenkins	Dick Maurer	Bob Muchow
Bill O'Neil	Sue Parks	Don Rayment	Randy Roberts
Ray Smith	Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett	Ollie Wittig
Bill Zelenakas			

The Board of Directors meeting was held at Jaycees Center at Kinder Park and was called to order by KL Oriey at 7:30 pm.

Announcements – KL gave the floor to Lion Dick Bloomquist who announced that he had decided to run for the position of Vice District Governor and would like the endorsement of the Board; moved, seconded and carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Secretary distributed minutes of the regular Board meeting held 5/10, noted that they had been included in the June newsletter and asked if anyone had any corrections; minutes were approved as amended.

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

Bank Accounts	
50 th Anniversary Money Market	\$ 5,169.57
Activities Checking	13,869.22
Administrative Checking	6,406.80
Foundation Checking	8,439.33
Foundation Money Market	12,432.45
Truck Replacement Fund	<u>13,330.34</u>
Overall Total	<u>\$59,647.71</u>

Correspondence – Secretary reviewed correspondence which included thank you notes from scholarship recipients Sharon Grim and AACC (Memorial Fund), the Wilmer Eye Institute (LVRF), Special Boy Scout Troop #216, and the Elizabeth Carr Memorial Fund. Lion Nancy mentioned email invitation that had been issued to the club for 7/2 party hosted by her family and neighbor Pat Pyles

PRIORITY ITEMS

Final Spending Plan – Lion Bill distributed activities budget and mentioned that there was a little money left for discretionary spending. It was moved, seconded, and carried that \$1000 be donated to the Severna Park Community Center. Lion Bill also distributed administrative budget for review.

Turnover Meeting – Lion Ken Tschantre mentioned that there would be new members to induct at Turnover Meeting; Lion Sue presented application of Trent Kutsch; Lion Bob Muchow provided application for Michael Anderson; KL Oriey noted application for Bobby Edmond. It was noted that Mike Anderson and Bobby Edmond would be Affiliate members. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept applications from all three. Lion Trent is not available for induction on 6/21 but Lions Mike and Bobby will be inducted by DG Tom that night.

OLD BUSINESS

Antique/Collectibles/Crafts Fair – Lion Nancy reported that 10 dealers didn't show up for the Fair but that the ones who did were generally pleased with the day. Left over items went to Cline's auction. Profit about \$600.

Blood Drive – Lion Dale not able to attend but emailed following report: 39 people who came to blood drive – 32 pints of blood collected; SRLC had six members and one spouse sign up – five members and two spouses showed up. Thanks to Rachel Tschantre, Dick and Tess Bloomquist, Bill O'Neil, Wayne Dudeck, Randy Roberts and Bob Bauman. Next drive in September; date to be determined.

Other Items/Reports – Lion Nancy mentioned that the next Bull Roast had been scheduled for 3/4/06. She also requested a \$100 to SPAN in the name of the Baptist Church for letting us use their space for the Antiques Fair; motion carried.

Lion Jon Valett noted that he, Lions Shirley and Milum were ready to become regular active members of Severn River. Status for Mark, Bo, and Tim uncertain. Secretary will send out letters to all 6 to obtain status change request in writing.

NEW BUSINESS

4th of July Parade – Lion Bob Siska not available but Lion Ollie reported that float would again be decorated at his house. Lion Ray Smith offered the use of a 1952 MG convertible; accepted; old blue to stay home.

SRLC Retreat July 9th - Randy noted that retreat would be held upstairs – Kinder Park Jaycee Building – for goal setting and Past President and Region Chair Dick Maurer would moderate.

Other Items – Lion Dick Maurer mentioned taking old blue to Precision Tune and they recommended against fixing. Lion Rollins said he was sending around LVRF Swing for Sight golf tournament sign-up sheet. Lion Sue mentioned that she had been reviewing the membership roster and that there were many members listed as MAL that should more properly be listed as Affiliates. Motion made, seconded and carried that Lion Sue would send letters to each improperly classified MAL for clarification of their membership status and note a change to Affiliate status where appropriate. Lion Bill brought up that several Lions were behind on dues and a possible change in membership status would be due there. Sponsors agreed to contact delinquent members to ascertain their intentions re continued membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Sue Parks

THIRD ANNUAL ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES/CRAFTS FAIR (and it didn't fall on the rain date)



Another successful day thanks to Lion Nancy and all SRLC members (and spouses) who donated goods for the LIONS table and who showed up to help out with the LIONS table and our hot dog stand.

SRLC SCORES WITH PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING

During April and May our club put the photoscreener camera to work and we offered preschool vision screening in four locations. In April we were at **Barclay School** in Baltimore City and screened seventeen (17) youngsters. In early May we participated in the **Children's Fair at Big Vanilla** and successfully screened sixty (60) preschoolers. **St. Martins Day School** was our next screening and seventy seven (77) youngsters were tested. In mid May we were at the **Severna Park Children's Center** and photoscreened eighty five (85) preschoolers. Results have been received from Vanderbilt University and returned to the parents or guardians. The referral rate for these screenings was low and we will follow up on the youngsters that were referred for possible eye abnormalities. We did experience a higher than acceptable rate of "unreadable" photos and will need to review the readability check process more thoroughly at future screenings.

In May the District received three photoscreener cameras which had been given to LASH by a local ophthalmologic group. These were promptly shipped for retrofitting and two have been returned and will be available for use in the District. The plan is for each region to have one camera for use by the clubs in the region. This will provide more flexibility to participating clubs. Another preschool vision screening training session is planned for July or August. Any Lion wishing to be trained in the operation of the camera should plan to attend the training. Watch for an announcement of the date and time.

SRLC Annual Picnic

The Severn River Lions annual picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at the Linstead Community Beach. A sign-up sheet will be provided at both July meetings. We need to have an accurate count of members and guests so that we can advise the caterers and **HAVE A SEAT, IN THE SHADE, FOR YOU AND YOUR GUEST.**



BLOOD DRIVE

The vampire (Lion Dale) thanks those who came to the last blood drive - 32 pints of blood were collected in this joint project; SRLC had six members and one spouse sign up - five members and two spouses showed up. Thanks to Rachel Tschantre, Dick and Tess Bloomquist, Bill O'Neil, Wayne Dudeck, Randy Roberts and Bob Bauman. Next drive in September; date to be determined.

Severn River's First Ever Lion of the Year

Nancy Burns

Lion Nancy joined Severn River in June, 2001. That first year she donated an antique quilt and orchestrated a raffle that raised \$5,000.

Since then she has been a Delegate to 4 Multiple District Conventions. She has served on the SRLC Board of Directors continuously since 7/03. She has served as a LASH representative since 7/02 and a LASH Board member since 7/04.

She has been a LEO liaison with Severn River Middle School Youth Rise LEOs since 7/02. She has been involved with promoting the annual Peace Poster contest since 7/03 and this past year obtained submissions from 5 schools. This coming year she will be co-chairing the District Peace Poster committee with Lion Catherine Violette.

She has coordinated our Christmas parties and she has maintained our award winning scrapbook for 3 years. She has staged our Antiques and Collectibles Fair – this year was our 3rd.

And, last, but not least, this year with flagging fruit sales, Lion Nancy almost single-handedly organized, promoted, and put on our first ever Bull & Oyster Roast which realized a profit of over \$4,000.

Lion Nancy has been an outstanding Lion ever since she joined, but this past year has been particularly extraordinary, and for that reason, LION NANCY BURNS is Severn River's Lion of the Year.



Here's Lion Nancy with DG Tom Baine who is presenting her with the Club's Certificate of Service for her work on the Scrapbook – (I didn't receive a picture with Nancy receiving Lion of the Year plaque but at least we have her in this one).

Adopt-A-Highway Program 2005 Schedule

We meet in the parking lot of Earleigh Heights Fire Department approximately fifteen minutes prior to the "Step Off" time listed below. This will allow us to have a BRIEF social hour, where we will enjoy our USUAL continental breakfast. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the general meeting just prior to the pick up date.

New Members are encouraged to attend. Any questions concerning the above should be addressed to: Chief Highway Maintenance Engineer Lion Wayne.

July 23 rd	7:00 AM	August 27 th	7:00 AM
September 24 th	7:00 AM	October 15 th	7:30 AM



News from our Twin – Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions

I&SG Lion Graham Nicholas, incoming Secretary for Severn Gorge, recently toured Sri Lanka and sent this report of the devastation he saw and the efforts to rebuild that are going on.

Visit to Sri Lanka Lions Tsunami rebuilding project - April 2005

On our recent holiday in Sri Lanka I eventually managed to contact one of the 163 Lions Clubs in the Colombo district and, after some further confusion (Sri Lankans have a flexible view on time and do not regard it as a concrete concept) we met Lion Gamini, the Zone Chairman, and Lion Asitha. Gundis and I were given a very enthusiastic welcome and they insisted that we visit one of their relief projects and learn more of the good causes which require financing in their area. They were keen to know what financial support we could give and the enthusiasm cooled a little when told that I had not arrived with a large donation from the club.

We were taken to an area near to Galle, which is one of the worst hit areas on the South West coast. The Lions were using the gift of 100,000 Euros (£68,000) donated by ONE Lions club in Italy to build an initial 25 houses on a site given by the Government which would hold a total of 75 houses if sufficient funds are donated. Members of the Italian club make visits to Sri Lanka to monitor the progress and oversee the expenditure on the project. The Colombo Lions also have a rebuilding project on the East coast but this is about an 8 hour journey from Colombo (in Sri Lanka you go a short way in a very long time) and so we declined the offer of a visit.

The Tsunami impact on the 26th December 2004 caused approximately 30,000 deaths in Sri Lanka. The major impact was on the entire East coast and approximately 70 miles of the South West coast. There are now large strips of land with derelict houses, rubble and people living in tents. The only major improvements since the disaster is the rebuilding of the destroyed railway line and the debris collected and piled up in heaps.

The two most noticeable things which strike you in the affected areas are how many houses were built right up to the sea edge and how areas of total destruction suddenly stop and the adjacent buildings then appear almost undamaged. This almost random selection of areas of impact is apparently based on the variations of shape of the sea bed which funnelled the wave force in certain directions.

On the South West coast the main A1 road and the railway line run along the coast approximately 100 meters from the sea. On the inland side of the Road/Rail link the majority of the villages and towns are built extending inland. The people most immediately affected were mainly those living in the small fishing villages which are obviously built right on the shore line and are between the sea and the rail line. As can be seen from the photographs many families are still living in tents or the ruined shells of their original homes,

We were advised that a major problem for many of the people, who lost their homes, is that the Government insist that no buildings may be built, or rebuilt, within 100 meters of the sea shore. This means that the land previously used cannot be redeveloped and new houses must be built at the far side of the villages on virgin forest land but they cannot afford to move until they receive compensation payments, which may take years. This is usually 1 or 2 kilometres back from the sea and is difficult for fishermen who rarely have their own transport.

Overall there is a great deal of contention over the allocation of relief aid and there is much argument in the local press over its use and how quickly those in need are helped, or not. In many ways the country suffers from the slow and sometimes doubtful bureaucracy of the third world. Having seen the area, I think it was the best idea to have made donations via Lions International as they have the expertise in controlling large amounts of money and are able to view the major problems less parochially than may be the case with local control. It was certainly very pleasing to see how the international Lions clubs has responded to a terrible catastrophe. (See photos next page.)





SRI LANKA - Devastation and Rebuilding



Multiple District 22
Seventh Annual
Leadership Retreat

November 4-6, 2005
At Lions Camp Merrick
\$25.00 per person

New
Date!!



You've Heard About It....
Now Be A Part of It....

Mark your calendars now for the....

2005
Lions Leadership Retreat

November 4-6 at Lions Camp Merrick

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

REMINDER

If you expect to miss a Membership Meeting, be sure to call Secretary Deb Walters at 410/768-5337 or email her at deb1325@yahoo.com by 5 pm on the Sunday prior to the meeting. If you are an Affiliate or MAL Member, call if you are going to attend. Thanks.



DG Bill's theme this year will be "Growth Through Teamwork." This doesn't just mean growth in our numbers, but in ourselves, our relationships, and our service to our community. If man's best friend and natural enemy can get it together, surely we can too!

Membership Report June, 2005

Members May 31, 2005	70
Active	44
At Large	5
Life	3
Affiliate	20
Privileged	1
Members June 30, 2005	73
Leo Club Members	60

BIRTHDAYS

July

- Myra Payne – 7
- George Jenkins – 11
- Bob Muchow – 16
- Richard Doherty – 16
- Bob Siska – 18
- Jack White – 18
- Dale Strait – 19



Year End Activity Report				
	7/03 - 6/04		7/04 - 6/05	
	Contributions	Hours*	Contributions	Hours
Health/Sight/Hearing	\$ 7,329	973	\$ 3,483	588
Youth	18,208	442	18,763	881
Community	4,074	2,241	7,262	2,076
Lionism	1,221	510	2,165	6,192
TOTALS	\$30,832	4,166	\$31,673	9,737

*Hours estimated

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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

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| 7/4 | 4 th of July Parade |
| 7/5 | General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175 |
| 7/9 | SRLC Retreat |
| 7/12 | SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park |
| 7/19 | General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175 |
| 7/23 | Highway Pickup – Earleigh Heights Fire Hall – 7 am |
| 7/23 | District Officer and Voting Cabinet Meeting |
| 8/2 | Picnic – Linstead Beach |
| 8/9 | SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park |
| 8/16 | General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175 |
| 8/27 | Highway Pickup – Earleigh Heights Fire Hall – 7 am |

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