



Severn River Lions Club

July 2008

EYEGLASSES for the DISADVANTAGED

The SRLC along with their partners, LensCrafters (Marley and Annapolis Malls), the associated optician, (Dr. Wassel), and the Gift of Sight Program, are continuing to support the disadvantaged with eye exams and eye glasses. The recipients range in age from seven to 84 with most being seniors. Our club works primarily on a referral basis and uses a standard application form that helps simplify the process. This past year we have received applications from the following organizations. Most applications arrive by FAX . Each is reviewed and a letter of authorization is FAXed back to the applicant containing directions, points of contact, phone numbers, etc. The Club's Board of Directors at the July meeting endorsed the use of funds from the Foundation to pay for eye exams when necessary. Generally, all applicants within our service area are approved when the application is received from a social services agency.

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President George Council Jr' s Message

Fellow Lions of Severn River,

This is a great Club with many hard working dedicated volunteers, but we are getting into a habitual, laborious, often tiresome routine. All Lions must look at many of the things we depend on in the Club and see which ones we have to bring out of the 50s and 60s and into the 21st century.

First off, the meetings will be fun, no matter how I embarrass myself. Please attend, we need your input and direction for our future service projects

Next, we need to grow, think of all the new Lions out there we haven't met yet. Bring your neighbors and fellow workers to a meeting to give them a Lions welcome.

Finally, we need to create new fundraisers to support our existing and new service projects. Our income stands \$10,000 short. Let's have some ideas people.

I will try very hard to make this a fun and unpredictable year.

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KL George

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The Great Severna Park Parade and Popsicle Fest

Preparation for the annual Severna Park July 4th parade began early on Wednesday for SRLC as **Lions George Council and Dick Maurer** worked diligently to rebuild a faulty starter on Moby Dick. Just 30 minutes before decorating was to begin on Thursday the engine started and the truck moved to the courtyard for a much needed washing. A group of talented Lions, **KL George Council, Mary Dare, Roger Knauth, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, Don Rayment, Dale Strait, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas** quickly and artistically festooned the truck with patriotic bunting and then enjoyed some rehydration activities.

On July 4 a gaily decorated truck followed by **Lions Jack Brown, Dick Bloomquist, George, Council, Rollins Clark, Carroll Hicks, Chuck Horne, Rhine Jager, Joe McClellan, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, Don Rayment, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig** proudly marched along the route and waved to the many spectators on the roadside. Prior to stepping off the marchers enjoyed the traditional pre-parade libation, orange juice and Brut.

Again this year Cub Scouts from Pack 688, some riding decorated bikes and scooters, some marching, followed behind our contingent.

Two Lions, **Art Foehser and Jack Randall**, World War II veterans, were among the dozen honorees as Grand Marshals in recognition of their service in the war.



Finally the marchers turned the corner at Cypress Creek and were met by **Nancy Burns and Rick Stefany** who provided boxes of fruit pops for the Lions to distribute to the weary, warm marchers as they crossed the finish line. The popsicles, a tradition for our club for many years, were appreciated by the crowd. All agreed that this was a colorful and festive parade and we will be back next year.





The Severn River Lions Club installed new officers to lead the club in 2008-2009. Veteran Lion George Council will received the presidential gavel at the induction. Assisting as Vice Presidents will be Lions Jon Valett, Trent Kutsch, and Roger Knauth; as Secretary and Assistant Secretary – Sue Parks and Dick Maurer; as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer – Bruce Schriener and Rhine Jager; as Directors – Nancy Burns, Rollins Clark, Bill O’Neil and Ken Tschantre; as Lion Tamer – Nancy Earley; as Tail Twister – Shirley Greene; and as Membership Chair – Ollie Wittig.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JUL 15 SRLC GENERAL MEETING
- JUL 19 HIGHWAY CLEANUP
- JUL 26 PLANNING RETREAT
- AUG 5 SRLC GENERAL MEETING
- AUG 12 SRLC BOARD MEETING 7:30PM
- AUG 16 HIGHWAY CLEANUP

- SPECIAL EVENT
- AUG MARYLAND STATE FAIR - TIMONIUM
EYE & HEARING SCREENING

- SEPT 2 SRLC GENERAL MEETING
- SEPT 9 SRLC BOARD MEETING 7:30PM

- SPECIAL EVENT
- SEPT 16 CLUB PICNIC AT LINSTEAD BEACH**

- SEPT 20 HIGHWAY CLEANUP

- SPECIAL EVENT
- OCT 4&5 GARY'S GARDEN FUND RAISER**

- OCT 7 SRLC GENERAL MEETING

- SPECIAL EVENT
- OCT 11 KINDER PARK FUND RAISER**

- OCT 14 SRLC BOARD MEETING
- OCT 18 HIGHWAY CLEANUP
- OCT 21 SRLC GENERAL MEETING

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The following service agencies forwarded requests for eyeglass exams and glasses to the SRLC

- 9 Sarah's House
- 28 Dept. of Aging
- 5 Glen Burnie Health & Rehab
- 5 REACH
- 11 SPAN
- 3 People Encouraging People
- 4 County Dept. of Health
- 12 School Nurses
- 13 Chrysalis House
- 5 --cold calls

– We Serve – Lion Dick B.

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No greater love than one give their life's blood for another. Such praise is usually given posthumously. But we have heroes among us who have given their lives' blood for others and do it again and again. Every three months a dedicated group of Severn River Lions volunteer to donate blood to the Red Cross in response to the ongoing urgent need for life saving blood.

These heroes include Lions Ken Tschantre, Dick Bloomquist, Ollie Wittig, Wayne Dudeck, Jon Valett, Chuck Horne; spouses Rachel Tschantre and Tess Bloomquist; and scholarship recipient Kim Naeseth for volunteering to give their lives' blood at our 9 June Blood Drive that others might live. Many, many thanks.

Each pint of donated blood has the potential to save three lives. Often the inventory of available blood for emergencies is measured in hours. The need for blood donations is urgent.

Severn River Lions join with the Severna Park Elks and American Legion in a blood drive every three months. Giving blood is truly giving the gift of life. Our next blood drive is Monday, September 15th at the Elks Lodge on Truckhouse Road, just south of Earley Heights Road. A signup sheet will be available at our August meetings. If you can't make it to a meeting to sign up, contact Lion Dale Strait at 410-987-4879 or dalestrait@alum.mit.edu. Or just show up at the Elks Lodge between 1 and 7 pm on the 15th. Someone will be really glad you did.



Scholarship award winners Allison Behringer and Vera Goldberg were our guest speakers at the July 15 dinner meeting. Both ladies graduated from Severna Park High School. Allison attends Princeton and Vera attends U of Pennsylvania

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Board Meeting – July 8, 2008

Draft – to be submitted for approval at the August 12, 2008 Board Meeting

Call to Order: KL George convened the meeting at 7:30 PM. The following board members were present: KL George Councill, Nancy Burns, Rollins Clark, Shirley Greene, Chuck Horne, Rhine Jager, Roger Knauth, Trent Kutsch, Dick Maurer, Sue Parks, Bill O'Neil, Bruce Schriener, Jon Valett, and Oliver Wittig. Two guests, IPDG Dick Bloomquist and Dale Strait also attended.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the June 10, 2008 board meeting were presented and approved with one minor correction.

Treasurer Report: Outgoing Treasurer Dale Strait reported that as of June 30th the Activities Fund balance was \$9,376.04 and the Administrative Fund balance was \$8,876.37. The Foundation had \$1,273.93 in checking, \$8,862.40 in the Money Market account, and \$3,049.79 in the Truck Fund. The report was accepted for file and review.

Membership: Membership Chair Ollie reported that the outgoing chair Lion Roger Knauth had agreed to continue serving on the membership committee.

Life Membership: The membership committee will once a year determine if anyone should be recommended for life membership. PDG Bob Muchow will look into how to get this procedure into the bylaws.

We Serve Award: Lion Jon Valett reported that the committee has selected a recipient but was unable to determine if that person had previously won the award. They have an alternate selection but did not want to name that person pending resolution of their first choice.

Service Opportunities: Committee assignments were discussed and some changes were made to the assignments. Final committee assignments are attached to the minutes.

Maryland State Fair: IPDG Dick Bloomquist reported that District 22A has obtained the 22C Vision and Hearing Van to conduct vision and hearing screening at the Maryland State Fair August 20-31, 2008. SRLC is considering manning the van for one day – either 23, 24, 25, or 26 August. A sign-up sheet will be at the next general meeting to determine club interest and date.

Brew Master Meeting: KL George has arranged for a SRLC sponsored brewing demonstration on October 18, 2008 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Lion Bill Zelenakas has agreed to host the demonstration at this house.

Picnic: The annual picnic will be held at the beach on September 16, 2008. KL George will invite DG John. The caterer has been notified.

Gary's Gardens: Gary's Gardens will be held the first weekend in October (4th and 5th). It is only one weekend this year so SRLC will do the food booth. Kinder Fall Fest will be the following Saturday – October 11, 2008 and we will do our food booth that day. Lion Dick Maurer will obtain the necessary permits and other requirements.

Eye Glasses: IPDG Dick Bloomquist reported that last year SRLC and others provided 75 pairs of glasses to persons who were unable to afford them. Twelve referrals were from SPAN, 35 from the Department of Aging, 8 from Sarah's House, 15 from Chrysis House, and 5 were cold calls to SRLC. He reported that the Lenscrafters optometrists (who are independent from Lenscrafters) needed some financial help. Lion Trent Kutsch made a motion that SRLC will support the Lenscrafters optometrists as needed for eye exams. Lion Chuck Horne seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

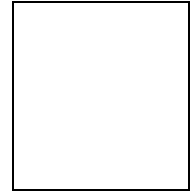
Respectively submitted,

Dick Maurer, Asst Secretary

SRLC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2008

	CHAIR	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Adopt a Highway	Dudeck	Clark, Knauth, R. Smith, Tschantre, Valett, Wittig, Bill Z., Strait, R. Muchow, Rayment
Am Legion Liaison	Strait	Parks, Kutsch
Bull & Oyster Roast	Valett	Brown, Clark, Werth, Wittig, Maurer, Bill Z., Strait, Rayment
Blood Drive	Strait	Clark, Dudeck, Valett, Tschantre, Talentino, Rayment
Charter Night	Rayment	Parks
Children's Fair	Maurer	Knauth, R. Smith, Tschantre, Bill Z., Strait, Wittig
Christmas Party	Burns	
Constitution & By Laws	Parks	Kutsch
Eye Glass Collection	Wittig	Burns, Knauth, Valett, Zelenakas
Eye Exams/Hearing Aids	Strait - Hearing Bloomquist - Eyes	Clark, Knauth, Stefany, Werth, Beckett
Finance Committee	Schriner	Jager, Kutsch, Strait
Fourth of July Parade	Siska - Popsicles Parks - Paperwork	
Fruit Sale	Roberts	Brown, Clark, Maurer, R. Smith, Wittig, Bill Z., R. Muchow, Luce (emails), Tschantre (tickets)
Fund Raising	Schriner	Bill Z., Jager
Gary's Gardens	Maurer	Burns, Stefany
Golf Outings	Clark	Stefany
Kinder Fall Fest	Maurer	Clark, Stefany, Wittig, R. Muchow, Werth, Burns, Strait
LASH Reps	Clark, R. Muchow	
LEHP Reps	Burns, N. Earley	
LEO Clubs	Burns, Bill Z.	
Loan Closet	Glenn	
Meals on Wheels	Strait	Wittig, Talentino, Glenn, N. Earley
Meeting Set Up	Maurer, Stefany, Wittig Co-Chairs	
Melvin Jones Fellowships	Bloomquist	All MJF's
Membership	Wittig	Brown, Knauth, Werth - All Members on Committee
Newsletter	O'Neil	Electronic copy only, Knauth will print some copies
Nominations	IPP Horne	Burns, Parks
Pack 688 Liaison	Wittig	
Partners in Care	S. Greene	R. Smith, Strait
Peace Posters	Burns	S. Greene
Picnic	Burns	Clark, Tschantre
PSVSP	Wittig/Strait	Clark, Knauth, Stefany, Werth, R. Muchow, Beckett
Programs	Burns	Werth, Strait
Public Relations		Werth
Rebuilding Together	Clark	Valett, R. Smith, Strait
Scholarships	Wittig	Dare, Knauth, Kutsch, Werth
Scrapbook	Earley	
SP Health Association		Luce, Burns, Horne, Randall, McClellan
SP Chamber of Commerce	Knauth	Bloomquist
SPHS Band Liaison	N. Garczynski	
Teen Court	Rayment	Dare, Dudeck, Knauth, R. Smith, Wittig, S. Greene Strait, Payne, Maurer, Beckett
Twinning	Kutsch	
Sunshine Committee	Knauth	Kutsch
Visitations	R. Smith	Valett, Parks, R. Muchow, Strait
"We Serve"	Rayment	Clark, Valett
Web Site	Kutsch	Parks

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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