



## SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB

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**We Serve**

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The 87<sup>th</sup> Annual MD22 Convention was held at Dover Downs in Delaware from May 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. I didn't hear the final count, but it was well-attended. Representing Severn River were PDG Dick Bloomquist, PDG Bob Muchow, KL George Councill, and Lions Nadja Muchow, Sue Parks, Dale Strait, and Bill Zelenakas. Dover Downs is a great location for these conventions as it's nice to have the meeting space and hotel in the same place. The functions went off well and International President Al Brandel was our featured guest and keynote speaker.

During the 22A Business Meeting, we accepted constitutional amendments and bylaws which permitted the creation of the Second Vice District Governor slot. The 22A elections were then held and were uncontested this year – VDG Senora Haywood was elected District Governor, while Lion John Cullison from Glenwood will fill the First VDG slot and Lion Owen Landis from Jarrettsville will be the first Second Vice District Governor. Club Awards were also presented during this business meeting and **Severn River was again recognized as one of the top Clubs in the District receiving the Advanced Achievement, Activities, Secretary's, Treasurer's, Newsletter, Public Relations, and Web Page Awards.**

All in all, a great convention!  
Lion Sue Parks

### KL George Councill Jr's Message

Fellow Lions,

**Remember to invite your neighbors and friends to our new fundraiser at LEDO's Pizza on June 24. The more the merrier!**

**Many thanks to Lion Bill O'Neil for editing our newsletter this past year and to new member Dave Knabel for agreeing to take it on for the coming year.**

**SRLC owes special thanks to West Arundel Lion Josh Kettenhofen who carried the SRLC Banner during the Memorial Day parade, 25 May, in Washington DC.**

Yours in Lionism, King Lion George



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## Annual Bull and Oyster Roast - A Great Success

The weatherman provided a perfect evening for the annual SRLC bull and oyster roast on Saturday, April 18 as the crowds gathered at the Columbian Center. The crew from Atlantic Caterers had been preparing all afternoon and food was ready as promised at 6:00 pm when guests began to arrive. The menu included pit beef done to order, oysters on the half shell, Maryland crab soup, barbecue, chicken, sauerkraut and kielbasa beans, vegetables assorted cheeses, beverages, and dessert and soon the lines were forming. The twenty six tables were filled with hungry guests who were enjoying the excellent meal and a chance to socialize with friends and neighbors throughout the evening.

Around the perimeter of the hall were tables displaying forty two items that had been donated for the silent auction. Special thanks to Lions Nancy Burns, Dick Bloomquist, Wayne Dudeck, and Sue Parks for contacting area merchants and getting the donations. A program listing the silent auction items and the donors was provided at each table to encourage participation.

Near the stage area was a table displaying the door prize items which area merchants had donated as well. Each donor will get an acknowledging Thank You note to recognize the generous donation. Throughout the evening MC Don Rayment assisted by Bill O'Neil drew names for the lucky door prize winners and by evening's end there were many smiling faces on the winners

Tucked in the back corner was a fortune wheel and the cake wheel where patrons could try their luck by trying to out-guess the spin of the wheel in hopes of a winner. The Lions who manned these wheels put a lot of enthusiasm into this and whoops and hollers could be heard when there was a winner.

This year's big raffle, a cruise for four on the SS John W. Brown, a restored Liberty Ship berthed in Baltimore, was a crowd pleaser. To heighten the suspense this drawing was held off until near the end of the evening. A hush fell over the crowd as the winning ticket was drawn and Don Rayment announced the winner, Lion Bob Engh, Bob was all smiles about his triumph and we wish him smooth sailing.

As the evening neared the end Lions began stacking chair and tables and clearing the hall but plans are already underway for next year's event which is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010 so mark your calendar for a great evening for a good cause. Proceeds from the bull-oyster roast benefit the SRLC Scholarship Program and other worthwhile community projects.

Thanks to all Lions who assisted and attended this great event. See you next year!

Lion Bob Engh Raffle Winner with Lion Don Rayment ~ 4 Tickets on the John Brown



## 2009 – 2010 SRLC OFFICERS

President	Jon Valett	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Trent Kutsch
2 <sup>n</sup> Vice President	Rollins Clark	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Bill O'Neil
Secretary	Sue Parks	Assistant Secretary	Nancy Earley
Treasurer	Chuck Horne	Assistant Treasurer	Joinette Smallwood
Tail Twister	Bill Zelenakas	Lion Tamer	Dick Maurer
2 Year Director	Nancy Burns	2 Year Director	Chris Werth
1 Year Director	Ken Tschantre	1 Year Director	Randy Roberts
Membership Chair	Ollie Wittig	Immediate Past President	George Council Jr.

### S.W.A.T. Scheduled to Sweep Route 2

The following Saturday mornings are scheduled as "Clean – Up" Days for the Severn River Lions Club along the Route 2 corridor from Earleigh Heights Rd, north to Route 10 OR from Earleigh Heights Rd to Whites Rd.

⇒	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM
⇒	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM
⇒	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 AM
⇒	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM
⇒	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM

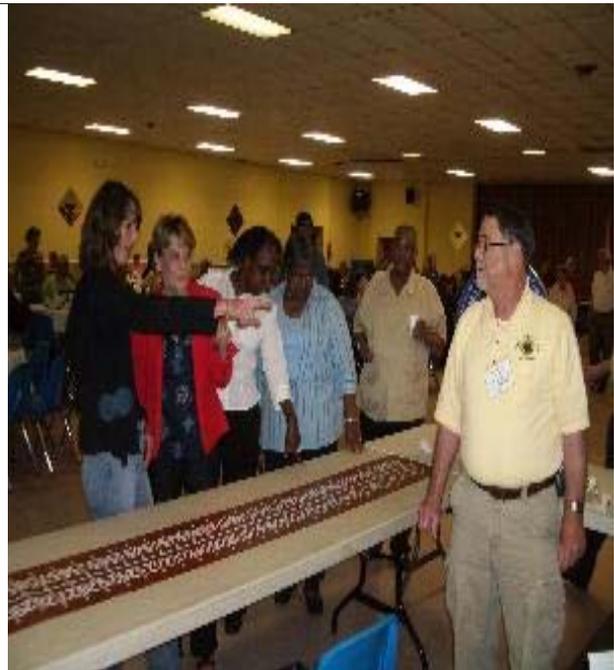


Meeting location will be in the parking lot of the Earleigh Heights Fire Department. Meeting date and time will also be listed on the "sign up sheet," which will be circulated at the dinner meeting prior to each scheduled clean up.

The following Lion members participated in the Adopt-A-Highway project on Saturday May 30th. Pete Geis, Oriey Glenn, Carroll Hicks, Rhine Jager, Randy Roberts, Ray Smith, Dale Strait, Ken Tschantre, Ollie Wittig, Bill "Z" and myself.

We "patrolled" the southern route - from Magothy Bridge Rd. to Whites Rd. The pick up took about an hour, after which the following Lions enjoyed "Breakfast" at Chris' Restaurant (new - next to the Donut Shack) Randy Roberts and his wife Joan, Ollie Wittig, Bill "Z" and myself.

Thanks for your support.  
Chief Maintenance Engineer – Lion Wayne



## **Bull and Oyster Roast Photos**

## **NEW LION DAVID KNABEL**

Born in Washington, DC but a Maryland native at heart, new Lion David Knabel has lived in Takoma Park and Hyattsville before putting down roots in Millersville where he resides with his wife, Chandra, son, Drew, age 9, and daughter, Lauren, age 5.

David attended Concordia Lutheran School and is a graduate of Northwestern High School. He was a Safeway employee during his tenure at Prince Georges Community College and is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a bachelors degree in advertising design.

After graduation from college, David applied his art and advertising skills with the Rental Tools and Equipment Co. and the United Rentals and managed departments that produced catalogs, brochures and literature for these firms. In 2004 David took the initiative to start his own graphics business out of his home - DK Creative Services LLC. Lions have seen a prime example of David's graphics and artistic expertise in the content of the SRLC membership brochure which he produced.

David admits to several spare time avocations. He plays guitar for The Linden Shades, a neighborhood cul de sac band that entertains at community functions. History of World War II is a favorite reading topic of David's. David, with his son, Drew, is actively involved as an adult leader of Cub Scout Pack 688 where he has ably organized the annual Pinewood Derby competition.

We welcome David Knabel to SRLC and we are looking forward to the opportunity to work with him in service to the community.

## **NEW LION LAURIE BISHOP**

New member, Laurie Bishop, is no stranger to Lionism as she learned about how Lions serve the community from her beloved grandfather, Lion Don Smith who passed away earlier this year. Laurie indicated that she hopes to emulate his four decades of service by getting actively involved in our club's many projects.

Laurie is a concerned single Mom whose son, Chase, is graduating from high school this year and plans to join the Marine Corps. Laurie grew up in Anne Arundel County but now calls Easton home and commutes to SRLC meetings and activities. She is active in her church and has served on the Faith Relations Committee for Habitat for Humanity. Her strong faith has helped during her recent bereavement and as she recovers from a motorcycle accident.

Laurie is self employed as the owner of NeedPro, a professional referral service, where she networks, advertises, and markets for service providers and retailers. Her current position grew out of her fifteen year interest in interior decorating in which she is still involved.

Laurie has a variety of other interests as well. She enjoys traveling, photography, designing, clothing construction, gardening and has offered her expertise to other Lions as well.

Laurie is interested in getting acquainted with all the members of SRLC quickly, so please take the initiative and strike up a conversation with new Lion, Laurie Bishop. We welcome her to SRLC and are looking forward to participating with her in the many worthwhile activities in our group.

## **Big Vanilla – Camp Blaze 2009**

The weather might have been overcast and drizzly but that did not discourage the crowds of parents and children who showed for the annual Camp Blaze at the Big Vanilla on Saturday, May 2, 2009. A large climbing wall, food concessions, strolling clowns, and the Lions ticket tent welcomed the guests as they arrived. Inside the main building a variety of vendors gave out information and freebies to the guests. A large stage at one end featured gymnast, dancers, a band, and costumed clowns to add to the entertainment.

Dick Maurer and his cast of stellar ticket sellers, Dick Bloomquist, KL George Councill, Sue Parks, Don Rayment, Randy Roberts, and Jon Valett, gathered under the canopy and cheerfully sold tickets to the crowds so that they could snack, drink and refresh during the day. They were not daunted by the periodic drizzle and forged on with few breaks.

Inside, the PSVSP screening team, Chuck Horne, Leanna Maurer, Dale Strait, Ken Tschantre, and Ollie Wittig, set up the operation in the lower level. Colorful signs directed parents to the screening area where the Lions conducted the Titmus test for checking depth perception and the SureSight screening to assess whether the youngster had any of the amblyogenic conditions that could cause lazy eye. The SureSight's instant readout allowed the Lions to immediately inform parents if the child passed or should be seen by a pediatric ophthalmologist for a professional examination. A total of thirty three youngsters were screened and the results indicated two children were REFER and should have professional care. As always, working with the three to six year olds is both a delight and a challenge but the creativity of the Lions made this a fun event for the youngsters who were very happy to get their "A Lion Screened My Eyes sticker."

## **SRLC Donations for 2008 - 2009**

The SRLC has donated over \$22,000 dollars to the following organizations during 2008 – 2009:

American Legion Post 175, Community Center of Severna Park, Friends of Kinder Park, Health Center of Severna Park, Meals on Wheels, Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Parade, Partners in Care, Severna Park Assistance network (SPAN), AACC Scholarship, Broadneck High School Scholarships, Severna Park High School Scholarships, Blind Deaf Camp, LASH, Leader Dogs, Lions Quest 22A, LVRFF, Radio Reading Network, Boy Scout Troup 216, Cub Scout Pack 688, Girl Scouts, Leo Clubs, Lions Camp Merrick Scholarships, Middle School Peace Posters, SPSB Band Boosters

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[HTTP://MY.CALENDARS.NET/SRLC](http://my.calendars.net/srlc)

JUNE 8      BLOOD DRIVE AT ELKS CLUB

JUNE 9      LIONS BOARD MEETING

JUNE 16     SRLC TURNOVER MEETING

JUNE 20     SWAT

JUNE 24     LEDO PIZZA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

JUNE 26     DISTRICT TURNOVER

JUNE 27     SRLC RETREAT

JULY 4      SEVERNA PARK 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY PARADE

JULY 7      SRLC GENERAL MEETING

### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### **JUNE**

George Councill – 9

Bill O’Neil – 29

#### **JULY**

Myra Payne – 7

Laurie Bishop – 12

Bob Muchow – 16

Bob Siska – 18

Jack White – 18

Dale Strait – 19



<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CLUB DONATIONS</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>MAY</b>
<b>Health</b>	200.00	162	57
<b>Diabetes Awareness</b>	650.00	0	0
<b>Sight</b>	1,950.00	535	23
<b>Hearing</b>	0.00	32	3
<b>LASH</b>	1,150.00	58	10
<b>Youth</b>	16,198.31	280	30
<b>Community</b>	2,939.65	886	93
<b>Environment</b>	0.00	122	23
<b>International Relations</b>	0.00	13	0
<b>Lionism</b>	0.00	3274	501
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23,087.96</b>	<b>5362</b>	<b>740</b>