

SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

June 2018 SRLC Newsletter

Fellow Lions,



As the Blue Angels salute the graduating Midshipmen who are going on to their future careers, I'm closing out my presidential year 2017 to 2018 with thanks to all of you who have served the community this year.

My time as president of Severn River has been extremely rewarding. I worked most of the activities and events and feel really good about our community service projects and fundraisers we've sponsored.

I especially liked working the IRONMAN 'Across the Bay 10K' event last fall and which we'll again participate in this coming September 29th. One of our last functions of this Lions Year will be the Strides Walk for Diabetes on June 23rd – please come out to the Health Association building (714 B&A Blvd) to help out, walk, or bike the Trail.

Voting for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors will be at the dinner meeting on June 5 2018. Please turn out and vote.

| Position | 2018-2019 |
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| President | Chuck Horne |
| 1st VP | Chris Werth |
| 2nd VP | Suzette Kettenhofen |
| 3rd VP | Jon Valett |
| 2 Year Director | Jim Coolbaugh |
| 2 Year Director | Nancy Earley |
| 1 Year Director | Catherine Violette |
| 1 Year Director | Bill Stack |
| Tail Twister | Rollins Clark |
| Lion Tamer | Tilghman Bryce |
| Treasurer | Sue Parks |
| Asst Treasurer | Bruce Shriner |
| Secretary | Carl Gilbert |
| Asst Secretary | Dick Maurer |
| Membership | Joinette Smallwood |
| IPP | Jackie Hetrick |

I also enjoyed helping people with the Medical Loan Closet as Chair. To help people in their time of need is gratifying. Our sponsored Cub Pack 688 is strong and well and Severn River helps them with a number of events. A banner is on the horizon to remind them when to call on us for help!

In addition, our pizza fundraisers with Ledo and Mod have supplemented monies coming in with our Fantastical Fruit Sales, Nuts, Candies, and Candle sales.

Under incoming president Lion Chuck, we'll continue new endeavors and achieve great success! We are a proud group and intend to remain that way!

Please accept my sincere gratitude for electing me to serve as president this past year! Your support and care made it happen. I am thankful to have friends like you.

Publisher Lion Bill O'Neil

Your soon-to-be exiting Kind Hearted King Lion,
Jackie

Scholarship Winners in 2018

On April 15 the scholarship committee convened to make final selection for the scholarship winners for 2018. The committee, Sue Parks, Suzette Kettenhofen, Joinette Smallwood, and Ollie Wittig had previously reviewed the seven applications from Broadneck HS and six applications from Severna Park HS and the meeting was intended to select a finalist from each of the high school. As expected there had to be some discussion and compromising before the finalist were identified. The Lions considered the family total income, number of school age family members, the school and community activities the applicant participated in, honors earned, colleges applied for, scholarships awarded by other groups, the applicants essay, teacher recommendations, current GPA-grade point average, class rank, and enrollment in Honors and Advanced Placement classes in the school years. After discussion and compromising the winner for Broadneck HS is **Casey Nathan**. During the four years at BHS Casey took seventeen Honors courses, 13 Advanced Placement courses, and earned a 4.38 grade point average. Casey will be attending Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania this fall and with that academic record Casey should do very well. At Severna Park HS, the winner is **Summer Tambascio**. During the time at SPHS Summer completed 41 Honors courses and 3 Advanced Placement courses, and earned at 4.02 grade point average. The final winners have displayed considerable academic talent, involvement in school and community activities, and are on course to be successful during the next four years in college. The scholarship winners and their parent will be invited to attend an SRLC meeting in the near future and enable our club to meet these very talented seniors.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

A sea of Lions from Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia wearing yellow shirts, carrying their club banners and shouting out - L I O N S - spells Lions and What do we do: WE SERVE... had a great time telling crowds on both sides of Constitution Ave what we do..

The day was dry yet cloudy as groups of marchers covering all branches of government and regiments that supported missions of conflict around the world as they passed by the thousands of spectators...

An added treat was the Lions Float featuring veterans and VIP's... in the photo back ground you see the sea of Lions preparing to march..



Standing on the front end of the Lions Float, left to right Joe Madison, talk show host for the Urban View, Lion Sid Scruggs, Past International President, Miss America Cara Mund and Lion Clem Kusiak, Past International President..

Loading and Sorting

On April 13 Lions Carl Gilbert, Dick Maurer, Bill Zelenakas, and Ollie Wittig gathered to load all of the eyeglasses that had been given to SRLC since October. The energetic Lions loaded about fifty cartons and bags of eyeglasses from our clubs twelve pickup location and it was estimated that 2,000 pairs of eyeglasses had been collected. Dick's van was really full and then the Lions all gathered to rehydrate after the loading was finished. On Saturday, April 14 the same four energetic Lions journeyed the Maryland School for the Blind to join with Lions from other clubs in the District to sort glasses that will be packaged, sanitized, and graded before being sent to needy countries. Eyeglass collecting is a major charitable activity for all Lions clubs and benefit the less fortunate. A large stack of collection boxes and bags were brought into Knefly Hall. A line of tables had been set up and containers ready for sorting as eyeglasses, sunglasses, frames, and eyeglass containers. Nearly seventy Lions from all over the District sorted and packaged the glasses for nearly two hours and as the boxes for the collections was full they were taken to Joey Livingston to box and tape and get ready to ship. It wasn't all work and off to one side was a table with coffee, tea, and doughnuts to refresh the workers and lots of socializing could be heard. It was announced that an estimated 20,000 pairs of eyeglasses had been sorted and Lions were given a hearty "thank you" for collecting and sorting. All Lions should consider taking part in a sorting and get to mix and mingle with Lions from the District for this worthwhile event.



Long Serving Lions Recognized

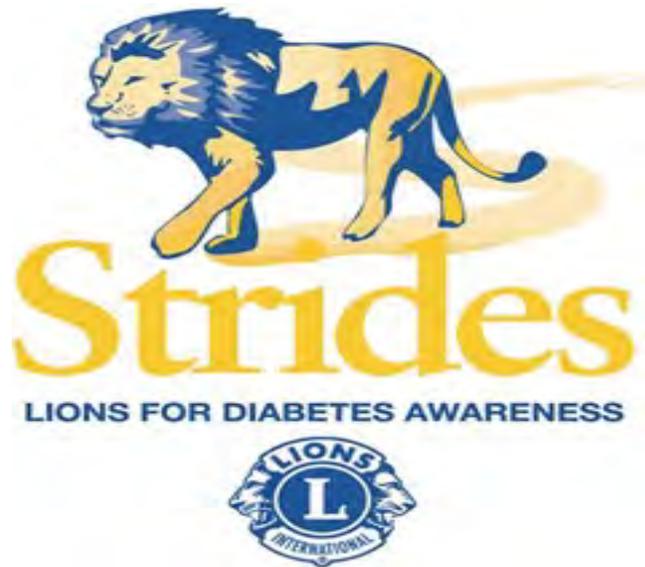
Three Lions who have rendered service for many years were recognized at the gathering of Lions on April 17. Lion **Ray Smith** has been an active member for fifty five (55) years, Lion **George Council** has served the club and community in many ways for forty (40) years and Lion **Bill Zelenakas** has been a contributing Lion for twenty-five (25) years. These Lions have been a model for other members and their service has been appreciated. The long serving Lions were presented a certificate of recognition, a medallion pin, and a congratulatory letter from the LCI. Other Lions can use these members as “role models” and contribute to the clubs many projects.



Citrus Season Finale

On St. Patrick's Day the Lions last citrus sale of the season was held at the Baptist Church on Benfield. The setup began before the sun rose. The large truck was unloaded and the pallets of delicious grapefruit and Valencia oranges were placed. Several Lions and two energetic band students set up two sales booths and by the time the sun rose everything was ready for 131 customers who had ordered fruit. As always King Orange Carl and Jon had ordered some extra fruit for customers who “forgot to order”. A box of doughnut holes and a thermos of coffee were on the line to warm up the workers. Customers began to arrive, drove up to the booths, gave their names, paid, and were given a receipt to take to the pickup lines. Line workers greeted the customers, got their receipts, loaded the fruit, thanked them for the order, and reminded them of the next sale in November. As the morning progressed the stacks of citrus dwindled and close down began. For many years the citrus sales have been SRLC's main income that helps to support our club's many charitable activities and this will continue again next fall when the first Sale will be in November.

Central Maryland Lions
Strides Against Diabetes



Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:00 to 11:30 AM

FRIENDS PARK

35 E. Jarrettsville Road

Forest Hill, MD 21040

B&A TRAIL

Health Association Building

714 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.

Severna Park, MD 21146

Registration:

\$15/Adult and \$10/Students & Seniors; Children under six (6) are free

Region 1 contact: Lion Jackie Hetrick – jhetrick1@verizon.net

Lion Suzette Kettenhofen – k10hofn2@yahoo.com

Lion Sheila LoCastro – salocastro184@gmail.com

Refreshments and water will be provided.

Onsite restrooms available

Charter Presentation

Cub Scout Pack 688 was scheduled to receive the annual charter on May 9 and Ollie Wittig was invited to attend and present the charter to Cubmaster Kevin Chasse at the Shipley's Choice School. Roy Pinto, Four Rivers commissioner, represented the Four Rivers District and presented the charter. Roy complimented the Pack for being so active and Scout like and gave a brief review of the annual chartering process. He mentioned the many activities the Pack is involved in and complimented SRLC, the charter partner, for also being involved with Pack activities. Ollie Wittig was introduced and received the charter document which he then presented to Cubmaster Kevin Chasse. For years SRLC has assisted the Pack with their activities which include the Bridging ceremony where Lions do the cooking, the bicycle rodeo, raingutter regatta, and the annual "pizza challenge" where Lions challenge the Cubs to collect more non-perishable food for Span and the "loser" must buy pizza for the "winner." The Pack has managed to win this challenge for years but were reminded that SRLC plans to win this year and -we shall see. SRLC is fortunate to have this affiliation with Pack 688 and have the opportunity to interact with the Cub Scouts and parents at the events. Go Pack 688!



SEVERN RIVER LIONS

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CUB SCOUT PACK 688



BIKE RODEO
Pre-Ride Bike Safety Check by Qualified Lions

CUB SCOUT DERBY
Cubs race cars they craft, Lions are Judges

RAINGUTTER REGATTA BOAT RACE
Cubs Craft small wooden boat from kit, Lions are Judges

LIONS & CUBS ANNUAL PIZZA CHALLENGE
Cubs Accept Lions Challenge to collect food to be donated to SPAN. Winner treated to pizza.

CUB PACK 688 BRIDGING CEREMONY
Cubs "graduate" to Boy Scouts. Lions "grilling" for scouts and parents.

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Lions Cook For The Pack

On Saturday, June 2 Lions Tilghman Brice, George Council. Jackie Hetrick, Carl Gilbert, Clem Kusiak , and Bill O'Neil journeyed to Lake Waterford Park for Cub Scout Pack 688's annual Bridging Ceremony to celebrate the older boys "graduation" from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. For at least nine years Severn River Lions have been invited to man the grill so that the parents would be available to take part in the ceremony with their sons. The Lions arrived early to wheel George's big grill to the Blue Jay Pavillion. As the ceremony began at the park bridge the Lions chefs began grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for the crowd that was expected to return soon. Stacks of delicious burgers and hot dogs were ready when the Cub Scouts and parents returned to the pavilion. The lines formed and the food began to disappear. Pack leaders thanked the Lions for doing the cooking and promised to invite us back again next year. Pack 688 is one of the most active units in the local Scout district and it has been a pleasure to assist them over the years



