

# SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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June 2019 SRLC Newsletter

## 97th MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 97th Convention is in the history books. Five members of Severn River—Lions Clem, Jeanne, Jackie, Sue and Chuck—enjoyed the experience of spending time with International President Gudrun

Yngvadottir. She is an incredible speaker and urged us to focus 'beyond the horizon' and bring new voices into Lionism. At the Multiple District Banquet, Lion Sue was awarded an International President's Leadership Medal. At the District Meeting, the Club received



District awards for Activities, Newsletter, Website, Public Relations, 100% Secretary, 100% Treasurer, and 100% Membership and FVDG Sam Foster was elected District Governor for Lions Year 2019-2020. A great convention and we're back in Ocean City next year!

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## Eyeglass Delivery Day

On Saturday, April 13 Lion Dick Maurer, Carl Gilbert, and Ollie Wittig journeyed to Maryland School For The Blind to deliver about three dozen cartons of eyeglasses for the Districts semi-annual sorting and packaging. Upon arrival Lions were greeted by Lion Joey Livingston and told that the sorting would not be held today due to some problem with the delivery trailer but would be rescheduled for a later date. The glasses in Dick's van were unloaded into an auxiliary trailer for temporary storage until an alternate sorting date is announced. Eyeglasses from other clubs were loaded into the trailer and Lions had a chance to socialize before returning home. What normally would have been a four hour project was cut in half but we will be ready for the sorting when a new date is announced.



Eye Glass Screening at AA Community College Health Fair

## Successful Loading

On Friday afternoon, April 12 Lions Carl Gilbert, Dick Maurer, Bill Zelenakas, and Ollie Wittig gathered at the Wittig household to load about three dozen cartons of eyeglasses that SRLC had collected in the past six months. A sprinkle of rain did deter the Lions who went to the basement to get the cartons which were then carried up the steps and placed in Lion Dick's van and after about twenty minutes of loading the van was full. Annapolis Lions had also given Dick eyeglasses that the club had collected and these will be taken to the Maryland School for the Blind on Saturday, April 13 for the District's semi-annual eyeglass collection. Collecting eyeglasses at about a dozen locations is just one of SRLC's projects that meet the Lions motto "We Serve". And collections will continue. When the loading was completed Lions ventured to the screened porch to rehydrate after the "stressful" loading and good conversation could be heard for the next half hour and then the loading "adjourned."



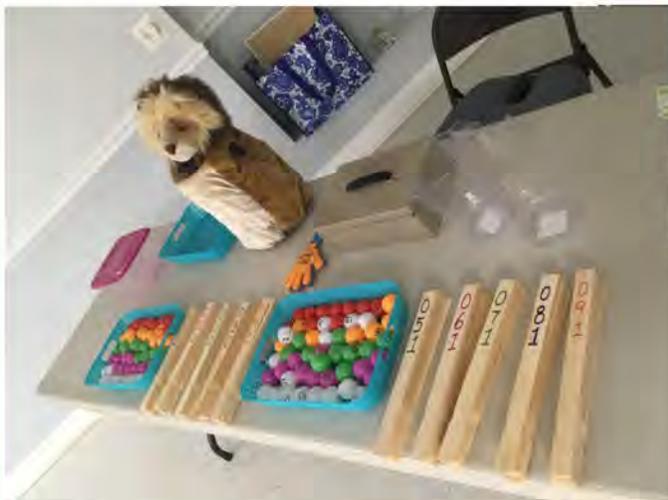
Relaxing Eye Glass Sorters i

## What A Great Meeting !

The SRLC meeting on March 19 was a memorable event and twenty one Lions and five special guests were at the Legion Hall. The Legion auxiliary chefs had prepared a delicious meal-roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, and delicious desserts. Aurora Nelson from Severn River Middle School is the 2019 Peace Poster winner and she was presented the prize and an SRLC mug. The special guest speakers were Barbi Smole and son, Sean and they told us of Sean's eye condition, Coats disease. This disease affects new borns and babies and can lead to blindness if not treated. Seans condition was diagnosed very early and the treatment prevented blindness. Sean currently wears eyeglasses but is able to function well. The Smoles and the Nelson were applauded. The KL then began the business part of the meeting. Items on the agenda included visitations report and SRLC has met this requirement. Dick Maurer announced that there will be a planning session for the July 4 parade and SRLC's participation. Lions were asked if there is interest in attending a Baysox baseball game again this year and the response was positive. Lion Sue Parks told about a Baysox fund raising program that can provide financial award to participants and this program will be discussed at the next Board meeting in April. Members were reminded that the next eyeglass sorting will be April 13 and assistance is needed to load nearly thirty-30-cartons of eyeglasses to take to Maryland School for the Blind for the sorting event. The attendees recognized and applauded the Legion Lady chefs for a delicious meal. KL Chuck adjourned the meeting and the "cleanup" began but we will be back for the next Lions gathering on April 2 so mark the calendar.

## QUARTER AUCTION

At our General Membership Meeting on May 21, we had a trial run of a potential new fundraiser. Lion Jackie and her committee of Lions Suzette, Tiffany, and Lillian, had put together baskets as prizes and assembled items necessary to hold the Quarter Auction. With the help of Lions Brenda Conjour and Becky Kennedy from the Aberdeen Lioness Lions Club, we were trained on the process and spent a nice time winning prizes with our quarters. At our next Board meeting we'll consider whether we should take this public. Stay tuned...



Quarter Auction supplies



Prizes

### What A Memorable Meeting

On May 21 Lions gathered at the Legion and socialized before getting down to business. The Legion lady chefs had prepared a delicious meal and Lions enjoyed dining. At the conclusion of the meal KL Chuck called the meeting to order which began with the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of America, an invocation, and the Lions toast. KL Chuck introduced two new members who were inducted that evening. Tiffany Curtis and Ashley Sanford who were sponsored by Lion Sue Parks were inducted by PIP Clem Kusiak and were presented with membership certificates and a membership badge. Tiffany and Ashley promised to be active members and contribute to SRLC. The meeting followed the usual routine, KL remarks, treasurer's report, and membership. A prospective member, John Overholser was introduced by Lion Ollie who met John at Meals on Wheels. New business was brief and included a treasurer's report showing proposed spending by SRLC and a MD Convention Report . KL Chuck told about the YMCA vision screening report that several club members had assisted with. Several upcoming events were presented and included the Bowie Baysox baseball game on July 20 which new Lion Tiffany said would be a fund raiser for SRLC. Lion Ollie reminded members of Pack 688 Bridging on June 1 where Lions chefs will do the cooking so parents can participate with their sons. Certificates for the 2019 scholarships at Severna Park HS and Broadneck HS will be presented by Lions Chuck and Ollie and the winners and parents will be invited to attend an SRLC meeting in the future. The business meeting was concluded and then the fun began. The Quarter Auction got underway. Two large table contained prizes that had been donated. Members purchased paddles to use during the auction. Items were held up individually and Lions could bid on them. There was quite a variety of auction items and the bidding lasted for at least a half hour. Proceeds from the Quarter Auction will go to SRLC's treasury. This was an enjoyable event and should be considered for a repeat in the future. KL Chuck thanked all attendees and adjourned this memorable meeting.

### Scholarship Winners For 2019 Chosen

On May 3 Lions Sue Parks, Joinette Smallwood, Bill Stack, and Ollie Wittig met to finalize the selection of scholarship applications from the local high schools. Severna Park High had submitted four applications and Broadneck High had sent two applications. Lions had previously reviewed the applications online and this meeting was to select a finalist from each school. The applications contained information about the families income, whether other siblings were attending college, activities participated in at the schools, whether other scholarships had been applied for or accepted, recommendation letters from two faculty members, an applicant's essay, the applicant's class rank, and the number of honors and advanced courses the students had taken during their high school careers. All of the applicants had very good credentials and a final decision for a winner required some discussion and compromising but decisions were reached. From Severna Park High the winner was **McKenzie Davis** who had taken twenty honors and advanced placement courses. From Broadneck High School the winner was **Maya Evers** . The recipients will be presented a one time scholarship valued at \$1,500. Both McKenzie and Maya and their parents will be invited to attend a Lions meeting later so that we can applaud them and wish them the best during their college careers. The scholarships are just one of the many service projects that SRLC performs to benefit the community and the club lives up to the motto "We Serve."

## Severn River Welcomes New Members Lions Tiffany Curtis and Ashley Sanford



***PIP Clem performed induction ceremony of two new Lions at our General Membership Meeting on May 21.***

***From left - Sponsor Lion Sue Parks, new Lions Ashley Sanford and Tiffany Curtis, KL Chuck Horne, and PIP Clem Kusiak.***

### **Let's Meet Lion Ashley**

Ashley grew up in Bowie, MD and prior to moving to Cape St Claire earlier this year, she lived in Owings MD, New Hampshire, and Baltimore. She received her Master's in Applied Sociology from UMBC and prior to becoming a full time parent she worked for the State of New Hampshire as a Family Service Specialist determining federal benefits for her clients.

Ashley met her husband Blair, who is a Merchant Marine, when they were kids (he lived in the house behind her). When Ashley is not busy with her two young kids, she loves to read, do arts and crafts, weight lift, listen to music & go to concerts, and advocate for those with mental health disorders and those living with chronic pain. Ashley is currently pursuing study to become a personal trainer to work with clients who have chronic or temporary health conditions and prenatal and postpartum women.

**Ashley's son, Cathan, was diagnosed at 4 months with congenital glaucoma which led her to pursue membership with the Severn River Lions Club.** She is excited to be a new member and is ready to serve the community.

### **Let's Meet Lion Tiffany**

Tiffany is 37, married to Brian, proud mother of 2 boys and committed to service work within the community. She spent 17 years in the retail world which instilled the value of service to people. She is currently owner and managing director of Armored Heart Insurance specializing in providing education of Life Insurance through community events and seminars. Tiffany is known to be the "I know a guy" resource to people who know her because of her natural ability to build relationships with everyone she meets. She is also a founding member of Community Resource Group in Bowie, MD where their mission is "Connecting people with people who care." Through the Group, she assists her clients and community in finding resources that she would trust her own family with.

Tiffany believes in the Lion's mission of looking at the past to understand the success of today! After a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis in 2013 at 31 Tiffany took up a hobby of gardening for healthy movement and stress relief. Each year the garden has grown in size with 2018's record for her of 1000 square feet and an 8x36 foot greenhouse. Tiffany is an active member of MS YANA (a small organization for people with MS) and Heartlink, a women to women group that helps women build their businesses and still raise kids, take care of home and be superwomen. No matter what is going on in her life, Tiffany will stop everything to help someone in need. Tiffany is always seeking out ways to improve herself and grow her mind through learning something new each week, reading at least 2 books and meditation.

## Lions Chefs Do The Cooking

On Saturday, June 1 eight Lions chefs, Tilghman Brice, George Councill, Carl Gilbert, Jackie Hetrick, Clem Kusiak, Dick Maurer, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas journeyed to Lake Waterford Park for Pack 688' annual Bridging ceremony where the Cub Scouts advance in rank and receive a variety of awards. Arriving Lions helped set up George Councils large grill and prepare to cook for the crowd of around 160 Cub Scouts and parents. Lions have been doing



the cooking at this annual event for at least six years and this enables the parents to participate in the Bridging ceremony with their sons. Lions have enjoyed doing the cooking and being able to interact with the boys and their parents. This is just one of several activities that SRLC assists with and we look forward to continuing. While the Bridging ceremony progressed Lions chefs prepared to grill hot dogs, hamburgers, and cheese burgers for all of the hungry celebrants. Parents had also brought a variety of appetizers, main dishes, and desserts and the food line was ready. Cub

Scouts and parents lined up and "the serving began" The comments by everyone confirmed that this was going to be a delicious meal wrap up the awards ceremony. Pack 688 will join SRLC in the July 4 parade again. And later this summer Lions will assist with the Pack's annual Raingutter Regatta and this is just one of several event Lions assist with for Pack 688 and we enjoy these opportunities. Go Pack 688 and SRLC !



## Century - Future Leader Dog Extraordinaire!

In April we voted to sponsor Future Leader Dog Century. Here's the info we received from Leader Dog.

NAME: Century

BREED: Golden retriever



PERSONALITY: Confident, Observant, Upbeat

GENDER: Female

FAVORITE TOY: Toppl Treat Toy by West Paw

ZODIAC SIGN: Aries

LINEAGE: Dam/Mom: Moonbeam, golden retriever  
Sire/Dad: Myles, golden retriever

GROWING UP IN: Michigan



### Official Certificate of Sponsorship

Future Leader Dog  
**Century**

SPONSORED BY: *Severn River Lions Club*  
2019



Thank you for your dedication and support of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

NAME: Century

#### NAMING:

Though a puppy raiser normally chooses the name of their puppy, Century's name was chosen by the family that hosts Leader Dog Mom Moonbeam. The family asked the raiser to use the name Century because the little golden retriever was the 100th Leader Dog puppy born in their home.

#### FAMILY LIFE:

Century lives with a busy family of five. She also has a canine friend in the house, Chief, a six-year-old German shepherd. Century and Chief love sprinting around the house together, then cuddling when they are through.

#### PLAYTIME:

One of Century's favorite games is hide-and-go-seek. Her puppy raiser hides in a closet or behind a door and Century runs throughout the house trying to find her. Like most young dogs, it takes a lot of "seeking" to tire her out.

#### PERSONALITY:

Though she loves activity, Century's cuddly side comes out when it's time to relax on the floor with a family member and watch Animal Planet. When there's a dog on the screen, Century nods her head back and forth with delight.

#### SOCIALIZATION:

Once when shopping, Century was startled by the "dog in the mirror." Her curiosity got the best of her and she nosed up to the mirror to make sure the dog wasn't real. She proceeded to do this in every mirror in the store. Luckily, this did not become a bad habit. Now she ignores the "dog in the mirror," which is hard because she is really cute!

#### TRAINING:

Century loves to be out in public and would train all day long if she could. She is really interested in other dogs when walking, so her puppy raiser is working on the "leave it" command when Century's focus starts to waver.

