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2007

# Severn River Lions Club

1956 – 2007

President – King Lion Sue Parks



**WE SERVE  
AND  
SHARE THE FUN**

**EDITOR  
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SUE PARKS**

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Happy March Fellow Lions,

This newsletter is finished except for the King Lions Roar which means I'm staring at a blank column - obviously it won't stay that way long. We've had an incredibly busy winter and are looking forward to an even more demanding spring.

Our final fruit sale of the season is this month which means a huge thanks goes out to IPP Randy for his work as Fruit Sale Chair. But now it's time for us to get to work on our annual Bull & Oyster Roast scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>. Have you sold your tickets? Do you need a few more? Contact Lion Nancy Burns (410/647-2756). Do you have an item to donate to the Silent Auction – contact Lion Wayne Dudeck (who is also coming out of his winter break as Chief Highway Engineer – the SWAT pickup schedule will be in the next newsletter.)

Have you got a little spare blood for the vampire's blood drive on March 5<sup>th</sup>? What about an hour or two to participate in some scheduled pre-school vision screenings? Don't know how? No worries – see page 3 for information on scheduled training.

We'll celebrate our 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary at Michael's 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Glen Burnie on April 3 and Worldwide Induction Day on April 17<sup>th</sup> – have you talked to any of your family or friends lately about becoming a Lion? Let's have a group (group = at least 2) induction to celebrate Worldwide Induction Day.

Along with May flowers will come our annual participation in the Camp Blaze Children's Fair and the MD 22 Convention (have you registered yet?). And before you know it, June will bring us our Leos picnic, club officer turnover, and 22-A turnover which will mean our own VDG Dick Bloomquist will assume the exalted position of District Governor.

Are we having fun yet? I think so – I just wish more of you would come out and join in the camaraderie and fellowship we enjoy at our monthly general membership meetings. In March we'll hear about The Lost Boys of Sudan on 3/6 and celebrate St. Patrick's Day and hold election of officers on 3/20. Please join us as we serve and share the fun!

Yours in Lionism, KL Sue

# ELECTION OF 2007 – 2008 SRLC OFFICERS

On March 20, 2007, Severn River will elect officers at the General Membership Meeting. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Lions Randy Roberts, Chuck Horne, Wayne Dudeck, Ray Smith, and Sue Parks, placed the names below on the ballot at our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please be sure to come to the election meeting to show your support for the incoming officers.

PRESIDENT	LION CHUCK HORNE
1 <sup>ST</sup> VP	LION GEORGE COUNCILL
2 <sup>ND</sup> VP	LION JON VALETT
3 <sup>RD</sup> VP	LION TRENT KUTSCH
SECRETARY	LION OLLIE WITTIG
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	LION DICK MAURER
TREASURER	LION DALE STRAIT
ASSISTANT TREASURER	LION ROLLINS CLARK
TAIL TWISTER	LION SHIRLEY GREENE
LION TAMER	LION RANDY ROBERTS
2 YEAR DIRECTOR	LION BARRY JOHNSON
2 YEAR DIRECTOR	LION BILL O'NEIL
1 YEAR DIRECTOR	LION MILUM GREENE
1 YEAR DIRECTOR	LION NADJA MUCHOW
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	LION ROGER KNAUTH

## We Serve Award

Secretary Jon Valett is chairing the search for the 2007 We Serve honoree. As background, Lion Don Rayment advised:

*The Severn River Lions Club established the "WE SERVE" Award for Community Service as a means of annually recognizing a citizen of Anne Arundel County who is not a member of Lions Clubs International and who selflessly served his or her community in some laudable way. Selection for this significant award may arise from either a person's exemplary performance of duties or voluntary contributions of exceptional time and talents, or a combination thereof.*

All Club Members are asked to consider submitting worthy candidate names, including a thumbnail sketch of the person's accomplishments. Lion Jon and his committee will then consider the nominations and recommend one or two finalists to the Board for selection. Every effort is made to keep that name a secret.



**the Vampire Show**

It's a jungle out there. Sharp things, accidents, people getting hurt, people needing blood. I may be wrong, but I don't think so. REMEMBER! Sign up for the next blood drive drawing at the Elks Lodge from 1 to 7 pm on Monday, March 5, 2007. You have to be there to win. Give a little to save a lot.

**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL LUNCHEON  
HONORING MELVIN JONES FELLOWS  
OF DISTRICT 22-A  
SUNDAY, March 18, 2007  
SOCIAL 1:00 PM - LUNCHEON 1:30 PM  
RICHLIN BALLROOM, EDGEWOOD, MARYLAND  
FOR ALL DISTRICT 22-A MELVIN JONES FELLOWS  
AND THEIR GUESTS**

(SPOUSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND)

**No Tickets will be issued  
COST: \$22.00 PER PERSON**

**RSVP BY March 1, 2007 (Call or email PDG Keith if you haven't reserved your place yet.)**

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "DISTRICT 22-A" AND MAIL TO:  
KEITH A. WILLIAMS, PDG, 424 JOPPA FARM ROAD, JOPPA, MARYLAND 21085  
410/679-1881 keithwilliams@comcast.net

**District 22-A  
Preschool Vision Screening Program**

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**The next Preschool Vision Screening Training Sessions is scheduled for:**

**Saturday, March 17, 2007\*\*  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Edgewood Lions Medical Building  
2104 Trimble Road  
Edgewood, Maryland**

**\*\*Lions wearing GREEN admitted free!**

**Clubs that have not completed training are urged to have a team attend. Other clubs are also invited to send additional members for training.**

**The sessions will emphasize an overview of the PSVSP program, operation of the photoscreener camera, photo readability, administering the PSVSP program at the club level, and getting a PSVSP program started in your club's service area.**

**Please call or email by *Wednesday, March 14, 2007* with the names of the members of your club attending the training on March 17.**

**Lion Ollie Wittig 410-647-7338 ~ email: witbrew@comcast.net**

**or**

**Lion Dale Strait 410-987-4879 ~ email: dalestrait@alum.mit.edu**

# FABULOUS FRUIT SALES IN PROGRESS



Lions Randy (Fruit Sale Chair) & Chuck (Immediate Past Fruit Sale Chair) helping to load some oranges?



SPHS Band members Michael Hughes, Sharon Porter, Kelly Tragesser, Julianne Sabatino and Michael Gustafson helped out on this cold February day.



Customers line up (in the background) to pay for their fruit

## FINAL FABULOUS FRUIT SALE (for 2006 – 2007 season that is)



Lions Bill Z, Ollie, Art, Dick, Roger, and Trent take a break from the cold.

Mark your calendars – 100% membership participation event – get your orders in early and be on hand for the distribution!

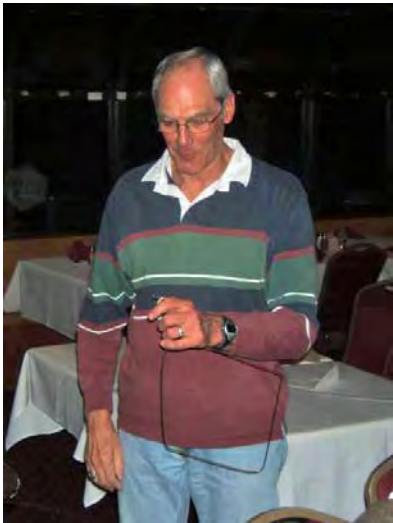
Order Deadline:      Distribution Date:

MARCH 17

MARCH 24

# FAREWELL TO LION GEORGE JENKINS

Lion George Jenkins, a 20 year member of SRLC, retired from Lockheed Martin this month and he and Dianne are joining other family in Charleston, South Carolina. I'll personally miss Lion George who sponsored me in June 2002. We couldn't let him get away without a little farewell and good luck celebration where he was presented with an Outstanding Service Award for 20 years of dedicated service and a Lifetime Achievement Award in the form of a National Motor Vehicle Drivers License for his ability to deal with Old Blue. He was also given the key to Old Blue but I think someone forgot to tell him Old Blue was leaving us. (See next page.)



Maryke Meyers and Lions Bill Meyers & Wayne Dudeck were on hand for the celebration



Lion George's wife Dianne, Lions Bill Z, Rollins Clark, George, and Bill O'Neil shared some memories.

# FAREWELL TO OLD BLUE

Almost as traumatic as losing Lion George is the loss of Old Blue which has been retired to greener pastures (or the aluminum recycling pile). Many thanks to Treasurer Bill O'Neil for documenting the transition and to the committee – Lions Trent Kutsch, Roger Knauth, Dick Maurer, Dale Strait, George Council, Ken Tschantre, and Chuck Horne (did I miss anyone?) for their time and commitment to finding us a vehicle that will take us thru the next 20, 30, 40 years...



Lions Ken Tschantre, Dick Maurer, and Dale Strait give a final salute to Old Blue.



And note the nice lift gate to help us out in our dotage.



# SEVERN RIVER CELEBRATES MARDI GRAS

Along with our speakers from REACH (REsidents Access to a Coalition of Health) Adrienne Hughes and Nan Bellini, and our guests from the South Anne Arundel Lions Club, Severn River celebrated Mardi Gras at our February 20<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting. I don't remember anyone throwing beads but the coins sure were flying!



Speakers Adrienne Hughes and Nan Bellini from REACH

**Minutes of February 6, 2007**

Board of Directors Meeting

Severn River Lions Club

DRAFT – To be approved at the March 13th Board of Director’s Meeting



**Attendees:**

**Board:**

Rollins Clark	George Council	Milum Greene	Shirley Greene
Chuck Horne	Roger Knauth	Nadja Muchow	Bill O’Neil
Sue Parks	Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett

**Other Members:**

Don Rayment

The Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors’ Meeting was called to order by KL Sue Parks at 6:30, with twelve board members present.

- **Cruise** – Lion Nancy Burns proposed a fundraising cruise for October 23 to November 5<sup>th</sup>, with proceeds to go to Youth of Maryland Low Vision Fund of LVRF. Lion George Council moved to approve as a group project, Lion Bill O’Neil seconded and motion approved unanimously. Lion Nancy Burns will coordinate.
- **Charter Night** – Lion Don Rayment asked the board if we wanted to go through with Charter Night given the number of attendees that were needed. The board indicated that we should definitely hold the charter night.
- **Truck Replacement** – Lion George Council moved to trade in Old Blue and to give spending authority to the committee of up to \$10,000 for replacement of Old Blue. Lion Roger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lion Jon Valett moved to adjourn at 6:40, Lion Randy Roberts Seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary

**Minutes of February 6, 2007**

**Severn River Lions Foundation Meeting**

**Draft - To be approved at the February 13th board meeting**

**Attendees:**

**Board:**

Rollins Clark	George Council	Milum Greene	Shirley Greene
Chuck Horne	Roger Knauth	Nadja Muchow	Bill O’Neil
Sue Parks	Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett

**Other Members:**

Don Rayment

- KL Sue called the meeting to order at 6:41. Lion Chuck Horne moved to change the Foundation resident agent from Ken Pyle to Dale Strait, and Lion George Council seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Lion Jon Valett moved to adjourn at 6:42, seconded by Lion George and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary



# MD 22 CONVENTION

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS YET?

## Multiple District 22 - 85th Annual Convention

MAY 14-17, 2007

Dover, Delaware

### Registration and Ticket Order Form

Provide this information to pre-register *even if no tickets are ordered*.

**Registrant No. 1**

Name: Lion - Lioness - Leo \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one only) Last First Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Meals   
(Check box if required) District 22 - A B C D W  
(Circle one only)

**Registrant No. 2**

Name: Lion-Lioness-Leo-Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one only) Last First Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Meals   
(Check box if required) District: 22 - A B C D W  
(Circle one only)

Hospitality Book and/or Tickets	Price	Registrant No. 1 √ If Ordered	Registrant No. 2 √ If Ordered	Amount
Hospitality Book (Includes Multiple District Banquet, Sub-District Luncheon, Victory Luncheon)	\$75			
Pre-Convention Entertainment Monday Evening - 8:30 p.m.	\$10			
Melvin Jones Luncheon (Fellows only) Tuesday- 12Noon-1:30 pm.	\$23			
Multiple District Banquet (If ordered separately) Tuesday-Social at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.	\$36			
Lioness Breakfast & Business Meeting Wednesday - 8:00 am.	\$15			
Individual Sub-District Luncheons (If ordered separately) Wednesday - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm	\$23			
PDG Dinner (PDGs and Guests Only) Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.	\$35			
Victory Luncheon (If ordered separately) Thursday- 12:30 p.m.	\$23			
Tail Twister Stickers - Provides exemption from contributing money to Tail Twister buckets at events	\$3			
Total Amount				

**Mail Orders to:** PDG Jack Brinckmeyer  
 16 Brooklyn Avenue  
 Rehoboth, DE 19971

**Make Checks Payable to:**  
 Multiple District 22 Convention Committee

**NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 30, 2007**

Form may be duplicated

## “Blurry” Eyes Signaled Dangerously High Blood Pressure

It was supposed to have been a routine eye exam for a patient who had complained that his vision seemed “blurred and fuzzy” at times. But when VSP network doctor Richard A. (“Rick”) Corcoran, O.D., carefully checked the patient’s eyes, the word “routine” suddenly morphed into three other words.

### **Potential medical emergency.**

“This patient was a 52-year-old sheet metal worker, and what I saw on his retina was a ‘flame-shaped hemorrhage,’” Dr. Corcoran recalls today. “His left retina was actually awash in blood, and the flame shape told me that the bleeding was probably a symptom of high blood pressure. I knew the patient was being monitored for hypertension (the medical term for high blood pressure) . . . but I also knew he wasn’t taking any medication for it, and that his medical doctor hadn’t seen him for the past eight months.”

Alerted by the blood that covered the surface of the “macula” (an area of light-sensitive tissue in the retina), Dr. Corcoran performed a quick vision test – and discovered that his patient’s eyesight had deteriorated to 20-200 in his left eye.

“He was essentially blind in one eye, and that was all I needed to see,” remembers Dr. Corcoran, “At that point, I suspected that I was looking at a sign of extremely high blood pressure. After 25 years of experience, I could tell my patient was a heart attack or a stroke just waiting to happen. This was potentially a matter of life and death, so I responded accordingly.”

While being careful not to unduly alarm the patient, Dr. Corcoran urged him to see both his family physician and a retinal specialist, that same day. Fortunately, the patient complied. Within a few days, he underwent emergency heart bypass surgery to correct the hypertension that had triggered the arterial blockage. He also began taking medication designed to lower the out-of-control blood pressure.

The operation went well, says Dr. Corcoran, and today the sheet metal worker has a clean bill of health. “He’s back at work and enjoying good health,” says the upbeat California eye doctor, “and whenever I see him, he credits me with saving his life. Really, I’m just glad he came in for his regular eye exam that day. As an optometrist, it’s nice to know we can often do much more for people than prescribe glasses and contacts. It doesn’t happen every day . . . but once in a while, you really do feel that you’ve been able to help save a life.”

Source: VSP



## 2006 – 2007 DISTRICT 22-A OFFICERS

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SEVERN RIVER ACTIVITY REPORT SUMMARY		
	Year to Date	February, 2007
	Hours	Hours
Health	83.5	14
Diabetes Awareness	0	0
Sight	223	26
Hearing	19	5
LASH	73	4
Youth	262	40
Community	1117	153
Environment	66.5	0
International Relations	1	0
Lionism	2722	311
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4567</b>	<b>553</b>

**Membership Report January, 2007**

Members February 1, 2007	69
Active	38
At Large	10
Life	2
Affiliate	18
Privileged	1
Members February 28, 2007	69
Leo Club Members	60

**BIRTHDAYS**

Don Lilley – 14  
 Don Rayment – 14  
 George Williams – 19  
 Ken Tschantre – 21  
 Ulysses Archie – 24  
 Trent Kutsch - 27  
 Nelson Chesler – 31



**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Effective January 1, 2007, dues for the second member of our Family Memberships will be reduced by \$5 per quarter. Next issue will include more from Treasurer Bill O'Neil about how SRLC dues are structured. In the meanwhile, if any of your family members who are living in your household have been considering joining us, now's the time – bring them out to a meeting and let's get to know each other.

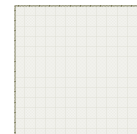
**REMINDER**

**If you expect to miss a Membership Meeting, be sure to email Secretary Jon Valett, [valett@comcast.net](mailto:valett@comcast.net), or call 410/544-7278 by 4 pm on the Sunday prior to the meeting. If you are an Affiliate or MAL Member, call if you are going to attend. Thanks.**

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

**An updated roster was inserted in last month's issue and will be included again next month. Contact KL Sue if you need one before then. Thanks.**

SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB  
SEVERN RIVER LIONS FOUNDATION  
P.O. BOX 118  
SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146



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### SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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(410) 544-6719  
or E-MAIL:

[srlc@severnriverlions.org](mailto:srlc@severnriverlions.org)

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

- 3/5 Blood Drive – Elks, Truckhouse Road, Severna Park
- 3/6 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 3/7 West Arundel General Membership Meeting
- 3/9 Lions Day at the UN
- 3/13 SRLC Board Meeting – Jaycee Building, Kinder Park – 7:30 pm
- 3/17 Preschool Vision Screening Training, Edgewood
- 3/18 Melvin Jones Luncheon, Richlin Ballroom
- 3/20 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 3/21 West Arundel General Membership Meeting
- 3/22 Combined Region Meeting
- 3/24 Final Fabulous Fruit Sale (for the 2006 – 2007 season that it)
- 3/29 LASH General Membership Meeting
- 3/31 LASH Eyeglass Sorting
  
- 4/3 Charter Night, Michael's Eighth Avenue
- 4/10 Board Meeting
- 4/11 AACC Health Fair – Vision Screening, 10 - 2
- 4/17 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 4/21 Bull & Oyster Roast – Columbian Center
- 4/28 Rebuilding Together Blitz Day
  
- 5/1 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 5/5 Camp Blaze Children's Fair