

SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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In accordance with the constitution and bylaws notice is hereby given that the Severn River Lions Club will elect officers for the 2016 - 2017 Lions year at the 60th anniversary dinner meeting on April 5, 2016.

March 2016 NEWSLETTER

Citrus Season Ends Abruptly

The nominations are as follows-

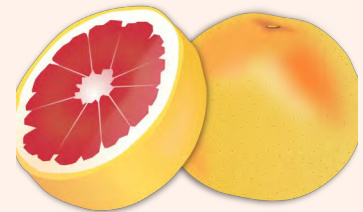
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3rd VP Jon Valett
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Asst Sec Bill Stack
Treasurer Sue Parks
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Tail Twister Suzette Kettenhofen
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2 Yr Dir Carl Gilbert
1 Yr Dir George Council Jr.
1 Yr Dir Rollins Clark
Membership Chris Werth
IPP Catherine Violette

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SRLC's 2015-2016 citrus season ended abruptly in February due to citrus crop failures in Florida. Poor quality citrus attributed to the unseasonable Florida weather caused fruit to develop a blight and size problem. Lions were hopeful that the February sale would go off but about a week before the February pick up date Lion Carl Gilbert was notified by the distributor that, due to poor quality. Citrus would not be shipped in February or March, thus ending SRLC sales. About 300 customers had ordered fruit and Lion Carl asked for volunteers to contact customers about the cancellation. Customers who had email addresses on file were notified electronically. Customers with telephone numbers listed were contacted during the week prior to the February 20 pickup date. Carl anticipated that some customers would not get the notification about the cancellation so he recruited some Lions to join him at the SPSHS parking lot on Saturday to meet customers who showed up that morning. Carl "bribed" the Lions with hot coffee and a tasty treat and about a half dozen volunteers arrived. As expected, about 8:45 am several cars arrived and were greeted by Lions and given an explanation about the citrus problem. Most appreciated this notification and said, "We will be back next year." The reduced citrus sales this year will seriously impact the club's budget and adjustments will have to be made. Perhaps some alternative fund raisers can be considered to help the budget crisis. We are hopeful that the citrus crisis will be resolved and next year's sale can go on as usual.



Peace Poster Winner 2016

For many years SRLC has participated in the annual Peace Poster contest and on March 1 the members had an opportunity to meet the 2016 finalist, Lily Strandquist, a seventh grader at Severn River Middle School. Lily showed her poster and told about how she chose to design it to match this year's theme. For a seventh grader Lily was very articulate and her artistic talents were excellent. Lily's poster will be entered into District competition and should do well. SRLC presented Lily with a well deserved award, a fifty dollar check. Lily was accompanied that evening by her parents, Michael and Karen, her brother, her grandparents and art teacher Erica Oldershaw interacting with the family was an enjoyable experience. We wish Lily the very best as her poster entry goes to District level competition.



Youth Rise Leo Club, Severna Park Middle School

Youth Rise Leo is a community service club in Severna Park Middle School. We run donations and charity projects that people in need. The members of the club go to Brightview and Sunrise Senior Living to help out the residents. We make crafts, play games, and ask them if they need any help. Youth Rise Leo members volunteer at events for Halloween, Christmas, Mother's Day and other special days at the retirement homes. Some things that we have done are make lunches for the homeless and make blankets that will be donated to people in need. We have also packed up backpacks with items that will help people in the winter, which were donated by students in the school. The backpacks were taken away by an organization that distributed them to homeless people near Christmas time. The Youth Rise Leo club has run many toy, clothing, and book drives, and our most recent book drive is to help create little libraries that children can take or borrow books from. Little Free Libraries are there to promote reading and they help kids who don't have access to a library. We have many plans for what we will do to help later on, such as collecting money and creating care packages to send to troops overseas. Youth Rise Leo helps students develop leadership skills by organizing community service projects. Students in this club serve their community and have a rewarding experience. They enjoy improving their community and the lives of people around them.

Allia Mahmood Severna Park Middle School
Leo Club President



Quilt made by SPMS LEO's for a nursing home resident

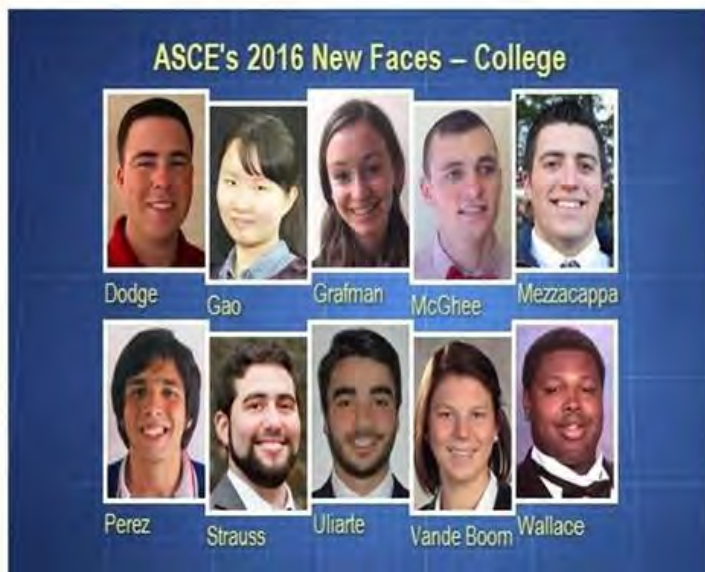


Halloween crafts party at Brightview retirement home



NEW FACES OF CIVIL ENGINEERING COLLEGIATE EDITION

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From an array of worthy nominees, ASCE has selected 10 talented early achievers as this year's New Faces of Civil Engineering – College Edition. Chosen for their academic accomplishments and commitment to serving others, these well-rounded students reflect the hope and promise of the next generation of civil engineers.

**Congratulations!!
Mr. Gary Wallace
was named one
of ASCE's 2016
"New Faces of Civil
Engineering".**



**Gary Wallace Jr. S.M.A.SCE Morgan State University
SRLC Scholarship winner**

ASCE and our members have eagerly celebrated National Engineers Week this year, including outreach events nationwide, expressions in social media, and most notably, the announcement of the 2016 class of ASCE New Faces of Civil Engineering – College. These New Faces represent the future of civil engineering, and given this group's remarkable accomplishments and personalities, that future would appear to be in good hands. - See more at: <http://blogs.asce.org/ascen-2016-new-faces-of-civil-engineering-college-a-highlight-of-engineers-week>

Arundel Community Development Services

The featured presenters at the March 1 meeting were Leanne Garabedian and George Leslie from the Arundel Community Development Services-ACDS, a county service that assists with residential property rehabilitation. The presenters showed pictures of improvements that can be made to residences that improve the safety and quality of life of home owners with disabilities or who are aged. Some of the improvements listed include alterations to a home's exterior when the outside has deteriorated. On the inside modifications can include accessibility modification such as chair lifts, widening doorways to give acces to wheelchair, handrails, access ramps, driveways, heating, plumbing and electrical, kitchen and bathroom upgrades, and painting to name a few. ACDS upgrades are available at a reduced cost and deferred loans. Leanne and George suggested that anyone interested can contact ACDS at www.acds.org or by telephoning the office a 410-222-7600.



Lions of Region I:

You and your club are cordially invited to attend the First District 22 A Leader Dog for the Blind Rallies to be held on Friday, April 8th at the Elks Lodge in Annapolis.

Social time and registration will begin at 6 P.M. and the meeting will start sharply at 6:30 P.M.

Dinner will be served following the opening ceremonies. The cost of meal is \$25 per person, with the check payable District 22-A. Please have all reservations and monies to me no later than April 1, 2016. My mailing address is

**PDG Keith Williams
424 Joppa Farm Road
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This Rally, will afford the clubs in our District an opportunity to expand our knowledge of the Leader Dog program, as well as an opportunity to present your contribution to the District for Leader Dog.

Our Keynote Speaker will be Carroll Jackson, Leader Dogs for the Blind Graduate Field Representative and his Leader Dog Hunter.

This will be an entertaining and rewarding night for all Lions, Lioness and Leos. Bring your club photographer, if you like, so you can publicize your donation in your local newspaper and club newsletter!

In addition to the proceeds of the evening going to Leader Dog, there will be a roll call of clubs to allow for presentation of your annual donation to Leader Dog. Let us continue to allow our District to be 100% supportive in this program. If you have any Questions, please contact me at pdgkeithwilliams@gmail.com.

Yours in Lionism,

**Keith Williams
Leader Dog Co Chair**