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President – King Lion Randy Roberts



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Greetings Fellow Lions,

Happy 50th Anniversary Severn River Lions Club. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship with fellow Lions, spouses and guests. The next time you see one of the committee members that worked so hard to make our celebration a success, let them know how you feel. Thanks again to Lions Don Rayment, Sue Parks, Rhine Jager, Dick Bloomquist, Bill O'Neil, Wayne Dudeck, and Dick Maurer for their work on the committee.

I'm just back from a another great Lion outing – our LEO picnic. We had a fabulous turnout of Lions, Leos from both Harbour School and Severna Park Middle School and guests, 55+ attendees. Each Leo Club spoke to the group and gave an overview of their activities for the past year. Both clubs are very impressive - SRLC can be proud to be associated with these great youngsters. Many thanks to Lion Wayne Dudeck for coordinating the event with Leo advisors, Lions Ulysses Archie and Nancy Burns. Kudos to the set-up and cooking team of Lions Dick Maurer, Dale Strait, Ollie Wittig and Bill Zelenakas. The food was superb and the weather was perfect.

Next on the SRLC calendar is the Camp Blaze Children's Fair at the Big Vanilla Racquet Club on Ritchie Highway this Saturday, May 6th from 9 am. until 3 pm. Lion Dick Maurer has circulated a sign up sheet, but we are a little short of help in the Noon-3 pm time bracket. If you would like to learn how we conduct a vision screening, stop by and lend a hand. We are also selling tickets for the rides and food concessions and our new raffle fundraiser.

The Harbour School Leo Club is conducting a Grill-Off fundraiser Saturday, May 13th at the Whole Foods store in the Harbor Shopping Center on Old Solomons Island Road in Annapolis. They need our help, call or write Lion Ulysses Archie at (410) 850-5280 or ucricket@bigplanet.com to offer your

assistance.

The District 22 Convention is coming up May 18-21 in Virginia Beach, VA. A full contingent will be attending from our Club. This will be a very special convention, as we will see one of our very own, Lion Dick Bloomquist, voted in as the Vice District Governor. What a great way to kick off our next 50 years of service.

Looking ahead on the calendar:

President-Elect Lion Sue has asked that you save the date – June 24th – for this year's club retreat. All members are encouraged to attend – not just Board members. This is where we review where we've been and set our goals for the coming year. Please plan to attend.

89th Annual LCI convention in Boston June 30 – July 4.

Lion Ollie Wittig is on the lookout for a creative, energetic Lion(s) that would like to work on our float for the July 4th parade. Since this is the Centennial year for Severna Park, the parade will be a special event and I think the club should do something special. Please contact Lion Ollie and get the creative juices pumping.

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be held in Columbus, OH, September 14-16, 2006. Anyone interested in joining Lions Dick Bloomquist and Bob Muchow for an interesting and informative event, please see me for information and registration materials.

To make our next 50 years of service even better than the last, we need everyone to get involved. Please consider participating in one of our service activities, it will make your Lion experience special.

Yours in Lionism, KL Randy



APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

At our April 4th General Meeting Bruce Clopein of Sarah's House gave information about the mission of Sarah's House. Sarah's House is a supportive housing program for homeless women, children, and men in Anne Arundel County providing case management, childcare, transportation, and emergency services. Sarah's House takes its name and spirit from the hospitality of the biblical character Sarah, wife of Abraham. The Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services performs initial screenings for potential guests.

Services:

- Housing, including meals, laundry, and shower facilities. Emergency shelter for 66 people for up to 90 days. Transitional housing for 22 families for up to 18 months.
- Parenting and life skills training
- Mental health assessment and referral
- Outreach services for on year following exit
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED) training
- Substance abuse assessment and counseling
- Employment/workforce development program
- After school programs and tutoring
- Transportation
- Licensed child care
- Computer classes

KL Randy presents Bruce with Speaker Certificate and Lions mug.



More excitement at our April 19th General Membership Meeting. Not only did we have Miss Southern Maryland and Miss Patuxent as our guest speakers, we inducted 6 of our 7 new West Anne Arundel Branch members!

Miss Southern Maryland Melissa Gibson (left) and Miss Patuxent Leah Ledbetter pose with one of their crowns after telling us what they plan for the future.



New West Anne Arundel Branch members pictured left to right: Lion Andrew Pruski (transfer from Upper Marlboro Lions Club), Lion Angelo LoCastro (sponsored by Lion Ken Tschantre), Lion Garnita Grace (sponsored by Lion Dick Bloomquist), Lion Colleen Benda (sponsored by King Lion Randy Roberts), Lion Pat Weathersbee (sponsored by Lion Dale Strait), and Lion Frank Weathersbee (sponsored by PDG Bob Muchow). WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

SEVERN RIVER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel was the site of our 50th Anniversary celebration. 120 members and guests enjoyed the perfect weather, cocktails on the pier, a first class dinner and entertainer Sammv K.



More from our 50th Gala Celebration...



PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

It is not too early to begin thinking about the big Severna Park July 4th parade. This year's event will also mark the celebration of Severna Park's centennial celebration and fifty years of service to the community by the Severn River Lions Club as well. The event will be a bit different than in previous years. We will enter a float in the parade, but we need to be creative and design a float to commemorate our anniversary as well. Ideas for the float are welcome! Our Cub Scout Pack 688 will march with us in the parade as we wind our way through the community. The parade will end at Cypress Creek Park this year instead of at the shopping center. The Cub Scouts will be serving as Liberty Day Kids and will be questioning spectators about their knowledge of the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution. The scouts will give each participant a small copy of these documents for further study.

We will be handing out the traditional Popsicles at the end of the parade to cool the weary walkers. This year we plan to have a booth at Cypress Creek Park and sell fried shrimp and potatoes. What a great opportunity to acquaint the community with our club and the service projects we sponsor.

Plan to be a parade walker, popsicle dispenser, shrimp and fry cook, or promoter of Lionism on July 4th! Watch for a sign up sheet at future meetings. We've got a lot planned so we'll need you all – please plan to share the day with us.

**Draft Minutes of 4/11/06
Board of Directors Meeting
Severn River Lions Club
To Be Approved at 5/9/06 Board Meeting**



Attendees:

Board:

Nancy Burns	Oriey Glenn	Chuck Horne	Don Luce	Bill O'Neil
Sue Parks	Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett	

Other Members:

Dick Bloomquist	Shirley Greene	Roger Knauth	Trent Kutsch
Bob Muchow	Ollie Wittig		

The Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors' Meeting was called to order by KL Randy Roberts at 7:33, with nine board members present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last board meeting held on March 14th, were presented by Lion Jon Valett. Lion Sue Parks motioned for approval as presented and was seconded by Lion Nancy Burns. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Bill O'Neil reported bank account balances as follows:

50 th Anniversary Money Market	\$ 3,933.76
Activities Checking	18,952.91
Administrative Checking	8,335.58
Truck Replacement Fund	13,384.43
Foundation Checking	5,548.53
Foundation Money Market	12,482.89

Correspondence: No correspondence was reported.

Priority Items:

Jaycee Center Issues – Lisa Bennish of the Jaycees reported that the county is considering building them a new building. The question posed to the board was would SRLC be interested in possibly using their new building which would be attached to a Green Hornet facility. While no details were available, after discussion, the board stated that we are interested and would like to be kept informed of the status.

Activities Donations – Treasurer Lion Bill O'Neil presented a spending plan developed by his budget committee for our activities for the year. There was some discussion and minor changes, with the final plan as attached.

[Editor's Note – see Treasurer Bill O'Neil for attachment.]

Lion Chuck Horne motioned to approve and Lion Nancy Burns seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

50th Anniversary Celebration – Lion Sue Parks reported that we have 114 paid and 3 not paid for the celebration. She is expecting between 121 and 123 as the final count.

Old Business/Reports:

May 2 LEO picnic update – KL Randy reported that Lion's Wayne Dudek and Dale Strait are working this and it will be held as scheduled.

Children's Fair at Big Vanilla – KL Randy reported that it would be held on Saturday May 6th.

Scholarship Update – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that the committee had come close to a recommendation and

that it would be ready at the next board meeting.

Campaign SightFirst II – Lion PDG Bob Muchow reported that there are no new pledges but the total is at \$10,500.

Other Items :

- Sight Report – SRLC has given 50 exams and glasses during the year and only paid for 2 according to Lion Dick Bloomquist

- Health Fair – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that we had screened 65 people at the health fair.

- Fruit Sales for next year – Lion Chuck Horne reported on an initial set of dates for next year’s fruit sales, but they have not been finalized.

New Business:

West Anne Arundel Branch Club – induction – Lion Dick Bloomquist reported that seven new members would be inducted on Tuesday April 18, 2006. The members presented were: Colleen Benda (coordinator), Garnita Grace (Vice Coordinator), Patricia Weathersbee, Frank Weathersbee, Clara Richardson, Andruw Pruski, and Angelo LoCosto. Lion Chuck Horne moved to approve their memberships and Lion Nancy Burns seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

July 4th Parade, Liberty Day Kids, and Fundraiser – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that he is looking for help with ideas for the 4th of July float. We will do a fundraiser of selling food after the parade and give out popsicles.

Kiwanis Joint Project – Lion Ollie Wittig discussed options with the Kiwanis President and a Partners in Care project is being considered.

Photo-Op for The Sun – KL Randy reported that Joni June who is doing an article on the 50th for the Sun was looking for a photo opportunity.

Other Items – Lion Sue Parks reported that she was looking at June 24 as a possible date for a retreat.

Lion Jon Valett motioned to adjourn at 9:16 pm, which was seconded by Lion Nancy Burns and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary



Minutes of April 11, 2006
Severn River Lions Foundation Meeting

Attendees:

Board:

Nancy Burns	Oriey Glenn	Chuck Horne	Don Luce	Bill O’Neil
Sue Parks	Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett	

Other Members:

Dick Bloomquist Shirley Greene Roger Knauth Trent Kutsch Bob Muchow Ollie Wittig

The Severn River Lions Club Foundation Meeting was called to order by KL Randy Roberts at 9:16.

Lion Nancy Burns moved that the foundation donate \$2,000 to LVRF with \$1,000 given to the operating fund and \$1,000 given to the Endowment. Lion Chuck Horne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Lion Chuck Horne, seconded by Lion Nancy Burns, and passed unanimously at 9:18.

HEALTH FAIR VISION SCREENING

On April 5, 2006 Severn River Lions **Dick Bloomquist, Dick Maurer, Bob Muchow, Dale Strait and Ollie Wittig** joined Annapolis Lions **Dean Hall and Steve Smith** to provide acuity vision screening at the annual Health Fair sponsored by Anne Arundel Community College. This is the seventh year for this collaborative effort by both Lions Clubs and is another example of Lions providing vision services to the community. Forty-five mostly college age adults took advantage of the screening which tested their near and far vision. The Lions used the Titmus machine for the screenings which lasted approximately five minutes. The screening results are not a definitive vision testing such as offered by an ophthalmologist but the test does help to identify potential vision problems. The majority of the individuals tested appeared to have "normal" vision but several were encouraged to make an appointment with an eye care professional for a more thorough examination.

The annual health fair offers, in addition to vision screening service, a variety of booths and displays related to many health issues facing the public today. The health fair also provided an opportunity to acquaint the public with our organization and the services that Lions provide. Membership information brochures were made available to those tested and the Lions were only too willing to answer questions.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT 2006

The Scholarship Committee (**Lions Mary Dare, Trent Kutch, Ken Tschantre, Jon Valett, and Ollie Wittig**) had a daunting task choosing just two recipients for the E. Roy Shawn Memorial Scholarship at Severna Park High School from the twenty-four original applicants and just one recipient for the Broadneck High School Scholarship from the original list of six applicants. Interested students were required to submit a written application, an official transcript, recommendations from two teachers or counselors, and a personal essay. Three sessions were needed to do a complete review before the committee narrowed the final choices. Factors considered included the applicants' academic performance, enrollment in challenging courses, financial need, participation in co-curricular activities, honors and recognition attained, service to the school or community, teacher recommendations, stated career goals, a personal essay describing why the individual felt that he/she was deserving of the award and an assessment of the individuals' potential to succeed in college. After careful deliberation the committee finally narrowed the choices.

Seniors **Hannah Bourquin and Julie Musgrave** were selected to receive the E. Roy Shawn Memorial Scholarship at Severna Park High School. Hannah plans to attend Elon College and become a special education teacher. Julie will attend Villanova University and major in biology. Hannah and Julie were presented their scholarships at the Awards Ceremony on April 27, 2006.

Matthew Llano was chosen to receive the SRLC Broadneck High School Scholarship. Matthew plans to attend the University of Richmond and major in either pre-medical or pre-veterinary studies. Matthew will receive his scholarship at the Awards Ceremony on May 31, 2006.

Annual Exams Are Key to Healthy Eyes

For doctor Kurt K. DeVito, O.D., three little words are enough to describe what's needed for good eye health: annual eye exam.

"I've been providing eye exams for more than 12 years now," says the optometrist from Norfolk, Virginia. "During that time, I've diagnosed four different tumors and several cases of diabetes in patients who didn't even know they had a health problem. As you might imagine, I encourage everyone to get an annual eye exam — not just an eye screening!" Dr. DeVito stresses that there's a big difference between eye exams and eye screenings.

"Screenings are partial, limited eye assessments that take place in locations other than an eye doctor's office," he says. "Typically, a screening will be performed by a nurse at school, a pediatrician in the office or maybe even a clerk giving motorists a vision test for a driver's license. There's no doubt that screenings can be helpful at times in detecting some problems with vision, but I encourage patients to have a thorough eye exam in an optometrist's or ophthalmologist's office," Dr. DeVito says. "The doctor can take an entire eyecare history and patients can take advantage of the doctor's on-site diagnostic and treatment tools."

Dr. DeVito recently installed a state-of-the-art instrument that detects glaucoma by examining tiny fibers in a patient's optic nerve. "This new equipment allows us to spot damage in nerve fibers long before it would show up in the traditional eye pressure test. Early detection is crucial with glaucoma, and this test is only available during a thorough eye exam in the eye doctor's office. You won't get it during a screening."

According to Dr. DeVito, annual eye exams also provide other benefits to patients. The eyecare doctor can:

- Measure for prescription lenses to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism.
- Check for the presence of eye diseases and conditions such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, cataracts and diabetic retinopathy.
- Make sure your eyes are working well together, while also evaluating your eyes as part of your overall health.

"In recent years, I've had several situations in which I detected the presence of blood in the back of the eye, which is one of the first signs of diabetes," says Dr. DeVito. "Those patients first learned they had a serious health condition during a routine eye exam in my office. I think that's a great example of how worthwhile an annual eye exam can be."

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When: 6/12
Where: Elks,
Truckhouse Road

Contact Lion Dale
Strait to sign up.

S.W.A.T pickup schedule	
May 20 th	7:00 AM *
June 24 th	7:00 AM
July 22 nd	7:00 AM
August 26 th	7:00 AM
September 23 rd	7:00 AM
October 14 th	7:30 AM

* Lions attending the convention will miss out on a marvelous breakfast.

Please be sure to review the Membership Roster and let Lion Sue Parks know of any errors, omissions, or changes required. Thanks.

REMINDER
If you expect to miss a Membership Meeting, be sure to email Secretary Jon Valett, 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 Report April, 2006	
Members March 31, 2006	71
Active	44
At Large	12
Life	2
Affiliate	19
Privileged	1
Members April 30, 2006	78
Leo Club Members	60

	April 2006	Year-to-Date
	Hours	Hours
Health	16	78
Diabetes Awareness	0	88
Sight	48	373
Hearing	4	22
LASH	11	113
Youth	111	423
Community	166	1607
Environment	14	60
International Relations	12	127
Lionism	169	3721
TOTALS	551	6612

BIRTHDAYS

May
 Roger Knauth – 3
 Debra Walters – 21
 Bill Zelenakas – 24
 Joe McClellan – 26
 Nancy Garczynski – 28
 Dick Bloomquist – 30



TEEN COURT SCHEDULE
 Lions will cover the following Court sessions:
 May 3 (Annapolis)
 May 31 (Glen Burnie)
 June 7 (Annapolis)

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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

- 5/2 Picnic with the LEOs – American Legion Post 175 – 6 pm
- 5/6 Camp Blaze Children's Fair – Big Vanilla Racquet Club
- 5/9 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
- 5/16 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 5/20 SWAT Pickup
- 5/18 – 21 MD 22 Convention – Virginia Beach
- 5/29 Memorial Day

- 6/2 New Officer Training – Severna Park High School
- 6/6 General Membership Meeting – American Legion Post 175
- 6/12 Blood Drive – Elks, Truckhouse Road
- 6/13 SRLC Board Meeting – Kinder Park
- 6/16 District Turnover – American Legion Post 276 - Severn
- 6/20 General Membership Meeting – TURNOVER NIGHT – Post 175
- 6/24 SRLC Club Retreat – Kinder Park – 9 am
- 6/30 – 7/4 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - BOSTON

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