



Severn River Lions Club News



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MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION



King Lion Bill O'Neil accepts the Club Excellence Award.

Ocean City Gathering of Lions

Seven Lions from Severn River including: Dick Bloomquist, Nancy Burns, Rollins Clark, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, Sue Parks, and Catherine Violette, joined hundreds of other Lions on May 12 to 16 for the Multiple District Convention in Ocean City, Maryland.

The convention features district and multiple district business displays about the many activities that Lions are engaged in to benefit their community, as well as awards to Lions and Lions Clubs for accomplishments the past year, and the election of district leaders for the coming Lions year.

Chosen to lead District 22-A for the coming year were Daniel Scott, District Governor; Doug DeWitt, First Vice District Governor; and Larry Burton, Second Vice District Governor.



International Theme for 2012-2013
"In a World of Service"



District Governor Skip and Sharon.



Dick Bloomquist and Bob Muchow rub elbows.



Lions Dick Mauer and Kersey Jones.



Lion Sue Parks and District Governor Skip.

Lions who had contributed to the success of their club or district the past year were recognized and presented a certificate. Several SRLC members received recognition at the convention including Sue Parks, Treasurer and Region Chair; Rollins Clark, Zone Chair; Dick Maurer, Secretary and Administrative Assistant; Dick Bloomquist, Lions Quest, Guiding Lion, and Recruiting; and King Lion Bill O'Neil, Club Excellence Award.

Severn River Lions and District 22-A can now look forward to another productive and beneficial Lions year in 2013 to 2014.



Lion Dick Mauer at the formal dinner.



Lion Catherine Violette with District Governor Skip.



SRLC Lions Sue Parks and Dick Mauer received awards and recognition at the gathering.



VDG Dinner was well attended, and gave Lions a chance to socialize with members throughout the multiple district area.



Attendees enjoying Lions fellowship at the formal dinner.



Rollins Clark and Dick Mauer representing SRLC.



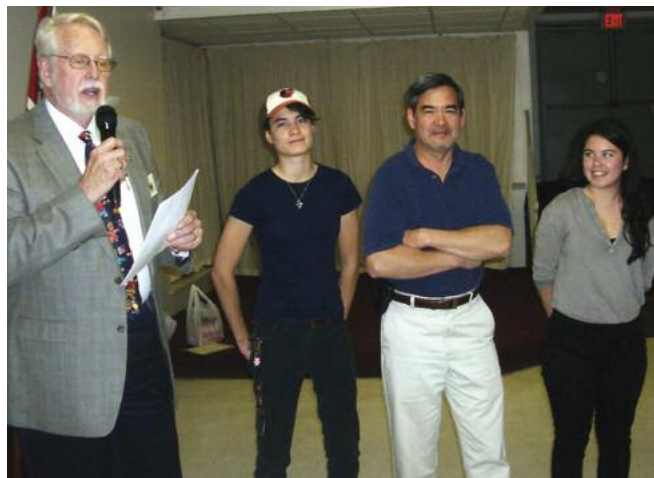
Lions Vision Research Foundation display in the vendor room.

A Day At The Fair

The 27th annual Children's Fair at Big Vanilla Club opened on May 4 to a sunny, but crisp day and hearty Lions arrived early to staff several stations at the day long event. Parents and family members began arriving and soon the sound of music was heard. Pony rides, rock wall climbing, face painting were just a few of the activities that kids could enjoy. Inside the main building vendor tables were set up around the gym floor to provide information about the different services available to attendees.

Lions Dick Maurer, Don Rayment, Jon Valett, and Randy Roberts measured and sold tickets that could be used to purchase food items from the nearby Cisco Center table and business was brisk all morning long. Inside, Lions Dale Strait, Ken Tschantre, Bill Zelenakas, and Ollie Wittig provided preschool vision screening to nearly two dozen youngsters. On the main floor Lions Dick Bloomquist and Bob Siska were at the SRLC table to distribute literature telling about our clubs many service activities. One visitor to the SRLC table was a gentleman who had been a recipient of our scholarship in 1989 and he expressed interest in learning about and possibly becoming a member. Next to the outside ticket table chief engineer George Councill and gandy dancers Tilghman Brice, Carl Gilbert, and Ed Dizon set up and ran several G-guage trains that attracted kids of all ages all day long.

The annual Children's Fair is a fun event for families and SRLC has been a contributing participant at the fair for at least ten years and have been invited back again next year.



PDG Dick Maurer presents new Lion Ed Dizon and daughters.

Welcome New Lion Ed Dizon!

The newest SRLC member, Ed Dizon, was inducted on May 7 but Ed didn't wait for this ceremony to get involved in club activities. At the Big Vanilla Children's Fair on May 4 Ed was one of the "gandy dancers" on the G. Councill RR and helped to entertain the kids of all ages who watched the trains go around.

Ed currently is an analyst at Northrop Grumman's Electronic System and has been with the company for almost a quarter century. Ed and his family "transplanted" from Los Angeles on the west coast in 1996 and has been a resident of this area since then. Ed and his daughters, Michelle, a student at AACC and Christina, a senior at SPHS, currently live in Severn Park. The recent passing of his wife, Dawn, led Ed to try to locate a recipient for some of the medical supplies and he got in touch with SRLC. Ed expressed an interest in continuing to honor his wife's memory with service to others and the Lions club was a logical choice. It is not all work for Ed and he enjoys fly fishing on the Chesapeake Bay and local rivers and being in the outdoors.

SRLC welcomes new Lion Ed Dizon and looks forward to working with him on the club's numerous service projects.



King Lion Bill O'Neil presents Jo Pickwood with the "We Serve" award at the May 7th meeting.

2013 "We Serve" Award Presented

For many years the Severn River Lions Club has recognized a non-Lion member of the community who has contributed to the well being of the residents in many different fields. On May 7 the club welcomed and recognized the recipient for 2013. Josephine "Jo" Pickwood was honored for her long time service with Partners in Care and her volunteerism in several other community groups.

The mission of Partners in Care-PIC- is to empower older adults to retain independence as they age. Volunteers serve by transporting seniors to appointments, performing tasks around the house that the resident cannot do, and performing handyman tasks on an as needed basis.

Jo primarily is responsible for all the bookkeeping and accounting associated with PIC. Jo has revamped and upgraded all the PIC accounts and prepares them for periodic audits. As if volunteering with PIC was not enough Jo also finds time to work with the Ladies of the Severna Park Elks and has served that group as president and treasurer for many years. The Ladies of the Elks assist with various celebrations and functions that the Elks host. Jo began volunteering when her children were young-

sters and assisted with boy scouts, girl scouts, and little league. Her co-volunteers describe Jo as "an amazing volunteer" and "an amazing woman" one who goes the extra mile and rarely says no when asked about a project.

On May 7 Josephine Pickwood was presented the "We Serve" Award and given a plaque in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the community. Congratulations Jo Pickwood!

Youth Rise/LEO Award

On May 16 Lions Nancy Earley and Ollie Wittig traveled to Severna Park Middle School to meet with our Youth Rise LEO club and present them their "pizza award" for another successful year. Lions brought eight delicious Ledo's pizzas for the group as a thank you for the club's many worthwhile service projects.

LEO advisors, Eva Case and Laurie, Fowler, convened the group and explained the project for the day. The youngsters were making colorfully decorated "Thank You" bags filled with edibles for the school's custodial staff. Also being crafted were hand decorated small ceramic vases for the administration, guidance, and secretarial staff.

As work began the line formed for delicious cheese, sausage, and pepperoni pizza served by the Lions and a hush fell over the crowd. Sixteen hungry and talented LEO's crafted the awards and enjoyed the pizza treat.

The LEO club also agreed to participate in an SRLC project to collect used children's books that would be given to disadvantaged youngsters. SRLC is working with the Baltimore-Brooklyn Lions Club on the book collection. The group enthusiastically accepted the project and continued to enjoy the pizza until it was time for dismissal.

SRLC can be proud of the Youth Rise LEO club and the projects that they do to benefit others.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check our web calendar for updates at:
<http://my.calendars.net/srlc>

MAY

- 5/7 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 5/14 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 5/21 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 5/22 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

JUNE

- 6/4 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 6/11 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 6/18 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 6/22 Highway Pick-up 7:30 AM
- 6/22 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

JULY

- 7/9 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 7/20 Highway Pick-up 7:30 AM
- 7/24 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

AUGUST

- 8/10 Highway Pick-up 7:30 AM
- 8/28 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- Bill Zelenakas – 24
- Joe McClellan – 26
- Nancy Garczynski – 28
- Dick Bloomquist – 30

JUNE

- George Councill – 9
- Carl Gilbert – 18
- Bill O'Neil – 29

JULY

- Myra Payne – 7
- Bob Muchow – 16
- Bob Siska – 18
- Jack White – 18
- Dale Strait – 19

AUGUST

- Chris Werth - 3
- Rollins Clark – 7
- Mike Milord – 17
- Bill Meyers – 25
- Ollie Wittig – 26
- Milum Greene – 26



2013 SWAT Highway Beautification Pick-up Dates

As a community service during the warmer months SRLC removes trash along a stretch of Route 2 from Earleigh Heights Fire Dept. South. Contact Past President Rollins Clark for more information.

June 1st • June 22nd • July 20th • August 10th • September 7th • October 5th

All dates are subject to change due to weather conditions and current events. Start time is 7:30 AM, except October which is 8:00 AM due to light considerations.