

SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB NEWS

MAY 2023



WE CAN TO SUPPORT OTHERS

Recently I heard this on a radio show: “...every person who has life and has entered into the world has been granted a mission. We are called individually and collectively to help support that individual to discover and polish that mission. This is done in part by being accepting and encouraging that person and realizing that together we can make a positive outcome for both the individual as well as those around us...”

I think we as Lions Club members have a special opportunity to be agents of both encouragement and change in the way we conduct our lives and interact with others. As we are volunteers, we give what we can to support others...both in our club interactions and in the world around us.

At the multiple district convention I listened to stories about how individuals are making positive outcomes in the lives of others. Someone is out there sharing the gift of time and talent, caring, and saying without words, that the other matters. Sometime just showing up matters more than anything else. Reaching out and lending a helping hand.

As members of the Severn River Lions Club we have several upcoming opportunities to come together and have some fun and serve others. I want you to think about getting involved, then step up and see how you can join your fellow Lions in an upcoming action. We are so much better when we come together and share time together.

I also encourage you to reach out to those Lions members who for whatever reason are unable to be physically present at meetings or service opportunities. Let them know that they matter and see how you and we can be a support for them.

Together even in these most challenging days we can work on making a positive outcome for both ourselves and those around us.

Yours in Lionsism and service,
Christopher Werth

CELEBRATING LION MAY BIRTHDAYS



- 04 Lion Catherine Violette
- 24 Lion Bill Zelenakas
- 28 Lion Nancy Garczynski
- 29 Lion Jim Coolbaugh
- 31 Lion Ryan Shupp

WAR AND PEACE

SRLC'S OWN LION TILGHMAN BRICE WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE ACC CONCERT BAND SPRING PERFORMANCE



Friday, May 5, 2023 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM - Arnold Robert E. Kauffman Theater in the Pascal Center for Performing Arts Room 107

This program will feature students enrolled in AACC's Concert Band and Clarinet Choir along with special guests from the Apex Arts Music Magnet program.

The concert band will perform works including Julie Giroux's "Khan," John Mackey's "Until the Scars," and a PREMIERE OF FILM ACCOMPANIMENT TO DANIEL BUKVICH'S SYMPHONY NO. 1, "IN MEMORIAM, DRESDEN, 1945."

TICKETS:

\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION

\$10 AACC FACULTY, STAFF, SENIORS, ACTIVE MILITARY, GROUPS

\$5 ALL STUDENTS WITH VALID ID

BUY TICKETS ONLINE!

TICKETS ALSO CAN BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR.

CONTACT THE BOX OFFICE AT 410-777-2457 OR BOXOFFICE@AACC.EDU.

FELLOW LIONS AND FRIENDS OF DISTRICT 22-A:

The 22-A 'Sail-a-bration of Service' is only three weeks away, so we're contacting you again now that the rush of the Convention is past. If your RSVP is in the mail, thank you! If not, please join us in what will be a fun, casual afternoon event. All of the information is attached. Also, please be sure to review the info on the service projects that will be going on during the event.

Yours in Service,
DG Sue Parks



District 22-A
"Sail-a-bration of Service"
Sunday, May 21, 2023 ~ 2-6 pm

Join us as we 'Sailabrate' Service* with
District Governor Sue Parks

Annapolis Elks, Lodge 622
2517 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD 21037

Dress: Casual

*Service Projects outlined on attached pages.

Name(s): _____

Email Address _____ Phone: _____

Club Name _____

District: (check one, if applicable) ___A ___B ___C ___D ___W

Tickets will not be mailed, but confirmation will be emailed.

Please make checks payable to District 22-A.

\$50.00 per person Buffet Dinner

RSVP NO LATER THAN MAY 5, 2023 to:

Social Chair, PDG Angela Bruce, 6722 Mink Hollow Road, Highland, MD 20777.

Note: 8 - 10 prepaid reservations maybe be seated together if all reservation forms come in together by May 5.

Questions? Contact PDG Angela at:

443-375-2852 or highland47@outlook.com





JOIN THE BATTLE AGAINST PEDIATRIC CANCER ON TWO FRONTS!

Spread JOY to the CHILDREN with JOY Boxes AND

Give a Helping Hand to the FAMILIES thru the
BELIEVE IN TOMORROW'S
CHILDREN'S HOUSE at HOPKINS

MasonStrong Village JOY Boxes

Help Fill our JOY boxes with Legos, toys, stuffed animals, and fun age appropriate items to bring a smile and provide an escape even momentarily - JOY boxes are distributed at Delaware Maryland Virginia oncology clinics and floors.

At our "Sail-a-bration of Service" on May 21st, we will make and fill JOY Boxes for MasonStrong Village. Please review the list below and bring a toy suitable for a 6 - 11 year old child. Alternatively, any and all items or donations will be gratefully accepted.

Suggested List items:

- ◆ stuffed animals
- ◆ squishmallows
- ◆ small lego kits (age appropriate)
- ◆ arts and crafts kits
- ◆ books
- ◆ coloring books and colored pencils
- ◆ string lights to decorate room
- ◆ pop sensory items
- ◆ stress balls
- ◆ games (uno, cards, etc)
- ◆ mind teasers
- ◆ crossword puzzles
- ◆ slime/slime kits
- ◆ super heros/LOL/dolls/barbies

Suggested stores:

- ◆ Five and Below
- ◆ Walmart
- ◆ Target
- ◆ Dollar Tree



About Mason Strong Village

Mason Mazzuca was a warrior and superhero who fought his T cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia all the way through March 9, 2018 when he was finally free of his pain. He inspired all who surrounded him to turn to the positive, live every moment to the fullest and to always "choose JOY." Mason lived more in his six years than many do in a lifetime.

We have been deeply moved by the village of support we received throughout Mason's treatment and to all the other warriors we watch battle with grace. With that inspiration we are moving forward, turning to the positive and have formed this foundation, the MasonStrong Village. With your help, the MasonStrong Village can carry out it's mission: to provide comprehensive support for pediatric oncology patients and families by facilitating connections to resources, connecting families with similar diagnoses, funding research for cures and spreading joy and hope.

www.masonstrongvillage.org

For more info: info@masonstrongvillage.org

MasonStrong Village is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization and your donation is tax-deductible within the guidelines of U.S. law.



Believe In Tomorrow's Children's House at Johns Hopkins

Wish List

Who We Are | Believe In Tomorrow Children's Foundation provides exceptional hospital and respite housing services to critically ill children and their families. Our unique programs bring comfort, hope, and joy to children and their families, enabling them to renew their spirits mentally and physically.

What We Believe | We believe in keeping families together during a child's medical crisis, and that the gentle cadence of normal family life has a powerful influence on the healing process. We believe the highest standards of service and unparalleled hospitality help create a unique healing environment, where families find hope and comfort.

Since 1982, Believe In Tomorrow has provided over 900,000 individual overnight accommodations, from every state in the U.S. and more than 82 countries worldwide. Our unique hospital housing and respite housing serve as a support system for when families need it most. Navigate through our programs below or continue reading to learn more about Believe In Tomorrow Children's Foundation.

Please review the Wish List below and consider bringing one or more of these items to our "Sail-a-bration of Service" on May 21st.

Our Biggest Wishes



- ◆ Disposable Masks
- ◆ Giftcards to Safeway, Whole Foods, Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Amazon, Gas Stations

Household Needs



- ◆ Insulated hot cups (12 oz with lids)
- ◆ Eco-friendly cold cups & Lids (16 oz)
- ◆ Paper Plates, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissues
- ◆ Batteries—AA, AAA, CR2032, 9 Volt, D
- ◆ ALL Liquid Laundry Detergent Free and Clear for Sensitive Skin
- ◆ Swiffer WetJet Solution Refills and Pads

Food For Families



- ◆ Coffee and Tea K-cups (all flavors)
- ◆ Individually wrapped tea bags
- ◆ Variety 8oz fruit juices
- ◆ Sweeteners & Creamers (French Vanilla singles and Half and Half singles)
- ◆ Breakfast: Instant oatmeal packets, single serving cereal, yogurt, Thomas' bagels (all varieties), individually wrapped muffins, individual 1oz cream cheese & butter, Pop Tarts
- ◆ 8 and 16 oz bottled water
- ◆ Chips/cookies/pretzels/fruit snacks/crackers, gluten free snacks
- ◆ Mac and cheese, Pasta Sauces

www.BelieveInTomorrow.org

tchjinfo@believeintomorrow.org

Donations to Believe In Tomorrow are tax-deductible

AWARDS & FINAL TOUCHES

“CLUB’S CHARTER NIGHT” April 4th at Brian Boru’s

District Governor Sue Parks awards Lions Carl Gilbert and Jon Valett with Arnall Patz Fellowships.

Lion Bill Zelenakas addresses the patrons.



FINAL TOUCH

During the planning stages when embarking on a service project for the Community we serve, building and maintaining Little Libraries in and around our Communities became a reality to not only provide books but commemorate individuals.

The final touch came about in April with Memorial plates being affixed to each of the Little Libraries. The library on the grounds of the Health Center commemorates Lion Ollie Wittig, well known as an educator and high school principal. Residents of the community passing by may have been students within the schools named on the plaque. Our second Library located Lion Jackie's front yard commemorates her son Sean as a musician. A passerby would most likely remember Sean's love for music and the sounds of his instruments being tuned in or played while on the porch.

Plaque design, installation & photo- Lion Clem
Plaque format - Lions Jackie & Clem



EYEGLOSS SCREENING

EYEGLOSS SORTING AT THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Many lions were here and we were nearly the last to leave. Thousands of pairs of glasses were sorted.

(In the picture left to right Lions Tilghman, Chris, Bill Z, and Carl.)



SERVICE VIA SCREENING *(Lion Clem Reports from Naples, FL)*

Lion members and their friends of the Pelican Church scheduled a screening for residents of the local area. Pastor Mark Eisold communicates with his parish members in addition to providing their church hall and translators. Lion screening Team Lead Michelle De Angelis communicates with the Lions and arranges for their specific devices and time to screen.

Saturday, April 8th at 8:00 am. started with 16 Lions moving screening equipment from the Lions van, setting up registration (Lion Jeanne) and each of the following screening positions: Diabetes screening, Visual Acuity Chart, Eye pressure puff, Autorefractor (Lion Clem), FDT (peripheral test), Spot.

Prior to the 9:00 am screening start each Lion setting at their stations received a refresher on the use of their respective device.

Once each of the above screenings are completed two retired eye doctors (Lion members) volunteer by reviewing the forms of each church member and their families, if required referrals are provided to the Lions Eye Center and or Doctors in the area that volunteer patient time on an as need basis. Also proved are recycled eyeglasses that were conditioned for re-use.

Over 100 registrations had taken place and 63 Blood Glucose checks were completed.

Thanks to Pastor Mark for the care of his church members and Lions by providing light snacks etc. for the church members followed by pizza.



“VISION DAYS and LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION”

Start of LVRF

THE LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION In May 1988, The District 22 Lions (consisting of Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia) established the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) which is committed solely to supporting the research at the Wilmer Eye Institute at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. In this way, the Lions clubs pursue their mission as “Knights of the Blind.” LVRF is a nonprofit foundation that secures and manages its own funds, which are granted to the Wilmer Eye Institute to support programs selected by the board on a competitive basis. A twenty-three-member board elected from the Multiple District 22 Lions memberships, and three members from the Wilmer Eye Institute, governs the Foundation’s activities, including the review and selection of research programs for Foundation funding.

How Lions Support LVRF

Lions throughout Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia have raised millions of dollars through Lion Vision Days (formerly Candy Days). Clubs have raised an unlimited amount of money with minimal effort. Lions Vision Days is a positive, proven program used by Lions Clubs to support their favorite projects. Multiple District 22 has dedicated this fundraiser to benefit the Lions Vision Research Foundation. Without exception, Lions clubs that follow through with the Lions Vision Days program report solid benefits. Lions Vision Days yield top returns, increase membership, build attendance, expand community awareness, widen your clubs’ sphere of influence, and add interest and enthusiasm in participating Lions clubs.

There is **no investment** in trifold handouts for Vision Days. Handouts are provided by District chairs and shipped to the Club chair. Clubs are encouraged to hand it out to raise funds for the Lions Vision Research Foundation. There is nothing to sell. You give away handouts in exchange for contributions.

Planning steps for Vision Days

Discuss with club leadership for approval, select a date, and contact local businesses for approval to hold Vision days.

Develop and communicate news releases for local newspapers etc.

Create a volunteer schedule for Lion members and friends for Vision Days.

Materials Necessary

Vision Days Posters, tri-fold brochures, collection containers, and Lions apparel.

Sales and other tips

Be careful not to stereotype people. Experience has taught us that we’re not always good judges of who may or may not contribute. Remember every penny helps! Give everyone the opportunity to contribute. You just may “Make their Day”

Be courteous, smile, and thank everyone.

Suggested greeting: good morning (afternoon) (with a pleasant smile). Today we’re collecting donations for Lions Vision Research Center at the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute. Would you like to help? THANK EVERYONE! Take the opportunity to let people know we are collecting new/used glasses and hearing aids.

Remember that it never hurts to take the time to let people know what your Lions club is all about. If they ask questions, answer to the best of your ability. Always keep your eye out for potential members - you never know.

Severn River Lions Vision Days Plan

Dates: Thursday, June 8, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm (split schedule)

Friday, June 9, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm (split schedule)

Location: Angels Market

4681 Mountain Road

Pasadena, MD 21122

Schedule: Being prepared by Lead Lion Clem Kusiak

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

On Tuesday, April 25, 2023, guest speaker, Ms. Rachel Robinson, Vice President of Historic Preservation of the Historic Annapolis Foundation gave a riveting speech on the historic architectural sites and future planning of the historic Annapolis landscape.



RECOGNITION of SERVICE

Congratulations to our hard-working Lions who contribute their time and effort to serve our communities.

SEVERN RIVER LIONS ANNIVERSARIES

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

50 YEARS - Lion Raymond Smith

30 Years - Lion Catherine Violette

20 Years - Lions Robert Bauman & Jon Valett

15 Years - Lions Gordon Clement, David Knabel, & Joinette Smallwood

10 Years - Lions Jackie Hetrick & Diana Wailes

Notice to Membership of Amendment of By-Law Number 5:

Lions Clubs International will be increasing dues to the membership by \$7 per year from \$43/year to \$50/year to be phased in over a period of 3 years - \$3 to be effective July 1, 2023, \$2 to be effective July 1, 2024, and \$2 to be effective July 1, 2025.

This was discussed at a meeting of the Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors on April 11, 2023. It was decided that we recommend to the membership an increase in our dues of \$2/quarter effective July 1, 2023. This will take care of the LCI increase at one time rather than being phased in. It should be noted that this is our first dues increase since 2018.

Accordingly, at our general membership meeting on April 25, 2023, a vote was taken to amend By-Law #5 to increase our dues by \$2/quarter (\$8/year) effective July 1, 2023.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

DUES CHANGE EFFECTIVE 7/1/23

At the 4/25/23 General Membership Meeting the following dues increase was approved unanimously by the members present:

By-Law No. 5

Fees and dues shall be as follows:

Section B. Each member of this club shall pay the following indicated regular annual dues which dues shall be billed in quarterly installments. It includes an amount to cover current International and District (sub- and multiple) dues (to defray the subscription price of THE LION Magazine, administrative and annual convention costs of the Association and similar District costs) and shall be paid in advance at such times as the Board of Directors shall determine:

		Effective 7/1/23
1. Active	\$100.00	\$108.00
2. Family Membership	\$80.00	\$ 84.00
3. Member-at-Large	\$100.00	\$108.00
4. Honorary	None	None
5. Privileged	\$100.00	\$108.00
6. Life	None	None
7. Associate	\$47.00	\$ 48.00
8. Affiliate	\$104.00	\$112.00

The treasurer of this club shall remit international and district (sub- and multiple) dues to the parties, and at times, specified in the respective international and district (sub- and multiple) Constitution and By-Laws.

This club may require any member to pay club meeting meal costs in advance of any meal.

No dues, fees or assessments in addition to those set forth herein may be levied on, or required of, any member of this club, its board of directors or any officer or member of this club.

CHANGES TO SRLC MEAL POLICY

Effective 7/1/23

Approved at General Membership Meeting 04/25/23

It was our long-standing practice to bill all Active members prospectively for meals along with their quarterly dues, as it's hoped that Active members will attend all meetings. It also eases administration with respect to count for catering purposes and not having to collect cash or checks for meals at each meeting. If a member who was billed for a meal couldn't attend a meeting, there was no refund, the funds stayed in the general fund to cover administrative expenses such as meals for guest speakers, prospective members etc.

The above process was in place until COVID required we be more flexible. On our return to in-person meetings, we switched to a retroactive method of billing meals so that only members who were eating were being billed. This has become a problem because we haven't been meeting the Legion's minimum and when it's time to bill I have to figure out who ate the meal at a given meeting.

We discussed this issue at our April 11th Board Meeting. It was decided that we would return to the prospective method of billing for meals effective July 1, 2023. This means that a quarterly dues bill will include \$36 for the 3 meals (\$12 each) expected in the quarter.

Note 1. Credits are given in following quarter if any meeting doesn't take place due to snow or other unforeseen circumstances.

Note 2. With the approval of the Board, a member with a valid reason – medical, frequent travel, etc. – can be exempted from the meal billing process but would pay (cash or check) at meeting.

Note 3. Special Meals – If/when meal cost exceeds \$12, a surcharge will be added to a subsequent billing (and noted accordingly on the quarterly bill).

Note 4. One time only – the July 2023 quarterly billing will include the meals for this current 4th quarter plus the prospective meals in the July quarter.

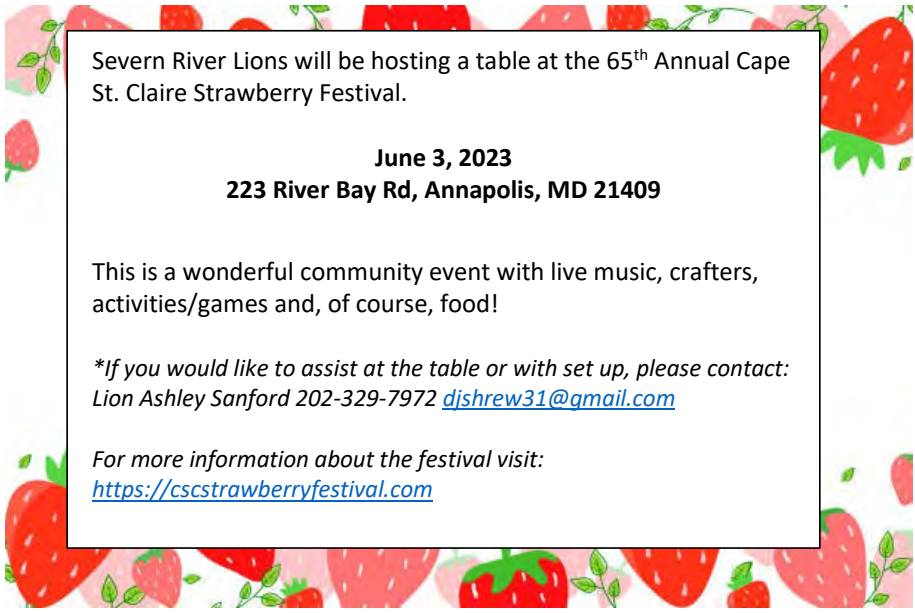
ANNUAL ELECTION APRIL 25, 2023

At the April 25, 2023 dinner meeting the Nominating Committee, chaired by Lion Jon Valett, presented a slate of officers for 2023-2024.

The following slate of officers was elected:

President	Joinette Smallwood
1st VP	Jim Coolbaugh
2nd VP	Ryan Shupp
3rd VP	Jon Valett
Membership Chair	Ashley Sanford
Secretary	Suzette Kettenhofen
Asst. Secretary	Nancy Earley
Treasurer	Sue Parks
Asst. Treasurer	Jackie Hetrick
2-year Director	Shannon Nixon
1-year Director	Paula Wilkes
Tail Twister	Bill Zelenakas
Lion Tamer	Vacant
Immed. Past Pres.	Chris Werth

Membership Corner



Severn River Lions will be hosting a table at the 65th Annual Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival.

June 3, 2023

223 River Bay Rd, Annapolis, MD 21409

This is a wonderful community event with live music, crafters, activities/games and, of course, food!

**If you would like to assist at the table or with set up, please contact:
Lion Ashley Sanford 202-329-7972 djshrew31@gmail.com*

*For more information about the festival visit:
<https://cscstrawberryfestival.com>*

Membership Tip of the month:

Do you know of a local community event SRLC could attend? Let the committee know!



(410) 439-0233

4465 Mountain Rd | Pasadena, MD

FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

⇒ *Support* ⇐

Severn River Lions Club

Tuesday June 6th, 2023

3pm – 10pm

10%
DONATION NIGHT

Support Severn River Lions Club by presenting this flyer to the Pasadena Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to Severn River Lions Club

