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AND
SHARE THE FUN**

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Fellow Lions,

Happy Holidays all! Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are ready for the upcoming holidays and events that go along with them.

Thanksgiving is a time to think about our blessings and reflect on the good and the bad. The war in Iraq is impacting us all – we give thanks that Lion Ron Walters made it home safely to his family and to us. The rise in gas and energy prices is impacting us all – but on the bright side, we can give thanks that we don't live in an area where the prices are four and five times higher than what we are paying. I guess it's the old glass half full or empty way of looking at things. I'm grateful to my Lion friends for allowing me to serve and share the fun with them and I'm grateful to my family for allowing me the time to serve and share the fun with the Lions.

Recently our District Governor visited and announced that at the District Social in January a "STAR" from each club would be honored. In our Club there are so many active members I thought it would be difficult to come to a consensus. There were many many many folks who received one, two, or even three votes – but there was one member who received over 20 votes – 60% of the total votes cast – Lion Dick Maurer will be our STAR at the District Social. My thanks to Lion Dick Maurer for everything he gives to the community and the club. But my thanks also to every member who participates even for one hour per month – remember that's what we're about – we find our niche and we give whatever we can give. Don't listen to the folks who say you're not a good Lion if you can't make it to every hour of every event – you are a good Lion if you care about the community and serve it in any capacity.

Since we don't have a December General Meeting, please remember to come out to the second fabulous fruit sale on December 20th – we need all hands! Affiliates, Members-at-Large, West Arundel members – all are welcome, It's work but we have a great time!

It looks like we'll have a record turnout for our Holiday Dinner on December 5th. Lion Nancy has put considerable time into coordinating this event again this year and we thank her for her efforts. Hopefully you've reserved with Nancy because, unfortunately, this is not an event where you'll be able to just show up and be guaranteed a seat. I wonder what Santa's bringing this year?

Take care and have a blessed and safe holiday season!
Yours in Lionism, KL Sue



DISTRICT 22-A

PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING TRAINING

The next PSVSP training session is scheduled for:

Saturday, December 2, 2006
American Legion # 175
832 Manhattan Beach Road
Severna Park, MD
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

All clubs in 22-A are invited to send a team for preschool vision screening training. The four hour session will include an overview of the preschool vision screening program, hands on training using the photoscreener camera, familiarization with the various forms used, practice in determining photo readability, and sharing ideas for successful screenings in your club's service area.

Refreshments will be served!

Clubs planning to participate need to register by *Wednesday, November 29* by contacting either:

Ollie Wittig, tel. 410-647-7338, email: witbrew@comcast.net or

Dale Strait, tel. 410-987-4879, email: dalestrait@alum.mit.edu

with names of the Lions who will be attending.

See you at training!



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The next drawing will be Monday, December 11, 2006. You have to be there to win.



King Lion Sue
invites you and your guest to
Severn River's
2006 Holiday Dinner
at the American Legion Post 175
on Tuesday evening, December 5 at 6 PM

THE FOLLOWING BUFFET WILL BE SERVED AT 7 PM

Appetizer platter of fresh fruit, crackers, cheeses and crab dip

Dinner Salad

Steamship Round of Beef

Shrimp Alfredo over pasta with sweet red peppers and asparagus

Garlic mashed potatoes

California Medley (carrots, broccoli and cauliflower)

Christmas Dessert Cake, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Surprise

Meals will be served with rolls, butter, hot coffee and tea.

A CASH BAR, including soft drinks, will also be available.

The dinner cost will be approximately \$35.00 (Includes Tax and Gratuity)

**RSVP Lion Nancy Burns 410/647-2756
if you plan to attend.**





Highlights of October & November Board of Directors Meetings

October 10, 2006

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

Old Business/Reports:

Activities Budget - Lion Bill O'Neil presented an activities budget. The budget was motioned for approval by Lion Jon Valett and seconded by Lion Nancy Burns and was passed unanimously.

Gary's Garden Fundraiser – Lion Dick Maurer thanked all of the helpers and reported a net profit of \$1719.06.

Fruit Sales — Price that we charge other clubs has been 0.50 per box for many years. Lion Trent Kutsch moved that the price be raised to \$1.00 per box, and Lion Jon Valett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Truck Replacement Committee – Lion Trent Kutsch reported options include repairing old blue, replacing old blue, and possibly using a trailer. Further in coming months.

New Business:

Christmas Dinner – Lion Nancy Burns reported that the dinner would be on December 5th at the Legion and would be catered by a cook from the Legion.

Website – KL Sue reported that Suzette was having trouble with Toad as a host. Motion was made and passed to move to a host that provided more space for \$7.95 a month.

Social Ad Book – KL Sue will provide the information for the ad.

Food Collection Drive – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that we would challenge the Cub Scouts and Leos in the food collection drive as we have the last few years. The date for the drive will be the November 21st meeting.

Vision Screening Technology – Lion Ollie Wittig reported that LCI had given verbal approval to a new digital camera. District will continue to use the current camera until there is written approval.

November 14, 2006

King Lion Announcements: KL Sue announced that Lion John Andrews would be running for VDG.

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

Activities Checking	5,973.49
Administrative Checking	8,656.35
Truck Replacement Fund	13,423.72
Foundation Checking	3,423.53
Foundation Money Market	12,498.46

Lion Bill also handed out the IRS 990 for review.

Membership – Debra Walters was dropped as a member. Lion Mary Boblitz will be inducted at next General Membership Meeting.

Homewood Project – Lion Dale Strait reported that the screenings had been exceptional and well received in the community. The Lion volunteers had been mentioned as Volunteers of the Year by the Homewood community association.

Fruit Sales — Lion Randy Roberts reported that orders ran a little under 100 boxes less than last year for the same sale. All is ready for Saturday's sale.

Truck Replacement Committee – Lion Trent Kutsch reported that they were looking at a used step van from a fleet of trucks for \$2,000. Nothing will be done until after the holidays.

Website – KL Sue reported that we had purchased a new domain and that it will be available after the first of the year.

Food Collection Drive – Lion Ollie reported that both the Cubs and Leos had had their drives. Our drive will be at the November 21st meeting.

Preschool Vision Screening – Lion Ollie reported that training for vision screening on December 2nd, with two vision screenings planned.

Peace Posters - Lion Nancy showed the winners of this year's peace poster contests.

New Business:

Endorsement of VDG Dick for DG – Board voted unanimously to endorse VDG Dick Bloomquist's candidacy for DG.

January Calendar – KL Sue discussed many meetings that are planned for January. The board decided that the second general membership meeting should not be cancelled.

LVRF Donation – KL Sue discussed making our donation at an upcoming LVRF meeting. This item was moved to the Foundation.

Speaker Gifts and Club Supplies – KL Sue discussed gifts for speakers. The board decided to continue with the tradition of giving mugs.

November 14, 2006 Severn River Lions Foundation Meeting

Board voted unanimously to donate \$1,000 to the LVRF Operating budget.



MEET NEW MEMBER - LION MARY BOBLITZ



L-R: Lion Nadja & PDG Bob Muchow, Lions Mary Boblitz and Chuck Horne who presided over the evening's meeting.

At our November 21st General Membership meeting we welcomed new member Mary Boblitz. Lion Nadja sponsored Lion Mary who is a long-time friend and happened to be looking for a way to become involved with the community. PDG Bob Muchow performed the induction - nothing like keeping it all in the family in our family-friendly club!



Also at our November 21st meeting, VDG Dick presented his goals for the coming year and sought the endorsement of the club in his candidacy for District Governor. Club gave him our unanimous support!

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH!!!

Diabetes and Your Eyes — Yearly Exams Help Track Diabetic Retinopathy

How serious is the widespread occurrence of diabetes? Very serious, indeed, says the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: More than 20.8 million Americans suffer from the chronic disorder.

Fortunately, however, diabetes can be controlled — provided that patients are diagnosed early and follow treatment regimens aimed at managing blood sugar, reducing obesity and increasing exercise.

If you're being treated for diabetes, you've probably been warned about another important facet of the illness: diabetic retinopathy, in which damage to blood vessels in the eye can slowly destroy one's vision.

"It's vitally important that people who have diabetes get yearly checkups for the early detection, treatment and management of diabetic retinopathy because it now ranks as the leading cause of new adult blindness in the United States," says Mark Bronstein, M.D., medical director of VSP.

How does diabetic retinopathy attack eyesight? Tiny blood vessels inside the eye swell or bleed, Dr. Bronstein explains. Unprocessed blood sugars, fats and proteins leach out of the weakened blood vessels and form exudates, or waxy deposits, on the retina. New, weak blood vessels form to help circulate blood, but these vessels also can break, leading to further damage.

"When the blood vessels become damaged, you start getting a decrease in blood supply to the retina," says Dr. Bronstein "That can result in significant vision loss, even blindness, if the condition is left untreated."

"The scary thing about the disorder is that someone who has diabetes can go several years without noticing any impairment of vision while a great deal of damage is being done to the blood vessels in the eyes," he says. "To prevent that, the best line of defense is a yearly eye exam."

"Regular eye exams are a must for all people who have diabetes," says Nicole Johnson, former Miss America. "I have one every year and feel confident that I will never lose my vision because of this preventive measure."

Nicole was diagnosed with diabetes at the age of 19, wore an insulin pump on her hip during the beauty pageant. She credits her yearly eye exam with helping her maintain an active way of life.

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FIRST FABULOUS FRUIT SALE IS IN THE BOOKS!



Here are Lions Rollins, Don, Roger, and Ollie in the fruit loading area. King Lion ordered a nice day and we had one! Over 30 of our Lions came out to unload the fruit from the truck, work the booths, load the fruit in the customers' vehicles, and we ended up with very little leftover fruit. Many thanks to IPP Randy Roberts who is now chairing the Fruit Sale Committee and his team for putting together such a successful event. Remember to come back for the December 20th sale – we need all the help we can get!

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



Order Deadline:

DECEMBER 9, 2006

JANUARY 13, 2007

FEBRUARY 17, 2007

MARCH 17, 2007

Distribution Date:

DECEMBER 16, 2006

JANUARY 20, 2007

FEBRUARY 24, 2007

MARCH 24, 2007

PEACE POSTERS

WE SERVE OUR YOUTH

This year's Peace Poster contest theme was CELEBRATE PEACE and the kids in our local schools participated in a big way. Severn River sponsored 7 schools with a savings bond going to the winner from each school. A world of thanks to Lion Nancy Burns for coordinating this effort for Severn River and the District! Here are the winning posters from the schools we sponsored.



GOOD DEED - WE SERVE ACROSS THE MILES!

Recently Dr. Ted Sober, Optometrist, offered to donate several items of vision lab and testing equipment to any Lions organization that could use them. The equipment was stored in Randallstown and Essex. LASH was contacted by Lion Ike Fitzgerald, Director of the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, for assistance in collecting the equipment and palletizing it for pick up and shipment to Midland, TX where it would be trans-shipped to Mexico. The Severn River Lions Club was called on for assistance. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Lions Wayne Dudeck, who packed the pallets; Randy Roberts, who helped handle some heavy equipment; Rhine Jager, who picked up a lot of vision testing equipment in his truck; and Dale Strait, who assisted and also collected the lab equipment, the donated equipment is on its way to Mexico where it will be used in a new eyeglass lab operated by Lions in that country. This is an excellent example of how Lions can work together to serve others.

Where Does Your Administrative Money Go?

The SRLC Board has completed the Administrative Budget for fiscal year 2006-2007, so I thought I would pass along some interesting facts about how **last** year's Administrative money was spent. Administrative income mainly comes from member billings - dues, meal charges etc. Member participation insured our success by contributing \$1157 to the 50/50 and \$135 in fines collected by our Tail Twister. Overall we had a successful year - an income of \$26,842 of which we spent \$22,856.

We had great attendance at our bi-monthly meetings, averaging about 35 members per meeting. During the year, eight new members joined our club. The Picnic was attended by 82 members and guests. At the Christmas party, 51 members and guests enjoyed the Prime Rib and Crab Cake dinner at Kauffman's. Santa and his helpers dropped in to distribute gifts and cheer. In June, 36 members and guests attended the Turnover dinner held at the American Legion Post.

Our biggest expense was \$13,377 for member's meals and meals provided to guest speakers, VIPs from District, scholarship winners and perspective new members. Our second biggest expense was for Lions Club International (LCI) and District 22A expenses. We paid \$3,633 to LCI for dues, new member fees and LEO club support. We paid \$2,121 to District 22A for dues and other items such as the Ad Book, DG gift, and District Convention and Leadership Training. A contribution of \$1,000 was made to the Vice District Governor Campaign Fund to help defray campaign costs. The rest of our money was spent on the SRLC Newsletter, Chamber of Commerce dues and signs, Scrapbook materials, membership literature, Surety Bond and general administrative expenses.

Our biggest and best event of the year was the 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore. Over 100 members and guests enjoyed the harbor view, great food and entertainment. This event cost over \$10,500 dollars and was paid from a special 50th Anniversary fund and member and guest charges.

Our Club was well represented at other Lions events. Our members attended the 22A District, Multiple District, Zone, and Lash meetings, and performed visitations to other clubs in the district. Eight members and several spouses attended the District Convention in Virginia Beach. Remember, a member can get \$14.00 meal credit for attending these events as a visitor (if requested from the Treasurer!).

Yours in Lionism, Lion Bill O'Neil, Treasurer



SEVERN RIVER ACTIVITY REPORT SUMMARY			
	Year to Date	October, 2006	November, 2006
	Hours	Hours	Hours
Health	54	9.5	9
Diabetes Awareness	0	0	0
Sight	176	66	81
Hearing	10	2	0
LASH	63	5	0
Youth	180	44	90
Community	713	221	128
Environment	66.5	19.5	2
International Relations	1	0	0
Lionism	1856	482.5	354
TOTALS	3119.5	849.5	664

Membership Report November, 2006	
Members October 31, 2006	78
Active (includes 9 WAA Branch)	47
At Large	10
Life	2
Affiliate	18
Privileged	1
Members November 30, 2006	78
Leo Club Members	60

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

- Nadja Muchow – 2, 1955
- Carroll Hicks – 5
- Andrew Pruski – 11
- Angelo LoCastro - 14
- Bobby L. Edmond – 17
- Jim Talentino – 20
- Bob Engh – 21

DECEMBER

- Sue Parks – 5
- Mary Boblitz – 5
- John Linsley – 13
- Mike Anderson - 19
- Nancy Burns – 20
- Rick Stefany – 23
- Rhine Jager – 26
- William Moomau – 31



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 ROSTER

Will be back next month. Please be sure to check your listing in the last issue and let me know if any corrections are necessary. Thanks.

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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**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preschool Vision Screening Training - Post 175 - 10 am - 2 pm
SRLC Annual Christmas Dinner - American Legion Post 175
Blood Drive
Board Meeting - Jaycee Building, Kinder Park - 7:30 pm
Second Fabulous Fruit Sale
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

General Membership Meeting - American Legion Post 175
West Arundel general meeting - Perry's, Odenton
LASH General Membership Meeting
SRLC Board Meeting - Jaycee Building, Kinder Park - 7:30 pm
General Membership Meeting - American Legion Post 175
Third Fabulous Fruit Sale
Region 1 Meeting
Annapolis 11 Club Meeting - Hella's, Veteran's Hwy, Millersville
District Social - Richlin Ballroom
District Cabinet Meeting

General Membership Meeting - American Legion 175
West Arundel Meeting - Perry's Odenton