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Severn River Lions Club

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President – King Lion Chuck Horne



**WE SERVE
AND
SHARE THE FUN**

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King Lion Roars HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



See more Christmas Dinner pictures inside....

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Severna Park Middle School Leos show off some of the loot they collected for the Stuff-a-Truck



HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS



LEOS STUFF A TRUCK

SPAN Wins - Again

For five years the Severn River Lions Club (SRLC) has sponsored the Youth Rise/LEO Club, a youth branch of Lions, at Severna Park Middle School. The student led LEO group has participated in numerous service projects to benefit the school and community that have included school cleanup activities, making brightly colored hats for young cancer patients, collecting school supplies for less fortunate young people, visitations to nearby senior centers, and similar activities to benefit others. For the past three years SRLC has joined with the LEO group in a project to benefit a local charitable agency, the Severna Park Assistance Network (SPAN) in the weeks prior to Thanksgiving. The Lions have challenged the LEO club to collect non-perishable food items for SPAN and the "winner," the group collecting the most food, receives a pizza treat from the "loser." For the past three years the LEO club has managed to win the competition and earn their pizza prize.

This year the competition was ratcheted up to a new level. Not only was the LEO Club, advised by teacher Judy Crawford and under the capable leadership of Alex Crawford, Sarah Knopp, and Jack Hamilton actively involved, but this year's collection effort was joined by the Student Government Association in a school wide effort which pitted the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes against each other. The SGA leaders, Merissa Madden and Megan Rhoderich, organized the campaign and each grade persuaded a teacher to perform a stunt if their class won. The LEO group also managed to pull off an out-of-school collection effort on November 10 by standing outside of Giant Foods and soliciting food items from customers leaving the store. The seventh grade class out-collected the other grades and we learned that their teacher, Mr. McTaminy, has agreed to come to school dressed as Snow White.

When several Lions, our big truck, and several vans arrived at SPMS on November 15 to pick up the food, it quickly became apparent that SRLC had "lost" the pizza challenge again. At least two dozen LEO members, SGA officers, and several teachers greeted the pick up crew with cartons, and cartons, and cartons and bags and bags and bags of food items. The space in the back of the big truck was soon filled to capacity and the three remaining vehicles were pressed into service to transport the 3006 cans and boxes - by conservative estimate - of food items to SPAN in time to fill Thanksgiving boxes for needy families in the community.

The enthusiasm, caring, and sincerity of this group of young people was delightful to behold and the Severn River Lions Club can take pride in sponsoring such a committed and dedicated group of young adults. The Lions will obviously have to rethink their food collection strategy next year and find a way to win the pizza by out collecting the LEO club.



FABULOUS FRUIT SALES



Order Deadline:

Distribution Date:

DECEMBER 8, 2007

DECEMBER 15, 2007

JANUARY 8, 2008

JANUARY 15, 2008

FEBRUARY 16, 2008

FEBRUARY 23, 2008

MARCH 15, 2008

MARCH 22, 2008

Lions save kids sight!

Last issue you heard about the great response of SRLC members to the call to assist in vision acuity screening in elementary/middle schools in inner city Baltimore's Homewood area.

In October Lions Roger Knauth, Bob Muchow, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig, along with Lions from Aberdeen Lioness Lions and Havre de Grace Lions clubs, conducted preschool vision screening in four of the Homewood Area schools. A fifth school was screened by Lions from Aberdeen Lions and Aberdeen Lioness Lions. These Lions are truly making a difference in many children's lives by helping them see better so they can learn better. What better way is there to break the bonds of ignorance and poverty? Eighty percent of what children learn comes through what they can see.

In November Lions will be working with LensCrafter, Maryland Society for Sight, and local eye doctors to bring a small vision van to several of the Homewood schools to provide eye exams and glasses for those school kids that were unable to be examined at the LensCrafter's Vision Van in September.

Please don't pass up the opportunity to help in this great project that changes children's lives for the better. If you have any questions please contact Lion Dale Strait.

**Severn River Lions Club
Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting
November 13, 2007**

Draft – To be approved at the December 11 Board meeting

Attendance: KL Chuck Horne, Rollins Clarke, George Council, Jr., Barry Johnson, Roger Knauth, Dick Maurer, Bill O’Neil, Sue Parks, Randy Roberts, Dale Strait, Ollie Wittig and other members Nancy Burns, Ken Tschantre, and Bill Zelenakas.

Secretary’s Report: Correspondence – thank you from Kinder park for participation in fall festival, fund request from Maryland Special Olympics, and a brochure from the SP Chamber advertising their business website. The minutes of the October 9, 2007 Board meeting were amended to correct the nomination of the Lion Who Best Represents Lionism title from lion of the year and were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer’s Report: Detailed copies of the financial report as on November 11, 2007 were presented for review. The Activities fund has a current balance of \$7,518.28 and the Administrative fund has a balance of \$9,677.95 for a total of \$17,518.23. The IRS Form 990 for FY 2006-07 was completed with assistance of Sheila O’Neil and has been mailed. The financial reports were accepted and filed for review.

Dale reports that income to date is slightly less than last year so successful citrus sales, bull roast, and other fund raising activities must be stressed. All bills are paid and member dues are being received. It was noted that members had been billed for six (6) meals this quarter but there are only five meetings. The billing will be adjusted the next quarter.

Membership Report: Roger Knauth presented a reported showing the current affiliate and MAL members and asked the sponsor to make a personal contact to them about resuming active status or participating in club events. Overall membership decreased by two this month: resignation of Miguel Sanchez due to health reasons and the transfer of George Jenkins to the Summerville Lions Club. The resignation and transfer were approved.

Help Project:

Roger Knauth reported that Lion Lynette Walters needs assistance with a plumbing problem and yard maintenance due to her medical condition. Roger has met with Lynette and has arranged for a client/prospective member to take care of the plumbing problem. Roger will coordinate a yard clean up date with Lynette and advise the members of help needed. Dale Strait suggested that Partners in Care, a group which we have assisted with service projects, might be able to assist Lynette. Roger will follow up with this.

Program/Activities: Nancy Burns reported on scheduled presenters. VDG John Andrews will attend the January 8 meeting. VDG candidate Senora Haywood will attend in March. The Cubmaster of Pack 688 has been invited and a response is awaited. The Christmas Party scheduled for December 4 has 51 respondents so far and Nancy will contact affiliate and MAL about this annual event. The LEO/SPMS food collection at Safeway on Saturday was a success and the food was delivered to SPAN. The school wide food drive at SPMS will end November 15 and the food will be collected and taken to SPAN

The annual Bull Roast is scheduled for April 12, 2008 at the Columbian Center. Several committees will be needed to coordinate various part of the fun social event.

A local women’s group has prepared a special calendar and has asked permission to sell these to customers in line at the citrus sale on November 17. Discussion about the precedent this might

create, the potential for safety issues, and the customer perception about this activity ensued. A motion by Bill O'Neil and seconded by Roger Knauth that we permit this sale failed.

Fruit Sale: Randy Roberts reported that the November order was up from last year thanks to large orders from the Kent Island Lions and a LEO club on the shore. Various members have agreed to take care of the refreshments. The SPSHS band helpers have been confirmed and the security arrangements are made. Randy said that three (3) booths will be needed. KL Chuck guarantees good weather for the event.

Charter Night: Don Rayment has agreed to chair this event. Since last years Charter celebration was sparsely attended Don asked how elaborate the members might want this year's event to be. The consensus was that we should recognize the charter date with a meeting in March and arrange for some entertainment but scale it back from last year.

Lion Best Representing Lionism: KL Chuck presented the result of the vote for the member to be recognized at the District Social as best representing the tenets of Lionism. Lion Dale Strait was selected by his peers for this honor and his name will be forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary.

District Convention 50-50 tickets – These raffle tickets will be available for purchase at future meetings.

Campaign SightFirst II – Dale delivered the report with the recommendation that SRLC pledge \$6,000 over five years to this campaign. Discussion about whether the annual Melvin Jones Foundation award could be applied to CSF II resulted. Future MJF contributions can be designated for the CSF II. A motion by George Council and seconded by Dick Maurer that the club designate that amount be pledged was passed.

Other items: Several Lions, George Council, Bill O'Neil, and Rollins Clark agreed to investigate the costs of a larger fry cooker for future cookouts and report at a later meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted
Oliver Wittig, Secretary, SRLC



The next blood drive is Monday, December 10th at the Elks Lodge on Truckhouse Road in Severna Park. If you weren't able to sign up to give at our November 6 meeting, contact Lion Dale Strait at 410-987-4879 or dalestrait@alum.mit.edu. Or just show up at the Elks Lodge between 1 and 7 pm on the 10th. Someone will be really glad you did.

The Falling Leaves

The phrase “We Serve” is particularly meaningful to Lions all over the world, but to one hard working team of a half dozen SRLC Lions several new phrases were introduced the day before Thanksgiving. The group arrived at Lion Lynette Walters’ home promptly at 9:30 a.m. to begin removal of the leaves from nearly two dozen large oak trees in the yard. An hour later the Lions vocabulary now included such phrases as “We Rake”, “we power blow”, “we bag”, “we haul.” Under the able leadership of Lion Roger Knauth, the team of Dick Maurer, Bill O’Neil, Dale Strait, Ken Tschantre, and Ollie Wittig diligently attacked the leaves and soon the curbside was piled high. Everyone resisted the urge to jump in the leaves and stuffing the leaves into plastic bags began in earnest. The final accumulation was nearly two dozen bags of leaves. Just as the team finished a well earned break Roger announced “Now we can start in the back yard.” “What back yard?” the team said in unison as they picked up rakes and blowers and trudged to the back. An even larger expanse of yard awaited! Soon the neighborhood quiet was shattered by the sound of leaf blowers working in tandem. Another two dozen bags of leaves were filled before the team decided to call it a day. Team leader Roger promised that the next leaf clean up day would be on a weekend so more Lions could experience the same vocabulary enhancing and back wracking fun that was had that day.

Watch out for the announcement about the next raking session and be sure to sign up for a project that will benefit a deserving Lion.



MEMBERSHIP BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS

The list of TIPS is borrowed from the October 2007 issue of Lion Magazine. Not all work for everyone. Collectively, these have worked and have led to growth and retention. The Membership Committee will discuss these approaches in future Newsletters.

- 1) You have to ASK someone to be a Lion
- 2) Always be willing to tell our story
- 3) Explain service to community, nation, world
- 4) BE PASSIONATE and CONTAGIOUS about Lionism
- 5) Don't be afraid of rejection
- 6) Prepare to answer objections ("I don't have time to join," etc.)
- 7) Listen to prospects' own stories, interests, needs
- 8) Keep prospect lists and update frequently
- 9) Follow up on initial contacts
- 10) Be organized – have applications, brochures and contact information readily available
- 11) Look for opportunities to form new clubs
- 12) Identify people of influence in communities who are good at making connections with others
- 13) Help those in need
- 14) Make meetings fun and interesting
- 15) Recruit younger members
- 16) Develop programs with schools
- 17) Allow new members to assume leadership roles
- 18) Be hospitable to all, avoid cliques
- 19) Keep new members active to RETAIN them

All of these tips revolve around being PASSIONATE about Lionism in all of your social interactions. You will find it contagious. Your enthusiasm cannot be denied. Wear your Lion lapel pin everywhere to show that you are proud to be a Lion. It catches people's attention, and often it helps to begin a conversation about Lionism.





BIRTHDAYS

December

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

January

Rick Mulderick – 5
 Randy Roberts – 7
 Oriey Glenn – 11
 Don Counts – 17
 Art Foehser – 25

SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT			
	CLUB DOLLARS	Year to Date Hours	November, 2007 Hours
Health	0.00	46	6
Diabetes Awareness	0.00	0	0
Sight	4,245.00	200	35
Hearing	0.00	194	0
LASH	0.00	20	4
Youth	6,180.00	264	125
Community	131.00	350	67
Environment	0.00	54	12
International Relations	0.00	22	1
Lionism	0.00	1403	171
TOTALS	10,556.00	2553	421

Membership Report November 30, 2007

Members November 1, 2007	65
Active	32
At Large	12
Life	1
Affiliate	20
Privileged	0
Members November 30, 2007	65
Leo Club Members	60

REMINDER

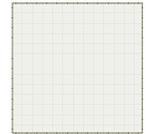
If you expect to miss a Membership Meeting, be sure to email Secretary Ollie Wittig, witbrew@comcast.net, or call 410/647-7338 by 4 pm on the Sunday prior to the meeting. If you are an Affiliate or MAL Member, call if you are going to attend. Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

An updated roster is included in this issue. Please check the information carefully and let me know if any changes are needed. 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 12/04 | Holiday Dinner, American Legion Post 175 |
| 12/11 | Board of Directors Meeting, SPHA Building |
| 12/13 | East Anne Arundel et al Sixtieth Anniversary |
| 12/15 | Second Fabulous Fruit Sale |
| 1/01 | HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! |
| 1/7 | Region I Meeting |
| 1/08 | General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175 |
| 1/15 | Board of Directors Meeting, SPHA Building |
| 1/19 | Third Fabulous Fruit Sale |
| 1/22 | General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175 |
| 1/26 | District Social |
| 2/5 | General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 176 |
| 2/12 | Board of Directors Meeting, SPHA Building |
| 2/15-17 | Lions Leadership Institute, Emmitsburg |
| 2/19 | General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 176 |
| 2/22 | LASH General Meeting |
| 2/23 | Fourth Fabulous Fruit Sale |