



# Severn River Lions Club News



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## AN ACTIVE AUTUMN!



Lion Catherine Violette ready for business at the SRLC Kinder Farm concession tent.

### Kinder Farm Park Fall Festival A Success – Again!

Under the capable leadership of hard working Lion Dick Maurer, the SRLC food concession at the annual Kinder Farm Park Fall Festival on October 13 was a success—again. Dick had begun preparation for the event at least a week earlier by securing health department permits, enlisting volunteers, preparing the truck, and shopping for commodities to cook.

Twenty Lions, some arriving early, set up tents, unloaded supplies, readied the grills and fryers, and got ready for the crowds. The weather man cooperated again this year with a nearly perfect fall day. The popular menu included delicious Italian sausage with onions and peppers, hot dogs, chilli dogs, fried shrimp, and French fried potatoes. The crowds began arriving for the festival and fami-



International Theme for 2012–2013  
“In a World of Service”



SRLC Lions prepare food at the annual Kinder Farm Park Fall Festival.

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lies were treated to hay rides, pumpkin carving, face painting, woodcraft exhibits, metal smithing, and animal viewing. The majority of the events were geared to the younger crowd. A SRLC special exhibit by Lions George Council and Tilghman Brice featured G-guage trains which circled the track next to the SRLC concession, and this “kid magnet” drew crowds all day.

Speaking of crowds, hungry fairgoers began arriving about 11:00 am and lined up to get ticket orders for the delicious treats being prepared. For nearly four hours the lines continued and the Lion cooks were challenged to keep up. Toward the end of the day we had to announce that we had sold out of various items – sausage, shrimp, French fries, but the hot dogs were still available.

Several Lions wearing the Annoying Orange costume worked the crowds and managed to get nearly twenty new potential customers for upcoming citrus sales. Brochures describing the club’s many worthwhile service activities were also distributed and several prospects indicated an interest in Lions.

Special thanks to Lion Dick Maurer and all the other hard working Lions who contributed to make this event a success.



Lions George Council and Tilghman Brice with train exhibit.



Lion Ollie promotes the club’s upcoming citrus fruit sales.

## SRLC Picnic Held Indoors—Again!



Lion Chris Werth received a Melvin Jones Award at the September "picnic."



District 22-A Governor Skip Hoffman and wife Sharon.



"Picnic table 1" enjoying the festivities.



Lion George Council speaks for "picnic table 2."



King Lion Bill O'Neil addresses the group.



"Picnic table 4 enjoys the dinner despite the weather."



King Lion Bill O'Neil and Lion Ollie Wittig with SPS Falcon Marching Band Director Dick Powell.

### 34th Battle of the Bands

The thirty-fourth annual Severna Park High School marching band competition on October 27 at Roberts Field provided the fans in attendance with a four hour extravaganza of spirited music, precision marching, and colorful flag twirling. Fifteen high school marching bands, mostly from Anne Arundel county and Maryland, but three groups traveled from Delaware, Virginia, and South Carolina, performed during the competition.

Bands, in categories by size, were judged for their musical performance, the visual effect by the color guard, marching precision, and how these were combined. Judges from the US Bands Corp. evaluated each group and taped comments from the judges were provided to the band directors for review. Bands varied in size from about thirty members to nearly two hundred members and the precision marching while playing an instrument was a treat to see.

The Falcon marching band, under the direction of Dick Powell, started the program with the

national anthem and then the competition began. Each band was allotted fifteen minutes for set up, performance, and completion. Energetic band parents quickly brought equipment to the field and the music began. Each group was given a hearty welcome by the announcer.

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King Lion Bill O'Neil presents a trophy.

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Severna Park High School Battle of the Bands competition.

The variety of music and marching thrilled the audience and applause resounded across the stadium. After all bands had performed the SPHS band came back on the field to entertain while the four judges deliberated. Then it was time to announce the results and the band fronts for each band came forward. As the winning band in each of the six categories was announced the drum major and guard stepped up and were presented trophies by King Lion Bill O’Neil. For at least twenty years SRLC has provided the trophies for the competition and in recognition the band program featured a page one add for the SRLC citrus sales. The announcer also expressed appreciation to SRLC for this long term commitment and urged fans to purchase the citrus.

In addition to KL Bill several other Lions were in attendance that night. George Councill and Tilghman Brice assisted the band from Chesapeake High School and Ollie Wittig helped with the trophies.

Severn River Lions can be proud of our contribution to the band and we look forward to band student’s assistance at the citrus sales each month. SRLC has promised to be back again next year for the thirty-fifth band competition.

## Motley Crew At Work

A contingent from the SRLC Construction Co. arrived at Sue Park’s house on November 3 for the second phase of the ramp building project.

Last week Foreman Dale Strait had staked out the ramp outline on the ground and the crew – Chuck Horne, Dale Strait, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas and Sue’s son, Chris – arrived with shovels and post hole diggers to begin the work. Dale had spotted the eight holes to be dug and work began. The soil was moist and sandy and made the digging easier. To comply with ADA requirements, each hole was dug to a depth of at least thirty inches. An inspector will check the hole depth and then the crew will place upright poles in concrete and, when cured, these will support the deck structure.

The next phase will consist of installing the struts on the poles and then the decking and railing so the crew will be busy for several days. Several more Lions joined the crew – Bruce Shriner and Dick Bloomquist – and contributed to the ramp. The club has had lots of experience with these projects and has built handi-cap ramps for a family in Glen Burnie and at the SPAN building in Severna Park.

This project is just one more example of how SRLC takes seriously our motto, “We Serve”

## 2012 Maryland State Fair Screening Results

The Maryland State Fair was a success with 378 tests being given! Many clubs came out and supported the District 22-C vision and hearing tests, including SRLC. We thank 22C’s Lion Community Outreach Foundation for making the screening bus available.

	Pass	Fail	Total
Vision:	125	85	210
Hearing:	95	73	168
Grand Total:	220	157	<b>378</b>

## SRLC Well Represented at Combined Region Meeting

Nine Severn River Lions including, Dick Bloomquist, Nancy Burns, Rollins Clark, Dick Maurer, Bob Muchow, Bill O'Neil, Sue Parks, Catherine Violette, and Ollie Wittig, joined nearly five dozen other Lions from the District at American Legion #276 in Severn on September 28 for the Combined Region Meeting.

Early arriving Lions from many other clubs had an opportunity to socialize and reconnect before the main event. Promptly at 7:00 pm, Lion Angela Bruce called the gathering to order and began with the traditional Lions opening. Lion Angela next introduced the current District 22-A leaders for the current year and again Severn River was well represented—Sue Parks, Region 1 chair, Rollins Clark, Zone 1 Chair, Dick Maurer, Administrative Assistant and Past District Governors, Dick Bloomquist and Bob Muchow.

Dinner, catered by Adam's Ribs, was next and the hall grew quiet as Lions ate and enjoyed the excellent meal that had been prepared by our caterer.

After everyone's appetite had been satisfied Lion Angela introduced Linda Lupro, the evening's speaker and moderator. Linda presented an excellent visual about the Reading Action Program (RAP), a part of International President Wayne Madden's world theme, "A World of Service." The Reading Action Program encourages all Lions clubs to get involved in helping children and adults acquire the reading skills necessary to help them function in daily living. Linda then directed each table to brainstorm on ideas that might be carried out by individual clubs. Each table then reported on the possible ideas including collecting books for donation, reading to school children and at senior centers, providing assistive devices to children or adults with low vision, book exchanges, pur-



Lions Dick Mauer and Ollie Wittig brainstorm RAP ideas.



Dinner that night was catered by Adam's Ribs.

chase children's magazine subscription for donation to a school or library, volunteer to help tutor students in reading at a local school, and donate computers for use in schools or libraries. The Lions were enthusiastic about the Reading Action Program and we can expect to see positive results in District 22-A this year.

Lion Angela adjourned the meeting and urged everyone to drive safely on the trip home.



Severn River Lions enjoyed a light dinner during BAFN.



Bill Zelenakas and Carl Gilbert explain the SRLC fruit sales.

## Bring A Friend Night 2012

October 2 was the night for the club’s annual Bring A Friend Night when members invite friends, neighbors, coworkers, and relatives to an informal, but informative, meeting that tells of our clubs many worthwhile community service activities. Many members had prepared attractive displays and visuals that showed these activities and they were shown on long tables around the hall.

The informative part of the meeting began after a delicious meal of “finger food” was catered by Lion Sue Parks and the menu included fried chicken, assorted luncheon meats and cheeses, condiments, fresh fruit, cheesecake, cookies, and soft drinks.

The evening’s guests included Ed Malarkey who was invited by Bill Zelenakas and Mike and Sue Clouser, parents of Jodie Clouser, a current scholarship recipient who is a freshman at Appalachian State University. All received brochures telling about our club.

For the next half hour guests and members visited the displays, viewed the exhibits, and talked with Lions who enthusiastically told about each activity. Even veteran Lions admitted that they



The S.W.A.T Adopt-A-Highway display. SRLC Lions can be seen picking up trash along Rt. 2 during the warmer months.

learned something new about our club during the evening. The meeting was attended by nearly thirty SRLC members and three guests and while the attendance was small the information presented conveyed how active our club is in the community and beyond.

Let’s look forward to the next BAF Night and try to recruit more prospects to become *New Lions*.



Severn River Lions Club cake judges.



Some of the Cub Scout cakes on display.

## Here Come the Judges

Five SRLC Lions, Rollins Clark, David Knabel, Bill O’Neil, Ollie Wittig, and Bill Zelenakas were drafted to help judge Pack 688’s annual cake decorating contest on October 17 at Shipley’s Choice Elementary School. The Cub Scouts and parents had crafted cakes to fit one of twelve themes: Halloween, scariest, disgusting, chocolate, Cub Scout, nature, animal, patriotic, cartoon, candy, sports/hobby, and best overall.

For thirty minutes the judges walked around the tables which held the cakes and marveled at the creativity shown by many of the entries and made their individual choices for a winner in each category. The judges then adjourned to a quiet table to compare individual results. There was some compromising in several categories but winners for each category were selected. Certificates were presented to each of the winners and they came forward to get their prize and pose for pictures.

Then came the best part! The cake entries could be taken home and eaten by each contestant. Parents thanked the judges and we have been invited back to serve again next year.

SRLC has been an active supporter of several pack events including the pinewood derby, the bike rodeo, cooking for the bridging ceremony,



Pack 688 cake contest winners proudly display their certificates along with leaders John Dennison and Thor Young.

and supporting the Pack fund raiser by ordering poinsettias in December. We will again challenge the Pack to try to collect more food for SPAN with the loser buying pizza for the winner. Pack 688 has won the pizza for the past four years.



## Peace Poster 2012

Artistic and creative students in three local schools participated in the Lions annual Peace Poster contest this year. Students from Magothy River Middle School, Severn River Middle School, and Severn School submitted numerous entries that challenged the judges to select a finalist.

Lions Nancy Burns and Catherine Violette coordinated the Peace Poster contest at the three schools, interacted with the art teachers, and arranged for the judging which would determine a winner at each school. The entries from Magothy River Middle and the Severn School had been previously judged and winners chosen, but on November 1 seven SRLC members assembled at the Health Center building to review and judge the three dozen entries submitted by Severn River students.

The theme for 2012, Imagine Peace, challenged the students and their artistic talents were apparent to the judges who viewed each entry and made individual selections for the finalist. It was no easy task for the judges as many of the posters showed talent and creativity but a final selection was made.

Winners from the three schools will receive a savings bond from the Severn River Lions club and they will be invited with their parents to attend a club meeting to receive their award.

The annual Peace Poster contest is an event that the club looks forward to each year and the creativity of the students never ceases to amaze the members.

### SRLC Winners for 2012

Magothy River Middle School: Penelope Henerson

Severn School: Caroline McNeil

Severn River Middle School: Elin Fan



SRLC judges review the beautiful poster designs. Picking a winner is difficult and involves careful consideration.



Some of the colorful Peace Poster entries.



Each of the Peace Poster entries was given careful examination and consideration.

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## 22-A Peace Poster Winner!

This year's Peace Poster theme was Imagining Peace and there were entries from Severna Park Middle School, Severn River Middle School, Magothy River Middle School, and Severn School.

SRLC judges selected the winning entrant from Severn River Middle and passed the poster on to District competition. A panel of judges reviewed the entries from different District clubs during the last week of November and selected as the 22-A winner the poster done by Elin Fan, a 12 year old from Severn River Middle School as the winner in District competition.

Elin's poster will be forwarded for multiple District competition. This is the second consecutive year that an entry submitted by SRLC has advanced in competition at the multi-District level. Elin, her parents, and the art teacher will be invited to a club meeting and Elin will be presented with a savings bond as the SRLC winner.

We wish Elin the very best at the multiple-District level.



Elin Fran's winning entry.

## Meals On Wheels

Have you have heard of Meals On Wheels while attending a Lions function but are not sure of what exactly it is?

The program provides hot and cold meals to seniors and housebound adults and allows them to keep a reasonably active and healthy lifestyle while living with age and infirmities.

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland serves clients in several neighboring counties—Anne Arundel included. For several years the Severn River Lions Club has assisted this program in our area. Hot food is prepared in a central kitchen and delivered to Woods Presbyterian Church where it is packaged into individual servings. Cold meals are prepared at the church site as well. These tasty meals are packaged in insulated containers for delivery by a host of volunteers.

For several years the Severn River Lions Club has assisted this program and served as drop off drivers to take the prepared meals to two churches in Pasadena where other volunteers take them to the MOW clients. The SRLC volunteers, Lions Nancy Earley, Carl Gilbert, Bill O'Neil, Dale Strait, Ray Smith, Ken Tschantre, and Ollie Wittig pick up the packaged meals just before mid-day and transport them to the churches. The empty food containers from the previous day's meals are then returned to the church. The round trip drive is less than an hour and about twenty miles distance, so this is one of the easier volunteer tasks for Lions. If you have the time and can do the drive, consider becoming a Meals On Wheels volunteer.

*"We Serve" and we deliver!*

## SRLC Medical Loan Closet

The Severn River Lions Club medical loan closet has a collection of items that are made available free of charge to persons who are ill or disabled and need aids to assist them in their daily lives. The medical loan closet is overflowing with valuable health care items such as wheelchairs, potty chairs, canes, walkers, crutches, electric lift chair and even hospital beds.

We have a special wheelchair an INVACARE HTR High back, tilt/recline chair Good for a Adult muscular dystrophy patient.

If you need any equipment for loan to a needy person please contact Lion Ken Tschantre at 410-647-2092 or Lion Orié Glenn at 410-647-6343 to arrange a pickup time.



Some of the Medical Loan Closet gear was on display at the most recent Bring A Friend Night.

## SRLC Welcomes New Lion Sarah!

Welcome to the newest member of the Severn River Lions pride, Sarah Saunders, who was inducted at the October 16th meeting.

Sarah grew up in small town Delano, Minnesota where the local Lions club is very active in various community service activities. Sarah benefited from the Delano Lions and sought an active club so she could begin giving back to the community.

Sarah attended and graduated from a liberal arts college in her home state where she studied music and political science. While in college Sarah had the opportunity to study at the University of Salzburg in Austria. After completing college Sarah moved to Washington DC and currently works for MedicAlert in the political arena.

Sarah and her husband, Chuck, and three friendly dogs, currently live in nearby Edgewater but she doesn't mind the commute to attend SRLC meetings. Sarah indicated other possible career paths such as teaching and she indicated an interest in either elementary education or secondary mathematics or science.

Besides work and Lions, Sarah, in her spare time, enjoys participating in and watching sports, reading, cooking, and getting her hands on home and automotive projects. Sarah's interest and desire to help others will make her an excellent member of SRLC and we look forward to working with her on our club's many activities.

*Welcome to SRLC Lions Sarah Saunders!*

**Don't Forget...Ledo's Pizza Night is the 4th Wednesday of each month!**

*The Ledo's Pizza in Severna Park will donate a portion of sales to the SRLC, plus kids eat free too!*

**September 26th • October 24th • November 21st • December 26th**

*It's easy to help raise money, just stop by and get a slice of pie!*

## District 22-A Social



Lion Dick Mauer and Ross Award.



King Lion Bill O'Neil and wife Sheila.



Lion Catherine Violette and husband Tom.



SRLC Lions Rollins Clarke and Dale Strait enjoy dinner.



The VIP table.



District Governor Skip Hoffman and Lion Sue Parks.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### SEPTEMBER

- 9/4 Linstead Beach Picnic 6:00PM
- 9/11 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 9/13-9/15 USA/Canada Forum
- 9/18 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 9/26 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM
- 9/28 Combined Region Meeting 6:30PM

### OCTOBER

- 10/2 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 10/9 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 10/13 Eyeglass Sorting
- 10/16 General Meeting & DG Visit 6:30PM
- 10/24 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

### NOVEMBER

- 11/3 District Social – Hunt Valley Inn
- 11/6 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 11/13 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 11/17 Fruit Sale 8:00AM - 1:00PM
- 11/20 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 11/21 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

### DECEMBER

- 12/4 Holiday Party 6:00PM
- 12/11 Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 12/15 Fruit Sale 8:00AM - 1:00PM
- 12/18 General Meeting 6:30PM
- 12/26 Ledo's Pizza Night 5:00PM

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### SEPTEMBER

- John Randall – 2
- Don Luce – 8
- Robert Bauman – 13
- Dave Knabel – 13
- Gordon Clement – 20
- Ray Smith – 22

### OCTOBER

- Jon Valett – 17
- Clinton Wallace – 26

### NOVEMBER

- Nadja Muchow – 2
- Carroll Hicks – 5
- Bobby L. Edmond – 17
- Jim Talentino – 20
- Bob Engh – 21
- Nancy Earley – 25

### DECEMBER

- Susan Parks – 5
- Mary Boblitz – 5
- John Linsley – 13
- Nancy Burns – 20
- Rick Stefany – 23
- Rhine Jager – 26



Severna Park High School Falcons Band members with Lion J. Tilghman Brice helped out at the November fruit sale.