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2006

# Severn River Lions Club

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President – King Lion Sue Parks



**WE SERVE  
AND  
SHARE THE FUN**

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Fellow Lions,

Seems to be the will of the people that I be King Lion rather than Queen – so it is said, so it shall be! That's a good thing – I was developing a split personality. **Tail Twister** – please fine anyone who calls me Queen (and while you're at it, please fine anyone who steals my gavel, has knowledge of said theft, or attempts to steal my gavel – have I left anyone out? Oh, and hit VP Chuck with some retroactive fines on GP too!)

Autumn is the season during which most crops are harvested and some trees lose their leaves. It is also the season where days rapidly get shorter and cooler and the nights get longer. In agriculture, harvesting is the process of gathering mature crops from the fields. Not that many of us are farmers (do we have any?) – but let's think about a different kind of harvest. In these past few weeks, we've harvested some new Lions. We are extremely happy to welcome Lions Mary Boblitz and Don Counts into SRLC because that means, not only have we gained two new friends, we have new workers who want to be involved in our service projects. Hopefully, over the next few weeks, we'll be welcoming the West Arundel Lions Club to our Lions community and our thanks go out to VDG Dick, PDG Bob, and Lion Dale for their efforts in this project.

On a serious note, **October is Breast Cancer Awareness** month. We all know someone who has been affected by this terrible disease. Please support Lion Dale and Roma Strait as they participate in the **Komen Race for the Cure** with other Lions from District 22-A. Either plan to walk with them or check out the website where you can make a pledge. It's incredibly easy and they can really use your encouragement (as well as your money).

<http://2006komenmdrftc.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=163313&lis=1&kntae163313=723A49A075CE46BDBB5D933A499B5F85&login=0>

October brings a calendar full of activities so take a look inside for the details. The District Governor visited us on September 19, 2006 (along with Lion Marcia and CT Owen) and he is looking for "a few good" Lions. DG Harold mentioned that he and the International Guest will be giving a special award to one Lion from each club at the District Social in January. This will be a Lion that the Club puts forward as someone who personifies Lions' service to the Club and the community. We have so many dedicated and hard-working Lions in our Club that this is going to be very hard to do. If you have someone in mind who really stands out, please let me know – the Board will consider nominees at the October Board meeting.

Our Gary's Garden fundraiser was a great success – check inside for some pictures of SRLC Lions Sharing the Fun! Special thanks to Lions Dick Maurer and Nancy Burns for their extreme hours in putting this together for us.

Thanks so much for allowing me to be your King Lion.

Yours in Lionism, KL Sue





## Homewood Project Vision Screening

Lions in District 22-A have an opportunity again this year to help youngsters in the schools in the Homewood District of the Baltimore City Public Schools by offering both preschool vision screening to the kindergartners and acuity screening using the Titmus machines to the older youngsters. Last year's successful program benefited many youth who might not have had any type of vision screening.

Again this year Lions are needed to serve as Titmus machine operators, camera operators, photo readers, record keepers, and guides at the six Homewood schools, Barclay, Dallas Nichols, Guilford, Margaret Brent, Medfield Heights, and Waverly. The screening dates are between September 25 and October 13. The final schedule is being developed but the dates shown are the expected screening dates.

### Tuesday

October 3-Barclay ES  
October 10-Dallas Nichols ES

### Thursday

October 5-Guilford ES  
October 12-Waverly ES

Clubs and individual Lions are urged to volunteer for one or more of the dates. Previous experience with either the Titmus machine or the preschool camera is helpful but not necessary. To volunteer or get more information contact:

PDG Bill Vogler 410-420-3502 [memom822@aol.com](mailto:memom822@aol.com)  
Dale Strait 410-987-4879 [dalestrait@alum.mit.edu](mailto:dalestrait@alum.mit.edu)  
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Don't miss this opportunity to provide a valuable service to youth and let the community know about Lions!

## We Serve

the Vampire sent



Thanks to Rachel Tschantre, Lions Ollie Wittig, Dick Bloomquist, Bill O'Neil, Rollins Clark, Wayne Dudeck, Randy Roberts, Nadja Muchow, Jon Valett and Trent Kutsch who volunteered to give their all to help save a life at our Blood Drive on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The next drawing will be Monday, December 11, 2006. You have to be there to win.

# SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETINGS

Incredibly busy meetings in September. At our September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Lion Jon Valett, chair of the We Serve committee presented Judy Crawford with the We Serve award for her dedicated service to the community. We also presented perfect attendance awards and service chevrons and Lions Chris Danielsen and Bernadette Jacobs from the Baltimore Host Lions Club presented Courtesy Rules for interacting with the Blind.



Lions Milum & Shirley Greene received their first Perfect Attendance awards while Lions Ray Smith and Don Smith received awards for over 40 years of Perfect Attendance!!!

# SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETINGS cont.

At our September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, we were honored with the District Governor's visit. DG Harold, accompanied by Lion Marcia and Cabinet Treasurer Owen Landis, presented greetings from the International President and told us of his plans for the District. He also inducted new member Don Counts with sponsor IPP Randy Roberts looking on. He was also on hand as we presented Lion Chuck Horne with the 2005 – 2006 Lion of the Year and VDG Dick, PDG Bob and Lion Dick with their Stars of September awards for their efforts in building the West Arundel Lions Club. Referring at some point to our Tail Twister as a him, Tail Twister Myra (with the Club's encouragement) felt it essential to Club morale to fine DG Harold for this infraction.



**In case you're wondering, that's my gavel in the bag around my neck - it's almost safe there! Many thanks to Lion Myra for providing this gavel-haven. Note to the Lion of the Year (that's you, Chuck) - let my gavel be!!**

**Draft Minutes of 9/12/06  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Severn River Lions Club  
To Be Approved at 10/10/06 Board Meeting**



**Attendees:**

**Board:**

Nancy Burns	Chuck Horne	Roger Knauth	Trent Kutsch
Joe McClellan	Nadja Muchow	Bill O'Neil	Sue Parks
Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett	

**Other Members:**

Dick Bloomquist	Nancy Garczynski	Dick Maurer	Bob Muchow
Dale Strait	Ollie Wittig	Bill Zelenakas	

The Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors' Meeting was called to order by KL Sue Parks at 7:35, with eleven board members present.

**King Lion Announcements:** King Lion Sue made some general announcements.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last board meeting, held on August 8<sup>th</sup>, were presented by Lion Jon Valett. A minor amendment was made. Lion Chuck Horne motioned for approval as amended and was seconded by Lion Nancy Burns. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Activities Checking	5,555.38
Administrative Checking	6,922.94
Truck Replacement Fund	13,406.82
Foundation Checking	3,448.53
Foundation Money Market	12,509.08

**Old Business/Reports:**

**Camp Merrick Leadership Weekend** - VDG Dick Bloomquist attended and reported that it had been a successful weekend.

**Paws in the Park** – Lion Nancy Burns reported that it was a big success.

**Gary's Garden Fundraiser** – Lion Nancy Burns reported that she needed some help on Friday night, but that all was ready and that it could be a big fundraiser.

**Homewood Project** – Lion Ollie Wittig asked for people to sign up for the October screening.

**Other items :**

- Peace Posters – Lion Nancy Burns reported that she had met with the Harbor School and that they had added St. John's school.
- Lion Dale Strait reported that the blood drive was scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Lion Nancy Burns reported that the first Leo meeting of the year at SPMS had 50 people.

**New Business:**

**Fruit Sales – H&S Brochure, Advertising Budget** – Lion Randy Roberts reported that H&S is sending the post cards. He is reviewing a brochure that they proposed. Advertising still needs to be addressed. Current scheduled

dates for fruit sales are 11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/24, and 3/24. Prices will be available later in the month or early in October.

**Tournament of Bands** – Lion Nancy Garczynski reported that the tournament would be on October 7<sup>th</sup>. 18 bands are coming. SRLC will donate \$1000 for trophies as budgeted.

**Activities Budget** - A draft activity budget was presented and discussed. It will be approved at the next meeting.

**Membership** – Lion Ken Tschantre presented a membership application for Don Counts. He has attended two meetings and an orientation. Lion Nancy Burns moved that he be accepted as an active member. Lion Jon Valett seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Lion Ken also reported that the next orientation would be on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Concession Trailer** – KL Sue reported that she had found a food concession trailer. Discussion about the merits of a trailer versus a replacement for “Old Blue” commenced. A committee was formed to make a recommendation to the board. The committee is chaired by Lion Trent Kutsch, and has members Lions Roger Knauth, Dale Strait, Jon Valett, Dick Maurer, and George Council.

**Family Friendly Inaugural Event** – KL Sue stated that we needed to determine if we wanted to participate in this Lion’s International program. After discussion Lion Chuck Horne suggested that we evaluate upcoming service projects to see if there is one that would work.

**Other Items –**

- Lion Dick Maurer asked if the SRLC would recognize Pat Ward with a certificate of service for her church. KL Sue will provide.

Lion Jon Valett motioned to adjourn at 9:00 pm, which was seconded by Lion Nancy Burns and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary



**Minutes of September 12, 2006  
Severn River Lions Foundation Meeting  
Draft - To be approved at the October 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting**

**Attendees:**

**Board:**

Nancy Burns	Chuck Horne	Roger Knauth	Trent Kutsch
Joe McClellan	Nadja Muchow	Bill O’Neil	Sue Parks
Randy Roberts	Ken Tschantre	Jon Valett	

**Other Members:**

Dick Bloomquist	Nancy Garczynski	Dick Maurer	Bob Muchow
Dale Strait	Ollie Wittig	Bill Zelenakas	

- VDG Dick Bloomquist will head the Melvin Jones Search Committee.
- Lion Randy Roberts moved that money for Melvin Jones this year be paid by the foundation to Campaign Site First II. Seconded by Lion Trent Kutsch and approved unanimously.
- Lion Chuck Horne move that the Melvin Jones fellows be presented at Charter Night again this year and Lion Trent Kutsch seconded, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Jon Valett, Secretary

# GARY'S GARDEN FUNDRAISER

Two days of FUN! A weekend of selling pit beef, hot dogs, shrimp, chips, and sodas was a wonderful success. Saturday wasn't perfect – a little rainy here and there but we did a little better than break-even and Sunday was a beautiful day – made up for Saturday big-time. We also pushed some of the raffle tickets for the 2006 Dodge Charger and sold a few Entertainment Books. All in all – a great weekend!!!



## Don't Toy With Kids' Eye Safety

Ralphie's mom had reason to worry in the movie classic, "A Christmas Story," when she warned her young son, "You'll shoot your eye out!" with a BB gun. In fact, more than 11,000 American children suffer vision-affecting eye injuries playing with toys each year, says Prevent Blindness America. At least half of these accidents could have been prevented. Whether it's BB guns, toy swords, dart games or similar toys, parents should restrict their children's access to dangerous toys.

VSP network doctor Patricia Perez, O.D., of Chicago, Ill., has seen the results of children's eye injuries firsthand. A 6-year-old patient named Bobby recently lost sight in his right eye after an accident with a sharp toy. "Unfortunately, Bobby's parents didn't realize that he and his younger brother were playing with an unsafe toy," Dr. Perez says. "The smaller child ran into Bobby while carrying it, and a sharp metal point pierced the cornea in one eye. During the healing process, it became covered with scar tissue, which resulted in loss of sight in that eye. The good news for Bobby is that he'll probably be able to receive a corneal transplant when he gets older," she adds. "But that's a difficult procedure and, meanwhile, the child has lost sight in one eye."

"Bobby's loss of vision didn't have to happen," Dr. Perez says. "Experience shows many vision-threatening accidents can be prevented if parents take time to safety-check their children's toys." VSP network doctor Nancy Davis, O.D., of Highland Village, Texas, agrees: "You really just need to use common sense. "Check your children's toy box and remove toys that might be hazardous to the eyes," she says. "And remember to avoid buying dangerous toys when shopping for birthdays and holidays."

Here are some helpful tips to use when looking through your child's toy box and when buying new toys:

- **Avoid flying objects such as toy airplanes and bows and arrows.** Never allow unsupervised kids to play with BB guns, firecrackers or darts with sharp points.
- **Read the age labels on new toys and games and follow the guidelines.** Make sure you buy only age-appropriate toys for your child.
- **Choose toys made of sturdy materials without sharp edges or points.** Check them often for eye-threatening wear and tear or broken parts.
- **Look for the letters "ASTM" on new toys.** That means they meet safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials.
- **Read the labels on hobby kits, such as model airplanes and chemistry sets.** These kits sometimes contain substances that are harmful to eyes.
- **Store toys safely when playtime is over.** Eye injuries often happen from toys falling from shelves or toys left on the floor.
- **Think like a child!** Imagine how a child might use a seemingly safe toy in an eye-threatening way.
- **Learn more about toy safety.** Go to KidsHealth, the nation's most visited Web site on child health and safety at: [www.kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid\\_safe/home/safe\\_toys.html](http://www.kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/home/safe_toys.html).

Courtesy of VSP

**Please be sure to review the Membership Roster on the next few pages and let King Lion Sue know of any errors, omissions, or changes required. Thanks.**



<b>SEVERN RIVER ACTIVITY REPORT SUMMARY</b>		
	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>September, 2006</b>
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Health	<b>35.5</b>	<b>24.5</b>
Diabetes Awareness	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Sight	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>
Hearing	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
LASH	<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>
Youth	<b>46</b>	<b>21</b>
Community	<b>364</b>	<b>102</b>
Environment	<b>45</b>	<b>23</b>
International Relations	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Lionism	<b>1019.5</b>	<b>542</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1606</b>	<b>774.5</b>

S.W.A.T pickup schedule  
 October 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 AM



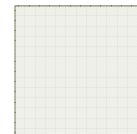
**BIRTHDAYS**

*October*  
 Jon Valett – 17  
 Clinton Wallace – 26  
 Garnita Grace – 27

<b>Membership Report September, 2006</b>	
Members August 31, 2006	78
Active (includes 9 WAA Branch)	47
At Large	9
Life	2
Affiliate	20
Privileged	1
Members September 30, 2006	79
Leo Club Members	60

**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.**

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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**

10/1	Gary's Garden Fundraiser
10/3	General Membership Meeting - American Legion Post 175 Program - Jim Dunne, Boy Scout Troop 216
10/4	West Anne Arundel Branch Meeting - Perry's, Odenton
10/10	Board Meeting - Jaycee Building, Kinder Park - 7:30 pm
10/17	General Membership Meeting - American Legion Post 175 Program - Diabetes Awareness - Dr. Nanette Steinle, Joslin Diabetes Center, BWMC Kinder Park Fundraiser
10/14	Combined Region Meeting - ID Joe Gaffigan on Membership
10/18	LEOs Leadership Weekend - Camp Merrick
10/20-22	S.W.A.T. Pickup - Earleigh Heights Fire Hall - 8:00 am
10/21	Komen Walk for the Cure
10/21	Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund Walk
10/22	<b>BE SURE TO VOTE!! NO MEETING - SCHEDULE YOUR VISITATION!!!</b>
11/7	Board Meeting - Jaycee Building, Kinder Park - 7:30 pm
11/14	Fruit Sale
11/18	General Membership Meeting - American Legion Post 175 Program - VDG Dick Bloomquist - Candidate for District Governor
11/21	