

SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Hello Fellow Lions, this is your King Lion saying Happy New Year! It is time for new beginnings and new ideas to keep our club moving forward. All suggestions and thoughts are welcome.

Doing double duty as Loan Closet Chair this year, I've been busy. With Lion Bill Z's help, we've had four hospital beds come and go. All our medical equipment is readily available for use.

Our King Orange, Jon, has stated we need additional Lions for phone call answering. The fruit sale cannot run itself. Please give some time if you are available. Our third **Superfragalistic Fruit Sale** was Saturday, January 20th and, taking my responsibilities to arrange great weather seriously, I think I delivered! Looking forward to our February 17 sale. We have Valencia oranges coming and hopefully my good warm weather will kick in again.



I have scheduled another **MOD Pizza Day** on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14th.

Ledos will be the last Wednesday of the month, February 28th.

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On a different topic –

Our nomination committee is meeting to deliver a slate of nominees for the 2018 – 2019 Lions year. We need your participation on the committee and/or as an incoming officer or director. Many of our members have served for years and could use a break. If you are interested in participating on the committee or in taking a Board position, please contact Lions Jon or Joinette. We are anxious to fill the positions with a Lions "Can Do Attitude!"

From your kind hearted,

King Lion Jackie

Off To a Cold Start but the Sun Came Up

January 20, the Lions third citrus sale started off cold but as the day progressed the temperatures became more comfortable. The big truck arrived and we were ready to unload. Bill Stack brought the forklift from Clements Hardware and the pallets of grapefruit and honeybells were unloaded and placed online. The SRLC truck arrived and two colorful booths were off-loaded and assembled and gotten ready for customers. The sun had come up and customers began to pull in and were directed to the booths where they paid and were given a receipt showing their order. They then drove to the citrus line and were greeted by Lions and several energetic band students, gave their receipt, and the fruit was loaded. Customers were thanked and reminded that there will be another sale in February. Customers arrived all morning and the stacks of delicious citrus began to shrink. It was not all work however. Lion Bill Z's "warming hut" was parked nearby and inside could be found coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts and this attracted the work crew to take a break. In spite of the chilly start the sale was a success and we are looking forward to the next sale in February.



Multiple District 22 (MD22) Convention:

The Council of Governors invites you, your club members and guests to attend the 96th MD 22 Convention on May 7- 10, 2018 in Ocean City, MD.

The Convention themes this year will be "The Power of We - Action - Service The Future is Now." Enclosed you will find the material to order event tickets, arrange for hotel rooms, rent exhibit booths and pin trader tables, and register for the convention, golf tournament and miniature golf tournament.

You can begin the convention playing in the golf tournament at the Bay Club (West) Golf Course on Monday, May 7, 2018 and end with the Victory Luncheon on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

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Multiple District 22 (MD22) Convention Schedule of Events

Monday, May 7, 2018 Time

Princess Royale Hotel

**Golf Tournament at Bay Club (West) Golf Course 11:00 am Registration,
Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales 1:00 – 5:00 pm Council of Governors
Reception and Dinner (by invitation) 5:45 – 7:45 pm Pre-Convention Social
8:00 pm**

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Princess Royale Conference Center

Opening Business Session 9:00 am

Registration, Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Miniature Golf Tournament (choice of two days) 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Melvin Jones Luncheon 12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm

Seminars 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Registration, Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

MD22 Banquet (Atrium) Social 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Princess Royale Schooner's Restaurant

Past District Governors Breakfast 7:00 am – 8:00 am

Princess Royale Conference Center

Registration, Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales 9:00 am – 10:45 am

Miniature Golf Tournament (choice of two days) 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Seminars 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Lions Memorial Service 11:00 am - 12:00 Noon

(Registration and exhibit booths closed during service)

District Luncheons 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

District Meetings 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Registration, Exhibits, Merchandise & Ticket Sales 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hospitality Rooms- (Princess Royale Hotel - Atrium) 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Princess Royale Schooner's Restaurant

LYF Breakfast 7:00 am -8:00 am Princess

Royale Conference Center Registration

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Second Business Session 9:00 am

District Business Meetings and Elections 11:00 am

Victory Luncheon (Atrium) 12:30 pm

Lions Arrive Early To Judge

On Saturday, January 13 Lions Dave Knabel, Dick Maurer, Bill Zelenakas, and Ollie Wittig arrived at Shipley's Choice School for Pack 688's annual Pinewood Derby. For at least six years Lions have been invited to be the judges to decide a winner in nine categories. Cub Scouts had used car kits to produce a Pinewood Derby racer in one of the nine themes: patriotic, unusual, futuristic, fastest, antique, animal, colorful, sports, and Cub Scout. The cars were lined up by Dens and the Lions got to work. Individual winners were recorded on the official ballot sheet then the judges convened to pick one final winner in each category. There was some compromising on the choices but the Lions made a final selection in each category. The results were given to a Pack leader and "the race began." A large electronic track with four lanes had been set up. The cars raced down the track to the finish line and as they crossed the results flashed on the large screen. The enthusiasm of the Cub Scouts was evident and the boys were having fun. It is always an enjoyable event and other Lions might want to consider volunteering for the several events that we have been invited to assist.

The next event will be a "warm weather" event, the Raingutter Regatta, where the Cubs again craft a "vessel" that will race down a water filled channel. We will also do the grilling for the Bridging Ceremony to commemorate Cubs passing over to become Boy Scouts. If you have not participated in one of these fun filled events in the past please consider volunteering for one in the future.



Great Night for A Party

On December 19 nearly forty Lions and guests journeyed to the Blue Dolphin Restaurant in Crofton for SRLC's annual holiday party. Upon entering, partygoers were greeted and directed to seven decorated tables. The nearby liquid refreshment bar was open and Lions were able to rehydrate and socialize before the festivities began. PIP Clem Kusiak asked partygoers to take a seat and he presented several awards to Lions. Receiving the honors were Lion Bill Stack who was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Ken Tschantre who was presented a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. These are presented in recognition of the service that they have given to the club and community. They received a well deserved round of applause.

Then it was announced that "dinner will be served." Partygoers were treated to delicious soup and a crispy salad. While waiting for the main course, Lion Clem asked guests to sing several holiday songs to welcome in the season and the guests energetically sang The First Noel, Silent Night, and O Come all Ye Faithful. Guests enjoyed delicious broiled crab cakes, stuffed filet of flounder, or roast prime rib of beef. For a while all that could be heard was "this is delicious," "Glad I ordered this" or "I won't have room for dessert." As partygoers were finishing dessert it was announced that a chubby man in a red suit and a helper similarly attired had been spotted and the crowd began to sing "Here Comes Santa Claus." Santa, Mrs. Claus, and two elves went to the gift table and Santa announced that no expense had been spared for the gifts. As names were called the recipients came forward and were greeted and given their gifts, asked to open them to show the audience. When all the gifts were distributed elves Dick and Ollie told Santa that he was to also get a gift as a thank you for his service tonight. Santa walked off with a container of homemade cookies which he could enjoy on the way back to the North Pole.

The annual SRLC Holiday party was again an enjoyable evening and all attendees were wished a merry holiday season and reminded to "drive carefully" on the way home. Happy Holidays everyone!

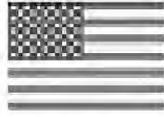




Peter Alan Geis

April 5, 1926 - January 3, 2018

Predeceased by his parents Alfred and Katharine Geis and brother Rowland Geis. Survived by loving wife Kathy Geis (27 years), sons



Richard Geis (Penny) of Severna Park, Tim, and Alan of Orlando. Stepson Drew Mutch (Michael-Anne Ashford) of Annapolis. Six

grandchildren and two step-grandchildren Gordon and Ada Mutch who lived locally and visited often.

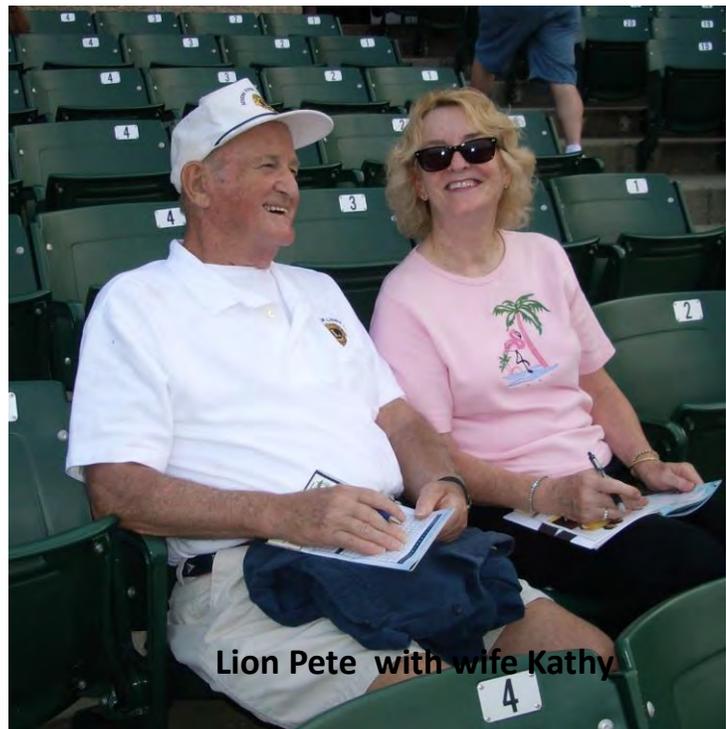
Pete was a WWII Navy veteran. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order at University of Maryland, where he earned a degree in business. He was publisher of Boating Almanac until his retirement in 1994.

Pete was a lifelong resident of Severna Park who continued to live at "Hoptoad House" designed by his mother and built in the 1930's. As a small child he enjoyed crabbing and sailing in Cypress Creek, later becoming a proficient racer competing in Penguins, National OD (2nd place worlds 1951), Annapolis to Newport races, Block Island Race Weeks, a Marblehead-Halifax race, and 17 Newport to Bermuda races, including winning his class in 1988 in the boat he built designed by Karl Kirkman. Later in life he enjoyed cruising with Kathy on their Whitby 42 Anthem.

Pete was a master craftsman with any wood project on land or sea. He built several homes as well as a barn in which he persevered through four years building his first and last fiberglass boat. A reservoir of creative knowledge, he was always generous with his tools and guidance.

Pete was involved with CBYRA (past president), a 50 year life member of the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake and the Annapolis Yacht Club. He was also a member of Storm Trysail Club and an active member of Severn River Lions Club.

In the spring, a celebration of life will be held in Severna Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Severn River Lions Club PO Box 118 Severna Park, MD 21146.



Lion Pete with wife Kathy

22-A Peace Poster Winner

Sunny Bowers, an 8th grade student at Severn River Middle School won the District 22-A Peace Poster competition. Ms. Bowers was sponsored by the Severn River Lions Club. The theme of the 2017- 2018 Peace Poster contest is 'The Future of Peace'.

Ms. Bowers said that her artwork incorporated the past, the present and the future. 'To represent present day, I made the girl meditate on a hill, blocking out the hate in her life and making peaceful wishes for the future, as she blows on a dandelion. The images at the bottom of the hill represent the past and the bad things in her life. The dandelions in the foreground represent the peaceful moments that she wished for, growing in the future.'





Dixie Stack

Lion Bill Stack

KL Jackie Hetrick

Lion Bill Stack received the Lions Club International (LCI) Melvin Jones Fellowship at this year's Christmas Party.

This award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient becomes a model of exemplary service to his club and the community which it serves.



EXCESS FRUIT SALE December 2017





Lois Barb and husband PDG Rich Barb from the Silver Hill Lions club were guests at our 16 January dinner meeting. Lion Lois has trained 16 dogs for Leader Dogs and is currently training dog ABBY.



Lion Suzette Kettenhofen KL Jackie Hetrick



Lion Sue Parks

LCI Status note

Past International President Honorary Committee Meeting called by International President Naresh Aggarwal was held on January 3-4, 2018 with the following objectives: Discuss status of major associations' strategic initiatives. Provide open forum for PIP's to discuss topics of their choosing with the Executive Officers.

Outcomes of the Objectives: Agreed input by all 24 Past Presidents to align our organization within LCI Forward to achieve the goal of serving 200 million people annually. Return our organization to the basics of recruiting and retaining members. Engage committees of the LCI Board of Directors and Ad hoc Committees for the purpose of Developing future programs etc.

Also included in the agenda: service project packaging 1000 meals to feed the needy.

The photo of the the the Past Presidents includes all executive officers of LCI. Also note a poster (Pledge) signed by all present supporting the next LCIF Campaign to raise \$300 million starting with the launch during the LCI Convention in Las Vegas, concluding in 2021.

Clement F Kusiak

