September 2007

Severn River Lions Club

1956 – 2007 President – King Lion Chuck Horne







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Fellow Lions,

Busy time of the year coming up so we need all hands.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Club Retreat to work on our goals and plans for the coming year. And special thanks to Treasurer Lion Dale for getting us up and running with the Budgets for this year – monumental task – and he put a lot of time into it.

Plan to join the crew for Adopt-a-Highway bright & early on a Saturday morning, look forward to our Gary's Garden and Kinder Fest Fundraising events, give blood on 9/24. All of these events can be given whatever time you have available.

Lion Nancy has some really good programs lined up for the fall General Membership Meetings so come on out – and bring a friend, coworker, convenience store clerk – anyone who might make a good and ACTIVE Lion.

This is a short message as my schedule is very tight as usual. Yours in Lionism, KL Chuck



Severn River Lions Sue, Myra, Trent, and his wife Pat on their way into the State Fair to participate in the Lions Vision Screening project coordinated by the Cockeysville Timonium LC. Earlier helpers included DG Dick, PDG Bob Muchow, and Lions Ollie Wittig and Rick Stefany.



The need for blood donations is urgent. Many elective surgeries are being postponed because the supply in hospitals and Red Cross blood banks is so critically low. Severn River Lions join with the Severna Park Elks and American Legion in a blood drive every three months.

Giving blood is truly giving the gift of life. Our next blood drive is Monday, September 24th at the Elks Lodge on Truckhouse Road, just south of Earley Heights Road. If you didn't have a chance to sign up at our August meetings, it isn't too late. If you can't make it to a meeting to sign up, 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 24th. Someone will be really glad you did.

DG DICK'S FIRST FULL CABINET MEETING AUGUST 29, 2007









PDG Keith (Joppatowne) waves to the camera.



Our friends from West Arundel attended their first full cabinet meeting since receiving their charter.



While our friends from East Anne Arundel are anticipating the celebration of their 60^{th} Anniversary.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITING

Many of you received a copy of the new member "Referral Form" enclosed in this issue of the newsletter. It is an excellent guide to helping us think about all the people we know in the "outside world" who would make good Lions. Our recruiting goal is ambitious. The first order of business is to build a Prospective New Member Recruiting List. Even if you can only come up with 2 or 3 names, that's fine. Please submit them to the Membership Committee. Unless you indicate otherwise, we will arrange to follow up. This Project is a CLUBWIDE EFFORT!! Lion Roger Knauth, Membership Chair, rogerknauth@mris.com 410-729-3186

Member-Get-A-Member Referral Form

List people who you would like to recommend to the club.

Then submit the form to the membership committee.

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Never underestimate the impression you may make on others!

INFORMATION PLEASE

When I was quite young, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember well the polished old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was too little to reach the telephone, but I used to listen with fascination when my mother would talk to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person -- her name was "Information Please", and there was nothing she did not know. "Information Please" could supply anybody's number and the correct time.

My first personal experience with this genie-in-the-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible, but there didn't seem to be any reason in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway.

The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear. "Information Please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information." "I hurt my finger," I wailed into the phone. The tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question. "Nobody's home but me," I blubbered. "Are you bleeding?" "No," I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts." "Can you open your icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little piece of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice.

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math. She told me my pet chipmunk, that I had caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruits and nuts.

Then, there was the time Petey, our pet canary died. I called "Information Please" and told her the sad story. She listened, then said the usual things grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was un-consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?"

She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, "Paul, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in." Somehow I felt better.

Another day I was on the telephone. "Information Please." "Information," said the now familiar voice. "How do you spell fix?" I asked.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home, and I somehow never thought of trying the tall, shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall.

As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me. Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about half an hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information please."

Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice I knew so well, "Information." I hadn't planned this but I heard myself saying, "Could you please tell me how to spell fix?" There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now."

I laughed. "So it's really still you,' I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time." "I wonder," she said, "if you know how much your calls meant to me." I never had any children, and I used to look forward to your calls." I told her how often I had thought of her over the years, and asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister. "Please do," she said. "Just ask for Sally."

Three months later, I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered "Information." I asked for Sally. "Are you a friend?" she asked. "Yes, a very old friend," I answered. "I'm sorry to have to tell you this," she said. "Sally had been working part-time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago."

Before I could hang up she said, "Wait a minute. Did you say your name was Paul?" "Yes," I replied. "Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you." The note said, "Tell him I still say there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean." I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant.

(Anonymous)

NOTICE - NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

ON OCTOBER 16th, SEVERN RIVER WILL HOST REGION 1 CLUBS FOR A SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM ON DIABETES AWARENESS.

Program will feature PAULA YUTZY, who is a Registered Nurse and Director of Diabetes Education, Assistant to Dr. Philip A. Levin, Director, The Diabetes Center at Mercy.

PENPALS IN SHROPSHIRE NEWS FROM IRONBRIDGE & SEVERN GORGE

Lion Ollie shares the following email with us. Please consider corresponding with our friends in England.

Hi Ollie.

I hope you and Jan are both well. I wore my Severn River hat at a fundraiser last week and it aroused some comments - a lot more people now know that there is another river Severn on the other side of the Atlantic!

Two other members of our club have expressed an interest in becoming pen pals with members of Severn River Lions. They are:

Lion Marion Underwood, 30 Perry Court, Wellington, Telford, TF1 3LT email marionunderwood@blueyonder.co.uk. Marion is in her 50s, married to a Lion from Telford Lions Club. She was a manager of a sheltered accommodation group for the elderly until a fall and a bad break lead to lots of problems with her leg. She has adult children and grandchildren.

Lions June and Norman Softley, 14 Dunmaster Way, Stirchley, Telford, TF3 1DR email softley.3cats@tiscali.co.uk. Norman is retired; he used to work for the Mail service and now likes to "play" with engines etc. June has a clerical job part time; she is very fond of cats; she was club president last year.

Life is getting busier with DG duties. I have started my club visits, 7 down only 57 to go!! And so far am booked to speak at 28 charter dinners - at this rate I won't have to cook many weekends. With all the District and Multiple District paperwork it is good to be able to attend my own club meetings to keep grounded in real Lions work. When making tea or selling raffle tickets I am just Lion Shirley not DG Shirley.

On a personal front one of my sons has just got another job – Operations Director for a hospital board near the Lake District; that should be a nice place to visit when he moves and very different from where he now is in London. John is very busy in the garden – the unusually wet summer has meant that lots of things are growing like mad while some more delicate plants are suffering. The first signs of autumn are showing now – the apples are almost ripe and leaves are turning colour on the silver birch trees (always the first). It seems hard to believe autumn is coming when we have had very little summer weather here; we have had few opportunities to sit out or to light the barbecue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards Shirley and John



August Treasure Hunt

Even at 7:00 am it was a sultry, humid morning when the Lions SWAT team assembled at the Earleigh Heights fire hall for the pre-walk briefing by Chief Highway Engineer, Wayne Dudeck. While munching doughnuts, Wayne reminded the team of the safety requirements and urged all to "walk safely." KL Chuck Horne, and Lions Roger Knauth, Randy Roberts, Mike Sanchez, Ray Smith, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig listened attentively, especially when Chief Wayne stated that there might be some treasures to be found along the route that day. The team quickly donned bright vests and hats, grabbed pick up sticks, gloves, and trash bags and headed off to find the treasures. And did we find treasures! Near Earleigh Heights Road a useable rolling desk chair could be seen while further north, an abandoned steel framed outdoor lounge sofa graced the roadside. (The sofa was recovered later by someone in a white van.) A large trash bag filled with assorted clothing also was discovered. Lions Chuck and Ollie hit the jackpot and each found a slightly damp but useable one dollar bill that had been "carelessly tossed" along the roadway. The team finished the northern stretch of the highway in a record one hour. After the bags were deposited for pick up by SHA crews, several members adjourned to Panneras for breakfast. Hope to see more Lions at the September SWAT pick up!!

Remaining 2007 Schedule:

September 22nd 7:00 AM October 20th 8:00 AM



TEEN COURT

- Our Lions Club will participate in 12 Teen Court sessions, split between the Annapolis (6) and Glen Burnie (6)
- Courthouses. As in past years, Severna Park Kiwanis Club members will assist at other Court sessions (with our Club as backup in the event of conflicts).

Our first session is scheduled for Wednesday evening, 9/19/07, in the Annapolis Courthouse which is located at 251 Rowe Blvd. All Teen Court sessions convene at 6 pm.

As a matter of information, Court sessions last about 90 minutes, depending on the number of cases to be heard and their complexity. Teen Court jurors are drawn from area high schools and the first offender cases (all teenagers) they hear are all real. Normally, four Lions attend each Court session. Lion Don Rayment oversees the program and draws from the volunteer list in making assignments. If you're interested, or have any questions, please contact Don directly.

Lions Court Dates

(all Wednesday evenings):	Annapolis Court	Glen Burnie Court
	<u>2007</u>	<u>,</u>
	9/19	10/24
	11/07	
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	2/06	2/20
	3/05	
	4/02	
		5/14
		6/04

Multiple District 22 Eighth Annual Leadership Retreat

September 14-16, 2007 At Lions Camp Merrick \$35.00 per person



Don't Miss This! Mark your calendars now for the.... 2007 Lions Leadership Retreat

"Meeting the Challenge of Change"

September 14-16 at Lions Camp Merrick

Designed specifically for all Lions interested in learning more about Lionism and for those who might have an interest in leading.

Great Topics!

21st Century Lions Dynamic Clubs Adapting – Meeting Members' Needs Innovation for Change

Team Fun!

- Team "Survivor" Challenge
- Pool fur
- · Cook out and Fire Circle



Beware the Super Soakers...

What Lions say about this retreat:

"Great! Do it every year!" "This was a great motivator" "You are on the right track" "It was like a family atmosphere" "Would love to do this again, I learned a lot" "We loved Survivor Challenge!"

It's short notice, but if you can attend, it will be well worth your time. Please contact PDG Tom Baine at 410/272-5214 to register or for more information.

Minutes of July 24, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting Severn River Lions Club

DRAFT – To be approved at the Aug 21st Board of Directors Meeting.

Attendees:

Board:

KL Chuck Horne, Dick Maurer, Dale Strait, Rollins Clark, Randy Roberts, Barry Johnson, Bill O'Neil, Roger Knauth, and Sue Parks.

Other Members:

DG Dick Bloomquist, Nancy Burns, Ken Tschantre

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June 12, 2007 meeting were presented. Lion Sue Parks moved for approval, seconded by Lion Roger Knauth, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Strait reported the financial status as of July 23, 2007:

Club Account Balances:

Activities Checking: \$14,613.82 Administration Checking 5,064.83 Truck Replacement Fund 3,042.15

Lion Dale Strait requested the approval of five administrative items related to managing club funds:

- a. Recommend the Board approve maintaining club and Foundation financial accounts at the Dawson's Hole BB&T branch bank.
- b. Recommend Lions Ollie Wittig, Dick Maurer, and Dale Strait be authorized to sign all financial instruments. All checks and other withdrawals will be signed by two of the three.
- c. Recommend Honesty Bond in the amount of \$50.000.00 be continued with Diversified Insurance Industries, Inc.
- d. Recommend the Board authorize the Treasurer to pay all such bills and obligations that have been provided for in the approved budgets as long as the total amount approved for each line item is not exceeded by more than 10 percent.
- e. Recommend all bill and requests for reimbursement be submitted for payment on the Severn River Lions Club Request for Payment form.

Lion Sue Parks moved that the Board accept the Treasurer's recommended administrative items, seconded by Lion Roger Knauth, and approved unanimously.

Lion Dale Strait presented a draft Activities and Administration budget for the year. After discussion and some modification of the budget, Lion Sue Parks moved that the board accept both budgets subject to amendment at the next Board meeting. Lion Roger Knauth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Club Retreat: KL Chuck announced that the retreat will be held August 4th at the Severna Park Health Center from 9:30AM to 1:00 PM. All members are invited to attend.

Caterers: Lion Nancy Burns announced that Adams Ribs had agreed to provide our meals for \$13.50 plus any gratuity we want to add. There will be a service fee for meals that are less than 30. Lion Roger Knauth moved that we accept the offer from Adams Ribs to be our caterer and that we raise the meal charge to \$16.00 per meal to cover the charge and gratuity, seconded by Lion Sue Parks, and passed unanimously. Lion Dale Strait moved that we increase affiliate dues by 50 cents per quarter to cover increased administrative costs, seconded by Lion Sue Parks and passed unanimously. Lion Dale Strait moved that we increase the dues of active members who have designated that they will not eat meals on a regular basis by 50 cents per quarter to cover administrative costs. The motion was seconded by Lion Sue Parks and passed unanimously.

07 – 08 Fruit Sales: Lion Randy Roberts discussed ordering brochures to distribute prior to the first sale to gain additional customers. He will probably order half as many as last year.

Membership: Lion Mary Boblitz has requested that she be temporary placed on inactive status due to work commitments for the remainder of 2007. Membership Chair Lion Roger Knauth moved that she be placed in MAL status for the remainder of this year, seconded by Lion Dick Maurer, and passed unanimously. Lion Sue Parks moved that Lion Mara Payne be moved from MAL to Active status, seconded by Lion Bill O'Neil, and passed unanimously.

There being no other items the Board meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Dick Maurer, Assistant Secretary

Minutes of July 24, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting Severn River Lions Club Foundation

DRAFT – To be approved at the Aug 21st Foundation Board of Directors Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by KL Chuck Horne at 9:03 PM. Lion Dale Strait moved that the board approve the same five administrative items related to managing Foundation funds as shown above under Club minutes.

The motion was seconded by Lion Bill O'Neil and passed unanimously. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM

Respectfully submitted, Lion Dick Maurer, Assistant Secretary

Minutes of August 14, 2007 Severn River Lions Club Board of Directors Meeting

DRAFT - To be presented for approval at the September 11, 2007 Board meeting.

Attendees: Rollins Clark, Chuck Horne, Barry Johnson, Roger Knauth, Dick Maurer, Sue Parks, Randy Roberts, Bill O'Neil, Dale Strait, Jon Valett, Oliver Wittig,

Other Members: DG Dick Bloomquist, Nancy Burns, Oriey Glenn, Miguel Sanchez, Ken Tschantre, Bill Zelenakas.

The SRLC Board meeting was convened at 7:35 pm at the Severna Park Health Association Building.

King Lion announcements: The Multiple District Leadership Forum will be held at Camp Merrick September 14 to 16. Interested members urged to sign up.

The Cockeysville Timonium Lions are sponsoring the Lions Vision Bus at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium August 24 to September 4. Lions are needed to serve as screeners, record keepers, and greeters at this event Information about volunteering was distributed to members.

Secretary Report: Minutes from July Board meeting were not available and will be brought forward at the September Board Meeting for approval. Correspondence: Acknowledgement for scholarship for Kathryn Middel from DePauw University, a brochure from Anne Arundel Community College announcing a grant writing seminar, a Meals on Wheels brochure describing their work.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Dale Strait presented the proposed Administrative and Activities Budgets for 2007-08. Spirited discussion on both budgets resulted in several amendments. The Administrative budget was amended to include money (\$3,000) to cover some of the refreshment costs for the District Social. Jon Valett moved and Dick Maurer seconded that the Administrative Budget be accepted as amended. Motion carried

The Activities Budget was amended as noted: increase fruit sale advertising from \$300 to \$1,000, donations: reduce contribution to Troop 216 from \$500 to \$250, increase contribution to Pack 688 from

\$100 to \$300, increase LEO club from \$200 to \$400, increase Peace Poster from \$160 to \$300. Jon Valett moved and DG Bloomquist seconded that the Activities Budget be accepted as amended. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Dale Strait announced the blitz two day vision screening at six schools in the Homewood district September 12 and 13. Three schools per day will be screened and volunteers will be needed from clubs. The screening precedes the visit by the LensCrafter Vision Van to the Homewood schools.

The new caterer's initial meal on August 7 was well received. The caterer will offer a variety of meals consistent with preferences expressed by members in an earlier survey.

Nine (9) Lions have signed to attend the District Cabinet meeting at the Holiday Inn Select in Timonium on august 29.

SRLC has been invited to participate in a health fair at Severna Park United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 23, 9:00 am to 1:00pm. A sign up sheet for volunteers was circulated.

Membership: Roger Knauth shared print materials from LCI that aid membership and retention. Members will be asked to complete a prospective member form for use by the Membership Committee. Roger also reported that the LCI offers a matching grant to aid membership activities and will get information on this.

Committee Service: KL Chuck distributed a list of tasks and committees and asked that members complete and return this so that assignments for the year can be drafted. The plan is to have each member actively involved in one or more club activities.

Citrus Sales: Randy Roberts indicated that dates for the fruit sales have been finalized. Discussion on expanding the publicity for the citrus sales ensued. Additional flyers will be ordered from H & S for distribution through the Severna Park Voice and the Severna Park Chamber.

Calendar: The SRLC calendar for August and September is posted with the agenda. Members were reminded to keep these dates in mind

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Oliver Wittig, Secretary

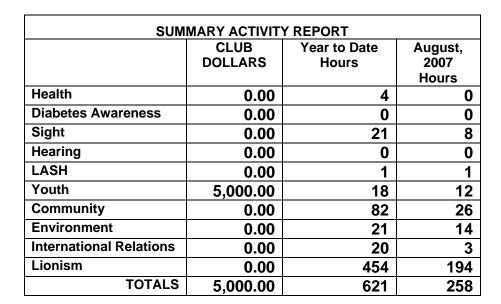
Minutes of August 21, 2007 Severn River Lions Foundation Board of Directiors Meeting

KL Chuck convened the special meeting at 9:05 pm of the Severn River Lions Foundation to consider the recommendation of the membership regarding the purchase of a SureSight screening device and Titmus Stereopsis device for use by the club and District.

Attending: Rollins Clark, Chuck Horne, Roger Knauth, Dick Maurer, Sue Parks, Randy Roberts, Dale Strait, Jon Valett, and Oliver Wittig. A majority of the Foundation Board was present.

Based on the discussion and recommendation of the general membership, a motion was made by Sue Parks and seconded by Jon Valett that SRLC release Foundation funds raised from the quilt raffle to purchase one (1) SureSight screening device and Titmus Stereopsis Tester. The devices would be owned by SRLC but would be available to other clubs in the District for preschool screening. The machine would be part of a bulk purchase by the multiple district and Colorado Lions to take advantage of a special group bulk discount. The devices would be covered by the multiple district's Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation to include periodic calibration, insurance, and supplies needed for screenings.

The motion passed unanimously. The Severn River Lions Foundation meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. Respectfully submitted, Oliver Wittig, Secretary





BIRTHDAYS

September
John Randall – 2
Bob Urschel – 6
Ron Walters – 8
Don Luce – 8
Robert Bauman – 13
Edward Taylor – 20
Wayne Dudeck – 22
Ray Smith – 22

Membership Report September 1, 2007		
Members August 1, 2007	67	
Active	32	
At Large	12	
Life	1	
Affiliate	22	
Privileged	0	
Members August 31, 2007	67	
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.

NOTE:
MEMBERSHIP
ROSTER WILL
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REAPPEAR IN THE
NEXT ISSUE.

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SEVERN RIVER LIONS CLUB	İ—	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
NEWSLETTER :	9/3	LABOR DAY
is published monthly in the interest of the SRLC, a	9/4	General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175 Program – Ranger Offutt, Kinder Park
Inonprofit organization. You	9/6-8	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
may contact SRLC by writing	9/11	Board of Directors Meeting, SPHA Building
ito:	9/14-16	Leadership Retreat Camp Merrick
Severn River Lions Club	9/18	General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
P.O. Box 118	9/19	Teen Court
Severna Park, MD 21146	9/22	SWAT, Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, 7:00 am
PHONE:	9/23	Health Fair Vision Screening - SP United Methodist Church
(410) 544-6719	9/28	LASH General Membership Meeting
or E-MAIL:	9/29-30	Gary's Garden Fundraiser
; <u>srlc@severnriverlions.org</u> .	10/2	General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
1	10/6-7	Gary's Garden Fundraiser
The SRLC meets semi-monthly	10/8	Region I Meeting
on the first and third Tuesdays	10/9	Board of Directors Meeting, SPHA Building
at the American Legion Post	10/13	LASH Eyeglass Sorting - Maryland School for the Blind
175 on Manhattan Beach Road. Social – 6:30 pm Meeting – 6:59 pm	10/13	Kinder Fest
	10/16	General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 175
	10/20	SWAT, Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, 7:30 am
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	10/24	Teen Court
	10/29	Second Full Cabinet Meeting