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Lions Debut Scholarships For GPAs, Service

NEW EDUCATIONAL FUNDING PRESENTED AT SEPT. 26 EVENT

The Riverdale Lions Club and Riverdale Park Council member Jonathan Ebbeler (Ward 1) on Sept. 26 presented two area freshmen college students with a pair of \$1,000 checks to help further their educations. The awards were the first of what the Lions hope will become an annual event for the 41-year-old Lions chapter.

Kelsey Jarman, of Riverdale Park, and Semira Tesfai, of Hyattsville were selected as the inaugural programs top two winners while Riverdale's Andrew Waldron won a \$250 honorable mention. Jarman's parents, Riverdale Park residents Doug and Lori Jarman accepted the award for their daughter while Waldron's mother, Betty Waldron, stood in for him because he was not available. Lion Ashley Wilburn stepped in for Ebbeler during the presentation after the Council member and Lion was delayed at work.

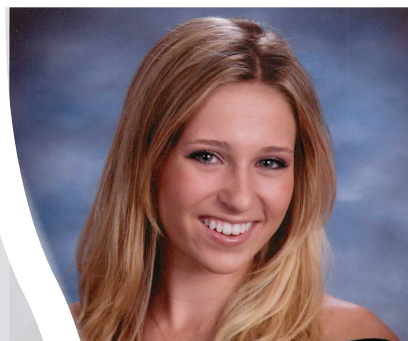
The students were selected for their top-end grade point averages upon graduation from high school last spring and for their on-going commitment to community service. Jarman, 17, who graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School with a 3.8 cumulative grade-point average, has just begun her freshman year at Towson University where she is studying physical therapy and musical theater. She intends to continue on to medical school.

After just a month of college under her belt, Jarman said she discovered that going away to school "is a really cool freedom" that she believes will help her soar. "I go to class all day and do my homework in the evening and I have great opportunities here." She is surprised that her hardest class of the week is acting class where she's directed to think and act outside her normal structured life. She's discovered she's "over analyzing, over thinking and it's a bit overwhelming."

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Club Meeting

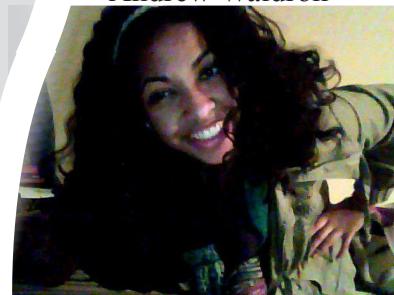
4th Wednesday of the Month
Riverdale Park Town Hall
7:30 pm



Kelsey Jarman



Andrew Waldron



Semira Tesfai

Roar With Lions ...

The Lions Club is seeking partners for the 2012 holiday food baskets programs and for the 2013 scholarship awards program. For additional information, or for a membership application for the Riverdale Lions Club, contact immediate past King Lion Guy Tiberio at 240-375-8902, or guytiberio@gmail.com.



Guy Tiberio

In the King Lion's Corner With Patrick Prangley

Welcome Back Lions!

On behalf of the new incoming officers, thank you for your support in serving the Riverdale Lions. And special thanks to all of our Lions for their dedication and hard work throughout the years, and for their accomplishments in helping the many needs of our community.

Lions Sue Sheehan, Stephanie Brandon and I attended the incoming officers training held in Beltsville and the advisory committee meeting held on August 4th.

On Sept. 9th, I attended Prince George's County Fair in Upper Marlboro and assisted Lion Tom Hendershot Suburban Lions Club (former Prince George's County Council member) with the Lions Vision/Hearing Testing Mobile Vehicle. We had a very successful day. We also have an offer to assist the Riverdale Lions Club with the training for testing on vision/hearing machines. Lion Buddy Freidman, Secretary from Mount Rainier will provide us a briefing on this at our next lions club meeting.

I would like to recognize the following Lions for their outstanding contribution; Lion Guy Tiberio, Membership Chairman; Lion Charlene Davis, Membership Development; Lion Jonathan Ebbeler, Chairman of Scholarship; Lions Jeffrey Yorke and Ashley Wilburn, newsletter; Lion Stephanie Brandon, outgoing Secretary and Lion Sue Sheehan, Treasurer.

Yours in Lionism,
President/King Lion Patrick



Patrick Prangley

Secretary Brandon Resigns, Moves to Beltsville Club

Toscano Voted In As Replacement

After a decade of service with the Riverdale Lions Club, Stephanie Brandon surprised members at the club's September meeting when she requested a transfer to the Lions Beltsville chapter. Brandon said she was preparing for a Sept. 28 eye operation and expected to be limited to daylight only driving. She lives in Beltsville and believes it will be more convenient to transfer her Lions club membership there following her surgery. Brandon reports her surgery was a success and that she is recovering nicely.

King Lion Patrick Prangley accepted her request for a transfer and noted the important role Brandon played in her service as the group's secretary. He voiced concern that Brandon's departure might leave an important job open too long. Tracey Toscano, who in July was sworn in as one of two club directors and has been serving as the acting Town Clerk for the Town of University Park since July 2011, was immediately nominated and then unanimously voted in as secretary.

Immediate past King Lion Guy Tiberio noted that as Town Administrator for Edmonston, he had hired Toscano as Town Clerk there in 2005 where she performed admirably. He strongly endorsed the club's decision to make her their secretary.



Tracey Toscano

Milestones

Riverdale Lions Treasurer Sue Sheehan was recently attended a 22-C District meeting and was presented with a pin for her 15 years of service in the Lions Club. At the same time, out-going secretary Stephanie Brandon's 10 years as Lion was also noted with a commemorative pin, along with Wei M. Wu, also 10 years. King Lion Patrick Prangley said "their longevity and commitment to Riverdale Lions has left an impressive and indelible mark on the club and helps set a higher standard for all of us."



“Remember to pay it forward”

- Jonathan Ebbeler

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Tesfai, 18, attends the University of Maryland/College Park where she expects to major in communications and government with a focus on politics. She hopes to earn a masters degree in Public Policy and have a career in education reform. Tesfai won the respect of her teachers at Northwestern High by being a member of the Honors Freshman English class, taking four AP classes and several honors classes, joining the Mock Trial, International Studies, and the National Honor Society clubs while playing on the school’s softball and soccer teams and still maintaining a 3.1 GPA. And she also found time to serve as the Eritrean Youth Group chairperson.

“I am beyond pleased and honored to have been selected as a recipient for such an amazing award,” said Tesfai. “Semira has the maturity, dedication and persistence to successfully maneuver the academia at a four year institution,” said Yvette Wright, one of her Northwestern counselors. “She has a compassionate nature and is revered by her peers for her willingness to help, her competitiveness in athletics and her general warm personality.”

The Lions and Council member Ebbeler were impressed with the applications they received and granted an additional “honorable mention” award to Andrew Waldron of Riverdale. The award comes with a \$250 contribution to his education at the University of Maryland/College Park. Waldon, who says he’s grateful for the recognition, is a junior working on a BS in Psychology and Neuroscience. He enjoys working with the Takoma Park Meals on Wheels and with the University of Maryland Gymkana Troupe which performs at local schools educating children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

“The Lions Club is thrilled to create these scholarships and proud of our young winners who exemplify the energetic and smart generation that will make tomorrow’s leaders and tomorrow’s Lions,” said King Lion Patrick Prangle. “I salute Councilman Ebbeler, who represents the essence of what it means to be a Lion. I thank him for his generous financial contribution to these scholarships and his tireless efforts to find such impressive and worthy winners.”



Patrick Prangle



Sept. 26 Meeting



Lions Outreach Motors Across Maryland

The Lions Community Outreach Foundation of District 22-C has been on the road and providing eye exams to hundreds in the Old Line State. Lion Jim Cocchiaro, President of the Outreach Foundation told the Riverdale Lions Club meeting Sept. 26 that 593 people had been given eye screening exams as the Lions Mobile Health Unit – “the Vision Bus” -- traveled to county fairs in Montgomery, Prince George’s and St. Mary’s counties. Of those, screened, 375 have been referred to seek additional medical attention.

The screening reports are not intended to be a substitute for examinations by a physician, stresses Lion Outreach, but are designed to identify only a few of the diseases or problems that a qualified specialist might discover by examination. When the screening reports reveal a problem, patients are strongly advised to seek immediate attention by a medical professional.

Cicchiaro also noted that in addition to collecting hundreds of pairs of “gently used” eye glasses, his unit has collected several hundred hearing aides since 2011 and is developing a program for them to be refurbished and distributed to those in need.



Sight Bus © Scott Wykoff

A Little Bit About Us ...

The Lions Club International is a 95-year-old secular service organization with more than 1.3 million members worldwide and is perhaps best known for its work with the blind and for its hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness and youth outreach programs.

The Riverdale Lions Club, chartered in 1971, last year provided eye exams and glasses for more than 60 Riverdale area youth and needy persons, and distributed more than 50 food baskets to under privileged families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Each year, the group collects hundreds of used pairs of eyeglasses that are refurbished and sent to people in need. The Riverdale Lions Club is also a significant contributor to community arts and youth programs.

BIRTHDAYS

October

10th – Stephen Walker
22nd – David Furr
24th - Billy Sullivan

September

3rd - Fr. Arnold DePorter
6th -- Janice Volpe
19th – Charles Shih
24th – Stephanie Brandon
29th – Jeffrey Yorke
30th – Ashley Wilburn

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Riverdale Lions newsletter. We are excited to debut our publication by trumpeting the winners of our first scholarship program. You’ll enjoy King Lion Pat Prangley’s optimistic welcoming column along with news about our members who serve the community. We welcome your ideas and we encourage you to become a Riverdale Lion.-- Jeffrey Yorke

