

# Lions Camp Merrick

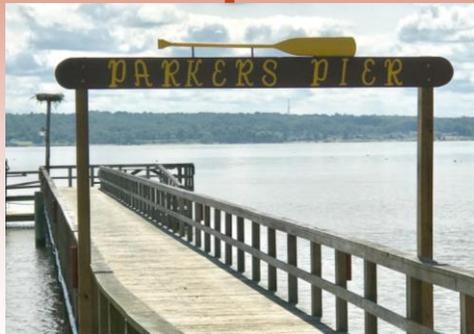
*Making Memories That Last A Lifetime!*

## Parker's Pier Now Open!

Lion Sonny Parker was always affectionately known by friends and the community as having a heart for helping others. Sonny contributed to camp in so many ways whether it was helping on work weekends or raising funds so no campers would ever be turned away. There was a year the adult blind program did not have enough funds and just weeks prior to

To the program the decision had to be made to find the funds or cancel the program. Sonny single handedly started calling clubs and friends and the funds were found. These folks spend a wonderful week enjoying the breeze off the river, homemade meals, and games and conversations with friends.

In 2014 Sonny passed away and he is missed by all his friends, Lions and family. In memory of Sonny and all his work the camp has dedicated the Fishing Pier to Sonny. We will do an official dedication next June during our Lions Appreciation Picnic!



## Reminders & Updates

### Camp Board Meeting – September 26

At Babes Tavern in Waldorf on route 925, 2890 Old Washington Road. All are welcome to attend!

### Camp Advisory Meeting – Held Quarterly on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at The Lions Den in Babes Tavern.

Meeting will be held October, January, April and July at 7:00 PM all Club appointed representatives are welcome and encouraged to attend!

### Brick Sold To Date

A grand total of 374 bricks have been purchased to date to remember loved ones, friends and family.

## Bridging Hands Summer Camp



Summer camp is about children having a safe place to experience new adventures and new friends, gaining new skills and independence all while being supported by caring staff. During the two months of our “Summer Camp” season LCM has had the pleasure to welcome many groups, from our family camp, community camp, diabetic camp and other groups who partner with us to provide a faith based summer camp experience for their youth.

We are now very pleased announce we will be forming a partnership with a program called “Bridging Hands Camp” that provides a one week program to encourage lifelong friendships between KODA and Deaf children through fully accessible fun!

We look forward to hosting this program in July of 2018.

## Check Out What Is Happening At Camp!

Our doors are open in the spring and fall to groups who use our facility for retreats for their work, church and families then we would close down for the winter. We are now opening our doors year round so our closing weekend work needs to be done in a different way. We still need leaves raked, the pool closed, and help with larger repair projects, windows cleaned..... We would love for clubs to come donate some time to help out whether it is on a weekend or week day. Bowie Lions do a fabulous job cleaning up flowers beds, trimming bushes, planting and mulching each spring and fall. They arrange a day that their club can travel down to do the work and whisk in and out taking care of this project, almost not knowing they were here at all... except for the WONDERFUL work they do! We call them our “Work Angles” you might not see them BUT you know they were there!