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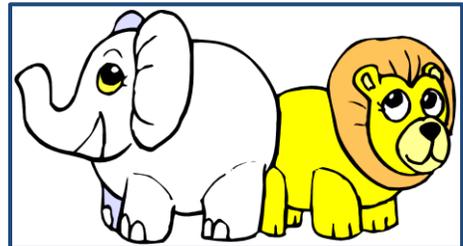
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START GATHERING GOODIES FOR OUR FUNDRAISER AUCTION!

Our Annual White Elephant Auction fundraiser is fast approaching! This year it's scheduled for **Tuesday, February 26** at the Park-West building. This event takes the place of our regular February dinner meeting.

We'll kick things off with a social hour at 6:30, then enjoy a buffet dinner (at no charge for our active members) before getting down to the fun and bidding wars.

All members are encouraged to bring new or used items in good condition to be auctioned off. Please put your item(s) in a bag or box (it can even be a plain old brown paper grocery bag!) and bring it along. **But don't stop at just one bag or box...remember this event generates cash for our Club coffers, so the more you bring, the more we'll earn!** And just think of how much more space you'll gain in your closet!



"You're a funny looking Lion! You can't even RRR-OAR!"

This is one of those auctions where almost anything goes—nice stuff or tasteful gag gifts. The bag is auctioned off and no one knows what they are bidding on. We do ask, though, that if your item is worth more than a few dollars, you put a note on the bag so the auctioneer knows to start it at a higher price.

This is a fun night where we invite all of the Clubs in our Zone to attend. And, you're encouraged to bring your spouse, your friends, your family, your significant other as well. The more the merrier! Last year we netted over \$1,000 from the event—this year we're hoping for even more.

For those who are new to our White Elephant Auction, we will have more information at our January dinner meeting, or you can contact President Amy Newman at 703-945-4035 or newman115@comcast.net.

ZONE BLAND COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 9

The first round of judging for the Manassas area in this year's James Bland Music Scholarship Competition for youth will be held at 1 p.m. on **Saturday, February 9** at Gainesville United Methodist Church, off Linton Hall Road in Gainesville.



There are eight slots each for vocal and instrumental contestants. Performers range from middle school through high school age. First place winners in the vocal and instrumental categories will move on to Region competition on March 16, the next step progressing toward the "finals" at the State Convention in May.

The Manassas Lioness Lions will again be providing refreshments for performers and guests at the Zone Bland competition. We're looking for donations of snacks (non-messy finger foods only, please) and beverages. Please contact Pat Nichols if you would be willing to give us a hand in this area (703-335-2607).

GIRLS NIGHT OUT GOES BACK TO BASICS

Come join The Fun Bunch as we get together for a post-holiday night out at Ruby Tuesday's, 9504 Liberia Ave. (across from Walmart) on **Tuesday, January 15**. We'll meet at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

For more information on the restaurant, including menus, visit www.rubytuesday.com.

RubyTuesday

Please RSVP to Susan MacAuley (703-331-4777 or trustyred@aol.com) by noon on the 15th so she knows how many places to save at the table. Also let Susan know if you'll need a ride that night.

If you haven't recycled your newspapers yet, please bring along the BOGO-50%-off coupon for Ruby Tuesday's that was in one of the inserts in the Washington Post on Sunday, January 6. We can all use a little savings after the holidays!

NOTE CHANGES IN BINGO SCHEDULE

During January we'll be holding our usual bingo at Caton Merchant House on **Thursday, January 10** and Willow Oaks on **Monday, January 28**. However, there will be NO bingo at either of these places in February because of scheduling conflicts. In March, everything will go back to the usual dates.



Bingo Chair Anita Waggy has been approached by The Fairmont about doing bingo on a regular basis for their residents. She is exploring the possibility of a test run there in February since we have no others on the schedule that month.

Anita still needs stuffed animals and other trinkets (not food items) to be used as bingo prizes.



CLUB PROMOTES CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHEER

(Photo at left) MLLC Secretary Anna Marie Robinson (l) and Community Services Director Pat Nichols (r) presented Karen Horowitz of NVFS/SERVE with 18 Walmart gift cards to be given to single residents at the shelter to make their holidays a little merrier.

Our Club also contributed \$150 to purchase gifts for a needy family through Baldwin Elementary School. In addition, Pat reports that all 96 boxes that we assembled in early December and sent to the troops were received before Christmas.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Our Club will be sponsoring the District 24A sight and hearing van at Parkside Middle School's Health Expo on **Tuesday, January 15** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Contact MLLC Sight Chair Carol Sinacore (703-331-2163 or catscore5@verizon.net) if you can help out.
- ❖ There is an opportunity to assist Lions in District 22C at their sight and hearing van at NBC Channel 4's Health and Fitness Expo on **Saturday, March 16** and **Sunday, March 17** at the Washington Convention Center. This is a fun event for the entire family and is FREE! You'll only have a short shift on the van so there will be plenty of time for you to partake in the activities. Anita Waggy, who has volunteered at this event before, is putting together a crew to attend. Contact her for more info: 703-361-5327 or bpwaggy@comcast.net.

AFTER-SCHOOL READING PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

The Manassas Lioness Lions will be partnering with the Haydon Elementary School staff, the City of Manassas Neighborhood Services Division and AmeriCorps VISTA to kick off the After School Reading Program for third and fourth grade students next month. The program will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. at Haydon Elementary School, 9075 Park Ave. in Manassas.

The purpose of this initiative is to foster and improve the literacy skills of children in a structured after-school program. Our mission is to create a fun and interactive learning environment that will engage students to further develop their reading comprehension.

If you have a passion for helping children and youth, we have a need for your services! Contact MLLC Community Services Director Pat Nichols (703-335-2607 or nuhse4u@mris.com) for more information.



BOOK DRIVE NETS GOOD RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY

It's all over but the sorting and distribution! We had quite an outpouring of books donated by the community (especially from Gainesville United Methodist Church members) for our children's book fair. But we've hit a little snag.



Our beloved "Miss Bunny" had generously offered storage space in her garage for the hundreds of books we collected. However, Bunny's health has suddenly taken a turn for the worse after a bad fall, and she is currently in a rehabilitation facility. So, we are in the process of transferring the books to Pat Nichols' dining room so we'll have a warm, dry place to sort them. Rest assured Pat would like this to be a VERY TEMPORARY storage place because she'd like to be able to use her dining room again to eat in as soon as possible!

Let's help Pat out by contacting her to set up a time to help her sort and group the books. Even a spare hour would help tremendously. See Pat at the dinner meeting on the 21st for more details or give her a call at 703-335-2607.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 21

MLLC Dinner Meeting at City Tavern. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. Lion Tamer Cindy van Noppen will be contacting you with menu selections.

Monday, February 4

BOD meeting at Amy's, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5

Newsletter deadline for February issue. Send articles and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk, bjkirk107@aol.com.

Monday, February 18

THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR DINNER MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

**Friday, February 22
& Saturday, February 23**

District 24A Winter Conference. More details will be available in coming weeks.

We have just received word that the annual Tri-State meeting traditionally held at the Lovettsville Fire House every March has been cancelled for this year.