



# Proud Lions News

**The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club, Manassas, VA**

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## ***KAREN THOMPSON NAMED LATEST MELVIN JONES FELLOW***

Outgoing MLLC President Anita Waggy (at right in photo) presented former MLLC Treasurer Karen Thompson with the prestigious Melvin Jones award at our Charter Night and dinner meeting June 18.

Karen originally joined the former Manassas Host Lioness Club in January 1998. She later became one of the charter members of Manassas Lioness Lions Club when we transitioned into a full-fledged Lions Club in 2003.

Karen served as keeper of the Club coffers for many years and this coming year will be our Visitation Chair.



## ***SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION TO BENEFIT LOCAL SCHOOLS***

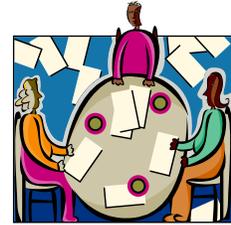
Because of a change in distribution channels for collected school supplies through NVFS/SERVE, the MLLC Board has elected instead to work directly with Osbourn High School and Mayfield Intermediate School to provide supplies for their needy students. Community Services Director Pat Nichols has been laying the groundwork to put the program in place. She is also looking into the possibility of establishing a partnership with Staples to help offset the cost to any of our members who wish to participate, and using our tax-exempt status.



Pat will be e-mailing information to our membership with more details as they become available. Working directly with the schools give us a little longer timeframe to collect materials than we previously had with SERVE as a clearinghouse.

## **ANNUAL RETREAT SLATED FOR JULY 15**

The Manassas Lioness Lions will gather on **Sunday afternoon, July 15** at the Park-West Lions Community Center, 8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas for our Annual Retreat. This event kicks off our Club's 2012-13 Lion Year activities, and serves as a planning meeting as well as a social time.



**President Amy Newman asks that outgoing officers, directors and committee chairs plan to arrive about 4 p.m. to spend some time exchanging information with their successors. Everyone else is asked to come at 5 p.m.**

**The event will include a potluck dinner. Please contact Amy via e-mail ([newman115@comcast](mailto:newman115@comcast)) or phone (703-945-4035) to let her know if you will be attending and whether you plan to bring a main dish or a dessert to share.**

Amy hopes to accomplish two things during the Retreat: a) input from members on what you like and don't like about the things our Club is doing; and b) suggestions on ways to increase member participation in community service and fundraising events. Amy expressed interest in expanding our service activities over the next year so that we are actually doing community service rather than just writing checks, and we'll be discussing some new ideas at the Retreat.

We're also looking for some new ideas for fundraisers. The more money we raise for our activities account, the more things we can do for the overall good of the Manassas community.

***Remember ... THE KEY TO FUNDRAISING SUCCESS IS "U"!***

## **JUNE 23 YARD SALE NETS \$462.30**

Yes, we took over Amy's front yard again for our twice-postponed Spring Yard Sale. At right, Lori Paquette and Karen Thompson admire some of the goodies we were offering for sale to lucky treasure-seekers. Thanks to these two ladies, plus Cindy van Noppen, Rhonda Thompson, Bunny Blair, Traci Connolly, and Amy and John Newman who made it all happen.



## **WHY NOT MAKE VACATION TIME “VISITATION TIME”?**

Before you pack up the car and head off to the beach for a week, why not plan to make your vacation a memorable one by visiting a Lions Club near where you’re vacationing. You can go



on the Lions International Web site <http://lionsclubs.org> and search by city and state for a nearby Club. The page for each Club will tell when and where they meet, and will usually give contact information for the Club President and/or Secretary. A quick phone call can confirm whether the Club will be meeting while you’re in the area ... and will alert them to expect a visitor. You’ll find you are warmly welcomed, and may make some new friends as well!

Remember if the Club you’re visiting is more than 50 miles from Manassas, you only need yourself in attendance to have the visit count as both a Club Visitation and a Member Visitation. Be sure to let MLLC Visitation Chair Karen Thompson know of any visits you make.

## **FOOD COLLECTION TO BENEFIT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

With administrative changes at NVFS/SERVE, we have learned that donations of food from our Club are no longer just going to benefit residents in the Manassas community as they had when SERVE was an entity unto itself. Donations are now being spread throughout the entire northern Virginia area.

The MLLC Board felt that we would like our contributions to stay within our service area, so it was voted to partner with five local churches that have their own food banks and support each of them for two months each year instead. The churches are Grace United Methodist, Yeshua Church of God in Christ, Emmanuel Baptist, Assembly of God and St. Thomas United Methodist. We will be contacting each of these churches to learn what items they need the most and then passing this information along to our members each month. Please continue bringing your donations along to the dinner meetings.

# **Lions of Virginia District 24-A 2012-2013 VISITATION KICKOFF DINNER & AWARDS Sunday, August 26, 2012**

**Park-West Lions Community Center  
8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas, VA 20109**

**Social: 3:00 P.M. Buffet Dinner: 4:00 P.M.**

**\$20.00 Per Person**

**RSVP by August 10 to MLLC Visitation Chair Karen Thompson. The Club will send in reservations for our members then bill you on the next quarterly statement.**

# SCENES FROM OUR JUNE 18 CHARTER NIGHT

At right: PDG Tony Reyes (l) was on hand to induct our newest member, Erin Lattanze, while 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Membership Chair Marie Robinson (r) looks on.



Below left: Marie Robinson officially welcomes Erin with her membership pin.



Below right: Incoming President Amy Newman (r) presents 2011-12 President Anita Waggy with a Lions ring (shown bottom right) as a token of appreciation for Anita's leadership over her past two terms as President.



Below left: PDG Tony Reyes installs Amy Newman as 2012-13 President of our Club.



## ***GIRLS NIGHT OUT RESUMES IN AUGUST***

The July 11 Girls Night Out was cancelled because of lack of participation. We'll try again in August, and hopefully more people will be available for an evening of good food and good companionship with The Fun Bunch. Susan MacAuley will have information shortly on plans for next month.

Pictured at right is the group who got together in June for an evening of putt-putt golf and dinner at Tommy's Place. Shown l. to r. are Bunny Blair, Susan MacAuley, Lois Steele and Marie Robinson.



## ***SAVE THE DATE ... SUNDAY, AUGUST 19!***

You won't want to miss the fun at our Annual Summer Picnic. We've picked the date, but we're still looking for a place. President Amy will have more details after the retreat.

## ***PWC FAIR UPDATE***

Yes, it's gonna happen. The Manassas Lioness Lions will be one of the five local Lions Clubs "manning" an information table at this year's Prince William County Fair. The Fair runs from August 10-18. This is the first time the Lions have tried this, and it's an exciting opportunity to let Prince William County know of all the good things that we do in the community!

Our Club's shifts at the Fair are Saturday, August 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 14 from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Lori Paquette and Amy Newman will work on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and Kathleen Reilly and Robyn Zweiban on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Why not stop by the booth to say "hello" ... or offer to sit a spell to give one of our gals some relief during their shift.

Lion Jim Agnew from the Park-West Club is putting together a slide show of activities from all the area Lions Clubs. This will run continuously during the Fair. Each Club will have handouts on their particular Club's activities to distribute during their shift in the booth.

## ***IMPORTANT DATES***

**Sunday, August 5**

Newsletter deadline for August issue. Send information to Editor Barbara Kirk at [bjkirk107@aol.com](mailto:bjkirk107@aol.com).

**Monday, August 6**

Board Meeting at Susan MacAuley's, 7 p.m.