



Proud Lions News

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

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HOLIDAY CHEER BY THE NUMBERS

Here's what the Manassas Lioness Lions did to make the holidays a little brighter for others in our community:

6

Thanksgiving dinner gift certificates provided for Manassas Park Elementary School families

21

Toiletry bags and \$15 Walmart gift cards delivered to singles at NVFS/SERVE

80

Holiday Troop Boxes filled and sent to Afghanistan

97

Wreaths laid in the Confederate Cemetery in Manassas in conjunction with the Wreaths Across America project

150

Dollars donated through Father's Heart Ministry to buy presents for children at Baldwin Elementary School

DINNER MEETING SLATED FOR JANUARY 19

The holiday parties are over and it's back to business as usual at our monthly dinner meeting, coming up on **Monday, January 19** at City Tavern. **Yes, we're still in the same place**—we'll give you plenty of notice before the Tavern makes its move down the street to the former KC's building. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. Be sure to RSVP promptly to Lion Tamer Beth Oravec when she contacts you about the menu choices.

ANY IDEAS TO INCREASE FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS?

Despite a great need for non-perishables in the local food banks we support, our Club's contributions have been slacking off in recent months. We're not sure why this is happening but would like to remedy it. We've been TRYING to remember to put a collection box at the foot of the stairs on dinner meeting night so our members won't have to lug stuff up the steep flight of stairs. (This also makes it easier for the designated collection person to take the items out to her car.) If the collection box doesn't happen to show up though, please bring your contributions upstairs and one of the Board members will show you the designated drop-off spot. Even just a can or two of veggies or soup, or a box of pasta, can go a long way toward feeding our hungry neighbors.



WE'VE BEEN ASKED ...

NO, we don't have any details to report yet on the District 24A Winter Conference. As soon as the Prez and Secretary have info, they'll pass it along to you via e-mail.

YES, the Board has been talking about having a Yard Sale fundraiser in the spring. The date possibility is **Saturday, April 25** at Katheryn Williamson's house. Details are being worked out.

YES, there will be a Zone Bland contest this year. The date is **Saturday, February 21** at Manassas Baptist Church. Lion Sheryl Bass from the Manassas Host Club is chairing this event.

NO, we don't have any information yet on whether or not we'll be catering the 10K Raffle for Manassas Host Lions Club in March.

YES, our book collection drive is over and there are still 10 to 12 boxes of books to be sorted. Community Services Director Pat Nichols will be sending out an e-mail regarding what assistance she needs with sorting and delivering them to the schools.

A VOTE OF THANKS

A special vote of thanks to Susan MacAuley for stepping up to the plate and publishing the November and December newsletters while I was recovering from a stroke. Good job, Susan!!

--Barbara Kirk, Editor

START GATHERING GOODIES FOR OUR FUNDRAISER AUCTION!

Our Annual White Elephant Auction fundraiser is fast approaching! This year it's scheduled for **Tuesday, February 24** 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!

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! 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 Anita Waggy at 703-361-5327 or bpwaggy@comcast.net.

RECYCLING'S A FUNDRAISER, TOO!

Just a reminder, we recycle cell phones, ink cartridges and digital cameras to raise \$\$\$ for our Club. But did you know we can also send in the items listed below? Take a look at the list and see if there are any of these lying around your house that you'd like to dispose of. Just bring whatever you have to one of our dinner meetings. Call Amy Newman (703-945-4035) if you have questions.

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| - Laptop Computers | - Digital SLR Cameras | - SLR Lenses |
| - Digital Video Cameras | - Handheld Game Systems | - Game Consoles |
| - Video Games | - iPads & Tablets | - iPods & MP3 Players |
| - E-Book Readers | - Range Finders | - Sky Caddies |
| - Mobile Hotspots | - MiFi Devices | - 4G USB Air Cards |
| - Portable GPS Devices | - TI Graphing Calculators | - Radar Detectors |
| - Gold & Silver Jewelry | | |

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to John and Cynthia Murray for their \$1,000 donation to our Club in appreciation for our community service work. John was President of the now-disbanded Nokesville Lions Club and he and Cynthia have been a staunch supporters of our Holiday Boxes for the Troops project for several years.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, January 13 at 6 p.m.

The Beijing Gourmet

9886 Liberia Avenue, Manassas

This is one of our favorite spots for Oriental cuisine!
They have wonderful food and generous portions.
C'mon out and join us for a fun evening!

RSVP to Susan MacAuley by noon on January 13

703-331-4777 (h), 571-213-8661 (c), or trustyred@aol.com



HERE'S THE SCOOP ON "THE HOTLINE"

Those of us who have been in Lions for a while tend to forget that not everyone has an understanding of all of the services we provide. For instance, do you REALLY know what "The Hotline" is all about?

There is listing in the local phone directory for "Lions of Prince William County." The phone number (703-335-5400) is connected to a voice mailbox, available in both English and Spanish. This is the vehicle through which the public can reach area Lions Clubs to request assistance. As its name implies, this just covers the ten Prince William County Lions Clubs, not Clubs in other parts of Northern Virginia.

Although primarily used to request sight and hearing services, there are a myriad of other types of calls which come in. Occasionally there are calls about renting the Park-West building. These get rerouted to Newell Everett, building manager, at 703-392-0077. All other calls need to be directed to the appropriate Lions Club which services that geographic area.

Lion John Hartt of the Manassas Host Lions Club serves as coordinator for the hotline. He has published extensive guidelines and procedures for volunteers answering the calls. Included in his packet of information are the geographic boundaries for each Club's service area as well as contact information for the Sight and Hearing Chair for each of the Clubs. There is also information on which Clubs offer only sight and hearing services and which Clubs can also provide welfare assistance.



The participating Clubs take a turn in rotation each month to answer hotline calls (only the English line, not the Spanish line which is covered by two bi-lingual Lions) and process them. The recorded message asks the caller to leave name, phone number, address information with ZIP code and nature of the call. The person answering the call will take this information and determine which Club's geographic area it lies within. Often a call

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back to the inquirer is necessary if the information is incomplete or the person answering the hotline has difficulty understanding what is being asked for. It is important that complete and correct information be passed along to the Club that will be handling the request so that critical requests for assistance are not delayed.

Manassas Lioness Lions Club's next turn to answer the Hotline will be **May 2015**. Sight and Hearing Chair Robyn Zweiban will be asking for volunteers to take a one-week shift during that month. This is something that can easily be done from your home, at your convenience, with cases being referred to the appropriate Club by e-mail or phone. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Robyn at 703-392-8351 or mpscrzweiban@verizon.net.

NEW BATCH OF TOILETRY BAGS DELIVERED

Just in time for the holidays, the Club had put together another batch of 21 drawstring bags containing an emergency supply of toiletries for residents of the Northern Virginia Family Services/SERVE shelter in Manassas. In celebration of the Christmas season, we also included a \$15 Walmart gift card with each bag.



Project Chair Susan MacAuley wanted to say a special "thank you" to the following MLLC members who took time from their own holiday preparations to help with this project: Katheryn Williamson, Karen Thompson, Nancy Sliger and Marie Robinson.

Now it's time to gather supplies for the next batch! All we have left over are a few toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste. Needed are travel-size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, powder, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, mouthwash—plus donations of fabric and narrow ribbon to construct the bags. Please bring your contributions along to the next meeting, or drop them off at Susan's house.

If you have questions, or would like to help put the next batch of bags together, contact Susan at 703-331-4777 or trustyred@aol.com. We'd like to be able to have another batch of bags ready to deliver in the spring.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, January 8

Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 26

Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.

Monday, February 2

Board meeting at Anita's, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5

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