



Proud Lions News

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

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CAN YOU MAKE THIS ONE OF YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

We need to ask our members to be more diligent about RSVP-ing with a “yes” (with menu choice) or “no” to Megan Beverage, our Lion Tamer, by the date specified when she sends out the e-mail for our dinner meeting attendance.

That way, your intentions are clear if you’re going to attend or not. A simple thing to ask, but it will help keep us in good stead with City Tavern for their planning purposes.

For the benefit of all, we’ve set out some guidelines for our dinner meeting reservations, starting from this point forward. We hope that this will alleviate some of the problem areas we’ve encountered.

- ❖ Please RSVP to the Lion Tamer only. It’s not necessary to “Reply All.”
- ❖ If your plans change at the last minute, the Lion Tamer is the one you should notify so that your meal can be cancelled. A quick e-mail or phone call to Megan will suffice.
- ❖ Our meeting is considered a banquet event by City Tavern. As is traditional in banquet meals where a group is being served, the menu choices will be limited to two entrees, plus a vegetarian option. There will be no other options.
- ❖ If you don’t want any of the meal choices offered, it will be up to you to make alternate meal arrangements.

Thanks for your help and cooperation!

Got extra gloves, scarves, or new bottles of perfume or scented soaps you’re not using? Bingo Chair Teresa Kaufman can use them as Bingo prizes. Bring them along to the January dinner meeting on the 16th.

HERE'S THE SCOOP ON "THE HOTLINE"

So, you recently got an e-mail about needing help answering "The Hotline" during "our month." What does that mean, you ask?

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 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 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.

Sight and Hearing Co-Chair Marie Robinson has filled all slots except one this 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 contact Marie at 703-368-5563 or maried@aol.com.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, January 24

6 p.m.

Bar Louie, 9501 Liberia Ave., Manassas



It's time to check out Burger Night at Bar Louie's again—we had SUCH a good time the last time we were there! This restaurant is in the old Applebee's location on Liberia Ave. We'll meet there at 6 p.m.

Besides \$5 Burgers, you can get half-price appetizers until 7 p.m. Visit barlouie.com to get information on their full menu.

Please RSVP to Susan MacAuley at trustyred@aol.com or (703) 331-4777 (h) or (571) 213-8661 (c) by noon on January 24 so we can reserve enough seating for our group.

WINTER CONFERENCE SET FOR FEBRUARY 18

This year's Winter Conference will be a one-day joint event with District 24C, to be held at Best Western Culpeper Inn, 791 Madison Rd., Culpeper, VA on **Saturday, February 18**.

Although details of the program were not available at press time for this issue of the newsletter, we do know that the \$25 registration fee will include lunch and a conference pin. Closing date for conference registration is Saturday, February 4. MLLC Secretary Katheryn Williamson has e-mailed a registration form to all of our members.

For more information, contact Vicki Davies, District 24C Cabinet Secretary, 540-542-9493.

CLUB TO PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS FOR ZONE BLAND CONTEST

This year's initial round of the James Bland Music Competition for youth will be held on **Sunday, January 29** at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 6194 Dumfries Rd., Warrenton. Competition will begin at 2 p.m.

The event is open to the public and it is a terrific opportunity to see some very talented young people perform. The top vocal and instrumental winners from this Zone competition will progress on to the next round, with an eye toward "the big prize" to be awarded at the Virginia Lions State Convention in May.

The Manassas Lioness Lions have again been asked to provide non-messy, finger food-type refreshments for the event. Community Services Director Teresa Kaufman will have all the details at the January dinner meeting, including a sign-up sheet. She anticipates her biggest need will be help with set-up and clean-up at the event.



FUN AND FROLIC AT OUR HOLIDAY EVENTS



What better place to gather than in the kitchen, around all the goodies, at a holiday get-together! Katheryn Williamson, Maryellen Warren and Susan MacAuley sample some of the treats at our Christmas Ornament exchange and potluck held at Pam Carpenter's home on December 14.

FEELIN' LUCKY???

Our Club is selling tickets for the \$10,000 Raffle to benefit Lions of Virginia Foundation. Tickets are \$1 each or \$30 for a book of 30 chances. Profit to our Club is \$20 for each complete book sold. If you're interested in buying tickets (or taking a book to sell to family and friends), contact President Rhonda Thompson. The drawing will be held on May 28 at the Lions of Virginia State Convention in Roanoke.



Even though it might seem early to turn in your money, remember that our Club can start using the \$20 profit from each complete book sale as soon as the money is turned in. This will give us extra funds NOW to put toward our community service activities!

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, January 12

Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 16

Dinner meeting at City Tavern, 9550 Center St., Manassas. Social hour 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7.

Wednesday, January 18

Our scheduled "third Wednesday" night to assist with eyeglass recycling at Park-West Lions Community Center, 7 to 9 p.m.

Monday, January 25

Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 5

Deadline for February newsletter. Send photos and information to Editor Barbara Kirk, bjkirk107@aol.com.

Monday, February 6

Board Meeting at Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad's Hutton Hall, 6:30 p.m.