



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club

*****2nd Place Winner in the 2011-2012 District 24A Newsletter Contest*****

MAY 2012

CLUB HOSTS VENDOR FAIR & WINE TASTING EVENT

On **Sunday, May 20** we'll be taking over the Harris Pavilion and adjacent grounds from 11 to 5 for our bigger-than-ever Spring Vendor Fair. This is the Manassas Lioness Lions' major fundraiser of the year so we're hoping for a large turnout. We've had some mention in the local newspapers and have been distributing flyers around town, but it's not too late to spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors as well!!!!

Back by popular demand is the wine tasting area, with four local wineries participating. As of press-time, 64 business vendors and four food vendors were slated to be on hand. A live band, *Sudley Road*, will be playing all day, with a DJ filling in at breaks. New this year is an area with carnival games for the kids.



To successfully stage an event this size we can never have too many helpers, so if you haven't yet responded to Event Chair Pat Nichols for a job assignment, please do so promptly (703-335-2607). Oh yes, please remember to show your Lioness Lion pride by wearing your Club shirt when you come out to work that day!

STATE CONVENTION TO BEGIN MAY 18

This year's Lions of Virginia State Convention will be held at the Marriott Hotel, 725 Woodlake Dr., Chesapeake, VA over the weekend of **May 18-20**. The highlight of Friday's activities is, of course, the finals in the James Bland Music Scholarship Competition for youth. This will be held at the hotel from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday's schedule includes workshops and a general meeting session, with District meetings and election of District officers held on Sunday morning.



Drawing for the Lions of Virginia Foundation \$10,000 Raffle is scheduled for Sunday, May 20. If you have any tickets outstanding, please get the stubs and money to Amy Newman by Saturday, May 12 so that we can be sure they get to Chesapeake in time to be entered in the drawing.

MLLC MEMBERS WITNESS SPECIAL CHARTER EVENT



MLLC members Kathleen Reilly (l) and Robyn Zweiban (r) chat with District Governor Dennis Kelly during their recent visitation to the Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. The ladies witnessed the chartering of a brand-new club, the Fort Belvoir Lions Club, which will operate initially as a branch club under Springfield-Franconia. This club is made up of young service people stationed at Fort Belvoir who are interested in performing community service projects.

BINGO SCHEDULE FOR MAY HAS BEEN CHANGED

Because our regularly-scheduled Bingo night at Willow Oaks falls on Memorial Day, we will not be holding Bingo at that facility this month. Bingo will be held as usual on May 10 at Caton Merchant.

In June we will host an ice cream social for the Caton Merchant Bingo regulars on the 14th and for Willow Oaks on the 25th before we take the summer off from our Bingo games.

YARD SALE RESCHEDULE DATE NOT YET ANNOUNCED

Our busy schedule got the best of us last month when we had to cancel our Yard Sale at the last minute. As of press time, no date had been set to try it one more time. But keep on saving those cast-off treasures so we can turn 'em into cash for our Club coffers!

"MISS BUNNY" TO HOST G.N.O.

MLLC member Bunny Blair has graciously offered to host the Fun Bunch this month for our Girls' Night Out. Bunny will be offering up her famous chicken salad and other delicacies, and the evening is sure to be a hoot! So, mark your calendar for **Wednesday, May 9** at 6 p.m. and plan to join us at 8317 Gaither St., Manassas. Please RSVP to either Bunny (703-361-5971) or Susan MacAuley (703-331-4777).

THE PW COUNTY FAIR'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The Manassas Lioness Lions will be joining the other four Lions Clubs in Region IV Zone 1 to "man" a booth at this year's Prince William County Fair. The Fair runs from **August 10-18**. This is a wonderful opportunity to acquaint residents of Prince William County with the work that our organization does. The sign-up sheet for shifts at the booth is now in the works, and you'll be hearing more about this project in coming weeks!



MAY MEETING TO FEATURE SPEAKER FROM CAMP MERRICK

Most of us are familiar with the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp near Boyce, VA, but did you know that area Lions also sponsor another camp in the Greater Washington, DC area—this one for special needs children and adults? The facility is called Lions Camp Merrick, and Camp Director Heidi Fick will be a guest speaker for our **Monday, May 21** dinner meeting.

Camp Merrick is located on 320 acres overlooking the Potomac in Charles County, MD. It had its beginnings in the 1930s when the Merrick family established a camp for boys from the Greater Washington area. In 1950, the Camp was bequeathed to the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, which turned it into a camp for deaf children. By the 1970s, financial difficulties caused the facility to begin to deteriorate and the Archdiocese turned to the Lions Clubs in District 22C (DC and MD) for help. In 1988, the camp was officially approved as a Lions district project and renamed Lions Camp Merrick. The mission of the Camp was changed to serve not only the deaf but also visually impaired children and adults.



In 1998 when the American Diabetes Association sold their Camp Glyndon in the Baltimore area, they entered into an arrangement with Lions Camp Merrick to expand the summer camping program at that facility to include children diagnosed with diabetes.

Today, besides a traditional Day Camp, the facility offers the following overnight camps: a Deaf Camp, a Diabetic Family Camp, a Diabetic Camp for children and Blind Camps for both adults and children.

For those of you interested in learning more about the Camp, they will be hosting an Open House on **Saturday, June 9** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Camp is located at 3650 Rick Hamilton Place in Nanjemoy, MD.

(Background information courtesy of Lions Camp Merrick)

WHITE CANE DAY SLATED FOR MAY 12



The Manassas Lioness Lions will be holding another White Cane event in front of the Wellington Giant store on **Saturday, May 12** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please contact our Sight and Hearing Chair Carol Sinacore at 703-331-2163 if you are able to help out that day.

This is an event our Club holds twice a year to raise funds for sight conservation and vision assistance programs. Lions International has adopted the white cane as the symbol for their efforts to educate the public about the special needs of the visually impaired and to raise funds for special sight and sight conservation programs.



Calling all Lions!

Be a part of history!

We want **YOU** to be a part of the National Memorial Day parade.
May 28, 2012 - Washington DC at the National Mall

How can your Club participate:

- **Volunteer** to carry your club banner
- **Ask veterans** in your club to participate
- **Recruit your Leos** to participate
- **Distribute flags** to the crowds
- **Invite prospective members** to attend
- **Publicize** in your local paper and news
- **Lead by joining** the planning committee
- **Be a part of a memorable event**
- **Take pictures** for your Club and friends
- **Collect** of recycled glasses on the route
- **Watch the Parade** with your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc.



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WE'RE CLEANIN' UP THE STREETS

Special thanks to Lois Steele (l. in photo), Anita Waggy (r. in photo) Noreen Yun, Kathleen Reilly, Rhonda Thompson and Karen Thompson who showed up on May 3 to clean up "our block" of Portner Ave., ably assisted by Anita's four-legged friend, Annie.



NVLYC UPDATE COMING AT MAY MEETING

Second Vice District Governor Mike Ryan will also be attending our **May 21** dinner meeting to update us on the latest developments at the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp. A successful work day on April 21 accomplished some much-needed clean-up and repairs to the facility.

Our food item this month is peanut butter and jelly for the Yeshua Church of God in Christ food bank.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION UNDERWAY

Our Scholarship Committee—Anna Marie Robinson, Karen Thompson and Barbara Kirk—will be meeting this month to review applications for the Manassas Lioness Lions Club scholarships and select the winners.

Traditionally we have awarded \$500 scholarships each year to one graduating senior at Osbourn High School and one at Osbourn Park High School. Selection is made by reviewing the applicants' academic credentials, extra-curricular activities and volunteer work in the community. Each applicant is asked to submit an essay on what community service means to him/her, as well as a transcript of grades and letters of recommendation from teachers or community leaders.



The scholarships are usually presented in early June at the senior awards night at the respective schools.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER ...

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| Wednesday, May 9 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West 7 to 9 p.m. |
| Thursday, May 10 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West 10 a.m. to noon |
| Friday, May 11 | Spaghetti Dinner at Park-West Lions Club building, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Note change in date (2nd Friday instead of 3rd Friday) for this month only. All you care to eat! \$10 Adults/\$5 Children at the door, or \$8 Adults/\$4 Children Presales. Call 703-392-0077 for info. |
| Wednesday, May 16 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West 7 to 9 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 23 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West 7 to 9 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 30 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West 7 to 9 p.m. |
| Thursday, May 31 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West 10 a.m. to noon |
| Monday, June 4 | Board meeting at Lori Paquette's, 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, June 5 | Newsletter deadline for June issue. Send articles and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk, bjkirk107@aol.com . |
| Monday, June 18 | Charter Night and installation of 2012-13 officers at City Tavern. Social hour 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. |