



# Proud Lions News

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

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## MLLC'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD THIS MONTH

Our Club's major fundraiser of the year will kick off on at noon on **Sunday, May 19** at the Harris Pavilion in Old Town Manassas when we host our annual Spring Vendor Fair & Wine Tasting. This is the fourth year for the event—the third featuring wine tasting.

Event Chair Pat Nichols is putting the finishing touches on arrangements and will be contacting MLLC members shortly to find out their availability to work on that date. We'll need general helpers, set up and clean up assistance, and people to sit at our "welcome table." This is a "full Club participation event" to ensure its success.

Spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors to come on out for an afternoon of fun for the entire family. **It will be held rain or shine!** Besides wine tasting from four local wineries, we'll have food vendors, live music and a myriad of local vendors and artisans.

Manassas Lioness Lions Club  
*presents*

# SPRING VENDOR FAIR & WINE TASTING

**Sunday, May 19th  
12pm – 6 pm**

Harris Pavilion, 9201 Center Street, Old Town Manassas

- Local Artisans
- Home-Based Businesses
- Wineries
- Food Vendors
- Live Entertainment
- FREE - Rain or Shine!

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## **WHITE CANE DAY SLATED FOR MAY 11**

On **Saturday, May 11**, the Manassas Lioness Lions will be holding another White Cane event in front of the Shoppers Food Warehouse on Liberia Ave. 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. And, please remember to wear your Club shirt when you come out to work.



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.

## **COMMITTEE WORKING ON SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION**

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

Traditionally we have awarded \$500 scholarships each year to one graduating senior at Osbourn High School and one at Osbourn Park High School. We also included Manassas Park High School this year but did not receive any applications from that 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 by a representative of our Club at the senior awards night at the respective schools.

## **LOVF RAFFLE TICKET STUBS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY MAY 20**

Drawing for the Lions of Virginia Foundation \$10,000 Raffle is scheduled for **Sunday, June 2** at the Lions of Virginia State Convention in Bristol. If you have any tickets outstanding, please get the stubs and money to Amy Newman or Kathi Weaver by the evening of our dinner meeting on May 20 so that we can be sure they get to Bristol in time to be entered into the drawing. **Remember, our Club gets to keep \$20 for each full book of tickets sold!**

## **NEW FUNDRAISER RAFFLE UNDERWAY**

We've got a new raffle going on to benefit our Club, with a real fun package for the winner! Thanks to a generous donation from an employee of QVC (who happens to be our VP's daughter) we have a beautiful Vera Bradley duffle bag which we've paired with a coordinating beach towel and sun hat to raffle off—a perfect combo for that weekend trip to the beach. Tickets will be available at the May dinner meeting. The drawing will be held on **Saturday, June 1** at the State Convention, where tickets will also be sold. See details in the flyer on page 3.

## **VERA BRADLEY “WEEKEND DELIGHT” RAFFLE**

Featuring “Summer Cottage” print Vera Bradley® signature

### **Large Duffle Bag**

w/oversize beach towel & Coolibar® packable UPF-50<sup>+</sup> beach hat

*(Retail value \$135)*

**Tickets \$2 each/3 for \$5**

**Benefits the Manassas Lioness Lions Activities Fund  
for community service projects**

Drawing to be held on Saturday, June 1 at the Lions of VA State Convention

**Contact Barbara Kirk for tickets** (703/743-5508 or [BJKirk107@aol.com](mailto:BJKirk107@aol.com))



## **SAY “CHEESE” (CHEESECAKE, THAT IS)!**

We’ve had a special request (rumor has it that it was from Miss Bunny!) for a trip to Cheesecake Factory for our Girls Night Out this month.

So OK, it’s gonna happen! Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, May 15** and c’mon out with The Fun Bunch for an evening of good food and good conversation.



We’ll meet at the Harris Teeter parking lot on Liberia Ave. at 5:45 p.m., then carpool to the restaurant at 2708 Potomac Mills Circle, Woodbridge. If you want to check out the menu ahead of time, visit [thecheesecakefactory.com](http://thecheesecakefactory.com). Please RSVP to Susan MacAuley at [trustyred@aol.com](mailto:trustyred@aol.com) or 703-331-4777 by noon on May 15.

## **MAY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH**

Look around you—who among your friends and acquaintances would be an asset to our Club? Invite them to come and check out our meeting, and meet the strong women who make up the Manassas Lioness Lions and serve our community. Ask them to join and make our Club stronger.

Suprises await y’all at the May meeting. Special surprises for those who bring a guest! Look around you for ways to grow our Club!

*--Susan MacAuley, Membership Director*

## **MEMBERS RALLY TO HOLD SUCCESSFUL YARD SALE**

A myriad of “treasures” filled Katheryn Williamson’s front yard on Saturday, April 13, thanks to our members who donated generously for our Spring Yard Sale. We had clothing, toys, kids’ sports equipment, pictures, books, household things—you name it!!!

And special thanks to the stalwart crew who showed up to sort the goods, ring up the sales and help customers find something they couldn’t live without. Helping Katheryn out that day (and forgive us if we’ve forgotten anyone!) were Rhonda Thompson (with 10-mo-old grandson Dominic in tow), Kathi Weaver, Karen Thompson, Susan MacAuley, Pat Nichols, Sarah Nash, June Rich, Cindy van Noppen and Nancy Sliger. Katheryn’s daughter Sandi Armstrong lent a hand with the cashiering duties, and Katheryn’s daughter Krystal and granddaughter Alissa kept



Dominic entertained so Rhonda had two hands free to help.

When all receipts were tallied, we netted just under \$400 for the day’s work.

*Some of the yard sale crew relax after a morning’s hard work. L. to r. Rhonda Thompson with grandson Dominic, Kathi Weaver, Susan MacAuley and Katheryn Williamson.*

## ***ADOPT A STREET CLEAN-UP COMPLETED***



Marie Robinson and her crew of “environmental engineers” (also known as Robyn Zweiban and Nancy Sliger) spent just one hour on Saturday, April 27 to do street clean-up on our block of Portner Ave. Following a breakfast later at iHop (we understand this has become an A-A-S Day tradition), Marie and Nancy continued on the Prince William Hospital to drop off old prescription medications under their collection program, dropped off magazines at the volunteer desk, then ventured over to the Fitness Center to pick up eyeglasses for recycling. All in all, a great day of doing Lions volunteer projects.

## ***REMEMBER UPCOMING CHANGES TO OUR BINGO SCHEDULE!***

May marks the last month until Fall that we will have a “regular” bingo session at Caton Merchant on the second Thursday and at Willow Oaks on the fourth Monday of the month. In June we will be hosting ice cream socials on those nights at both facilities, then going on hiatus for July and August. Regular bingo sessions will resume in September.

## ***CLUB OFFICER TRAINING CLASSES SCHEDULED***

District 24-A will be holding two Officer Training sessions this year for club presidents, secretaries and treasurers. The first training session will be held during the hours of 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on **Saturday, June 8** at Gainesville United Methodist Church, 13710 Milestone Court (off Linton Hall Rd.) in Gainesville. The second one will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on **Sunday, June 9** at Fairview Baptist Church in Fredericksburg.

Both training sessions will begin with a social gathering at 1:30, with classes commencing at 2 p.m. and running until 4 p.m. A critique and discussion will take place between 4 and 4:30 p.m. before adjournment. If you’re interested in attending, please contact President Amy Newman at [newman115@comcast.net](mailto:newman115@comcast.net) or 703-945-4035.

## ***FOOD DRIVE BENEFITS OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY***

With our food collection efforts this year, we have been partnering with five local churches that have their own food banks and supporting each of them for two months during the year. All of the food banks have told us of an ongoing need for the following items. Please remember this community service project and bring along donations when you come to our dinner meetings.

**Canned Tuna**  
**Canned Fruit**  
**Canned Vegetables (Green Beans & Corn especially)**  
**Peanut Butter**  
**Soup**  
**Dried Beans**  
**Cooking Oil**

**Canned Chicken**  
**Macaroni & Cheese**  
**Jelly**  
**Cereal**  
**Rice**  
**Spaghetti & Sauce**

## WHAT IS THE LIONS OF VIRGINIA FOUNDATION (LOVF)?



Each year at the Virginia State Convention, Lions eagerly await the name of the \$10,000 winner of the Lions of Virginia Foundation Raffle. Our Club has generously supported this Raffle over the years (but we haven't had any big winners yet!). We know that this is a major fundraising effort for LOVF, but **what exactly is LOVF and what do they do with the funds that are raised?**

The Lions of Virginia Foundation can be simply described as a non-profit entity which provides a medium through which emergency aid and state-wide humanitarian efforts are coordinated and financed for greater service through Lionism. LOVF also helps individual Clubs obtain grants or loans to fund major humanitarian projects, particularly those involved with disaster relief, sight and hearing. Requests for grants or loans are channeled through the District Governor for action by the LOVF Board.

Examples of some projects funded through LOVF in recent years are the dining hall, bath house and road improvements at the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp; food, supplies and building materials in tornado-damaged and flood-stricken parts of the state; equipment for the blind in regional libraries; summer camp for International Youth Exchange students in the Norfolk area; and Braille 'N Speak assistive devices to numerous blind students.

### ***44 Years of Virginians Helping Virginians***

Groundwork for LOVF was laid in August 1969 when Lions Clubs in Northern Virginia received calls for help from fellow Lions in Nelson County, Virginia as they tried to help neighbors who suffered devastating losses during Hurricane Camille. Besides residents of that rural area losing their personal belongings and homes, 120 of their family members and neighbors ... or 1% of the county's population ... lost their lives.

PDG Roy Rotenberry has summed up the founding of LOVF this way: "The inability to respond quickly with funds to help in a natural disaster such as this, caused the District leaders to develop a plan for a state-wide foundation, operated by all of the Lions Districts. By the summer of 1972, most of the paperwork was complete, (and) the State Corporation Commission approved the Articles of Incorporation for The Lions of Virginia Foundation."

Besides the Raffle, other major sources of funding for the Foundation's services are individual, Lions Club and corporate contributions, and revenue from the LOVF Distinguished Humanitarian Awards presented by Clubs to worthy Lions or other individuals in recognition of outstanding contributions to their community.

To learn more about the work of the Foundation, contact Lion Bob Kirk of the Park-West Lions Club (703-743-5508; e-mail: rck1820@comcast.net) who represents District 24A on the LOVF Board of Directors.



## ***YOUTH CAMP BEGINS RENOVATIONS***

One of the projects started at the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp's workday in conjunction with Earth Day on April 20 was rebuilding the deck and steps outside of Durant Hall. This dining hall entrance had become a safety hazard for both those using the stairs and those needing the handicap ramp. All labor was provided by volunteers from Northern Virginia Lions Clubs.



## ***IMPORTANT DATES***

- Sunday, May 19** Vendor Fair & Wine Tasting at Harris Pavilion in Old Town Manassas, noon to 6 p.m. See page 1 for details.
- Monday, May 20** Dinner meeting at City Tavern, 9405 Main Street, Manassas. Social hour at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7. RSVP to Lion Tamer Cindy van Noppen, 703-368-6757 or cvanno8504@aol.com.
- Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2** Lions of Virginia State Convention in Bristol, VA featuring finals of the James Bland Music Competition for Youth on Friday night.
- Monday, June 3** Board Meeting at Amy's, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 5** Newsletter deadline for June issue. Send photos and articles to Editor Barbara Kirk, bjkkirk107@aol.com.

***Please bring your recyclables  
to the May 20 dinner meeting!***

***Jewelry (gold/silver/platinum)  
Ink Jet Printer Cartridges  
Digital Cameras  
Radar Detectors***

***Cell Phones  
Apple iPods  
Digital Video Cameras  
Kindle & Sony Book Readers***

***Laptop Computers  
MP3 Players  
GPS Devices  
Handheld Game Systems***