



# Proud Lions News

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

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## SAYING GOODBYE TO “MISS BUNNY”



We are saddened to report the death of Life Member Elizabeth “Bunny” Blair. At the time of her passing, Bunny was residing in an assisted living facility in Zephyrhills, Florida where she had moved in 2014 to be closer to her sister. She still kept in touch with several of our members by phone and mail, and looked forward to receiving our newsletter each month to keep up with what the Club was doing.

Bunny’s affiliation with our Club began way back in 1986 when we were still a Lioness Club. She became a Charter Member of the Manassas Lioness Lions when we bridged over to become a full-fledged Lions Club in 2003. She was named a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2006.

As long as Bunny’s health permitted, she was an active member of the Club—until well past her 80th birthday! In the photo above (taken in 2010), she was helping the crew make sandwiches in Marie Robinson’s kitchen when we still did the catering for the Manassas Host Lions \$10K Raffle.

Bunny was known for her generosity, her infectious laugh and her funny stories. There was only one “Miss Bunny.” We will surely miss her.

## FOOD DRIVE SLATED FOR APRIL 8

After our successful first effort last fall, we will again be conducting a food drive to benefit House of Mercy at the Wellington Giant. This one will be on **Saturday, April 8** from 2 to 6 p.m. Event chair Beth Oravec will have handouts to give to shoppers with suggested items the food pantry needs. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Beth to sign up for this worthwhile endeavor. Last fall’s drive netted about \$1,000 worth of food items, and we’re hoping to do even better this time.



## **PAVILION DEDICATION TO BE HELD AT YOUTH CAMP**

A celebration of the newly-rebuilt Pavilion at the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp will be held on **Saturday, April 29**. To be dedicated in memory of PID Wayne E. Davis and Lion Marge Davis who were strong supporters of the Camp over the years, the festivities will include a picnic-style lunch at noon featuring hamburgers, hot dogs and side dishes. The Dedication ceremony takes place at 2 p.m.

The Camp is located at 1100 Lions Camp Lane, Boyce, VA 22620. For more information, contact NVLYC President Rosanne Snider, [rosanne.snider@gmail.com](mailto:rosanne.snider@gmail.com) or 703-532-5308.

## **GNO GOES BACK TO AN OLD FAVORITE**

It's only fitting that we're going to Tuesday's on a Tuesday! That's right—our Girls Night Out will be back at Ruby Tuesday's, 9504 Liberia Ave., Manassas on **Tuesday, April 11**. We'll meet at the restaurant at 6 p.m. This is right across from Walmart.



Please RSVP to Susan MacAuley by noon on April 11 (703-331-4777, 571-213-8661, or [trustyred@aol.com](mailto:trustyred@aol.com)) so she can have enough seats reserved for our crowd.

And watch your mail for coupons—we can usually come up with enough “buy-one-get-one-at-50%-off” coupons to save everyone a little money.

If you need a ride, be sure to let Susan know. She can make carpool arrangements.

## **CLUB TO CATER WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY LUNCHEON**

On **Sunday, April 30**, District 24A will celebrate the future of community service as we honor new members who have come into the Clubs in the District since April 2016. The ceremony also recognizes the dedication of their sponsors. The ceremony will be held at the Park-West Lions Community Center, 8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Although it's the new members being honored, ALL Lions are invited to attend. If you're interested in going, let President Rhonda know. Remember, this event counts as an individual visitation as well!



A deli lunch will be served to attendees at no cost. The Manassas Lioness Lions have been asked to make arrangements for the food; Robyn Zweiban is chairing this event for the Club. She will be contacting members shortly to get help with set-up and clean-up. There will be very little food preparation involved as we purchase deli trays already made up, although Robyn is looking for donations of food items to supplement the basic menu. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the April 17 dinner meeting.

*At press time for this issue of the newsletter, the 2017-18 slate of officers had not been finalized, which is why it is not included. The final slate will be announced at the April 17 dinner meeting.*

## **WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MELVIN JONES AWARD?**



Lions International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an honor named for its founder. Known as the Melvin Jones Fellowship, this is the highest form of recognition in Lionism and is given to acknowledge exemplary humanitarian service. The program was established in 1973.

Melvin Jones Fellowships can be given by an individual, a Club or a District. The recipient need not be a member of a Lions Club. However, the honor can be given to individuals only, not to any group or organization. Melvin Jones Fellowships can also be given posthumously.

To qualify for awarding a Fellowship, the recognizing individual or body makes a \$1,000 unrestricted donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), designating that its purpose is for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The honoree receives a lapel pin, plaque and congratulatory letter from the LCIF Chairperson.

Individuals who are already Melvin Jones Fellows can advance in the programs with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship for each additional \$1,000 donation made in their name. Each new level of recognition is signified by a different style Melvin Jones pin. There are 100 levels in the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship program, representing gifts between \$1,000 and \$100,000.

The names of all Melvin Jones Fellows are displayed in the LCIF Recognition Room at Lions International headquarters in Oak Brook, IL. Melvin Jones Fellowships comprise 70 percent of the Foundation's annual revenue and provide the financial means for LCIF to fund health initiatives, disaster relief and other charitable programs worldwide.

## **WHITE CANE DAY IS APRIL 21**

Because of last year's success when we moved our White Cane fundraiser from a weekend to a Friday afternoon, White Cane Chair Marie Robinson has arranged for our spring one to be held on **Friday, April 21** from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Wellington Giant. Even if you have a half hour to spare during this time frame we can use you! Contact Marie to sign up, 703-368-5563.

## **LOVF RAFFLE TICKETS STILL ON SALE**

Feelin' lucky? Well then, you may want to take a chance or two on the \$10,000 "Big Prize" in the Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) annual raffle. Contact Treasurer Karen Thompson for tickets, 703-257-7713. **The drawing will be held on May 28** at the Lions State Convention in Roanoke.



Remember, for each book of 30 tickets sold, our Club gets to keep \$20!!!! **All ticket stubs and money need to be returned no later than the May 15 dinner meeting** so that we can make arrangements to get them to the right place before the State Convention.

## **WE “CAN” DO IT!!!**

Pam Carpenter has agreed to chair a new project that sounds like a lot of fun ... and will surely test our creativity! Our Club is going to participate in the “**ExtravaCANza Challenge**,” sponsored by the GFWC Woman’s Club of Manassas. Each entry will be a sculpture, made from canned goods, that depicts some aspect of Manassas’ railroad heritage. After the competition, the canned goods will be donated to local food pantries.



We will have three organizational meetings—one for preliminary planning, one to do a dry run of assembling the project at Pam’s, then on **Saturday, June 3 to put the project together on a platform on the lawn at the Manassas Museum** where it will be judged. Pam anticipates the first planning meeting to be held at her home during the weekend of April 22 and 23. She’ll be sending out an e-mail with all the info.

## **THIS ‘N THAT ...**

- ✚ Cookie dough fundraiser chair Susan MacAuley reports that the spring campaign just concluded has netted our Club about \$370.
- ✚ Mark your calendar for the Lions of Virginia State Convention coming up **May 25-28** in Roanoke, Virginia. The latest information on seminars and activities, plus a registration form, can be found on the District 24A Web site, [www.valions.org](http://www.valions.org).

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Thursday, April 13</b>	Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m
<b>Monday, April 17</b>	Dinner meeting at City Tavern, 9550 Center Street, Manassas. Social hour 6:30, dinner at 7 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 19</b>	“Our night” to do eyeglass recycling at Park-West Lions Community Center, 7 to 9 p.m.
<b>Monday, April 24</b>	Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.
<b>Monday, May 1</b>	BOD meeting at Manassas Vol. Rescue Squad, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 5</b>	Newsletter deadline for May issue. Send photos and info to Editor Barbara Kirk, <a href="mailto:bjkirk107@aol.com">bjkirk107@aol.com</a> .

