



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club
DECEMBER 2011

A NOTE FROM THE PREZ ...

Our “Silly Season” is fast approaching ... Woo-Hoo!!! Where else but at the MLLC Christmas Party would you see two BFFs tussling over a treasure? Yep, that’s what our Silly Santa gift exchange is all about—nonsense and merriment. (More info is found on page 2.) You’ll definitely want to mark your calendar for **Monday, December 19** so you don’t miss all the fun. We’ll enjoy a special holiday meal that evening, plus just the bare essentials of business will be conducted, so bring along your spouse/significant other and friends to join in the festivities.



On a more serious note, we are pleased to again be able to help those less fortunate in our community this holiday season. Among the community programs we’re supporting are gifts for a family of four from the angel tree at Baldwin Elementary School, gift cards for the single adults at NVFS/SERVE and helping with gift wrapping for “Be A Santa To A Senior.”

Merry Christmas, everyone!

Anita

HOLIDAY BOXES PROJECT ON HOLD FOR THIS YEAR

Because of the USPS declaring an earlier deadline for accepting packages going to Afghanistan this year, we have had to forego our eagerly-anticipated Holiday Boxes for the Troops project. We did not have enough notice of the date change to reschedule our planned purchase of goodies for the boxes and to make new arrangements for the assembly and mailing operation. We fully expect to resume it in 2012.

--Pat Nichols, Holiday Boxes Chair

BASTAS GIFT WRAPPING SLATED FOR DECEMBER 13

The “Be A Santa To A Senior” (BASTAS) gift-wrapping session in this end of Prince William County is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 13** from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Park-West Lions Community Center. If you have some time to spare that evening, please come out and give us a hand. It’s a lot of fun, and a worthy community-wide project benefitting our senior citizens.

DG ANNOUNCES NEW FORMAT FOR WINTER CONFERENCE



District Governor Dennis Kelly has announced that a one-day Winter Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 25** at the Hospitality House in Fredericksburg.

According to information published in the December Lion Reporter, instead of the usual workshops, the Conference will kick off with a continental breakfast, and then attendees will go out into the community to perform predetermined service projects. A list of the available service projects will be part of the registration packet and attendees will be able to make their choice at the time they sign up for the Conference. The group will reconvene for lunch, then break into interactive discussion groups to share ideas gleaned from their individual experiences.

This new direction is in keeping with the theme of the Conference, “Celebrate Service,” and we hope to be able to make a difference through many people each giving just a few hours’ time on one day. More details on this innovative concept will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

HERE’S THE SCOOP ON SILLY SANTA ...

*Items for the Silly Santa gift exchange should be about **\$15 in value** (nice, new stuff, please – save the White Elephants for the February auction), and wrapped. Please mark on the outside of the package whether the gift is for a man or woman. Both MLLC members and their guests can participate. Whoever wants to join in the fun can just bring along a gift to exchange and you’ll be given a number at the door designating your place in the sequence for choosing a package.*

If you haven’t been involved in one of our Silly Santa gift exchanges ... well, you don’t know what you’ve been missing! You won’t believe the cunning and wily ways our crew comes up with to steal (or steal back!) the gift they really want! Not to worry, Anna Marie Robinson will fill newcomers in on the ground rules that night (and act as referee!).

CHANGE IN TREASURER’S MAILING ADDRESS

Effective immediately, please mail all dues payments and requests for expense reimbursement to Amy Newman, 115 Scott Drive, Manassas Park, VA 20111. Amy has taken over the Treasurer’s responsibilities for the balance of Lion Year 2011-12. If you have mailed or given any dues to Lianetta in recent weeks, please check with Amy to see if they have been recorded.

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

The Untrim A Tree Holiday Gift Program needs volunteer elves on **Monday, December 12 through Wednesday, December 14** to match toys to children’s wish lists. Their Santa Shop is located in Old Town Manassas. For more information and to volunteer, contact Shelley Tibbs at 703-369-5292 (X201) from 9 to 5 or Stibbs@volunteerprincewilliam.org.



--Theresa Brenner

THE COOKIES ARE COMING, THE COOKIES ARE COMING!

Get ready for our ever-popular Cookie Exchange where you can sample (and take home) delectable goodies from the best MLLC bakers! The only rule is if you want to take cookies home, you gotta bring some to share!!!



This year's Cookie Exchange will be at Amanda Waggy's home, 8585 Short Street, Manassas (Lake Jackson area) on **Sunday, December 11** at 3 p.m.

To participate, ***please bring five dozen cookies prepackaged in bundles of six each*** (no big platters, please), plus your cookie recipe, if you're willing to divulge your baking secrets.

RSVP to Amanda (703-975-2303 or awaggy@vt.edu) no later than Friday, December 9.

LIST OF RECYCLABLE ITEMS EXPANDS!

As I'm sure most of you know, 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 or you can drop them off at my house ... or I even will pick them up. Give me a call (703-945-4035) if you have questions.

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| - 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 | | |

--Amy Newman, Recycle Chair

LIONS PARTICIPATE IN MANASSAS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Lions from the five Manassas-area Clubs in Region IV Zone 1 participated as one unit in the Manassas Christmas Parade on December 3. Although none of the MLLC members actually walked the parade route, Anna Marie Robinson, Mickey Ferris and Pat Nichols worked with officials the day of the parade, and Marie Robinson helped the Park-West Lions assemble the float which accompanied the unit. The float was awarded second place honors.

Ed and Marie Robinson arrange Christmas greenery on the parade float.



SCENES FROM OUR NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

District Governor Dennis Kelly (at right) inducted new members Kathleen Reilly (2nd from left) and Melissa Carroll (3rd from left) during his Official Visit to our Club on November 21. Shown at left is Membership Chair and 2nd Vice President Marie Robinson.



District Governor Dennis Kelly presents MLLC President Anita Waggy with the International President's pin in recognition of her leadership of our Club.



The food items for December are canned corn or green beans which will go to the Yeshua Church of God in Christ food pantry. Please bring your donations to the Christmas Party.



NURSING HOME BINGO PLAYERS TO GET SPECIAL HOLIDAY TREATS

We will be holding our monthly Bingo at Caton Merchant House on **Thursday, December 8**. In addition to the usual Bingo prizes, each of our “regulars” will be receiving an assortment of treats in a festive bow-trimmed bag to help brighten their holidays.

Since the regular date for Willow Oaks falls on the day after Christmas, I’m trying to see what earlier date will work for them so we can visit them before the holiday. We’ll also have bags of goodies for the Willow Oaks Bingo players. As soon as arrangements have been finalized for a new date at Willow Oaks this month, I will contact everyone by e-mail to see who’s available to give us a hand in providing an enjoyable evening for these residents.

--Lori Paquette, Community Services Director

HELP US MAKE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS COUNT!

Please make sure to give Club Secretary Traci Connolly a count of your volunteer hours each month—this includes hours spent on Lions work as well as other community activities such as church, school and hospital volunteer work. Our Club gets credit for all of this! Traci will have a tally sheet available at our Club meetings, or you can send them to her via e-mail at TCONNOLLYRN@aol.com. You just need to tell her the activity and the number of hours you spent working on it.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN PULL TABS, PLEASE

We are partnering with Manassas Host Lions Club to collect aluminum can pull tabs. You’ll find these on soft drink cans, pet food cans, juice cans and more. We don’t want the whole can, just the pull tab, which can be easily removed once the can is empty. These will be donated to various charities who sell them as scrap metal with the proceeds going towards their expenses. Bring your pull tabs to the dinner meeting and give them to Amy Newman.



OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER ...

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, January 3 | Board meeting at Lori Paquette’s, 6:30 p.m. Note date change! |
| Thursday, January 5 | Newsletter deadline. E-mail articles and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk at bjkirk107@aol.com . |



It’s Grrr-eat to be a Manassas Lioness Lion!!!

Friend us on Facebook and visit our Web site, www.thoseladylions.org