



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club
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A NOTE FROM THE PREZ



Say, wasn't that good news from Punxsutawney Phil – maybe we WILL have an early spring this year!! I, for one, can't wait for all the ice and snow to go away (you all know the only time I like that kind of weather is when I get a snow day off from school!).

The Manassas Lioness Lions are gettin' ready to come out of winter hibernation and tackle a whole host of projects this spring. Your Board and committee chairs have been putting on our thinking caps to see what kind of fundraisers (and FUN-raisers) we could come up with to boost our coffers so that we can continue to help those in need in our Manassas community.

Be sure to read the info in this newsletter to see what activities we've got in store for the coming months. Then mark your calendar and plan to come out and join us. We may work hard at our fundraising, but we have a ton of FUN, too!!!

Anita

CLUB TO CATER \$10K RAFFLE FOR HOST CLUB

The Manassas Host Lions Club has again asked us to don our catering aprons and take over the kitchen for their \$10K Raffle, which will be held at the Manassas Rescue Squad building on **Saturday, March 19**. Anna Marie Robinson will be coordinating the food prep, and will be in contact with all Manassas Lioness Lions shortly to give out assignments.

Yes, ladies, the Host Club PAYS us good money to do this, and this important fundraising activity is one of our "total Club participation" projects in which we ask everyone to take part. Some of the assignments will be working on-site during the event, some will be for food prep to be done in a group ahead of time (like our sandwich-making marathons at Marie's in years past), and some will be baking a dessert in your home and bringing it over to the Rescue Squad that day.



So, please keep the date open and give us a hand – we need you!!!

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION A ROARING SUCCESS

A **BIG** thank-you to the 80-some members of the six Lions Clubs in Zone 1, Region IV who came together on Tuesday, February 8 to enjoy camaraderie, a wonderful buffet dinner and, most of all, the Manassas Lioness Lions' fourth annual "White Elephant Auction." The bidding was wild and furious at times with bids going from \$1 to \$70 in a flash. Final tally was **\$1,046** for our Admin. account. Thanks to all who brought in their items to be auctioned.

--Pat Nichols, Auction Chair



DATE CHANGE MADE FOR TRI-STATE EVENT

The annual Tri-State dinner meeting in Lovettsville has been moved from the previously-announced date of Tuesday, March 29 to **Friday evening, March 25**. This event is a great opportunity to get together for an evening of fun and fellowship with Lions from northern Virginia, central Maryland and the panhandle of West Virginia. And, best of all, it counts as a Visitation to all three sponsoring Clubs (Lovettsville, Brunswick and Harpers Ferry Bolivar). Contact Pat Nichols, MLLC Visitation Chair, at 703-335-2607 if you'd like to go. We may be able to set up carpool arrangements from Manassas if enough are interested.

SPRING YARD SALE PLANS UNDERWAY

Time to clean out your closets again and put those cast-offs aside for our Spring Yard Sale! It'll be held at my house (I've got a **BIG** yard with lots of drive-by traffic!), 9137 Portner Ave., which is at the corner of Portner Ave. and Sudley Rd. in the City of Manassas. The date is **Saturday, April 9**. Here's the chance to turn your unused treasures into cash for our Club. We'll have more info as the date gets closer.

--Rhonda Thompson, Yard Sale Chair



JUST A REMINDER ... the District 24A Winter Conference is Saturday, February 19 at the Hyatt Fair Lakes in Fairfax. Walk-in registration will be available if you haven't registered for the workshops ahead of time.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year will be coming up on **Sunday, May 15**, when we take over the entire Harris Pavilion and adjacent grounds in Old Town Manassas for a six-hour vendor fair and wine tasting event.

We'll have local artisans, food vendors, live entertainment ... a little something for everyone!!! This is sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

Stay tuned for more details, and please keep the date open. You won't want to miss it. We can use a few good hands for preparation ahead of time, and on the day of the event. Please contact Vendor Fair Chair, Pat Nichols at 703-335-2607 if you'd like to help out.



Manassas Lioness Lions Club presents
**SPRING
VENDOR FAIR &
WINE TASTING**
Sunday, May 15th
11am – 5pm

Local Artisans Home-Based Businesses
Live Entertainment
Door Prizes Food Vendors

Harris Pavilion, Old Town Manassas

COMPETITION BEGINS FOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Eight vocal and eight instrumental hopefuls will participate in the first stage of competition on **Saturday, February 26** as Region IV Zone 1's James Bland Music Scholarship program kicks off. The competition, open to elementary through high school age youth, will be held at Gainesville United Methodist Church in Gainesville, starting at 1 p.m. The general public is invited to attend the program. First place vocal and instrumental winners will then advance to the Region level competition in March, the next step toward qualifying for substantial music scholarships to be awarded at the State convention in May to the top six in each category statewide.

The Manassas Lioness Lions will be providing refreshments during the intermission at the Zone level program while the judges are tallying their scores. If you are willing to provide snacks (non-messy finger food only, please), soft drinks, cups or napkins, or can give us a hand setting up on the 26th, contact Pat Nichols, 703-335-2607.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

We're pleased to welcome Kathi Weaver (shown at the right in the photo) as the newest member of the Manassas Lioness Lions Club. Kathi, who was sponsored by Immediate Past President Pat Nichols (at left in the photo), was inducted at our January dinner meeting.

--Marie Robinson, Membership Chair

SHORT 'N SWEET ...

- ✚ A reminder ... there will be NO dinner meeting in February on our regularly scheduled date. Meetings resume next month on the third Monday (**March 21**) at City Tavern, with social hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7.
- ✚ Deadline for the March newsletter is **Thursday, March 10**. Please e-mail articles and photos to Barbara Kirk, Editor, at bjkirk107@aol.com.
- ✚ The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **Monday, March 7** at Lori Paquette's house, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- ✚ 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 MLLC Treasurer Karen Thompson. The drawing will be held on May 22 at the Lions of Virginia State Convention in Richmond.
- ✚ Got an idea for one of our Girls Night Out socials? Chair Susan MacAuley would love to hear from you! Contact her at 703-331-4777 or trustyred@aol.com.
- ✚ We're still saving postage stamps for the Stamps for the Wounded program. Bring these along to our next dinner meeting. Traci Connolly will coordinate getting them to the District Committee Chair.



OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 14 – Bingo at Manassas Rehab, 7 p.m.

Monday, February 28 – Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 – Worldwide Induction Day at Park-West Lions Community Center

Thursday, May 19

to Sunday, May 22 – Lions State Convention, Sheraton Richmond West, Richmond, VA



It's GRRRR-E-A-T to be a Manassas Lioness Lion!!!!!!