



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club
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GOT TREES??? YOU BET!!!

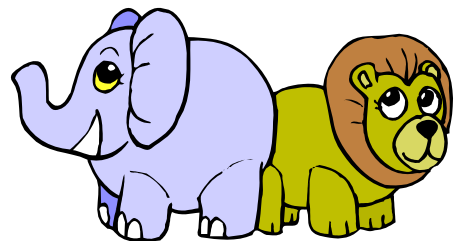
Yes, we **WILL** be planting trees in the community very soon!! The Manassas Lioness Lions will be participating in the Lions Million Tree Campaign later this spring in conjunction with the Manassas Host Club. In preparation, MLLC 2nd VP Marie Robinson (I) honed her tree planting skills with Park-West Lion Phil Smith at a recent P-W planting event. We'll have more details in coming weeks.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION COMING FEBRUARY 28

We're hoping you all have been cleaning out your closets for treasures to be auctioned off at our annual White Elephant Auction on **February 28!** This is our Club's next fundraising project, and always provides a lot of fun and laughter when the bid-on treasures are opened for all to see.

Bring your items individually wrapped (gift bags preferred) and let auctioneer Anna Marie Robinson know that evening if your treasure is extra-special and should command a higher-than-usual starting bid.

Just to refresh your memory (and make sure your calendars are marked), the event will be held on **Tuesday, February 28 at the Park-West Community Center and takes the place of our regular February dinner meeting.** Please be sure to RSVP to Lion Tamer Laura Ellis so we know how many to expect for dinner. This will be a joint meeting with all the Clubs in Region IV Zone 1—we're hoping to get a large turnout to generate some **BIG BUCKS** for our coffers.



ZONE BLAND COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25

The first round of judging for the Manassas area in this year's James Bland Music Scholarship Competition for youth will be held at 1 p.m. on **Saturday, February 25** at Gainesville United Methodist Church, off Linton Hall Road in Gainesville. All instrumental slots and vocal slots have already been filled –meaning that a full complement of sixteen talented young musicians will be providing entertainment for attendees while competing for a chance to progress to the next level.



Performers range from elementary school through high school age. First place winners in the vocal and instrumental categories will move on to Region competition on March 17, the next step progressing toward the “finals” at the State Convention in May.

The Manassas Lioness Lions will again be providing refreshments for performers and guests at the Zone Bland competition. We're looking for donations of snacks (non-messy finger foods only, please) and beverages. Please contact Pat Nichols if you would be willing to give us a hand in this area (703-335-2607).

CATERING GIG CALLS FOR ALL HANDS ON DECK

The Manassas Host Lions Club has again asked us to cater their \$10K Raffle on **Saturday, March 10** at the Manassas Rescue Squad. This is one of our “total Club participation” events and we truly appreciate the fine spirit with which you all step in and help out.

This is an important fundraiser for the Manassas Lioness Lions (the Host guys pay us good money for providing the food!), and we have a lot of fun putting it together. Anna Marie Robinson will be in touch with everyone in the next few weeks with more details. If you have any questions, contact her at 703-901-5076 or annamg5250@aol.com.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ATTEND THE WINTER CONFERENCE

District Governor Dennis Kelly has announced that the District 24A Winter Conference will be a day of service this year instead of the traditional workshops and meetings. Scheduled for **Saturday, February 25**, headquarters for the one-day event will be the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA.

At time of registration, attendees will be able to select the volunteer activity they wish to participate in. Some of the service opportunities will be right at the hotel, others will require going out into the community. For details, visit the District 24A Web site, www.valions.org.

The February food item for NVFS/SERVE is spaghetti sauce.





DON'T LET THE DATE GET AWAY FROM YOU!

Mark your calendar NOW ... the Manassas Lioness Lions Annual Spring Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 21.

BOD CONSIDERS CHANGING MEETING SITE

Keeping in mind the needs of those who have difficulty negotiating the stairs at City, the Board has begun considering alternate venues for our dinner meetings that are more handicap-accessible. We will keep you apprised as our search progresses. If you have any suggestions of places that we should look into, please contact President Anita Waggy at 703-361-5327 or bpwaggy@comcast.net.

BITS 'N PIECES

- ❖ **DID YOU KNOW ...** that our recycling program generated **\$335** in revenue for the Club last year???? Thanks, Amy, for chairing this effort.
- ❖ The Tri-State Meeting in Lovettsville is coming up on **Friday, March 30**. More info next month on carpooling for those who are interested.
- ❖ The Lions of Virginia State Convention will be held in Chesapeake, VA **May 17-20**. We'll pass along the details as they become available.
- ❖ Remember to coordinate and record your club visitations with Visitation Chair Pat Nichols. It's a good idea to phone ahead when you're planning a visitation—club meeting dates and places DO change! *In photo at right, MLLC members Kathleen Reilly (l) and Kathryn Williamson (c) visit the Manassas Host Lions Club last month.*
- ❖ Secretary Traci Connolly needs a tally on your volunteer hours (for both Lions and non-Lions work) each month. Either give them to her at our dinner meeting or send them via e-mail to tconnollyrn@aol.com.
- ❖ Acting Treasurer Amy Newman has Lions of Virginia Foundation raffle books available. Each full book of 30 tickets sold generates \$20 in income for our Club! Contact Amy at 703-945-4035 or newman115@comcast.net.



KEEP SAVING THOSE PULL TABS, PLEASE!

On a recent visitation to the Manassas Host Club, MLLC 1st VP Amy Newman (r) presents a donation of aluminum can pull tabs to Lion Chester Smith (c) as Manassas Host President John Hartt (l) looks on. The Host Club had asked for our help in collecting these tabs to donate to various charities who sell them as scrap metal, with proceeds going towards their expenses.



IMPORTANT DATES

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| Monday, February 20 | NO REGULAR DINNER MEETING THIS MONTH |
| Monday, March 5 | BOD meeting, 6:30 p.m., at Amy Newman's. |
| Monday, March 5 | Newsletter deadline. Send information and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk at bjkirk107@aol.com . |

It's G-R-R-reat to be a Manassas Lioness Lion!

Our Board has voted to waive the \$25 initiation fee for all new members joining through the 3rd Quarter of this Lion Year, January 1 through March 31. No better time than now to ask your friends to join us!

