



# Proud Lions News

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## WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION COMING FEBRUARY 26

We're hoping you've all been cleaning out your closets for treasures to be auctioned off at our annual White Elephant Auction on **February 26!** This is our Club's first fundraising project of 2013, 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 our auctioneer 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 26**

**at the Park-West Community Center and takes the place of our regular February dinner meeting.** Please be sure to RSVP to Lion Tamer Cindy van Noppen 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.



Oh yes, as an extra kicker to this year's auction, we'll be raffling off a sumptuous wine and chocolate basket, put together by our own Amanda Waggy ... plus we'll be adhering to "a Lions tradition" of holding a 50/50 drawing. C'mon out and bring your friends and family members. This is one of our major fundraisers of the year and we're counting on it to be a successful one.

## GONE VISITIN' YET???

One of the fun things we Lions do is go on visitations to other Clubs just to say "howdy" and see the different activities going around us on in Lionism. It's a great way to make new friends and get some ideas that our own Club can use to keep our activities fresh and exciting. Remember, to count as a Club visitation toward awards, you need to go in teams of at least two persons if the Club you're visiting is less than 50 miles away. Contact Visitation Chair Karen Thompson for details on the visitation program, 703-257-7713.

## ZONE BLAND COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 9

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 9** at Gainesville United Methodist Church, off Linton Hall Road in Gainesville. Three vocalists and five instrumentalists will be performing in competition for the chance to progress to the next level.



Performers range in age from 13 through 18 and are middle school or high school students from the local area. First place winners in the vocal and instrumental categories will move on to Region competition on March 16, the next step progressing toward the "finals" at the State Convention in Bristol in May.

The Manassas Lioness Lions will be providing refreshments again this year, as well as administrative support the day of the event.

## CATERING GIG CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dig out your chef's apron and hat! The Manassas Host Lions Club has again asked us to cater their \$10K Raffle on **Saturday, March 16** at the Manassas Rescue Squad. 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](mailto:annamg5250@aol.com).



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, May 19** is the date for our bigger-and-better-than-ever Spring Vendor Fair and Wine Tasting at Harris Pavilion. Watch for details in coming weeks.



## GIRLS NIGHT OUT

**Monday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.**

**Bella Vita Italian Restaurant**

**9675 Liberia Ave., Manassas**



Come join the Fun Bunch for dinner at Bella Vita on Liberia Ave. (same side as Walmart). We'll meet at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Please let Susan know if you need a ride.

**RSVP by Noon on Monday, February 11 to Susan MacAuley,  
703-331-4777 or [trustyred@aol.com](mailto:trustyred@aol.com)**

## WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

District Governor Emily Carnes has announced that the District 24A Winter Conference will be held **February 22 and 23, 2013** at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 South Orme St., Arlington, VA. The Conference will offer a series of workshops on Saturday as well as a service opportunity, which has proved to be a popular event at recent Conferences.



This event will kick off with registration Friday evening from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a fun evening featuring a Wii bowling competition with light refreshments and beer. The Vice District Governors' hospitality room will also be open both Friday and Saturday evenings.

On Saturday morning you will have an opportunity to volunteer at the nearby Eyeglass Recycling Center, or attend one or more of the breakout sessions listed below. A luncheon, featuring the Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation's annual Scholarship Grant presentation, will start at noon. This will be followed by the General Session which will include reports from the 24A Foundations. The afternoon will wrap up with the Cabinet meeting at the close of the General Session.

On the page 4 of this newsletter you will find the Conference registration form. All attendees from our Club are asked to make their own registration arrangements; you will be reimbursed by the Club for up to \$15 in registration fees.

If you are interested in staying overnight at the hotel, they are currently offering a reduced rate for Lions of \$99 plus tax which includes FREE parking (a \$10/day value). Please call the hotel direct at 703-521-1900 to make arrangements.

<b>8:45 to 9:45 a.m.</b>	State Admin. Financial Review with State Secretary/Treasurer Tammie Brightwell
<b>8:45 to 9:45 a.m.</b>	Facebook/Photo Management
<b>8:45 to 9:45 a.m.</b>	Trends in Membership with New Membership Development Consultant Steve Thornton
<b>9:45 to 10:45 a.m.</b>	Social Media Overview (two different levels will be presented—the basics for beginners and an advanced class for those who want to make a big difference in their Club's Web footprint)
<b>9:45 to 10:45 a.m.</b>	Lions Alert with Lion Greg DeRosa
<b>9:45 to 11:45 a.m.</b>	Leos "3DKey" (participants will learn 3D thinking and strategies for unlocking recipes for winning at games, school, work, life and community service)
<b>10:45 to 11:45 a.m.</b>	Volunteer Arlington/Individual Emergency Preparedness with Grelia Soliz

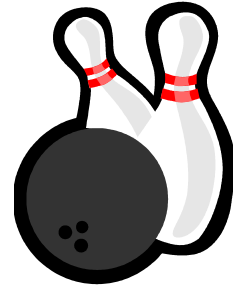


## **BINGO SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR FEBRUARY**

A reminder to all our Bingo helpers ... because of conflict with the holidays this month, we will not be holding Bingo at Caton Merchant or Willow Oaks in February. However, we are taking the month's hiatus to do a trial Bingo for residents of The Fairmont on **Monday, February 11**. They had contacted us about scheduling a regular Bingo there, and Bingo Chair Anita Waggy felt this was a good month to try that venue out and see how much assistance would be required. If you can help out on the 11<sup>th</sup>, contact Anita at 703-361-5327.

## **STRIKES FOR SERVE RETURNS THIS YEAR!**

**Saturday, March 9, 2013**  
**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Bowl America**  
**9000 Mathis Ave.**  
**Manassas, VA**



**The 22nd Annual Strikes for SERVE Bowlathon returns!** Why not plan to come out for an afternoon of bowling, prizes and fun! Over 300 people from throughout the community will be joining together to raise critical funds to fight hunger. The Manassas Lioness Lions are putting together a team, and you can be part of it. Contact Team Captain Amanda Waggy at 703-975-2303 for all the details.

## **PARTNER WITH DISTRICT 22C AT THE NBC4 HEALTH EXPO**



It is that time of year again when we prepare for the upcoming NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo at the Washington DC Convention Center. This is the largest, best-attended Consumer Wellness Expo in the country, attracting over 85,000 attendees every year.

As in the past, the Lions Community Outreach Foundation of District 22C will have their Mobile Health Unit there to provide free vision, hearing, glaucoma, and pre-school vision screenings to the public. Last year's event was supported by volunteers from the Lions of District 22C and 24A. This is a great opportunity for Lions in our service area to be recognized for providing much needed services to the public. Volunteers are needed for a couple of hours each day.

**When:** Saturday, March 16 to Sunday, March 17, 2013

**Where:** Washington DC Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW, Washington, DC 20001  
(Take the Green or Yellow Line Metro Train to Mt Vernon Square/Convention Center)

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day

**Who:** 15 Volunteers needed for each of the following shifts:

8:30 am to 11:30 a.m.

11:30 am to 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Anita Waggy, who has volunteered at this event before, is putting together a crew to attend. Contact her for more information: 703-361-5327 or bpwaggy@comcast.net.

## **THIRD SCHOLARSHIP APPROVED FOR 2013**

The Manassas Lioness Lions will be giving three \$500 scholarships this year to seniors at area high schools. For several years we have held an essay competition and awarded a college scholarship to a member of the graduating class at both Osbourn and Osbourn Park High Schools. This year, we have expanded our efforts to include a member of the Class of 2013 at Manassas Park High School. Anna Marie Robinson is again chairing the Scholarship Committee, with assistance from Karen Thompson and Barbara Kirk to evaluate entries and select the winners.



## **BITS 'N PIECES**

- ❖ We have an opening for a Publicity Chair for the Club, to fill an unexpired term through June 30. If this is something you'd be interested in doing, please contact Public Relations Director Lois Steele at 703-368-2701 or [loissteele@verizon.net](mailto:loissteele@verizon.net).
- ❖ Community Services Director Pat Nichols is still looking for assistance in sorting the stash of books stored at her house for the book give-away program in area schools. Even an hour's time would be a big help in categorizing and evaluating what we have on hand. Please contact Pat at 703-335-2607 or [nuhse4u@mris.com](mailto:nuhse4u@mris.com).
- ❖ Katheryn Williamson and Susan MacAuley are hard at work making plans for a Spring Yard Sale for the Club. Tentatively scheduled for April 13 at Katheryn's house (rain date April 20), we'll keep you up to date as things progress. In the meantime ... start cleaning out your closets and setting your treasures aside to generate \$\$\$\$ for our Club!!!!
- ❖ Don't forget to bring your donations for area food pantries when you come to the dinner meeting. Yes, we'll have a collection box available the night of our White Elephant Auction.
- ❖ It's time for the Nominating Committee to meet and put together a slate of officers for the 2013-14 Lion Year. Have you considered becoming an officer or committee chair? Contact Anna Marie Robinson (703-901-5076 or [annamg@aol.com](mailto:annamg@aol.com)), Anita Waggy (703-361-5327 or [bpwaggy@comcast.net](mailto:bpwaggy@comcast.net)) or Pat Nichols (703-335-2607 or [nuhse4u@mris.com](mailto:nuhse4u@mris.com)) for more information on the positions available. We need YOU to help provide our Club with continuing strong leadership over the next year!!!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>Monday, February 18</b>	<b>NO REGULAR DINNER MEETING THIS MONTH.</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 19</b>	By-Laws Committee meeting at Amy's, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, March 4</b>	Board of Directors meeting at Amy's, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, March 5</b>	Newsletter deadline for March issue. Send information and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk at <a href="mailto:bjkirk107@aol.com">bjkirk107@aol.com</a> .