



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club
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FUNDRAISER AUCTION COMING IN FEBRUARY

Our annual White Elephant Auction fundraiser is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 28** at the Park-West Lions Community Center. We'll kick things off with a social hour at 6:30, then enjoy a buffet dinner (at no charge for our active members) and get right down to the fun.

Please note that this event will take the place of our regularly scheduled dinner meeting for February. That's right ... NO dinner meeting on February 20!

All members are encouraged to bring items to be auctioned off. This is one of those auctions where anything goes—nice stuff or tasteful gag gifts! We have had some very interesting items over the years (does anyone remember the infamous bed pan?). For those who are new to this, we will have more information at our January dinner meeting. But basically you just put an item in a bag or box (it can even just be a brown paper grocery bag!) and bring it to the meeting. The bag is auctioned off and no one knows what they are bidding on. Items can be of any value, from \$1 up. We do ask that if an item is worth more than a few dollars you put a note on the bag so the auctioneer knows to start it at higher price.



This is a fun night where we invite all of the Clubs in our Zone to attend. The more the merrier—last year we earned over \$1,100 for our Club coffers! **So, start cleaning out your closets now and set aside those white elephants for the auction next month!**

--Amy Newman, 1st Vice President

JANUARY DINNER MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 16TH

Hope your calendar is marked to spend the evening of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday with us! Our usual dinner meeting will be held at City Tavern that night (**Monday, January 16**), with social hour at 6:30 and dinner at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Tammy Panner, a developmental optometrist. Please RSVP to Laura Ellis by January 13 (farkfy@aol.com or [c] 215-589-9323).



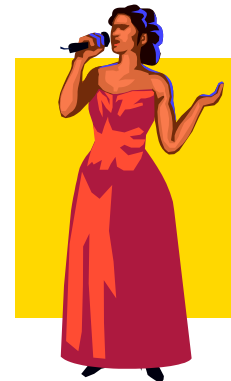
WE CELEBRATED THE HOLIDAYS WITH GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS

A group of Manassas Lioness Lions gathered in Amanda Waggy's kitchen on December 11 for our annual Cookie Exchange. Pictured left to right are Anita Waggy, Amy Newman, Katheryn Williamson and Susan MacAuley who were on hand to sample the goodies (calorie-free, of course!) and share recipes.

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 the Gainesville United Methodist Church in Gainesville. As of press time for this newsletter, over half of the 16 performance slots were already filled!

The competition is open to all area youth of elementary school through high school age. First place winners in the vocal and instrumental categories progress through the levels of competition until the winners in each of the six Districts in Virginia compete for substantial cash scholarships at the Lions State Convention in May. In past years, we have had several local youth progress to—and even win!—the State-level competition.



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).

TRI-STATE MEETING DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED

We have confirmed with one of the hosting clubs, the Lovettsville Lions, that the correct date for this year's Tri-State Meeting is **Friday, March 30**. The published date of March 29 in the District 24A directory is incorrect. More information on this event will be available in coming weeks, and we will be making arrangements to carpool if enough people are interested in attending.

The January item for NVFS/SERVE is canned soup.

HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS?

Our Club is looking for ideas for new volunteer projects in the Manassas community—something that would be unique or a signature service project for our Club that would fulfill a need currently being unmet.

We currently support the food banks at NVFS/SERVE and Yeshua Church of God in Christ with donations each month. We have also done seasonal projects such as Thanksgiving Baskets, Holiday Boxes for the Troops (on hiatus this year), Be A Santa To A Senior, holiday gift cards for single adults at NVFS/SERVE and the Baldwin Elementary School angel tree. We've worked the sight and hearing screening van, and done eyeglass collection and recycling. In addition, our Bingo games for Caton Merchant House and Willow Oaks residents are most eagerly awaited by a loyal group of players each month.

But we're looking to do more. Contact President Anita Waggy at bpwaggy@comcast.net or 703-361-5327 with any ideas you might have. Since we are an all-female Club, the Board has expressed interest in learning about more opportunities to assist women and children, in addition to the more traditional Lions sight and hearing work.



Lori Paquette (l) and Amy Newman (r) help a Caton Merchant resident select his Bingo prize from the basket of goodies.

CATERING GIG FUNDRAISER SLATED FOR MARCH 10

Yep, they want us to do it one more time! The Manassas Host Lions Club has approached us again 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 bringing 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.

FEELIN' LUCKY???

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 Acting Treasurer Amy Newman. The drawing will be held on May 20 at the Lions of Virginia State Convention in Chesapeake.



NEW FORMAT IN PLACE FOR 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 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.

MLLC Secretary Traci Connolly will have complete information available at the January dinner meeting, or you can visit the District 24A Web site at www.valions.org for all the particulars. Information was also included in the January issue of the Lion Reporter which 2nd VP Marie Robinson has sent to all members with e-mail.

WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 24

- 3-7 p.m.** Check in at hotel and register at Lions desk. Visit silent auction downstairs and relax for the afternoon either at the hotel or in Central Park shopping area. Dinner is on your own—there are lots of wonderful restaurants within walking distance.
- 7-10 p.m.** Karaoke and a bar in the Palm Room. The hospitality suite (#365) will be open until midnight.

Saturday, February 25

- 6:30 a.m.** Registration begins
- 6:30 a.m.** Coffee, tea, juice and Danish in the hospitality suite (#365) OR breakfast on your own (served in the Palm Room beginning at 6:30 a.m.).
- 7:30 a.m.** Remarks by DG Dennis Kelly
- 7:45 a.m.** Depart for service project venues
- 12:00 p.m.** Return to hotel
- 12:30-2 p.m.** Lunch
- 2 p.m.** Blue Sky sessions
- 5 p.m.** Silent Auction winners announced. Closing remarks.

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.

IT'S A GR-R-REAT TIME FOR YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN OUR CLUB!

The Manassas Lioness Lions Board has voted to extend the waiver of the \$25 initiation fee for all new members joining through the 3rd Quarter of this Lion Year, January 1 through March 31. Please contact Membership Chair Marie Robinson (marieed@aol.com or 703-368-5563) if you are bringing a guest to a dinner meeting so that she can have a Welcome Bag ready.



IMPORTANT DATES ...

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| Wednesday, January 11 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West building, 7-9 p.m. |
| Thursday, January 12 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West building, 10 a.m. till noon. |
| Monday, January 16 | MLLC Dinner Meeting at City Tavern. Social 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 18 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West building, 7-9 p.m. |
| Thursday, January 19 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West building, 10 a.m. till noon. |
| Wednesday, January 25 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West building, 7-9 p.m. |
| Thursday, January 26 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West building, 10 a.m. till noon. |
| Wednesday, February 1 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West building, 7-9 p.m. |
| Thursday, February 2 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West building, 10 a.m. till noon. |
| Sunday, February 5 | Newsletter deadline. Send info and pictures to Editor Barbara Kirk at bjkkirk107@aol.com. |
| Monday, February 6 | MLLC Board Meeting at Anita's, 6:30 p.m. |