



# Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club, Manassas, VA

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## WE'VE GOT A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PLANNED!

Did you know that January 13 would have been Lions founder Melvin Jones's 137th birthday? Even though Mr. Jones is no longer around to celebrate, we're gonna have a party in his honor anyway! (Just goes to show you that the Manassas Lioness Lions will use almost any excuse to have a good time!!!)

The date is **Monday, January 18** and the place will be City Tavern, when we gather for our January dinner meeting. Social hour begins at 6:30, with dinner at 7. Please RSVP promptly to Lion Tamer Pat Dekkers when she contacts you for your dinner choices.



Oh yes, you might want to bone up on your Melvin Jones trivia. Program Chair Teresa Kaufman just might make it worth your while.

*"You can't get very far until you start doing something for someone else."*

*--Melvin Jones*

## BOOK DRIVE BEGINS THIS MONTH

We've finally solved our problem of where to store 'em (Cindy van Noppen's garage—thanks, Cindy!), now we're ready to move full steam ahead and start collecting used children's books in good condition. These will be distributed to children from low income families who attend local schools. These children often do not have access to age-appropriate reading materials in their home, and it's a wonderful way to encourage literacy.



This has been one of the Club's favorite service projects for the past several years and is well-received by both the school staff members and children alike.

As in past years, VP Pat Nichols will be spear-heading the drive. She'll be sending our members updates via e-mail in coming weeks. We have tentatively set the drive to begin January 15 and end March 15, with book distribution in the spring.

## COME SAY FAREWELL TO BEIJING GOURMET

We just got word that one of our favorite Girls Night Out spots is closing its doors. That's right, The Beijing Gourmet will be in existence no longer after the end of January. It's only fitting that Girls Night Out coordinator Susan MacAuley chose this spot for our January 13 get-together so we can enjoy their delicious Oriental cuisine one last time.



Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, January 13** and plan to join The Fun Bunch for an evening of good food and good conversation. The location is 9886 Liberia Ave., Manassas, in the Davis Ford Shopping Center. We'll meet at the restaurant at 6 p.m.

Please RSVP to Susan MacAuley by noon on the 13<sup>th</sup> so she can arrange for a table big enough for our crowd. Susan can be reached at 703-331-4777 (h), 571-213-8661 (c) or trustyred@aol.com.

## RECYCLING HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT ... AND OUR CLUB

Just a reminder, 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. Call President Amy Newman (703-945-4035) if you have questions.

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| - 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 |                           |                       |

## BITS 'N PIECES

- ✚ A great big Lions thank-you to Kathi Weaver for her generous contribution toward our sight and hearing services!
- ✚ The Club will be providing the luncheon again at this year's World Wide Induction at the Park-West Lions building on **Sunday, April 24**. Nancy Sliger is coordinating food for the event and will be asking for help with set-up and clean-up. Details will be forthcoming.
- ✚ We will **NOT** be holding a White Elephant Auction in February this year. Plan on a regular dinner meeting that month.
- ✚ Our Club will be helping with the sight and hearing van at the Yorkshire Elementary School Health Fair on **Friday, January 22** from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- ✚ Thanks to Susan MacAuley for doing the November and December newsletters while your Editor recuperated from shoulder surgery.

## **BINGO PRIZES NEEDED**

Bingo Chair Teresa Kaufman has put out a call for donated items to be used as Bingo prizes. In addition to the always-popular stuffed animals (used, in good condition), are such things as wrapped candy bars, jewelry, small bottles of lotion and scarves. If you have some things you'd like to give us, contact Teresa at 703-369-9298.

## **WINTER CONFERENCE SET FOR FREDERICKSBURG IN MARCH**

This year's District 24A Winter Conference will be held on **Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19** at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House, 2801 Plank Rd., Fredericksburg, VA. This will be a one-day service project conference in lieu of the traditional workshops and guest speaker. A dinner is offered to the group on Friday night and the hotel has a special rate on rooms so that attendees can arrive Friday and be on-site for the Saturday activities which begin at 8 a.m.

Preliminary details and a reservation form can be found in the January issue of The Lion Reporter (which all of you with e-mail should be receiving) or on the District's Web site, [www.valions.org](http://www.valions.org).

Attendees have their choice of off-site service opportunities with Hospice Patient Support, Fredericksburg Area Food Bank, Senior Visitor Program, Stafford Head Start and Salvation Army, to name a few.



For those not able to go out into the community, there will be on-site service opportunities offered. These include sorting for Stamps for the Wounded, making fleece lap blankets for a nursing home, and eyeglass recycling. A full description of the service opportunities is provided on page

10 of the January Lion Reporter.

You will need to make your own reservations, using the form provided on the Web site or District newsletter. Remember, for those MLLC members attending, the Club will reimburse you the \$15 cost for registration.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| <b>Thursday, January 14</b> | Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m.  |
| <b>Monday, January 25</b>   | Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.   |
| <b>Monday, February 1</b>   | BOD meeting at President Amy's, 6:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Friday, February 5</b>   | Newsletter deadline for February issue. Send photos and stories to Editor Barbara Kirk, <a href="mailto:bjkirk107@aol.com">bjkirk107@aol.com</a> . |