



Proud Lions News

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

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NEW SCREENING VAN FINALLY ARRIVES!

The brand-new District 24A sight and hearing screening van has finally been delivered. It was officially dedicated at the Lions of Virginia State Convention at Tysons Corner on May 16.



(Photos courtesy of Bob Kirk, Van Scheduler)

Over this summer, vision and hearing screening equipment will be installed, and the drivers will familiarize themselves with the van operation so that it can be in service in time for the busy fall season at local schools and health fairs. That will bring us back to two screening vans in the District again!

It is planned that the new van will also carry SPOT machines for use in venues where they are more appropriate than the traditional equipment.

JUNE DINNER MEETING WRAPS UP EVENTFUL YEAR

Can you believe it? Our last dinner meeting of Lion Year 2013-14 will be held on **Monday, June 16** at City Tavern! This is traditionally known as Charter Night, which we celebrate with a special buffet dinner ... and maybe even champagne! Bring your friends, your spouse or significant other and come out for a night of Lions fun, and maybe a few surprises. Please be sure to include any guests in your head count when you RSVP to Traci.



Although we try to keep the business part of the evening as brief as possible, there are a couple of important items on the agenda. First, we will be installing the new Club officers for Lion Year 2014-15. They will assume office on July 1.

Second, we will be presenting another Melvin Jones fellowship to one of our members. The name of the winner, of course, will have been kept a closely-guarded secret until the meeting, known only to the Melvin Jones Committee and Lions Clubs International Foundation who issued the honor.

The last important order of business will be for the general membership to decide which charitable causes will receive the largess from a very profitable year. The Board has set aside \$5,000 from our activities fund to be distributed. They have made the following recommendations for disbursement to Lions-related entities, leaving \$1,000 to be decided upon by the general membership:

- \$500 to Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp
- \$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation, to be credited toward a future Melvin Jones fellowship
- \$1,000 to the District 24A Sight and Hearing Mobile Screening Units
- \$1,000 to Canine Companions for Independence
- \$500 to the Hearing Aid Bank Foundation

We will be taking recommendations from the floor on where to distribute the remaining \$1,000 and ask that you give some thought to worthy charitable organizations that serve our community.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE FROM MAY EFFORTS

The numbers are in! Our Club's major fundraiser, the Annual Vendor Fair & Wine Tasting held on May 18, netted **\$5,267** this year. Kudos to Chair Pat Nichols for another successful event!



We were also pleased to collect **\$103** at our table for Wreaths Across America at the Vendor Fair.

Earlier in the month, our White Cane Day yielded **\$222** in donations.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, June 11

featuring

Italian Night at Bella Vita

9675 Liberia Avenue, Manassas (same side as Walmart)

Meet at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m.



RSVP by noon on Wednesday, June 11

to Susan MacAuley, 703-331-4777 or trustyred@aol.com

BINGO GOES ON SUMMER HIATUS

After the bingo sessions at Caton Merchant House on **Thursday, June 12** and Willow Oaks on **Monday, June 23**, we will be taking a break until fall. Our June bingo nights will feature a traditional ice cream social beforehand, which has proven to be extremely popular with residents at the two facilities.

Bingo Chair Teresa Kaufman wants to remind members that she will be collecting donations of bingo prizes throughout the summer. Contact her at 703-369-9298 for more information.

SUMMER SCHEDULE MEANS NO DINNER MEETINGS TILL FALL

Things are winding down for the summer. During July and August we do not have our traditional dinner meetings on the third Monday of the month. However, we do try to get together to socialize each month, and your Board will continue to hold monthly meetings over the summer to lay the groundwork for fall activities.

President Anita is putting together plans for a retreat sometime in July. You'll be hearing from her further on this in coming weeks.

Lions of Virginia District 24-A
2014-2015 VISITATION KICKOFF
DINNER & AWARDS

Sunday, August 24, 2014

**Park-West Lions Community Center
8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas, VA 20109**

Social 3:00 P.M. Buffet Dinner 4:00 P.M.

\$20.00 Per Person

**Reserve by contacting MLLC Visitation Chair Sarah Nash
at 703-361-2979.**

CALLING ALL VETERANS IN OUR CLUB

As part of Lions International's initiative called "Involve A US Veteran," we'd like to know how many of our current members have served in the armed forces so that we can give them special recognition on appropriate occasions. If you are a veteran, please give Secretary Kathryn Williamson your branch of service and dates served so that she can put it on your membership record.

For any new members joining the Club who are veterans, Lions International will be waiving the \$25 membership application fee through December 31, 2015.

PLEASE NOTE: As of press time no date had been set for the July Board of Directors meeting. The newsletter deadline will remain July 5 for the summer issue.