



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club
MARCH 2012

AUCTION PROCEEDS TOP \$1K

Our Club held another successful White Elephant Auction this year, with net proceeds of **\$1,038.53** going to our Admin. Account! Thanks to all Manassas Lioness Lions who provided goodie bags for auction, and a special thanks to the Zone clubs who came out to support our fundraising. And hats-off to the Park-West guys who coordinated the delicious buffet dinner for attendees!

Auctioneer Anna Marie Robinson asks for bids on one of the "mystery bags" at our 2012 White Elephant Auction.



HOST CLUB RAFFLE COMING UP MARCH 10

Speaking of fundraisers, we've got another one coming right up to fatten our Club coffers. On Saturday evening **March 10**, our Club will be catering the Manassas Host Lions Club \$10K Raffle at the Manassas Rescue Squad building. We'll meet there at 5 p.m. for food preparation; the dinner begins at 6:30. This is an annual event where the Host Club pays us to provide food for their fundraiser.

Anna Marie Robinson, coordinator, has sent out a list of food needs and job assignments. If you haven't heard from her, please contact her at annamg5250@aol.com or 703-901-5076. For those not able to work the night of the event, there is still a need for desserts (finger foods only, please) which can be dropped off ahead of time.



CLUB TO PARTICIPATE IN SERVE BOWLATHON

A team of Manassas Lioness Lions is back in action on the lanes this year for the 21st Annual Strikes for SERVE Bowlathon at Bowl America, 9000 Mathis Ave, on **Saturday, March 10**. We'll be joining 300 people from the Manassas community in raising awareness for the SERVE campus of Northern Virginia Family Services during an afternoon of bowling, prizes and fun. Why not come out and cheer for our team (we need all the help we can get!). The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m.

MLLC PROVIDES ASSISTANCE AT ZONE MUSIC COMPETITION

Our Club was well-represented on Saturday, February 25 during the Zone level of the James Bland Music Scholarship Competition. We were in charge of refreshments for the event and our ladies put out a formidable spread (that's why they keep asking us to do it, I guess!). Thanks to Pat Nichols (2nd from right) who coordinated the food and to (L to R) Nokesville Lion Gail Williams, Amy Newman, Sarah Nash, June Rich and Lois Steele who worked the kitchen detail. Barbara Kirk prepared the program, certificates of participation and thank-you cards for the judges.



There was a full complement of sixteen participants—eight each vocal and instrumental—ranging in age from 8 to 17. The first place winners will go on to the Region level competition, to be held at Gainesville United Methodist Church on **Saturday, March 17** at 1 p.m.



Pat, Sarah and Lois work behind the scenes in the kitchen.



Zone Bland Chair Bob Kirk congratulates the first place winners, vocalist Mallory Nuss (L) and pianist Lily Kapaku. The girls will represent Zone 1 at the Region IV Competition later this month.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE REVISED

The Board has voted to make a procedural change in way our members register for Lions District, State and International events. We are asking, from here on out, that each member send in her own registration form with the appropriate payment, instead of trying to register MLLC attendees as a group. Most events are now requiring a separate form for each participant instead of the group registration forms used in years past. The Club will then reimburse the conference registration fee, up to \$15, for members in good standing (i.e. current on dues) as of the date of registration. Individual registration will eliminate the accounting problems which have arisen with keeping track of the “extras” like meals, shirts and 50/50 tickets which are also ordered on the conference registration form. Registration forms will be available at dinner meetings for upcoming events, or you can download them at www.valions.org.

MILLION TREE PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

The Manassas Lioness Lions will be partnering with the Manassas Host Lions Club and the Linton Hall Leo Club to participate in Lions International's Million Tree Campaign. Our goal is to plant five groves of about 10 trees each along Godwin Dr. between Wellington Rd. and Ashton Ave. (in the area of the 7-Eleven, La Petite Academy and the car wash).



Planting date is set for **Saturday, March 31**, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., with a back-up date of April 14 in case of inclement weather. Assorted varieties of trees are being provided for the program by Project Releaf in Fairfax, at no charge.

We are hoping, among the three clubs, to put together three work crews with four to six people on each. More information and a sign-up sheet will be available at the March 19 dinner meeting. Our club contact for the project is Traci Connolly.

KUDOS TO TWO OF OUR NEW MEMBERS!

On a recent visitation to Culpeper Mid-Day Lions Club, new MLLC member Kathleen Reilly learned of a fundraising opportunity for our Club that she just couldn't turn down. Seems the Culpeper Club is a little short-staffed for the Bingo games they host and has offered to PAY other Lions Clubs to assist them! Kathleen took the challenge, and along with another new MLLC member, Noreen Yun, hopped into the car one Sunday evening, drove down US 29 a piece and worked Culpeper's bingo for the total sum of \$150 to add to our treasury. Thank you, ladies!!!!



TRI-STATE MEETING SLATED FOR MARCH 30

In the box at the right is the information on the date, time and place for the Annual Tri-State meeting. This is an opportunity to get together with Lions Clubs in Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia for an evening of fun and fellowship. And yes, it counts as a Club Visitation to the three hosting clubs: Lovettsville, Brunswick and Harpers Ferry-Bolivar.

The fire hall is located on Rt. 287, just south of the Lovettsville town limits, and is about an hour's drive from Manassas. We will have a sign-up sheet for carpooling at our March 19 meeting. Reservations should be made no later than March 21. Please Indicate on your check that you are a member of the Manassas Lioness Lions.

LIONS CLUB TRI-STATE
Friday, March 30th, 2012



Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
and Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.
Lovettsville Fire Hall, Lovettsville, Virginia

\$20.00 per person

Pre-pay to:
Lovettsville Lions
Club, P.O. Box 162,
Lovettsville, VA
20180

LIONESS LIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPRING CLEANING DAY

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 21!** Old Town Manassas will be holding their 5th Annual Spring Cleaning Day, in conjunction with Earth Day. Exhibitors from non-profit and civic organizations will be on hand to provide recycling and environmental information. Hours for the event are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Also featured will be a community shred event, sponsored by BB&T and held in their parking lot at Center and West Streets.

The Manassas Lioness Lions will have a table at the event to collect items for recycling. Flyers advertising the event note that we will be accepting eyeglasses, cell phones, ink jet cartridges, hearing aids, iPods and other MP3 players, digital still and video cameras, GPS and radar devices, Kindle book readers and handheld game systems.

If you can give us some time that day to help out at the table, please contact Amy Newman (703-945-4035 or newman115@comcast.net).

YARD SALE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED

Ah, “the busy season” is upon us and we’ve got too many activities to cram into an already-crowded calendar. After realizing that we will be involved with the Spring Cleaning Day in the City of Manassas on April 21, we decided to move our Spring Yard Sale to the following Saturday—**April 28**. All else remains the same—it’s at Amy house in Manassas Park and we’ll begin set-up about 7 a.m. (yes, we WILL have coffee and donuts again!). So start cleaning out those closets now so you’ve got lots of stuff to donate!



IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP

🔥 Plans are already in place for our Club’s **Spring Vendor Fair and Wine Tasting**, to be held at the Harris Pavilion on **Sunday, May 20** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pat Nichols is chairing the event and will have more information for us as the date grows closer. This is a “total Club participation” fundraising event, so please keep your calendar clear for that date so we can count on your help.

🔥 The **Lions of Virginia State Convention** is being held at the Marriott Hotel in Chesapeake, VA from **May 17-20**. The highlight of this event is the finals for the Bland Music Competition where the top vocalist and instrumentalist from each of the six Districts compete for substantial cash scholarships on Friday evening. In addition, delegates to the Convention will be voting for next year’s District Officers. **Registration forms and further information are available online at valions.org**. See the announcement letter from State Convention Chair Lion Dick Knox on the next page for a general outline of the weekend’s program.



89th Virginia State Lions Convention
May 17 through 20, 2012

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February 15, 2012

Dear Lion Secretary and/or Lion Leader,

The Annual Virginia Lions State Convention will be held May 17-20, 2012 at the **Marriott Hotel**, 725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320. We have negotiated a room rate of \$124.00, per night, for the convention. Parking is free at the hotel and at the Chesapeake Conference Center, next door. For Hotel Reservations Call **1-888-236-2427** and state your with the **Lions State Convention** or use Reservation Link **NLT April 16, 2012. The Link is:**

<http://www.marriott.com/hotel/travel/orfgr?groupCode=lvslsa&app=link&fromDate=5/17/12&toDate=5/20/12>. Your Registration Packet contains all the necessary registration forms and information. In addition, join all your favorite Candidates in their Hospitality Rooms, which will be open at specified times throughout the convention.

Help us "kick-off" the Convention on Thursday evening when we host a Caribbean night with foods native to the islands and the sounds of a steel drum band playing in the background.

On Friday, May 18th we will begin with our District Meetings, followed by your choice of a luncheon cruise aboard the Spirit of Norfolk or the annual Pin Trader's luncheon. Friday evening, attendees will be entertained at our annual James A. Bland Music Competition at the Conference Center.

We are honored to have two dynamic speakers at the 2012 Lions State Convention, our own Lion Karen Gearreald of the Norfolk Host Lions Club, who will speak at the LOVE Luncheon on Saturday and PD Ron Johnson, from Maine, who will be our Banquet speaker. In addition to our speaker program, we will be offering classes on Saturday morning, which, as always, will be worth attending.

Saturday afternoon, we have the traditional 24 D Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea. The cost is \$10.00 to cover the beverages and assortment of baked goodies. Stein Mart will be using models from the convention to show off the newest fashions.

Now is the time to talk about the convention within your club and to make your plans to attend this year's State Convention, May 17-20, 2012.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Dick

Lion R. F. "Dick" Knox, PDG
2012 State Convention Chairperson

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. For each full book sold, profit to our Club is \$20! **Do the math ... 20 books sold equals \$400 for our Club's treasury.** Wow! It's an easy way to generate some bucks for our Club, plus you might get lucky and win the big prize of \$10,000 or one of the "consolation prizes" of \$500!



If you're interested in buying tickets (or taking a book to sell to family and friends), contact MLLC Acting Treasurer Amy Newman. The drawing will be held on May 20 at the Lions of Virginia State Convention in Chesapeake.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

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| Wednesday, March 7 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West, 7 to 9 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 8 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West, 10 a.m. to noon |
| Thursday, March 8 | Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday, March 14 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West, 7 to 9 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 15 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West, 10 a.m. to noon |
| Monday, March 19 | MLLC Dinner Meeting at City Tavern. Social hour 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. RSVP to Laura Ellis with entrée selection. |
| Wednesday, March 21 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West, 7 to 9 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 22 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West, 10 a.m. to noon |
| Monday, March 26 | Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday, March 28 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West, 7 to 9 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 29 | Eyeglass recycling at Park-West, 10 a.m. to noon |
| Monday, April 2 | BOD meeting at Traci's, 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, April 5 | Newsletter deadline for April issue. Send articles and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk, bjkirk107@aol.com . |

Our food item this month is Rice or Oatmeal for the Yeshua Church of God in Christ food bank.

