



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club
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CLUB HOSTS VENDOR FAIR & WINE TASTING EVENT

Sunday, May 15 we'll be taking over the Harris Pavilion and adjacent grounds from 11 to 5 for our bigger-than-ever Spring Vendor Fair. This is the Manassas Lioness Lions' major fundraiser of the year so we're hoping for a large turnout. We've had some mention in the local newspapers and have been distributing flyers around town, but it's not too late to spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors as well!!!!

This year we've added a wine tasting, with five local wineries participating. As of press-time, 72 business vendors, six food vendors and five entertainers were slated to be on hand.

To successfully stage an event this size we can never have too many helpers, so if you haven't yet responded to Event Chair Pat Nichols for a job assignment, please do so promptly (703-335-2607).

Oh yes, please remember to wear your Club shirt when you come out to work on Sunday.



STATE CONVENTION TO BEGIN MAY 20

This year's Lions of Virginia State Convention will be held at the Ramada Plaza Richmond West, 6624 West Broad St., Richmond, VA over the weekend of **May 20-22**. Traci Connolly and Marie Robinson will be representing our Club as delegates, although several more members have expressed an interest in also attending for part of the weekend's events.



The highlight of Friday's activities is, of course, the finals in the James Bland Music Scholarship Competition for youth. This will be held at the hotel from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday's schedule includes workshops and a general meeting session, with District meetings and election of District officers held on Sunday morning.

Drawing for the Lions of Virginia Foundation \$10,000 Raffle is scheduled for Sunday, May 22. Please be sure to have your ticket stubs and money turned in at our dinner meeting on May 16 so that we can make sure your name is in the barrel for "the big prize."

MAY 16 MEETING TO INCLUDE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following is the latest list of nominees for 2011-12 Club officers and directors. These will be voted in at the May 16 dinner meeting and inducted at our charter night in June.

President – Anita Waggy
1st Vice President – Amy Newman
2nd Vice President – Marie Robinson
Secretary – Traci Connolly
Treasurer – Lianetta Ruetters
Lion Tamer – Laura Ellis
Tail Twister – Ruth Gorgas
Public Relations Director – Barbara Kirk
Community Services Director – Lori Paquette
Immediate Past President – Pat Nichols

In addition, the following have agreed to chair committees next year:

Sight/Hearing – Carol Sinacore

Scrapbook – Ann Marie Macdonald/Sarah Nash

Recycling – Amy Newman

Publicity – Kathi Weaver

Calendar – Cindy van Noppen

Programs – Murielle Morris

Visitation – Pat Nichols

Newsletter – Barbara Kirk

Chaplain – June Rich

LIONESS LIONS SEEN AROUND TOWN ...

LEFT: Spring Cleaning Day in Manassas found (L to R) Anna Marie Robinson, Kathi Weaver, Pat Nichols, Anita Waggy, Amanda Waggy, Bunny Blair and Lianetta Ruetters collecting recyclables at our booth. Project Chair Carol Sinacore was also in attendance, but was off checking out other displays when the photo was taken.

RIGHT: Rhonda Thompson and Ann Marie Macdonald worked with Pat Nichols (not pictured) to collect just one bag of trash from our "Adopt A Street" block.



CLUB OFFICER TRAINING CLASSES SCHEDULED

District 24-A will be holding two Officer Training sessions this year for club presidents, secretaries and treasurers. The first training session will be held during the hours of 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on **Saturday, June 4** at Gainesville United Methodist Church, 13710 Milestone Court (off Linton Hall Rd.) in

Gainesville. The second one will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on **Sunday, June 5** at the James J. McCoart Administrative Building located at 1 County Complex Court in Woodbridge.

Both training sessions will begin with a social gathering at 1:30, with classes commencing at 2 p.m. and running until 4 p.m. A critique and discussion will take place between 4 and 4:30 p.m. before adjournment.

If you're interested in attending, please contact President Anita Waggy at 703-361-5327 or bpwaggy@comcast.net.



WHITE CANE DAY COMING ON MAY 22

We'll be collecting funds for White Cane Day in front of the Liberia Ave. WalMart on **Sunday, May 22** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please look for the sign-up sheet at our dinner meeting on May 16, or contact Sight and Hearing Chair Carol Sinacore at 703-331-2163 to volunteer.



YOUTH CAMP TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE & WORK DAY



The Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp will be holding their annual spring work day and open house on **Saturday, June 11** beginning at 10 a.m. This is the day when Clubs with cabins at the Camp come out to spruce them up, and Lions from other Clubs pitch in to fix things around the camp that need repair.

The Youth Camp Board of Directors will be providing a FREE picnic lunch at 1 p.m. for both workers and visitors that day. If you'd like to attend, contact President Anita Waggy at 703-361-5327 or bpwaggy@comcast.net.

APRIL 30 YARD SALE NETS \$535

Thanks to all who contributed items—and to Amy Newman, Bunny Blair, Lori Paquette, Kathi Weaver, Cindy van Noppen, Laura Ellis and Nan Wehmeyer who worked the sale—our Club's Spring Yard sale netted \$535. And, extra special thanks goes to Amy who graciously allowed us to set up and hold the sale in her yard, and provided signage!

The NVFS/SERVE item for May is cereal.



WHAT IS THE VIRGINIA LIONS HEARING AID BANK FOUNDATION?

The Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank Foundation is a Virginia chartered 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission and purpose are to educate the public on the use of hearing aids. They collect used hearing aids through Lions Clubs in District 24-A as well as other entities, and distribute them to cooperating hearing aid centers to be reconditioned and used as an affordable alternative for needy persons.

The Foundation also works with the Clubs in District 24-A to coordinate referrals of hearing-impaired persons needing financial assistance to cooperating hearing aid centers. The Foundation also raises funds to insure that needy hearing-impaired persons requiring a hearing aid are served.

The Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program

Through a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), an affordable hearing aid was developed and brought to market. The HAB Foundation was one of the first organizations to take advantage of these devices as part of their program in northern Virginia. Where deemed appropriate, they will use a new Lions affordable hearing aid for needy individuals instead of using a reconditioned hearing aid. Reconditioned hearing aids will continue to be used in

addition to the new ones. The Lions affordable hearing aid is a state-of-the-art, digitally programmable behind-the-ear model.



How We Use Recycled Hearing Aids

Behind-the-ear style used hearing aids that Lions Clubs collect along with the recycling program for eyeglasses are reconditioned and issued to hearing-impaired persons at one of our cooperating hearing aid centers. Used in-the-ear style hearing aids that cannot be reconditioned are used to obtain credit towards repairs made on the behind-the-ear style aids.

How We Help Persons Obtain Hearing Aids

The local Lions Club is involved with all requests for hearing aids in their service area. After verification of financial need by the Department of Human Services in the county or city of residence for the individual making the request, the HAB Foundation Chair contacts the individual and authorizes them to contact the appropriate hearing center to make an appointment. In Prince William County, the cooperating hearing aid center is Hearing Health Care Center of Manassas.

The sponsoring Lions Club or the HAB Foundation will pay the cost involved. Some Clubs donate all of the funds required, while other Clubs make a donation to the HAB Foundation as they are able. This cost typically includes an audiological evaluation, fittings for ear mold(s) and reconditioned behind-the-ear style hearing aid(s). The price does not include the cost of any required follow-up visits.

(Information courtesy of the Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank Foundation)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES ...

- Monday, May 9** Bingo at Manassas Rehab, 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 16** Dinner meeting at City Tavern. Social hour 6:30, dinner at 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 23** Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.
- Monday, June 6** Board Meeting at Marie Robinson's, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 10** Newsletter deadline. Send articles and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk at bjkirk107@aol.com.
- Monday, June 20** Dinner meeting (Charter Night) and installation of officers
- Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 8** Lions International Convention, Seattle, Washington



Calling all Lions!

Be a part of history!

We want **YOU** to be a part of the National Memorial Day parade.
May 30, 2011 - Washington DC at the National Mall

How can your Club participate:

- **Volunteer** to carry your club banner
- **Ask** veterans in your club to participate
- **Recruit** your Leos to participate
- **Distribute** flags to the crowds
- **Invite** prospective members to attend
- **Publicize** in your local paper and news
- **Lead by joining** the planning committee
- **Be a part** of a memorable event
- **Take pictures** for your Club and friends
- **Collect** of recycled glasses on the route
- **Watch** the Parade with your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc.



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