



Proud Lions News

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

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CELEBRATE SPRING WITH A WINE TASTING IN THE COUNTRY!

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 12** for an afternoon you won't want to miss! That's the date set for our Club's first-ever wine tasting fundraiser at Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA from noon to 4 p.m.

Tickets for the event have been distributed to Club members to sell to friends, family members, etc. Each \$15 ticket sold prior to the event will entitle the holder to participate in a wine tasting ... plus they'll receive complimentary raffle tickets for two gift baskets, and a special goody bag as well. Themes for the baskets have yet to be finalized, and once they are, we're hoping that Club members will donate items to be included so that we can maximize profits.



Early projections are that we should be able to clear \$9 for every presold ticket. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event, but those ticketholders will not be eligible to receive the extra bonus of a goody bag.

Those members who are coming to work the event and not participate in the wine tasting will be admitted without a ticket, so everyone can join in the fun and fellowship at the event. The winery does offer snacks for sale, or you can bring your own picnic fare.

If you need more tickets or have questions, contact Amanda Waggy, 703-975-2303.

NO, CITY TAVERN HASN'T MOVED YET!

Our dinner meeting on **Monday, March 16** will still be at the old location of City Tavern, 9405 Main Street, Manassas. Latest projections are that the restaurant will be in its new location by the end of March. Don't worry, our Lion Tamer Beth Oravec will give you plenty of notice before the actual location changes so you don't end up in the wrong place!

UPDATE ON WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

As you are aware, our White Elephant Auction last month was cancelled because of the small number of reservations received by the deadline. This activity has, in past years, been a good money-maker for our Club as well as an opportunity for Lions in other Clubs to get visitation credit for both Park-West and MLLC at one event. The Board has decided not to reschedule it for any time soon and will be re-evaluating the event to determine ways to restore its profitability.

MLLC TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL CHARITY BOWL-A-THON

Join us for an afternoon of bowling, prizes and fun—and all for a worthy cause! The 24th Annual Strikes for SERVE Bowl-a-thon returns on **Saturday, March 14**, and the Manassas



Lioness Lions are going to be there! **The Club has paid our entry fee for a team, now all you have to do is show up and bowl a few frames for a good cause.** We will be joining together with more than 300 people from throughout the community to raise critical funds to fight hunger.

The event will be held at Bowl America, 9000 Mathis Avenue, Manassas from 1 to 4 p.m. Amanda Waggy is

the contact person coordinating our team. Contact her for more details at 703-975-2303 or awaggy@vt.edu.

Did you know that 1 in 6 people in our community face hunger every day? Here's one small way you can make an impact in the fight against hunger by helping to raise funds for this worthwhile project.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m.

The Beijing Gourmet

9886 Liberia Avenue, Manassas

This is one of our favorite spots for Oriental cuisine! They have wonderful food and generous portions.

C'mon out and join us for a fun evening!

RSVP to Susan MacAuley by noon on March 11

703-331-4777 (h), 571-213-8661 (c), or trustyred@aol.com



LOVF RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Feelin' lucky? Well then, you may want to take a chance or two on the \$10,000 "Big Prize" in the Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) annual raffle. See Barbara Kirk at the March dinner meeting for raffle tickets (or contact her at 703-743-5508 or bjkirk107@aol.com).



The drawing will be held on May 17 (Oops, the date of May 18 on the ticket is a typo!) at the Lions State Convention. Remember, for each book of 30 tickets sold, our Club gets to keep \$20!!!!

RECYCLING'S A FUNDRAISER, TOO!

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 Amy Newman (703-945-4035) if you have questions.

- Laptop Computers
- Digital Video Cameras
- Video Games
- E-Book Readers
- Mobile Hotspots
- Portable GPS Devices
- Gold & Silver Jewelry
- Digital SLR Cameras
- Handheld Game Systems
- iPads & Tablets
- Range Finders
- MiFi Devices
- TI Graphing Calculators
- SLR Lenses
- Game Consoles
- iPods & MP3 Players
- Sky Caddies
- 4G USB Air Cards
- Radar Detectors

TOILETRIES COLLECTION IS AN ONGOING SERVICE PROJECT



This one's easy, it's fun, and it may help you get rid of some things that have been cluttering up your bathroom cabinet! Our Club collects those small bottles of freebie toiletries—shampoo, conditioner, lotion—that you get while traveling, and then we donate them to a local women's shelter for use by short-term residents.

Susan MacAuley is the coordinator for this project. Several times a year Susan and a group of members make small fabric gift bags and assemble them to take to NVFS/SERVE. She hopes to have enough stock to make another batch this spring. Contact Susan if you have some things to donate, 703-331-4777 or trustyred@aol.com.

We need help assembling goody bags for pre-sold ticketholders attending the Wine Tasting Fundraiser! We'll be getting together at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 at President Anita's house, 9554 Sunnyslope Drive, Manassas to put these together for the event the following day. Please give Anita a call at 703-361-5327 if you can help out. Thank you!!

FOOD DRIVE BENEFITS OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

With our food collection efforts this year, we have been partnering with five local churches that have their own food banks and supporting each of them for two months during the year. All of the food banks have told us of an ongoing need for the following items. Please remember this community service project and bring along donations when you come to our dinner meetings.

Canned Tuna

Canned Fruit

Canned Vegetables (Green Beans & Corn especially)

Peanut Butter

Soup

Dried Beans

Cooking Oil

Canned Chicken

Macaroni & Cheese

Jelly

Cereal

Rice

Spaghetti & Sauce

WEATHER WREAKS HAVOC ON BLAND SCHEDULE



As of press time, the Zone Bland music competition for youth had been rescheduled to take place at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, March 7** at Bull Run Unitarian Universalist, Main and Church Streets, Manassas. We understand this year's competition in our Zone will be instrumentalists only, as no vocalists registered to participate. The first place winner will advance to the

Region Bland competition, to be held on **Sunday, March 22** at 1 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 6194 Dumfries Road, Warrenton.

*Interested in checking out Barrel Oak Winery before our fundraising event? We've got a "practice run" in the works scheduled for **Sunday, March 22**. Contact President Anita Waggy if you're interested in going, 703-361-5327. You can either meet the group out there at 2 p.m. or let Anita know if you want to be part of a carpool.*

WINTER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SPRINGFIELD

District Governor Jim Ryan has announced that the District 24A Winter Conference will be a one-day event, to be held on **Saturday, March 14** at the Waterford Conference Center in Springfield, VA. The venue address is 6715 Commerce Street, right across the street from the Courtyard Inn by Marriott Springfield.

This Conference will feature a Saturday morning spent doing community service projects, with a buffet lunch to follow. The District 24A cabinet meeting will be held at 2 p.m. that day. There are no activities planned for Friday evening. A registration form was included in the February issue of the newsletter, or you can go online to www.valions.org to download one. If you are interested in going, please take care of your own registration, which includes a commemorative pin and continental breakfast. The Club will then reimburse you for your registration fee.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE WOMENS SYMPOSIUM!

There are still spaces available to attend "Cradle to College," the Womens Symposium sponsored by District 24A on **Saturday, March 21** at Park-West Lions Community Center, 8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas. This event, to be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. is designed to introduce women who are not currently members to the community service opportunities offered by Lions Clubs.

There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required so that event coordinators know how many to expect for lunch. A registration form was included in the February newsletter, or you can download one from www.valions.org. For questions, contact Lion Shirley Wilson at shirlw@comcast.net or 703-743-1649.

WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY COMING IN APRIL

On **Sunday, April 26**, District 24A will celebrate the future of community service as we honor new members who have come into the Clubs in the District since April 2014 and also recognize the dedication of their sponsors. The ceremony will be held at the Park-West Lions Community Center, 8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A deli lunch will be served at no cost. The Manassas Lioness Lions have been asked to make arrangements for the food, and Nancy Sliger will be chairing this event for the Club. She will be contacting members in the next several weeks to get help with set-up and clean-up.

LIONESS LIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN "LIVE WELL" EVENT

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 18!** Old Town Manassas will be holding their 8th Annual Live Well Festival (formerly Spring Cleaning Day) at the Harris Pavilion and Manassas Museum lawn, in conjunction with Earth Day. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Activities will include free health screenings, fitness classes, children's activities and entertainment, in addition to recycling and environmental information. A community shredding truck will be on-site on West Street, between Center and Church Streets. As an added attraction, downtown merchants will also be hosting their much-anticipated sidewalk sale that day.



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 Community Services Director Pat Nichols at 703-335-2607 or nuhse4u@verizon.net.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, March 12

Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 16

Dinner meeting at City Tavern. Social 6:30, dinner at 7.

Monday, March 23

Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

Deadline for April newsletter. Send photos and articles to Editor Barbara Kirk, bjkirk107@aol.com.

Monday, April 6

Board Meeting at Anita's, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 17

Annual Spring Vendor Fair and Wine Tasting at Harris Pavilion—more details to come!

GOT A NEW ADDRESS ... PHONE NUMBER ... E-MAIL?

Be sure to let Club Secretary Katheryn Williamson know

so that we have the correct contact information for you.

It's G-R-R-eat to be a Manassas Lioness Lion!

