



Proud Lions News

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

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BOOK COLLECTION EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 31

With getting off to a little slower start this year, and the round of extraordinary snow and ice storms, we have decided to extend our book collection drive through the end of March.



out updates via e-mail in coming weeks.

We are collecting used children's books in good condition and will distribute them later in the spring to children in local schools who do not have access to age-appropriate reading material at home. This has been one of our Club's favorite service projects and is well received by both school staff members and the children alike. We have collection points in place around the community, with the books being stored at Cindy van Noppen's house until they can be sorted and distributed. Project Chair Pat Nichols will be sending

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION IS "ON" FOR APRIL 26

We're overdue for a major fundraiser to beef up our coffers ... and this is it!!! Start looking through your closets for those gifts you received but will never use. Put 'em in a gift bag and bring them out to the event to be bid on. But a word of caution.

We want to get a reputation for having REALLY NICE goodies in those unidentifiable gift bags. No gag gifts or weird stuff, please.



The event will be held at the Park-West Lions Community Center, 8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas on **Tuesday, April 26**. Social hour will start at 6:30, with a catered buffet dinner at 7. The auction will start immediately after dinner. This is a joint meeting with Park-West (think "visitation"!) and we have extended invitations to other area Lions Clubs to join us.

As this event takes the place of our regular April dinner meeting, there will be no additional cost for dinner for our active members. There is one important difference to keep in mind. Because this is a catered event, the caterer has to have an exact count to purchase and prepare the food ahead of time. If you make a reservation and then don't show, we will have to bill you the \$17 for the dinner (unlike City Tavern where we have the flexibility of adjusting the number of meals on the evening of the event and just paying for those who eat).

GNO GOES "GREEN"

Erin Go Bragh! Our monthly Girls Night Out social takes us to Pam Carpenter's home (6289 Aster Haven Circle, Haymarket) for a St. Patty's Potluck on **Wednesday, March 16** at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share ... something **GREEN** if you dare ... and BYOB! RSVP by March 15 to Pam (703-708-4630 or mspamcarpenter@gmail.com) or Susan MacAuley (571-213-8661 or trustyred@aol.com). Carpooling can be arranged.



MARCH DINNER MEETING SET FOR THE 21ST

Plan to join us on **Monday, March 21** for our regular dinner meeting at City Tavern, 9550 Center St., Manassas. Social hour is 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7.

This month's meeting is extra special because we'll be inducting TWO new members: Megan Beverage and Brenda Cockrell. Welcome, ladies!

Lion Tamer Pat Dekkers will be contacting everyone shortly to get their dinner selections. Please be sure to RSVP promptly.

CLUB ASSISTS WITH ZONE BLAND MUSIC COMPETITION

Good food and the Manassas Lioness Lions seem to go hand in hand! Once again this year our Club was asked to provide light refreshments for attendees at the Zone Bland Music Competition on February 19 at Manassas Baptist Church. Shown left to right in the photo below: Robyn Zweiban, Beth Oravec, President Amy Newman, Vice President Pat Nichols, Community Services Director Teresa Kaufman, Ruth Gorgas and Pam Carpenter.



CLUB TO CATER WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY LUNCHEON



On **Sunday, April 24**, 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 2015 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. Although it's the new members being honored, ALL Lions are invited to attend. If you're interested in going, let President Amy know. **We have THREE new members and their sponsors eligible to be included in this special ceremony!**

A deli lunch will be served to attendees at no cost. The Manassas Lioness Lions have been asked to make arrangements for the food, and Nancy Sliger will again be chairing this event for the Club. She will be contacting members shortly to get help with set-up and clean-up. There will be very little food preparation involved as we purchase deli trays already made up.

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 on the District's Web site, 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.

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.

FEELIN' LUCKY?

Our Club has raffle tickets for sale for the Lions of Virginia Foundation's annual \$10,000 raffle which will take place on **May 22** during the State Convention. See Pat Nichols if you'd like to buy some. Remember, for each book of 30 tickets sold at \$1 apiece our Club gets to keep \$20. It's an easy fundraiser!



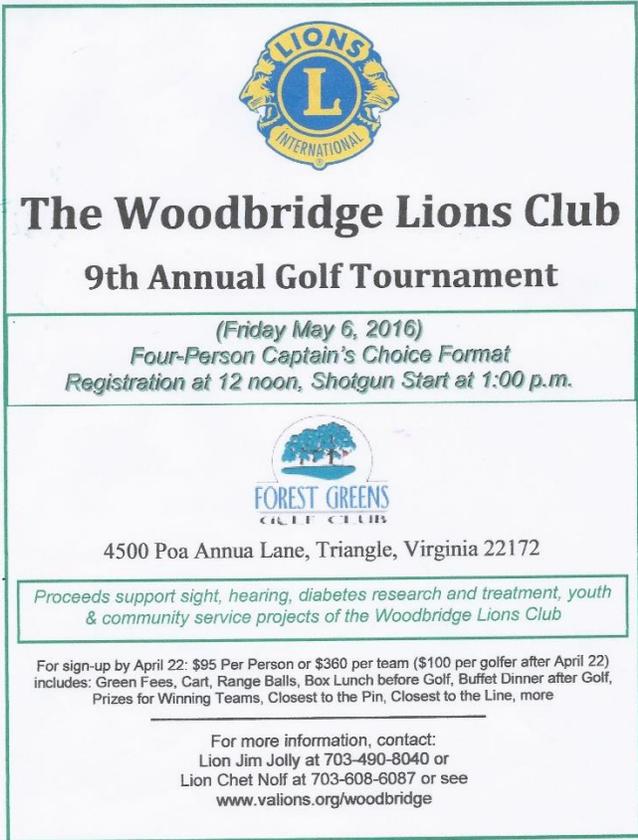
HEALTH SCREENING EVENTS ARE ON THE CALENDAR

The Manassas Lioness Lions have been asked to help the Manassas Host Lions Club at the Metz Middle School Wellness Fair on **Thursday, March 31**. Hours are from 5 to 7 p.m.

Then on **Friday, April 1** we will be doing vision and hearing screenings at the Yorkshire Elementary School Health Fair from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

If you can give us a hand with either event, please contact Community Services Director Teresa Kaufman at 703-369-9298 or Teresakman@yahoo.com.

Our friends at Woodbridge Lions Club have asked us to pass along information on their Annual Golf Tournament for any of you who might be interested in playing. Contact information is shown at the bottom of the flyer.



The flyer is a rectangular document with a green border. At the top center is the Lions International logo, a blue circle with a yellow 'L' and the words 'LIONS' and 'INTERNATIONAL'. Below the logo, the text reads 'The Woodbridge Lions Club' in a large, bold, black serif font, followed by '9th Annual Golf Tournament' in a slightly smaller, bold, black serif font. A horizontal line separates this from the next section, which contains the date '(Friday May 6, 2016)' in a smaller black font, followed by 'Four-Person Captain's Choice Format' and 'Registration at 12 noon, Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.' in a smaller black font. Another horizontal line follows. Below this is the logo for Forest Greens Golf Club, which features a tree and the text 'FOREST GREENS GOLF CLUB'. Underneath is the address '4500 Poa Annua Lane, Triangle, Virginia 22172'. A horizontal line separates this from a section with a light green background that contains the text 'Proceeds support sight, hearing, diabetes research and treatment, youth & community service projects of the Woodbridge Lions Club'. Below this is a section with a white background containing the text 'For sign-up by April 22: \$95 Per Person or \$360 per team (\$100 per golfer after April 22) includes: Green Fees, Cart, Range Balls, Box Lunch before Golf, Buffet Dinner after Golf, Prizes for Winning Teams, Closest to the Pin, Closest to the Line, more'. A horizontal line separates this from the final section, which contains the text 'For more information, contact: Lion Jim Jolly at 703-490-8040 or Lion Chet Nolf at 703-608-6087 or see www.valions.org/woodbridge'.

VENDOR FAIR DETAILS SHAPING UP

Event Chair Pat Nichols is working out details with a local brewery and distillery to possibly add their sampling events to our Vendor Fair on **Sunday, May 15!** This would be in addition to the very popular wine tasting. Although we won't be able to get the games trailer this year, we will still have an assortment of outdoor games available to keep the young 'uns entertained. Stay tuned as more details become available.

March is our month to answer the Northern Virginia Lions Hotline and refer requests for assistance to the particular Club handling that service area. We now have volunteers in place for each of the five weeks in March—thank you, ladies!

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING PROJECT DELAYED UNTIL APRIL

Marie Robinson has been working with Stan Pearson of the Park-West Club to set up one evening a month for a team from our Club to work at the ancillary eyeglass recycling center at the Park-West building. Recycling of eyeglasses takes place at their facility on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. and on most Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.

She has been looking at designating the third Wednesday of each month as “our” slot. However, this month that date conflicted with the Girls Night Out already scheduled so Marie hopes to get this activity started next month, on **Wednesday, April 20**. She’ll have more details at the March dinner meeting and in forthcoming e-mails.

No experience is necessary. Training on the lensometers will be provided on site. For more information, contact Marie at 703-368-5563.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, March 10	Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m.
Monday, March 28	Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 4	BOD meeting at Central Library community room, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5	Newsletter deadline for March issue. Send photos and articles to Editor Barbara Kirk, bjkirk107@aol.com .

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.

An updated roster will be coming out shortly.

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

