



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club
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WE'RE GONNA TRY IT ONE MORE TIME ...

Last month's visit from District Governor Dennis Kelly had to be cancelled at the last minute because of illness. We understand that the Governor still had hardly any voice when he tried to speak at the following weekend's conference, but trouper that he is, he carried on. He's assured us that he's now well again and ready to take on "The Wild Bunch" (a nickname affectionately bestowed on our Club by a Past District Governor). He will be our guest speaker at the **November 21** dinner meeting.



So ... same deal as last month ... wear your Club shirt or other white top and black bottom ... AND don't forget your name badge lest Tail Twister Ruth hit you up for a fine! Oh yes, if you happen to have the District Governor's pin that was handed out at Visitation Kickoff in August, it would be a nice touch to add that to your evening's attire as well.

We'll need a count for the buffet-style dinner, so make sure Lion Tamer Laura Ellis knows if you plan to attend.

A REMINDER: the Governor will be holding a short meeting with the MLLC Board after the conclusion of his talk that evening.

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENT SALES AID AREA LIONS CLUBS

Here's your chance to purchase this year's White House Christmas Ornament and help the fundraising efforts of some of our other area Lions Clubs as well. Both Lake Ridge Lions and Aquia Harbor Host Lions are selling them. To purchase from the Lake Ridge Club, contact PDG Tony Reyes at vawave@aol.com or 703-309-2085 (cell). The contact at the Aquia Harbor Host Club is Mike Shepherd, 540-659-0032 or vettemike@comcast.net.



The 2011 White House ornament honors the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, and reflects the excitement that President Roosevelt, his wife Edith and their lively young family brought to life at the White House. It is a two-sided ornament and features Santa outside the White House and the Roosevelt family on the reverse.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you once again for the tremendous amount of flood relief donations for my dad, my sister-in-law's parents and many other folks in need in Apalachin, NY. The devastation from Hurricane Lee is just unreal and the donations were so desperately needed. More than I ever imagined.

The first of donations was transported up to New York once the roads were passable on September 10; my brother took as much as he could fit in his already-packed pickup. A second car load of donations was transported up to New York on September 13 by my sister-in-law and me. She took some of those donations to a church tent set up to help the flood victims. As she pulled up to the tent, a desperate family with two little children had just pulled up for assistance. Awesome timing!



The last of the donations was transported up by me and dropped off at Park Terrace Methodist Church Food Pantry on October 24 (see photo at right). Your generosity has helped many, many people in need. A sincere thanks to all of you!!

--Kathi Weaver

OPERATION TURKEY NOW IN FULL SWING

Once again as a Club we have the opportunity to help Northern Virginia Family Services/SERVE with "Operation Turkey," which provides food and meals for Thanksgiving to those families in our community who are in need. There are several ways in which we can help, and they are listed below.



We will be collecting food items and monetary contributions, as well as grocery store gift cards in increments of \$10.00. We will need your donations **by Friday, November 18** so that SERVE may distribute it to those families by Thanksgiving.

Since we will not have a meeting before that date, you can drop off your donations with either Pat Nichols or Lori Paquette. ***Pat asks that you please call ahead, (703) 335-2607, before dropping things off at her home, 9015 Portner Ave, Manassas. Lori's address is 8586 Richmond Ave., Manassas and you can leave items by the front door if no one is at home.***

Once again, thank you for your help and support in making Operation Turkey a success.

--Lori Paquette, Community Services Director

SAVE THE DATE ! Sunday, December 11 will be our Holiday Cookie Exchange at Amanda Waggy's home. More details coming at the November dinner meeting!



CLUB RECEIVES HONOR AT FALL CONFERENCE

Second Vice President and Membership Chair Marie Robinson (in photo at right with District Governor Dennis Kelly) was on hand at the General Session during the District 24A Fall Conference last month to pick up a banner patch and certificate signifying that the Manassas Lioness Lions once again qualified for the State Achievement Award. This award recognizes that we have accomplished the prescribed goals with our Club's



programs and activities during the past Lion Year.

The Manassas Lioness Lions were represented at the Fall Conference by Carol Sinacore, Ruth Gorgas and Marie Robinson, shown in the photo at left admiring a display in the Pin Traders area. The ladies all gave glowing reports on the seminars they had attended.

THE FUN BUNCH RIDES AGAIN!

Thank you to all the ladies who attended our Girls Night Out on November 8. You all made it a very special evening! We ventured to the Alto Plaza Restaurant in Centreville and sat in an area surrounded by floor-to-ceiling windows. Had it been a different time of year, we would have witnessed a beautiful sunset! The food was delicious and jokes and stories were shared all around the table. Pictured below are (L to R) Lois Steele, Ruth Gorgas, Bunny Blair, Laura Ellis, Karen Thompson, Susan MacAuley and Ann Marie Macdonald. Anna Marie Robinson was also there, but she's behind the camera taking the picture.

Our next gathering will be **Tuesday, December 6** at Susan MacAuley's house for fun and games and potluck. Why not plan to join us. There will be more details at the November meeting.

--Susan MacAuley



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR OCTOBER DINNER MEETING



(Photo at left) Ruth Gorgas was the lucky winner of the "MMMMM Fall Basket of Chocolate Goodies," a raffle sponsored by our Membership Committee. And, Ruth even modeled the witch's hat for us later that evening!

(Photo at right) Lois Steele (L), former Secretary of the Signal Hill Lions Club (and now a member of the Manassas Lioness Lions!), surprised MLLC President Anita Waggy with a check for over \$800 as final disbursement of funds from



the now-defunct Signal Hill Club to be put in our activities account for sight and hearing needs. This contribution is in addition to the \$1,000 that Signal Hill had turned over to us when we assumed their service area earlier this year.

MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION GENERATES ENTHUSIASM

Many thanks to all who attended the Orientation Meeting on November 3. The interest and enthusiasm you brought made for a very successful "Orientation 101" session. Information about many facets of Lionism, as well as specifically about our Club, was presented by past presidents, current officers, directors and committee chairs.

Great questions came from our two newest members as well as our recently-transferred member. Overheard from a veteran member was, "I had forgotten a lot of things since I joined. This was really good!" In summary, I feel that the evening surely indicated the room was full of our Club's Future Leaders!



(L to R) Katheryn Williamson, Kathi Weaver, Lois Steele, Nancy Sliger, Ruth Gorgas

Look for "Orientation 102" in early Spring. In the meantime, if you have any questions, write them down and give them to me at any regular meeting and I will return the answers promptly.

--Marie Robinson, Membership Chair

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER ...

Monday, November 21	Dinner meeting at City Tavern and Official Visit from the District Governor. Social hour 6:30, dinner at 7 p.m.
Monday, November 28	Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.
Monday, December 5	Board of Directors meeting at Anita's, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 5	Newsletter deadline. Please e-mail photos and stories to Editor Barbara Kirk at bjkirk107@aol.com .
Tuesday, December 6	Girls Night Out at Susan MacAuley's
Thursday, December 8	Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m.

PLANS UNDERWAY TO SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER

Traditionally, the month of December has been the time when our Club gears up efforts to provide holiday cheer for the less fortunate in our community. In coming weeks you'll be hearing more about our Club's involvement with gift-wrapping for "Be A Santa To A Senior," providing gift cards for single adults at NVFS/SERVE and other community service programs which the Board is currently looking into.

And yes, we do have plans to coordinate the Holiday Boxes for the Troops again, in which all the Clubs in our Zone participate. In light of the troops being scheduled to return from Iraq and Afghanistan, we are trying to identify the best geographic areas in which to serve our military and to establish points of contact to receive the boxes. We have also been contacting Lions Clubs in the eastern part of Prince William County to see if they would also be interested in participating in the project.



You'll be hearing more about these programs at our November dinner meeting and through e-mail communication later this month.

"SILLY SANTA" RETURNS NEXT MONTH

Save the date ... **Monday, December 19!** That's the evening the Manassas Lioness Lions will be celebrating with our annual holiday party instead of the usual dinner meeting. We'll have a special buffet dinner and you're encouraged to bring your friends, and your spouse or significant other to join in the merriment. More about this in coming weeks!

*Have you checked out our updated Web site, now under construction?
Web guru Susan MacAuley welcomes your feedback—and needs photos of Club events.*

www.thoseladylions.org

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