



# Proud Lions News

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

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## VIN ETCHING RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 9

Due to inclement weather, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching program sponsored by the Manassas City Police, Prince William County Police and Virginia State Police slated for last month had to be rescheduled. The new date is **Saturday, November 9**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will take place in the Sears parking lot at Manassas Mall.



Members of the community bring their vehicles and a template is made of the VIN, which is then used to etch the number on each glass surface. The idea is that if your vehicle is stolen it can be traced easier, as your VIN will be on every window not just the front windshield area. This is a FREE event and participation from the community in the past has been great, with a line of cars and trucks the entire time.

The Manassas Lioness Lions have assisted in the past by providing administrative support to the police. We want to continue helping out this year. Please contact Community Services Director Pat Nichols (703-335-2607) if you can take a 2-hr (or 4-hr) shift on Saturday. No experience is necessary—you'll be trained on the spot.

## PREZ RECEIVES DG'S PERSONAL PIN

During her Official Visitation to our dinner meeting on October 21, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Karen Parker (right) presented MLLC President Anita Waggy with District Governor Mike Ryan's personal pin.

VDG Karen was representing the Governor's "Dream Team" and spoke to our Club about goals for the District in the coming year.



## **GNO GOES AMERICANA**

Good old American comfort food is on the menu this month when The Fun Bunch journeys out VA 28 to the Chuck Wagon Restaurant in Nokesville. The Girls Night Out dinner this month will be held on **Tuesday, November 12**. We'll meet at the restaurant at 6 p.m.

To reach the Chuck Wagon, take VA 28 south from Manassas to the light at Fitzwater Drive in Nokesville (just past the landmark barn), and turn left. The restaurant is just a short distance down on the left (street address is 12846-A Fitzwater Drive), right after you cross the railroad tracks.



To view their affordable menu, visit [www.mychuckwagon.com](http://www.mychuckwagon.com).

Please RSVP to Susan MacAuley by noon on November 12 so she has enough tables reserved for our group. Susan's e-mail is [trustyred@aol.com](mailto:trustyred@aol.com); or you can reach her by phone at 703-331-4777 (h) or 571-213-8661 (c).

## **BITS 'N PIECES**

- ❖ We collected just over \$300 at the White Cane on October 19.
- ❖ The wreath-laying ceremony for the Wreaths Across America project is set for **Saturday, December 14** at noon at the Manassas City cemetery. Community Service Director Pat Nichols will have more details at our November dinner meeting.
- ❖ The MLLC membership will be asked to vote at the November 18 dinner meeting if we want to construct a float and participate in the Manassas Christmas parade.
- ❖ Our annual White Elephant Auction has been set for **Tuesday, February 25** at the Park-West Community Center.
- ❖ Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for area food banks when you come to the next dinner meeting!

## **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 the 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. 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 16!** 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!



## ***BOOK COLLECTION UNDERWAY***

Through December 15 we will be collecting gently-used books for children from kindergarten through high school ages. After sorting by age appropriateness, the books will be distributed in area schools after the first of the year. Recipients will be children from low-income families whose parents might not have the resources to provide them with books at home.

This project is in conjunction with Lions International’s literacy initiative which was begun last year. Community Services Director Pat Nichols has secured a donated storage unit to use as a holding area until the drive is completed.

Collection points will be Gainesville United Methodist Church, Grace United Methodist Church, St. Thomas United Methodist Church, and the police stations in Manassas City and Manassas Park. News of this drive has already been publicized through the participating churches, the local news media and online news sources.

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

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| <b>Thursday, November 14</b> | Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m.   |
| <b>Monday, November 18</b>   | Dinner meeting at City Tavern. Social hour 6:30, dinner at 7. Please RSVP to Lion Tamer Traci Connolly with your menu choice by Friday, November 15.    |
| <b>Monday, November 25</b>   | Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.  |
| <b>Monday, December 2</b>    | Board meeting at Traci’s, 6:30 p.m.   |
| <b>Thursday, December 5</b>  | Newsletter deadline for December issue. E-mail articles and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk at <a href="mailto:bjkirk107@aol.com">bjkirk107@aol.com</a> . |

The Park-West Lions are selling Florida citrus fruit again this year as a fundraiser. Price is \$20 for a 10 lb. case. You can select oranges, grapefruit, mixed oranges and grapefruit, or tangelos. Contact Park-West Lions Ed Robinson (703-368-5563) or Bob Kirk (703-743-5508) no later than December 1 to place your order for delivery on December 16. Please pay when you place your order.