



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club

*****First Place Winner, 2011 District 24A Club Newsletter Contest*****

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FALL YARD SALE DATE SET

Save the date ... **Saturday, September 24!** The Manassas Lioness Lions will be holding their Fall Yard Sale that day at Amy Newman's home, 115 Scott Drive, Manassas Park.

Amy will begin gathering items in early September, so as you clean out your closets, give Amy a call (703-945-4035) and arrange to drop off your oldies-but-goodies.

More specifics will be coming later this month, but we usually set up about 7 a.m. with the sale starting at 8. We'll need help the day of the event, so let Amy know what hours you're available to ring up those sales for our Club coffers.



WE'RE BACK ON SCHEDULE FOR OUR DINNER MEETINGS

Just a reminder that our 3rd Monday of the month dinner meetings resume this month on **September 19** at City Tavern in Old Town Manassas. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7.

This month we'll have a regular program with speaker, but in October we'll be treated to a visit by either District Governor Dennis Kelly or one of his Vice District Governors. Scuttlebutt is they all want to visit our Club because we're known as a fun bunch!!! Why not plan to bring along a friend to our next meeting to introduce her to what membership in Lions (and particularly our Club!) is all about.

Want to find out the latest scoop on the Manassas Lioness Lions???

Friend us on Facebook!

LIONS MILLION TREE CAMPAIGN
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D.G. Dennis Kelly
District 24-A Goal:
600 Trees

Club Goal: ?

International Goal:
1,000,000 Trees

Partnerships,
Events, Service

For more information and resources go to: valions.org
Lions District 24-A Tree Planting Coordinator: Linda Brining path2linda@aol.com
Great Resource: A Citizen's Guide to Tree Planting Projects in No. Va.

BASTAS EXPANDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Club will again be participating in the “Be A Santa to A Senior” (BASTAS) program at Christmas time this year. Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, “Be A Santa to A Senior” will be providing a Christmas remembrance to some of the area’s low-income seniors who might otherwise not be receiving gifts at the holiday season.

Traditionally, the Manassas Lioness Lions have participated in one of the gift-wrapping parties as our community service contribution to this program. This year the BASTAS folks have indicated an additional need for more volunteers to pick up gifts from the drop-off points at local businesses and deliver them to a designated area. In addition, they will need volunteers to deliver gifts to the designated seniors.



More details will be available in coming weeks. We do know, however, that there is a gift wrapping party scheduled on **Tuesday, December 13** from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Park-West Building. Lianetta Ruettgers is our point of contact (703-368-3040).

Another way you can help support the program is to attend the Celebrity Bartenders Event at Old Towne Sports Pub, 8971 Center St., Manassas on **Thursday, October 27** from 6 to 8 p.m. All tips from the evening will be turned over to BASTAS.



Manassas Lioness Lions Club
is hosting a



HALLOWEEN DANCE FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, October 29th, 2011
8pm-12am**

Tickets \$20/person ***Only 250 tickets will be sold***
Park West Lions Community Center
8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas

Info/Tickets: 703-945-4035 / 703-335-2607 • newman115@comcast.net



All proceeds used for community service

AGES 21 - 200!
COSTUMES OPTIONAL
HORS D'OEUVRES
CASH BAR
LIVE MUSIC
PRIZES

For more information, or if you'd like to volunteer to help with the dance,
contact event chair Pat Nichols, 703-335-2607.

YOUTH CAMP OPEN HOUSE DATE SET



Sunday, September 18 marks the date for the annual Lions Youth Camp Open House and Picnic. This is a fun opportunity to visit the lovely wooded site out in Clarke County (just over an hour's drive from Manassas) and enjoy a FREE picnic lunch with fellow Lions from all over northern Virginia.

The camp will be open from 9:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:30. Why not plan to come out and learn what your youth camp is all about! Feel free to bring along friends and prospective members to see Lionism in action.

Contact President Anita Waggy if you're interested in attending (703-361-5327 or bpwaggy@comcast.net). We may have enough interested members to form a carpool.

GNO GOES TEX/MEX THIS MONTH

Our Girls Night Out will be at Uncle Julio's Rio Grande Café, 14900 Potomac Town Place, Woodbridge on **Wednesday, September 7**. This is located at the Stonebridge at Potomac Town Center near Wegman's. Visit their Web site, <http://www.unclejulios.com> for menu and more info.

We'll be carpooling down from Manassas if you're looking for a ride. Meet in the Hastings Marketplace parking lot in front of the new Harris Teeter at 5:30 p.m. if you want to ride with the group. Otherwise, you can meet us at the restaurant at 6:00.

Please RSVP by noon on September 7 by contacting either Susan MacAuley (703-331-4777 or trustyred@aol.com) or Marie Robinson (703-368-5563 or marieed@aol.com).



MLLC HONORED AT VISITATION KICKOFF

When the awards packet was handed out at the Visitation Kickoff on August 28, we learned that our Club had once again qualified for the State Achievement Award and the Club Excellence Award. Both of these distinctions are based on fulfilling the required number of programs and contributions to Lions-sponsored charities, as well as community service activities.

We also received a patch for our banner indicating that we had achieved 100% member visitation. And, we received patches in recognition of our financial support for the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp and the District 24A Sight and Hearing Screening Van.

Alas, we didn't get to take home "the big one" this year. Congratulations go to Park-West Lions Club which was named Club of the Year in our Region.

The September item for NVFS/SERVE is canned meat.

DISTRICT 24A FALL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ASHBURN

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the District 24A Fall Conference, hosted by the Woodbridge Lions Club. This year's event will be held at the Embassy Suites Dulles North, 44610 Waxpool Rd., Ashburn on **Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22.**

On Friday night the 21st you can dance the night away to the big band sound of the Manassas St. Thom Cats and enjoy a great buffet dinner. Saturday's events will feature a full array of informative workshops and meetings.



If you're interested in staying overnight, Embassy Suites has offered the Lions a special room rate of \$75 plus tax for either a King Suite or Queen Suite with full breakfast and complimentary drinks each night at the manager's reception for the hotel's registered guests! And, first-timers to the Fall Conference are also invited to a complimentary continental breakfast with the district leadership team on Saturday morning.

Following is the schedule of workshops offered on Saturday the 22nd:

9 to 9:50 a.m.

- **Club Excellence Process.** Learn how to improve your Club through discovering the needs of your community and improve member experiences.
- **Ethics: Lions Code of Ethics, A Reawakening.** Define ethics and identify ethical obligations, and develop skills to identify possible ethical issues and tools to deal with them effectively.
- **Membership/Retention.** Learn new ideas on how to increase membership and retain members.

10 to 11:50 a.m.

- **Foundation Fighting Blindness.** Learn about the foundation that drives research for prevention, treatment and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa and other retinal degenerative diseases.
- **Pre-School Vision Screening.** Understand the importance of screening, use of equipment and screen school children.
- **LCI Web Site Reports (Presidents and Secretaries).** Reporting – is it important – are they useful? Find out here, why and how to do your reports.

2:30 to 3:20 p.m.

- **Diabetes Awareness.** Information on early symptoms of diabetes, treatments and why it is important to Lions.
- **Public Relations (PR Chairs or designees).** This will be a working session to develop a communications plan to generate awareness in your community.

- **GO Tree Green.** Information on planning and participating in this year’s International and District 24A Tree Planting Project.
- **eClubhouse.** Learn how to build a professional looking Lions Club Web site using a simple set of tools.

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

- **LCIF Grant Writing.** Understanding Lions Club International Foundation grants and the process leading up to and including submittal for consideration.

We’ll have a sign-up sheet for the Conference at our September dinner meeting. We will be registering as a group, and the Club will pay your \$15 registration fee, which includes the commemorative Fall Conference pin. Prices for the other events are as noted below:

Friday Night Buffet and Big Band Sound	\$33
Saturday Luncheon	\$22
Saturday Evening Banquet	\$37

For overnight accommodations, contact the Embassy Suites direct at 703-723-5300 and identify yourself as part of the Lions group to get the special rate.

For more information on the Conference, contact President Anita Waggy at 703-361-5327 or visit the District 24A Web site, www.valions.org.

EYEGLASS RECYCLING IS A GREAT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Looking for a volunteer activity that’s easy to do, takes only a couple of hours each week and will benefit many people? Then, why not volunteer to work on the Lions Eyeglass Recycling program!

Now that there is a branch of Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling, Inc. set up at the Park-West Lions building, this volunteer activity is practically in our backyards.

Volunteers sort and wash the donated eyeglasses, then run them through a lensometer to read the prescription strength. The glasses are then packaged according to prescription and sent to the center in Falls Church to be shipped to areas of need in this country and overseas.



Volunteer teams work at the Park-West building on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., and on most Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Training is provided on-site. For information on the Wednesday evening session call Park-West Lion Ed Robinson, 703-368-5563; for information on the Thursday morning session, call Park-West Lion Bob Kirk, 703-743-5508.

GOOD FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP ABOUND AT OUR PICNIC

At 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 21, rain poured down in bucketsful in Manassas. A picnic at President Anita Waggy's home was scheduled for 5:00--would the rain stop by then? It did, and we had a glorious afternoon with no further storm clouds in sight.



It was refreshing to leave everything behind for a few hours and visit with fellow Lioness Lions to find out what they were currently doing. With warm camaraderie anytime we get together, many things were shared.

We had three generations represented—Amanda and sister JoJo attended, and Anita's mom, Luise Breiter, was there, with a wonderful smile on her face. Our President had spent most of her summer somewhere in the sun (OC maybe?). What a great tan! We are hoping that Luise will soon be healthy enough to be able to attend more Club activities.

Now ... if you are the first to tell me at the next meeting the identity of the following five "who's," you'll win a prize!

(1) Who has recently bought her first home?

(2) Who spent the Saturday before at two wedding ceremonies that took about 12 hours to marry the same two people?



(3) Who donated her second-ever "pop top"? I don't think she drinks very much soda pop—can you believe that?

(4) Who absolutely loves the seven-layer dip so much that she could eat it daily?

(5) Who got "kissed" to change around a "singles conversation going downhill" into horrid dating experiences?

FOOD is a favorite thing, of course—homemade family favorites, new first-time recipes, it didn't matter, we all dug in to see what new tastes awaited us! Have you ever eaten bourbon brownies that had nuts and bacon in them?

There are always requests for prayers, too. Nan Wehmeyer and her husband, Jon, have been traveling to different cities trying different types of medical treatment. Mary Jo Dick and her husband, Jim, need whatever help we can give them. Prayers are needed by others, too. We can never truly know what families are enduring. Placing everyone we know in God's hands is always a good practice.

I'm sure that many other thoughts, ideas, and wishes were discovered on Sunday afternoon, but I didn't get to be everywhere, so you'll need to ask those who were there what else they learned about our wonderful band of ladies!

Attendees were President Anita Waggy with daughters Amanda & JoJo, Luise Breiter, Traci Connolly, Laura Ellis, Susan MacAuley, Ann Marie Macdonald, Amy Newman, Lori Paquette, Lianetta Ruettgers, Carol Sinacore, Laura Sneed, Karen Thompson, Cindy Van Noppen, Nan Wehmeyer, Kathi Weaver and Katheryn Williamson. Let's do it again!

--Katheryn Williamson

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER ...

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| Tuesday, September 6 | Board meeting at Lori Paquette's home, 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, September 8 | Bingo at Caton Merchant House, 7 p.m. |
| Monday, September 26 | Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m. |
| Monday, October 3 | Board meeting, place TBA |
| Wednesday, October 5 | Newsletter deadline. E-mail information and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk at bjkirk107@aol.com |