



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club, Manassas, VA
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MARIE ROBINSON APPOINTED TO FILL BOARD VACANCY



Long-time MLLC member Marie Robinson has joined the 2015-16 Board of Directors as Membership Director for the Club. She was appointed to fill the vacant position at the September BOD meeting.

Marie is one of the few remaining active charter members from when our Club bridged over from a Lioness Club to a full-fledged Lions Club in 2003. She had previously served as Membership Director a few years ago and had a reputation for adding a bit of humor and spark to our membership activities.

Marie has some ideas in mind for recruiting new members, and for holding orientation sessions to help newer Lions learn more about the organization. She herself has been responsible for bringing eight of our current active members into the Club.

We can't wait to see what she's got up her sleeve this time! Thanks for agreeing to help us out in this important position, Marie.

2ND VDG TO SPEAK AT SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

Second Vice District Governor Sally Kenavan (photo at right) will be representing the District Governor during an Official Visitation at our **September 21** dinner meeting. Lion Sally, a long-time Lion, is a member of the Aquia Evening Club.

This meeting will mark the first time we are in the NEW City Tavern location, the former KC's Restaurant at 9550 Center Street, Manassas. You can enter the banquet room either through the restaurant itself or through the door on the side of the building which leads right into our meeting area. Social hour is 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7. There's plenty of parking, ladies, and NO STAIRS!!!!



BINGO BACK AT AREA NURSING FACILITIES

Starting this month, we will again be holding bingo games for residents at Willow Oaks and Caton Merchant House. Bingo will be at Caton Merchant House on the second Thursday of the month, and at Willow Oaks on the fourth Monday.

Teresa Kaufman is chairing our bingo committee again this year and would welcome some extra hands at the games! It only requires one hour of your time, from 7 to 8 p.m. on the scheduled dates, and provides a real bright spot in the lives of the residents. Contact her for more information (703-369-9298 or Teresakman@yahoo.com).

SUPPLIES DONATED TO SEVEN AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Partnering with the local Keller Williams real estate office, the Manassas Lioness Lions collected and distributed school supplies for students in the following elementary schools: Manassas Park, Cougar, Baldwin, Jennie Dean, Metz, Round and Hayden. MLLC President Amy Newman is shown with the Keller William staff at left center in the photo, next to MLLC member Robyn Zweiban who is a Keller Williams agent.

ADMINISTRATIVE VS. ACTIVITIES FUNDS—WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



It's time to approve the Club budget for the new Lion Year and inevitably questions are sure to arise. For starters, **what is the difference between our Administrative Account and our Activities Account, why do we have so much money in the bank that's not being used, and why do we have to keep the funds separate?**

Because the Manassas Lioness Lions operate under the umbrella of Lions Clubs International, we are considered a 501(c)4 organization. As such, we are tax exempt and don't have to pay taxes on the money we raise. (Please note that while we are exempt from federal taxes, this designation does not allow for tax-deductible donations to our Club; we would need to establish a separate 501(c)3 charitable vehicle for this, as some larger Lions Clubs have done.)

The Articles of Incorporation of The International Association of Lions Clubs state that the chartered clubs "shall be nonpolitical, nonsectarian, not for profit of the individual club or its individual members." A legal opinion handed down from the International Board expressly prohibits any part of the net earnings from Club activities supported by the general public being used to benefit an individual Lion or Lions Club. Hence those fundraising profits are earmarked for the Activities Fund, which is where we get the money for sight and hearing services, scholarships and other community-related projects.

This makes a great deal of sense in that when we as a Club ask the public to patronize our fundraising activities, we do so with the understanding that the net proceeds from these fundraisers will be used for some need in the community. If we were to divert these funds to any other purpose, it would constitute a breach of faith to our contributors.

But there are certain expenses inherent with running a Lions Club that must be covered, and these come from funds in the Administrative budget. This is where we get the money for International and State dues, meals, shirts and badges for members, travel and meeting expenses, club supplies, etc. The source of Administrative funds must be from Lions or their spouses, and includes such things as dues, fines, rental fees, and private fundraising activities limited to Lions Club members and their spouses.

Now here's the important part to understand about our Club budget:

To put it simply, money generated from the public goes back to the community, money generated from Lions stays with the Lions. Money from the Administrative Fund can be transferred over to the Activities Fund, but funds raised from activities where the public is involved cannot be transferred to the Administrative Fund. For this reason, we have traditionally kept a cushion of cash in the Administrative Fund, rather than the Activities Fund, to cover unexpected expenses in either area.

At the end of each Lion Year, the Board reviews the projected cash flow over the next year and holds over enough funds in the Administrative Account to cover anticipated expenses in either the Administrative or Activities area which might occur before they could be offset by income.

Source: LCI Web site and "Administrative vs. Activities Funds" paper authored by PDG Tony Reyes, date unknown.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK

Our Board wants to hear from YOU ... whether it's a **compliment** (*blush*--that's always nice!), a **complaint** (hey, we're not perfect) or a **comment** (we really ARE open to new ways of doing things) let us know what you're thinking.



To make it easier for you to communicate (and retain anonymity if you choose) we're going to provide a suggestion box at our regular dinner meetings with feedback forms for you to use. This should all be in place for the September 21 meeting.

GNO COMING SEPTEMBER 16

We're trying a new local place this month for Girls Night Out—City Square Café at 9428 Battle St. in Old Town Manassas. You can visit www.citysquarecafe.com to check out their menu.



The date is **Wednesday, September 16**, and we'll meet at the restaurant at 6 p.m. This means we can take advantage of their half-price happy hour specials, too, since they run till 7!

RSVP to Susan MacAuley by noon on the 16th, 703-331-4777 (h), 571-213-8661 (c), or trustyred@aol.com, so she knows how many seats to save for our gang.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Monday, October 5 | Board meeting at Amy's, 6:30 p.m. |
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| Friday, October 30 | White Cane at Wellington Giant, 3-5 p.m. Wouldn't it be fun to come in costume since Halloween is the next day! More details coming next month. |
| Monday, November 2 | Board meeting at Beth Oravec and Pat Dekker's home, 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21 | Fall Conference at Sheraton Tysons Corner. More information will be available in coming weeks. |

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

