



# Proud Lions News

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

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## **1<sup>st</sup> VDG TO VISIT CLUB THIS MONTH**

At this month's dinner meeting on **Monday, October 15** at City Tavern, our special guest will be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Mike Ryan, who will be speaking to us about the new programs and initiatives in District 24A for the coming Lion Year. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner following at 7. We will also be welcoming two new members, Jo Jo Waggy and Theresa Kaufmann, and raffling off a beautiful necklace and earrings set.



Prior to the meeting, there will be a new member orientation session with Membership Director Susan MacAuley at 6 p.m. Please contact Susan at 703-331-4777 to let her know if you're coming. This is a good opportunity for both new and older members to get to know more about your Club. Then directly after the dinner meeting, VDG Mike will be meeting briefly with our Board.

Please get your dinner reservations in to Lion Tamer Cindy van Noppen by Friday evening, October 12 ... and remember to bring your canned goods contributions for the food bank when you come to the meeting. This month's donations will be going to the food bank at St. Thomas United Methodist Church.

## **WHITE CANE SLATED FOR OCTOBER 13**

On **Saturday, October 13**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wellington Giant, the Manassas Lioness Lions will be doing their fall "White Cane" fundraiser. With monetary contributions collected from the community, our Club is able to offer assistance with eye exams, glasses, and many other sight and hearing needs.



The club will also be collecting the following for recycling: cell phones, inkjet cartridges, digital cameras/recorders, GPS units, hand held games, laptops, iPads, iPods, game consoles, and E-book readers. If you can lend a hand from either 10 a.m. to noon, or from noon to 2 p.m., contact our Sight and Hearing Chair Carol Sinacore at 703-331-2163 or [catscore5@verizon.net](mailto:catscore5@verizon.net).



## **CLUB REPS WORK ON EYEGLOSS RECYCLING**

*Manassas Lioness Lion Nancy Sliger and her son Stewart were recently part of the team that meets at the Park-West Lions building on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings to recycle eyeglasses. To find out how you can become part of this team, contact our Sight and Hearing Chair, Carol Sinacore, at 703-331-2163. Training is provided on-site.*

## **FOOD COLLECTION TO BENEFIT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

With our food collection efforts this year, we will be partnering with five local churches that have their own food banks and will support each of them for two months during the coming year. The churches are Grace United Methodist, Yeshua Church of God in Christ, Emmanuel Baptist, Assembly of God and St. Thomas United Methodist.

Community Services Director Pat Nichols has contacted each of these churches and has learned that they all have an ongoing need for the following items. So, instead of asking our members to bring a specific item each month to the dinner meeting, we are now asking you to bring any of the items listed below.

**Canned Tuna**

**Canned Fruit**

**Canned Vegetables (Green Beans & Corn especially)**

**Peanut Butter**

**Soup**

**Dried Beans**

**Cooking Oil**

**Canned Chicken**

**Macaroni & Cheese**

**Jelly**

**Cereal**

**Rice**

**Spaghetti & Sauce**

## **HELP US MAKE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS COUNT!**

Please make sure to give Club Secretary Anna Marie Robinson a count of your volunteer hours each month—this includes hours spent on Lions work as well as other community activities such as church, school and hospital volunteer work. Our Club gets credit for all of this! Anna Marie has been e-mailing all members with a reminder (or you can let her know at one of our monthly dinner meetings). You just need to tell her the activity and the number of hours you spent working on it.



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

## **2012 WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Traditionally, our Club supports other area Lions Clubs that offer the collectible White House Christmas Ornaments as a fundraiser. The Lake Ridge Lions will be offering the ornaments again this year for the cost of only \$18 (the usual price at other outlets is \$20). Manassas Lioness Marie Robinson will be coordinating the sale of ornaments to members of our Club for the Lake Ridge Lions. Please contact her at 703-368-5563 to place your order.

The 2012 White House Historical Association Christmas ornament honors William Howard Taft, the 27<sup>th</sup> president of the United States. A distinguished jurist and effective administrator, President Taft focused on executing the law rather than setting an ambitious legislative agenda during his term.

Taft was known as the first motoring president. While serving as secretary of war, he became smitten with the White steamer, the department's car of choice. A pre-gasoline steam-powered touring car, it was manufactured by the White Sewing Machine Company of Cleveland, Ohio, Taft's home state. Over the 1908 Christmas holidays, president-elect Taft proudly had a family photograph taken in a loaned White made into a postcard and distributed to the press. The Great Seal of the United States, painted on the door, created confusion that it was a White House automobile! It's been said that President Taft was never happier than in the back seat of his White touring car speeding through the countryside with the wind in his hair.



*--Information and photo courtesy of The White House Historical Association*



## **WE'RE CLEANING UP THE STREETS!**

*Manassas Lioness Lions (l to r) Ann Marie Macdonald, Nancy Sliger, Marie Robinson and Erin Lattanze, accompanied by Erin's daughter Josie (front row) and Marie's husband, Park-West Lion Ed Robinson (behind the camera), journeyed forth on a beautiful fall Saturday morning to clean up our Adopt-A-Street location near Portner and Liberia Avenues in Manassas. The group rewarded themselves with a delicious I-HOP breakfast afterwards. Our next scheduled Adopt-A-Street clean-up will be in late spring 2013.*



## **THE POLICE APPRECIATED OUR HELP**

*Manassas Lioness Lions were on hand to assist the Manassas City Police with their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching program on September 15. Shown left to right are Cindy van Noppen and Kathi Weaver.*

## **COOKIE TIME'S A-COMIN'!**

And no, we're not referring to the annual Girl Scout cookie drive either! With the holiday season getting closer and closer, the Manassas Lioness Lions are looking ahead to our annual cookie exchange in early December. This year's event has been tentatively set for **Thursday, December 6** at Amanda Waggy's home in the Lake Jackson area. This will take the place of our Girls' Night Out for December.



Plans are to start about 6 p.m. with shared hors d'oeuvres, then get on with sampling "the good stuff." We'll have more information on this next month, but DO mark your calendar now—you won't want to miss it!!!

## **A NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Our Club has been asked to help with sight screening on **Saturday, October 27** at the Manassas Christian School's health fair. This will be done with the new Pediavision equipment. Please contact our Sight and Hearing Chair, Carol Sinacore, 703-331-2163, if you're interested in helping out. **Training will be provided on-site the morning of the event.**

## **BINGO'S BACK IN FULL SWING**

Don't forget that the residents of Willow Oaks and Caton Merchant are counting on us to bring them a little joy (and some fun prizes) each month when we host Bingo at their facilities. Willow Oaks is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday and Caton Merchant is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, from 7 to 8 p.m. If you can help out, contact Bingo Chair Anita Waggy, 703-361-5327. Photo at right was taken at our first Bingo of the season at Willow Oaks.



## ***NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE ENDEAVORS UNDERWAY***

Community Services Director Pat Nichols has been busy laying the groundwork for several new community service projects for our Club.

- We have begun retrieving eyeglass cases from the Park-West Lions recycling center and taking them to local assisted living facilities and schools, where there is a need for these.
- We have set up collection points at Manassas City Police station, Manassas Park Police Station and Gainesville United Methodist Church for used children's books for our planned book fairs. We expect to collect books during October and November, for distribution after the first of the year.
- We have been placing plastic pumpkins in area schools to collect used eyeglasses during the month of October. These eyeglasses will be turned in at the Park-West recycling center for processing.

Other projects we are exploring are the possibility of partnering with the City Police on a prescription drug turn-in program, and participating in the City of Manassas reading program in the schools.

## ***OCTOBER GNO FEATURES DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT***

Nine Manassas Lioness Lions met at the Golden Corral for Girls' Night Out dinner on October 9, then part of the group went on to the Regal Cinema to see the flick "Perfect Pitch." Pictured at the dinner table (l to r) are Lois Steele, Susan MacAuley, Ethel Kennedy, Sarah Nash, June Rich, Anna Marie Robinson, Marie Robinson, Gail Cooper and Katheryn Williamson.



## **MLLC DELEGATES ATTEND 24A FALL CONFERENCE**



Manassas Lioness Lions President Amy Newman (l) and Lion Marie Robinson (r) are shown in photo at left with International Director Marvin Chambers from Fillmore, Saskatchewan, Canada at the District 24A Fall Conference held October 5 and 6 at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon. Marie attended Officers Training as a proxy for Club Secretary Anna Marie Robinson and also the Orientation and Retention class

as a proxy for Membership Director Susan MacAuley. President Amy worked in the Health Clinic/Diabetes Screening Room from 9 a.m. to noon as part of the service opportunities offered to Conference attendees.

## **WE'VE GOT THE GOODS!**

If you missed last month's meeting, you didn't get to see the array of MLLC goodies that Membership Director Susan MacAuley is selling to help raise the Club's visibility. She'll be back this month with a replenished supply, so visit the Goodie Station at the back of the room to purchase your Club tote bags, notepads, lapel buttons, bumper stickers and introduction cards. For a few dollars you can help spread the word about the Manassas Lioness Lions. But hurry, quantities are limited.



## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

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| <b>Thursday, October 11</b> | Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m.   |
| <b>Monday, October 22</b>   | Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.  |
| <b>Monday, November 5</b>   | Board of Directors meeting at Amy's, 7 p.m.   |
| <b>Monday, November 5</b>   | November newsletter deadline. Send articles and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk at <a href="mailto:bjkirk107@aol.com">bjkirk107@aol.com</a> . |
| <b>Tuesday, November 6</b>  | ELECTION DAY –cast your ballot and help make democracy work!  |