



Proud Lions News

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MLLC PARTICIPATES IN LIONS BOOTH AT THE COUNTY FAIR



Our Lioness Lions were a visible presence at last month's Prince William County Fair, as one of the five area clubs sharing duties in the Lions booth. This was the first year that area Lions were represented, and we hoped to use the event as a public relations effort to increase awareness of Lions' service to the local community. We had literature on Lions Clubs in general plus our specific club brochures to hand out to interested passersby.



Shown in the booth at upper left are President Amy Newman and Lori Paquette; in lower left Kathleen Reilly works a shift.

Note the slide show depicting Club activities that was running constantly on the TV set (that's our own Anita Waggy planting a tree on the monitor in the upper right photo!). The TV set was later raffled off to a lucky booth visitor.

CLUB RESUMES REGULAR DINNER MEETING SCHEDULE

Summer's over ... the kids are back in school ... and this month we're back to our usual third Monday dinner meeting schedule at City Tavern. Mark your calendar NOW so you don't miss an informative program and delicious dinner on **September 17!**



We'll have the usual social hour at 6:30 with dinner at 7. However, Membership Chair Susan MacAuley will now be offering a new member orientation before each dinner meeting, starting at 6. Although geared to those who have joined recently, everyone is welcome—and you might even pick up some new ideas or information you weren't aware of!

Remember to RSVP to Lion Tamer Cindy van Noppen with your dinner reservations. She will be contacting you by e-mail the week before the meeting with the menu choices.

FOOD COLLECTION TO BENEFIT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

With administrative changes at NVFS/SERVE, we have learned that donations of food from our Club are no longer just going to benefit residents in the Manassas community as they had when SERVE was an entity unto itself. Donations are now being spread throughout the entire northern Virginia area.

The MLLC Board felt that we would like our contributions to stay within our service area, so it was voted to partner with five local churches that have their own food banks and support each of them for two months each year instead. 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

CHANGE IN CLUB OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

Lori Paquette has stepped down from the position of Club Vice President because of a scheduling conflict with classes she is taking. The Board appointed Barbara Kirk to fill the remainder of the term.

**** GIRLS NIGHT OUT ****

CARD NIGHT AT SUSAN MACAULEY'S

(9605 Chevalle Drive, Manassas)

Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 PM

**Everyone's invited! Bring a card game if you have a favorite,
plus a snack to share.**

**Please RSVP to Susan MacAuley at trustyred@aol.com or 703-331-4777
by September 11.**

NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

One of the topics brought up the planning session at our retreat in July was that our Club is looking to increase our presence in the community by partnering with other businesses and organizations on community service projects. We have learned of just such an opportunity.

On **Saturday, September 15**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Liberia Ave. WalMart, the Manassas City Police Department will be offering free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching on vehicle windows. This has been found to be an important tool in helping recover stolen vehicles and preventing alteration of the VIN for unauthorized resale of stolen vehicles or their parts.



The police can use our assistance with directions, paperwork, etc. on that day. We need at least two volunteers for the 10 a.m. to 12 noon shift, and at least two more for the noon to 2 p.m. shift. As an added bonus, you can get your car done while you're there helping. Please contact Community Services Director Pat Nichols (703-335-2607) as soon as possible to let her know what shift you'd be willing to work.

FALL CONFERENCE SLATED FOR OCTOBER 5 AND 6

This year's Fall Conference will be held at the Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd., Herndon, VA on **Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6**. There will be several service projects available, in addition to new seminars being offered. Specific details were not available when this newsletter went to press, but we should have more information about the programs at our September dinner meeting.

A registration form is included with this newsletter. We're asking that all members interested in attending make their own reservations—however, the Club will reimburse your \$15 registration fee upon proof of attendance.



District 24-A Fall Conference October 5-6, 2012

Please complete a registration form for each guest. Name tags, conference packet and a Fall Conference Pin will be given to all registered participants.

Call the Hyatt Dulles at (703) 713-1234 to make your reservations.

Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd.

Herndon, Virginia, USA 20171.

Single and Double Room Rates \$89.00 plus tax

Reference Lions Fall Conference

DEADLINE FOR ROOM REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 22, 2012.

Event	QTY		Total Cost
Registration (\$10 with 2 meals)		\$15	
50/50 Drawing Oct Fest*	8 OR 20	\$5 OR \$10	
FRIDAY October Fest (German Sausage / Brats) Music & Cash Bar		\$35	
50/50 Drawing Luncheon*	8 OR 20	\$5 OR \$10	
Saturday Luncheon (Grilled Chicken Salad)		\$28	
50/50 Drawing Sat Banquet*	8 OR 20	\$5 OR \$10	
Sat. Banquet (Baked white fish)		\$35	
Lions/Non-Profits Table \$10			
All others \$30			

*Each 50/50 8 for \$5; 20 for \$10 ----- Vegetarian and Dietary Options available on request. Leos receive \$10 off any meal - no registration fee for Leos.

Name: _____ Lion_ Lioness__ Leo__ Guest _____

Club: _____

Nametag: _____ (please indicate name preference / nickname on tag)

Please Make Reservations and Mail Check postmarked **September 28, 2012**. After that date, please email registration/meal information to cwfir@comcast.net and bring form with payment to fall conference.

Make checks payable to District 24-A

Mail Check and Meal Selection Form to:

Gary Maxwell
7800 Dasset Court, #201
Annandale, VA 22003
(703) 813-1794

YOUTH CAMP PICNIC TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30

The Northern Virginia Lions Camp Board of Directors is extending an invitation to all District 24-A clubs and their members to join in a day of FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP on **Sunday, September 30** at the campground.



Each fall, the NVLYC hosts an Open House and Picnic Lunch to give all Lions, Leos and guests an opportunity to see the camp. Plan to arrive about 10:30 a.m., and bring along your appetite. A picnic-style lunch will be served about noon.

The NVLYC serves a myriad of community service-oriented youth programs here in Northern Virginia. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, District 24-D Foreign Student Youth Exchange and church youth groups are just a few that have benefited from our facilities.

For those Lions who have NOT been to the Camp, easy-to-follow directions and maps are given at <http://valions.org/lyc/mapdirections.html>.

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).

The 2012 White House Historical Association Christmas ornament honors William Howard Taft, the 27th 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.



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.

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

MLLC DISTRIBUTES SCHOOL SUPPLIES IN LOCAL AREA

The 33 active members of the Manassas Lioness Lions Club, along with their partnership with the Liberia Avenue Staples, purchased and distributed to Osbourn High School and Mayfield Intermediate School **over \$1,000 of school supplies** for the start of a new school year.

Backpacks, notebooks, paper, #2 pencils, composition books, hi-liters, index cards, pens, safety scissors, protractors, glue sticks, and pencil pouches are just some of the items purchased. Lists of needed supplies were provided by the two schools and Club members tried to purchase as many as they could. Several boxes of crayons were taken to Baldwin Elementary school as well.

“These ladies demonstrate a commitment to the community that will benefit many of our students directly,” said Jeff Abt, Principal of Mayfield Intermediate School. “We sincerely appreciate MLLC’s generosity and compassion.”

Karen Douglas, manager of the Staples store in the Davis Ford Shopping Center, was responsible for obtaining gift cards from the company to help with the purchases. She was also there to help bag and box our purchases. One of their very helpful employees, Hannah, put all the items through the scanner which took quite a while, but did it all with a smile. Everyone was very nice and most helpful.

Remember that the children return to school on Tuesday, September 4th, so please be aware of them while driving.

--Pat Nichols, Community Services Director



Photo at left: Zella Jones, Assistant Principal of Osbourn High School (l) and Grace Shultz, school secretary, are shown with some of the school supplies we donated for Osbourn students.

Photo at right: MLLC Secretary Anna Marie Robinson (l) and Community Services Director Pat Nichols deliver donated school supplies to Mayfield Intermediate School Principal Jeff Abt.



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.

CLUB RECEIVES AWARDS AT VISITATION KICKOFF

Wonder what was in that big envelope that President Amy was handed at the Visitation Kickoff? Well, we got four more patches to put on our Club banner, denoting Club achievements! For the 2011-12 Lion Year we qualified for the 100% Member Visitation and the Club Visitation awards, plus patches denoting our financial support of the District 24A Sight and Hearing Van and the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp. We now have so many banner patches that we will need to order a new Club banner shortly!

BINGO RESUMES AT AREA NURSING FACILITIES

Starting this month, we have again scheduled Bingo games for residents at Willow Oaks and Caton Merchant House. In September, October and November we will be at Caton Merchant House on the second Thursday of the month, and at Willow Oaks on the fourth Monday. We will not be holding Bingo in December because of conflict with other holiday activities. Bingo will continue through June, when we wrap up with an ice cream social before going on hiatus for the summer. Anita Waggy is chairing our Bingo committee 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.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Monday, October 1 | Board meeting at Anita Waggy's, 7 p.m. |
| Friday, October 5 | Newsletter deadline. Send articles and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk at bjkirk107@aol.com . |
| Saturday, October 13 | White Cane Day at Wellington Giant. |

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

