



Proud Lions News

The Official Newsletter of Manassas Lioness Lions Club
JULY 2011

CLUB NAMES NEW MELVIN JONES FELLOW

Congratulations to **Anna Marie Robinson** who was honored as our Club's latest Melvin Jones Fellow during ceremonies at Charter Night on June 20.

One of the Manassas Lioness Lions charter members, she joined our Club in April 2003 and has been an active member from the get-go. She comes from a family steeped in Lions tradition—dad Ed has held many offices in the Park-West Club and District 24A Cabinet over the years;



brother Eddie, Jr. was just installed as President of the Park-West Club for the coming year; and mom Marie is also a charter member and officer of our Club.

Anna Marie has served three terms as Manassas Lioness Lions President, and our Board regularly calls on her past experience for guidance. She also served one term as a Zone Chair in Region IV.

A self-proclaimed “beach mama,” if you want to see her eyes light up, just mention the words “Myrtle Beach.” Can you imagine any other President who would have had “FLIPFLOPS” as the acronym for her administration’s motto??? (Extra points if you remember what that means!!)

During the daytime (and some nighttime) hours, you’ll find Anna Marie hard at work in Old Town Manassas in her role as General Manager of the Harris Pavilion. But don’t ask her about late nights spent “babysitting” the ice machine at the skating rink!

Anna Marie has two grown children—a daughter Melissa and a son Matthew. She is a lifelong resident of the Manassas area and a graduate of Osbourn High School.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest form of recognition for Lions members and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to his or her Club and the community it serves. Congratulations again, Anna Marie!



GOOD EATS, GOOD FUN AT GIRLS NIGHT OUT!

Another great outing was thoroughly enjoyed by (l. to r.) Laura Ellis, Gail Cooper, Bunny Blair, Susan

MacAuley, Lianetta Ruetters and Marie Robinson at the La Capilla Restaurant in Old Town Manassas on June 7.

Conversations never stopped as memories were exchanged about old movies, leading stars, and the most current shenanigans of those in the "headlines" and top stories on FB and Twitter!! Not pictured, Katheryn Williamson, who also stopped in later in the evening.

Coordinator Susan MacAuley announced that the next Girls Night Out will be **Tuesday, July 12** at 6 p.m. We're going to have dinner at the **Siam Classic Restaurant**, 9403 East St. in Old Town Manassas for our second adventure in the "Try a New Restaurant" series of "Girls Night Out"!

--Marie Robinson

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SCOUTS

In recognition of all the help that the scouts gave with set-up and clean-up at our Spring Vendor Fair and Wine Tasting, the Club elected to give each troop a contribution of \$50.

The Scout leaders told us the money will be used to help pay for memberships of those youth who would like to be involved with scouting but cannot afford it.

Vendor Fair Chair Pat Nichols (second from left) made the presentation to (l. to r.) Jack Higgins, Cub Scout Pack 1204; Gene Lockhart, Boy Scout Troop 1182; and Rob Hoitt, Venturing Crew 617.



SCENES FROM JUNE 20 CHARTER NIGHT ...



(Photo at left) Lion Jim Alexander presents MLLC Newsletter Editor Barbara Kirk with the first place certificate and \$125 check for winning the first-ever District 24A Club Newsletter Contest. Jim is Senior Editor of The Lion Reporter (District 24A's newsletter) and was one of the contest judges.

(Photo at right) Scholarship Chair Anna Marie Robinson (l) introduces the two recipients of our 2011 scholarships—Heath Pritchard of Osbourn Park High School and Tori Savas of Osbourn High School. Each of the recipients spoke briefly about their community service involvement during high school and their plans for college. Heath will be attending East Tennessee State University and Tori will be at College of William and Mary.



(Photo at left) Membership Chair and sponsor Marie Robinson (r) gives new member Nancy Sliger her Lions membership pin after her official induction into Manassas Lioness Lions Club.

(Photo at right) President Anita Waggy (r) presents a very surprised Anna Marie Robinson with a Melvin Jones Fellow award on behalf of the Club. We had managed to get Anna Marie's parents, brother and significant other there for the ceremony, and somehow kept the presentation a secret from all of them ahead of time.



Lions of Virginia District 24-A
2011-2012 VISITATION KICKOFF
DINNER & AWARDS

Sunday, August 28, 2011

**Park-West Lions Community Center
8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas, VA 20109**

Social 3:00 P.M. Buffet Dinner 4:00 P.M.

\$20.00 Per Person

**Reserve by contacting MLLC Visitation Chair Pat Nichols
at 703-335-2607.**

NO REGULAR MEETINGS OR BINGO IN JULY AND AUGUST

Traditionally our Club takes the summer off from our regular dinner meetings, although we do plan a couple of get-togethers during that time.

See story below on the retreat in July; in August we traditionally hold a potluck picnic. Watch your e-mail and the August newsletter for more information.

We also suspend Bingo at Willow Oaks and Manassas Rehab for the summer. The regular schedule for Bingo will resume in September.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Club Retreat is scheduled for **Sunday, July 31** at the Park-West Lions Community Center. The purpose of the retreat is to plan for the new Lion Year, which begins July 1, and also to suggest ways in which we can make our Club more effective in serving the needs of our community.

This event will begin with a potluck dinner around 5 p.m. and should wrap up around 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact President Anita Waggy at 703-361-5327 or by e-mail at bpwaggy@comcast.net.



A REMINDER ABOUT OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM ...

Here is the expanded list of items now being accepted in our recycling fundraiser program. Bring these items along to one of our meetings, where Amy Newman will be collecting and processing them.



Jewelry (gold/silver/platinum)

Cell Phones

Laptop Computers

Ink Jet Printer Cartridges

Apple iPods

MP3 Players

Digital Cameras

Digital Video Cameras

GPS Devices

Radar Detectors

Kindle & Sony Book Readers *Handheld Game Systems*

For more information, visit www.RecyclingFundraiser.com, or contact Amy at 703-945-4035.

WHY NOT MAKE VACATION TIME “VISITATION TIME”?

Before you pack up the car and head off to the beach for a week, why not plan to make your vacation a memorable one by visiting a Lions Club near where you're vacationing. You can go on the Lions International Web site <http://lionsclubs.org> and search by city and state for a nearby Club. The page for each Club will tell when and where they meet, and will usually give contact information for the Club President and/or Secretary. A quick phone call can confirm whether the Club will be meeting while you're in the area ... and will alert them to expect a visitor. You'll find you are warmly welcomed, and may make some new friends as well!



CLUB ASSISTS SERVE IN BACK-TO-SCHOOL EFFORTS

MLLC Community Services Director Lori Paquette announced that our Club will once again join with Northern Virginia Family Services and SERVE in gathering school supplies for needy area children. Last year the program served over 2,000 children; this year they expect the need to be even greater.



Here's how you can help:

- ***Make a donation of school supplies, checks or gift cards.***
- ***Volunteer to help sort school supplies and fill backpacks at SERVE's offices.***

Traditionally our Club has collected school supplies and delivered them to the SERVE facility in early August. This year we **are asking members to bring school supplies to the retreat on July 31** since we do not have a regularly scheduled meeting before their cutoff date. If you won't be at the retreat, contact Lori at 703-257-1850 or paquette_lori@msn.com to arrange for a drop-off time.

On the following page is a listing of the items that go into backpacks for children of each age group. If you are not able to fill a complete backpack, you can select individual items from this list to donate. Every little bit helps in this worthy cause!

Back-to-School Drive

Please provide NEW items only. No used merchandise will be accepted.

Elementary School

- 1 - Backpack
- 2 - Packs of No. 2 pencils
- 1 - Ruler
- 1 - 24 pack of Crayola crayons
- 1 - 8 pack of washable Crayola markers
- 1 - Pack of colored pencils
- 5 - Pocket folders
- 2 - Boxes of Kleenex tissues
- 3 - Composition books (wide-ruled)
- 1 - Plastic supply box
- 3 - Notebooks with paper that has perforated edges (wide-ruled)
- 1 - Red pencil
- 5 - Glue sticks
- 1 - Safety scissors
- 1 - 3 pack of pink wedge erasers
- 1 - Calculator
- 1 - Black dry erase marker

Middle School

- 1 - Backpack
- 3 - Packs of loose-leaf paper (college rule)
- 2 - 2-inch, 3 ring binders
- 1 - Composition book
- 3 - Spiral notebooks with pockets
- 1 - Pack of colored pencils
- 1 - 12-inch ruler
- 1 - Pack of ball point pens (blue or black)
- 1 - Pack of red pens
- 2 - Packs of No. 2 pencils
- 1 - 3 pack of pink wedge erasers
- 1 - Protractor
- 1 - Zippered pencil pouch (for 3 ring binder)
- 1 - Pack of binder dividers
- 1 - Pack of graph paper (4 squares per inch)
- 1 - Pack of reinforcements
- 3 - Packs of 3x5 index cards
- 1 - Calculator
- 1 - Black dry erase marker

High School

- 1 - Backpack
- 3 - Packs of loose-leaf paper (college rule)
- 1 - Multi-subject, 3-inch, 3 ring binder
- 2 - 2-inch, 3 ring binder
- 3 - Spiral notebooks with pockets
- 1 - Pack of ball point pens (blue or black)
- 1 - Pack of red pens
- 2 - Packs of No. 2 pencils
- 1 - Pack of erasers
- 1 - Bottle of Wite-Out
- 1 - Yellow highlighter
- 1 - Protractor
- 1 - Zippered pencil pouch (for 3 ring binder)
- 2 - Packs of binder dividers
- 1 - Pack of graph paper (4 squares per inch)
- 3 - Packs of 3x5 index cards
- 1 - Graphing calculator

Miscellaneous

- Book covers
- Construction paper*
- Crayola Crayons, large*
- Elmer's glue
- Flash cards- "ABC," multiplication, addition, etc.
- Glue sticks*
- Hand sanitizer
- Pencil sharpeners
- Play-Doh*
- Post-its
- Report covers
- Scotch tape
- Sharpies
- Writing tablet (wide-ruled)*
- Ziploc bags

*Pre-K



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