



# Proud Lions News

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

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

**OCTOBER 2011**

## ***MLLC ACTIVITY FUND RECEIVES DONATION FROM SIGNAL HILL***

Former Signal Hill Lions Club Secretary Lois Steele (in photo at left) recently presented MLLC President Anity Waggy with a check for \$1,000 representing funds left over in Signal Hill's Activity Account when the Club turned in its charter in June and disbanded.

The Manassas Lioness Lions have taken over Signal Hill's old service territory in ZIP Code 20111 and will use the funds for sight and hearing cases.

We were also pleased to learn that Lois will be transferring her membership to our Club shortly!



## ***DISTRICT GOVERNOR TO VISIT ON OCTOBER 17***

District Governor Dennis Kelly is slated to visit our Club at the dinner meeting on **Monday, October 17** and will be talking about his goals for District 24A during Lion Year 2011-12. Just a reminder to our Board that the District Governor traditionally has a brief meeting with BOD members following the dinner meeting to address any questions or concerns we might have. Please plan to stay for this. Lion Tamer Laura Ellis has ordered a special buffet dinner for attendees and has requested that members wear their Club shirts with black skirt or pants.



## ***IT'S A GR-R-REAT TIME TO JOIN OUR CLUB!***

The Manassas Lioness Lions Board has voted to waive the \$25 initiation fee for all new members joining during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of this Lion Year, October 1 through December 31. Please contact Membership Chair Marie Robinson (marieed@aol.com or 703-368-5563) if you are bringing a guest to the October, November or December meeting so that she can have a Welcome Bag ready.

## ***WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS FOR SALE***

Here's your chance to purchase this year's White House Christmas Ornament and help the fundraising efforts of some of our other area Lions Clubs as well. Both Lake Ridge Lions and Aquia Harbor Host Lions are selling them.

The 2011 White House ornament honors the 26<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, and reflects the excitement that President Roosevelt, his wife Edith and their lively young family brought to life at the White House. It is a two-sided ornament and features Santa outside the White House and the Roosevelt family on the reverse.

To purchase from Lake Ridge Lions, contact PDG Tony Reyes at vawave@aol.com or 703-309-2085 (cell). The contact at Aquia Harbor Host Lions is Mike Shepherd, 540-659-0032 or vettemike@comcast.net.



## ***YARD SALE NETS \$465***

Thank you all for your donations. We didn't have as much stuff as we did in the Spring but it still was a success. Thanks to Traci and her mom, Kathi, Cindy, Nancy, Karen, Lianetta, Laura Ellis and Ruth for helping me. Thanks, Kit, for stopping by to shop! In total we made \$465 and it was a beautiful day. Great job, ladies!

*--Amy Newman, Yard Sale Coordinator*

## ***FUNDRAISER DANCE CANCELLED***

The Manassas Lioness Lions Halloween Fundraiser Dance scheduled for Saturday, October 29 has been cancelled due to low ticket sales. Please contact Amy Newman (703-945-4035) or Pat Nichols (703-335-2607) for refund on any tickets purchased.

## ***SURPRISE DINNER DESTINATION CAPS GIRLS NIGHT OUT***

I want to send out a BIG THANK-YOU to Gail Cooper for having us in for dinner on "Girls Night Out." last evening. Another BIG thank-you to Susan MacAuley for getting us all together. And, another BIG thank-you to Anna Marie Robinson for doing the driving to Arlington. And, another BIG thank-you to Miss Bunny for all her wonderful humor, stories, and being a co-pilot!!! Really ladies, I just had a wonderful time and I so appreciate all that went in to making this a really fun evening!!

We all thought that we were going to a restaurant after we met at Gail's house for drinks, BUT she surprised us by serving dinner at her house as well. It was wonderful, sitting around her dining room table and exchanging funny stories, etc. that will "stay at Gail's place!" (like the Vegas stuff!!) LOL!

And, we had another surprise! Susan's daughter and son-in-law dropped by. This is the daughter who is having Susan's first GRANDBABY!!!



It was an evening of "FUN" and our ages were one in their 50's, two in their 60's, one in their 70's and one in their 80's.

Watch for the notice of our next night out and plan to attend. It's a great MEMBERSHIP outing!!!!

*--Marie Robinson, Membership Chair*

## ***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 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>:

### **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.**

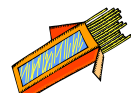
- **LCIF Grant Writing.** Understanding Lions Club International Foundation grants and the process leading up to and including submittal for consideration.

For more information on the Conference, contact President Anita Waggy at 703-361-5327 or visit the District 24A Web site, [www.valions.org](http://www.valions.org).

## ***COME JOIN THE FUN BUNCH AT OUR NEXT GNO!***

Next month's Girls Night Out will be at Alto Plaza in Centreville on **Tuesday, November 8**. All the details will be available at the dinner meeting on October 17. Save the date and come join The Fun Bunch (that's what we've decided to rename ourselves)! Good food, good company—what more could you ask for an evening's fun!

The food items being collected for October are spaghetti, pasta and ramen noodles which will go to the food bank at Yeshua Church of God in Christ.



## MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

*All you ever wanted to know about Lionism,  
but didn't know who to ask!*

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend this program to be held on **Thursday, November 3rd**, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., at our house located at 8917 Virginia Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110.

New members especially will benefit from the information that will be presented and it will prove to be a refresher course for the somewhat older members, as well as for the more seasoned members.

Several ladies will be helping with the presentation to bring everyone up-to-date on the "in's & out's" of Lionism and how our Club makes a difference in our community.

Start thinking now, and come prepared with your questions!!

*--Marie Robinson, Membership Chair*

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER ...**

<b>Monday, October 24</b>	Bingo at Willow Oaks, 7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, November 5</b>	Newsletter deadline. Send articles and photos to Editor Barbara Kirk at <a href="mailto:bjkirk107@aol.com">bjkirk107@aol.com</a>
<b>Monday, November 7</b>	Board of Directors meeting at Traci's, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, November 10</b>	Bingo at Caton Merchant, 7 p.m.
<b>Thursday, November 10 to Saturday, November 12</b>	Virginia Pin Traders Swap, Winchester, VA

Have you checked out our updated Web site, now under construction?  
Web guru Susan MacAuley would welcome your feedback—and photos of Club events.

**[www.thoseladylions.org](http://www.thoseladylions.org)**

We're on Facebook, too! Why not drop by and add your comments.