



PURRS AND ROARS

**March
2016**

**Maryville Lions
Club**

**Officers
2015-2016**

President:

Reese Wills

1st VP: Tom Miller

2nd VP: Elaine
Bowers

Lion Tamer:

J.V. Britton

Tail Twister:

Fred Becker

Treasurer:

Bobbie King

Secretary:

Ron Hultgren

Program Director:

Susan Shearin

Membership Chair:

Susan Shearin

Outreach Chair:

Kathi Browne

All Lions are
Membership gatherers

Newsletter Publisher:
Ron Hultgren

Lions Clubs International Mission Statement

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

**** WEB SITE -- MaryvilleLions.org ****

This web site contains ALL of the detailed schedule data and more for the Maryville Lions Club. Please use this source for information concerning all the activities of the Club.

**** MEETING SCHEDULE ****

March 16, 2016 – Evening Meeting – Ryan’s Family Steak House – Holly Hatcher of Maryville Police Department to speak.

April 5, 2016 – Noon business meeting – Shannondale Community Center – Ron Hultgren to provide dessert and drinks.

April 19, 2016 - Evening Meeting – Pearson Hall at Maryville College **NOTE THIS CHANGE**

SPECIAL NOTE: Our noon meetings are at the Shannondale Community Center which is handicapped accessible. It is located at 1507 New Providence Road in the Shannondale of Maryville Community just off Montvale Road. It is a “bring your own sandwich” meal with drinks and desserts provided by Lions starting at 11:30 am – Reese does his best to end by 1:00 pm

Evening Meeting starts at 6 PM – Ryan’s Steak House – Hunter’s Crossing (**BUT NOT APRIL 19**)-- Gather earlier for a meal and conversation.

MEETING MINUTES
Ryan's Family Steak House
February 16, 2016

Lions President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm with 7 Maryville Lions, two visiting Lions, and 4 guests present. Lions J. V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Reese Wills provided the prayer and Susan Shearin led the Lions toast.

Reese noted that Lions Sylvester Bowers is home recovering from his hospital stay and Fred Becker is suffering through a cold. We hope for their quick return.

After a series of Engineer jokes, Reese had filled the passed hat and Kathi Browne reported that the MaryvilleLions.org web site has recorded over 600 "hits" and that the Pay Pal buttons are operational. The Pay Pal system has been integrated with our bank account Secretary Ron Hultgren provided her with a copy of an IRS statement needed by the Pay Pal system to be certified. She is now preparing for a FACEBOOK campaign aimed at acquiring volunteers for our service functions. Hopefully this would lead to the acquisition of additional members.

Secretary Ron Hultgren has received the Peace Poster packet from LCIF and it consists of a few pages of material that could easily be copied if additional packets are needed. Lion Reese Willis has the packet and will determine if copies are needed.

Susan Shearin then introduced Angie Tillson of the Blount Memorial Hospital and Wellness Center who was prepared to talk about Type 2 diabetes and weight loss but concentrated on weight loss as this was a topic most favored by the attendees. For additional information Lions are encouraged to read the February 2, 2016 issue of TIME magazine which Time labels as their longevity issue. Angie's presentations primary thrust was to (1) eat more fruit, vegetables and whole grains. (2) eat a nourishing breakfast, (3) use water to replace normal high calorie beverages, (4) get some exercise each day – 30 minutes would be adequate, and (5) use a mindful approach to eating your meals.

Visiting Lion Paulette Bailey provided a brief summary of the coming Lions convention in Oak Ridge on February 19-20. The most extraordinary part of the convention will obviously be her election as District Governor and Chuck's designation as a HOG (husband of governor).

As we adjourned, Susan Shearin raised an important and commonly held issue: The Ryan's food is less than full value and we need to find an alternative for our evening meal/meeting.

MEETING MINUTES
SHANNONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
March 1, 2016

Lions President Reese Wills opened the meeting at noon with 9 Maryville Lions and 1 Lion and 1 canine guest in attendance. Lions Ron Hultgren led the Pledge of Allegiance on this Election Day, Susan Shearin led the Lions toast and Reese provided the invocation. The attendees noted with great gratification the "over-the-top" food provided by Janet Hiers and the extra goodie that Kathi Browne brought. We welcomed Lion Sylvester Bowers back and hope for his good continued health. Reese displayed a "U-tube" short video of the February 19-20 Lions convention in Oak Ridge created by Kathi Browne. We had 4 members and 5 guests attend various elements of the Convention.

Treasurer Bobbie King said the Benevolent Account balance is \$5225.97 and the Administrative Account balance is \$1815.28 with 8 pairs of glasses, 6 eye examinations and 8 payments for postage for mailing the glasses supplied. It should be remembered that no glasses or examinations were provided during December and January.

Secretary Ron Hultgren moved that the Club endorse the return of all officers from the current 2015-2016 year for the 2016-2017. This was unanimously passed and Ron will notify LCIF of this decision. Ron also asked if the Club would like him to contact the group organizing the Tour de Blount bicycling event on May 16 to man a refueling station for the bike riders. The Club agreed that this is a good outreach effort and will provide about 5 members for this Saturday morning event.

Kathi Browne noted that the eye testing is proceeding in the preschools of the county. Our camera has been repaired and we are also using a camera provided by the District. With 2 camera operators (Kathi and her son Noah primarily) and 2 "form managers" we were able to test 92 children in 1-1/2 hours. The next event for which a volunteer was needed and provided is March 30. The District has received a grant which purchased about 10 new "sure-sight" cameras. The Maryville Lions as a consequence of doing so many eye tests, feel we deserve one of these units to use.

Reese proposed that the White Cane collection be scheduled for September 16-17 at the Maryville Wal Mart and for September 23-24 at the Alcoa Wal Mart. Janet Hiers will contact the Maryville store and Reese will contact the Alcoa store to gain permission. Club members agreed that these dates and locations are appropriate and that last year's success will be tough to top but with Missy Lynch and companion leading the way, we will meet the challenge.

The picnic is scheduled for June 21 and will replace the meeting normally held at Ryan's. It will be a 5 pm gathering with the meal at 6 pm. More details to come.

Reese passed a listing of the membership challenge groups and asked that we prepare a list of prospective members for our next meeting. There was some comment about significant fines for not having a list (Hint - Hint). We need to add at least 2 new members to meet the pledge we made to the District Governor during his visit. Reese also noted that we need to be as welcoming as possible for those people who come to our meetings.

Kathi Browne has made a number of outreach efforts:

- (1) A Facebook membership advertisement has been posted aimed at stay-at-home moms with 15 "hits" but no followup.
- (2) A Club brochure has been prepared and comments were solicited for improvements
- (3) Maryville High School has been contacted and a junior level student has volunteered to help. Kathi will serve as liaison to this student for the Club. She would likely provide initial help in preparing blog input for the Club web site.
- (4) Maryville College has been contacted to provide an intern seeking service hours.

Kathi's last effort resulted in an extensive conversation concerning the organization of a Campus Lions Club. A young Lion from East Tennessee State University has organized 2 clubs of students and will provide help to us in this outreach. Reese Wills noted that Highland Presbyterian Church has student church members who might be mobilized to help this effort. As a warning it was noted that the local Kiwanis Club tried this last year with terrible results. Maryville College contacts noted that students must be interested in the effort and must carry the organizing event within the college rather than the "somewhat seniors" of the Maryville Lions. Club

members heartily endorsed the efforts of Reese, Chuck Bailey and Kathi Browne to move this forward with the understanding that this is a long range effort.

With our high quality Internet site in operation, the Club will enter the Lions contest for outstanding web site noted on page 49 of the last Lions Magazine. Check out MARYVILLELIONS.ORG

The Club provided copies of the Lions Poster/essay contest entry material to Missy Lynch for her son, Jessie, who was honored at the Lions convention for his winning entry. Additional copies are available from Reese for others to interest their youth church groups or other entrants for this contest.

Reese noted that Missy Lynch will be featured at a Public Reception of Watercolor Artists on Friday evening (March 4 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm) at the Emporium Center – 100 South Gay Street in Knoxville. The invitation notes that there will be complementary hors d'oeuvres and a jazz jam session starting at 7:00 pm.

Reese also noted that the April evening meeting will be held at the Maryville College – food from their serving area and the meeting in an adjacent room. Relief from Ryan's!

With the completion of the meeting at 1:10, Kathi Browne, Chuck Bailey and Ron Hultgren conquered the large TV screen in the Shannondale main room so that it will display whatever is on a connected computer with the sound coming from the ceiling speakers. This hints of highlights for meetings to come.