



# PURRS AND ROARS

**MAY  
2016**

## **Maryville Lions Club**

**Officers  
2015-2016**

President:

Reese Wills

1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 \*\*\*\*

**May 17, 2016 – 6 PM Evening Meeting – Ryan’s Family Steak House – Holly Hatcher of the Maryville Police Department to speak.**

**JUNE 7, 2016 – Noon Meeting at Shannondale Community Center. J. V. Britton will supply dessert and drinks.**

**June 21, 2016 Gather at 5:15 and eat at 6 PM – PICNIC – Tell Susan Shearin (380-0672) who is coming and what you will bring!! Lions provide meat and drinks.**

**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 -- Gather earlier for a meal and conversation.

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB**  
**PROFFITT DINING ROOM - MARYVILLE COLLEGE**  
**April 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Lions President Reese Wills at 6 PM with 11 Lions, 2 guest Lions and 4 guests present at the Proffitt Dining Room of the Maryville College. Lions J. V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Reese Wills provided the invocation and Tom Miller led the Lions toast. The attendees introduced themselves and Reese provided humor while Lion Tamer Fred Becker collected the fines.

Lion Kathi Browne provided a program discussing the dark side of the Internet. She opened with anecdotes about hospitals who put all their patient data on the Internet only to find that hackers had penetrated these data bases and locked them out of the hands of the hospital. The data are literally held prisoner until the hospital pays a ransom to get their data back. Also since information can be added into the Internet so easily, we should be aware that the truth might often be missing in some of the data posted. She cited news stories in which the headlines are often contrary to the story content in the assumption that most people will only read those headlines and not bother with the total story. Kathi noted the fraud messages that can pop up on our computers - especially those that tell us our computer has been infected or is malfunctioning and we should call a provided number to get the "fix". These are blatantly frauds. Similarly e-mail messages that request funds or personal data updates allegedly from banks or credit agencies are totally fraudulent. The best response is to simply telephone the real bank or credit agency and determine if they really are requesting data. They don't via an e-mail. Her primary message concerned putting personal information on social media that can be compiled to our detriment. It should be remembered that information posted on the Internet has a long life allowing data gatherers to assemble a rather inclusive personal profile of individuals. Simple factual material such as telling people where we are at particular times can open your home to robbery as an illicit reader will know when you are going to be absent.

As an addendum, Kathi noted that the "apps" that are so readily available at little cost for your cell telephones can contain tracking means or other data feedback to the "app" provider which can be turned to profit and a loss of personal information for you. This was an eye-opening presentation for those of us who might be so naïve to believe our Internet use is a behavior free of attack. The ease of attack is getting so trivial that Kathi noted students simply do it to impress the colleges to which they are applying.

It was requested that a glasses collection box be put in the office of Dr. Vines in Maryville. Ron Hultgren will provide this.

The Maryville Lions will man a refreshment stop for the Tour de'Blount bicycling event on May 14. Five Lions will be needed. The refreshments must be picked up at the Heritage high school at 7:30 am and taken to the refreshment stop on Old Railroad Bed Road (address for your GPS is 7601 Old Railroad Bed Road) at the entrance to the Chilhowie Sportsman Club. This is about 9.5 miles south of the highway 129/highway 411 intersection on Highway 129. The Lions will maintain the supply of refreshments supplied by the Tour on the tables from about 8:30 am to about 11:00 am. There is no cleanup required. This will provide visibility for the club to the few hundred riders who participate in the Tour.

Susan Shearin said she would procure ham, eating utensils, etc. for the Club picnic scheduled for the second Tuesday in June. Attendees will provide a "pot luck" dish to supplement the ham. Susan will need to know the number of people attending and what they will be bringing.

Lions President Reese adjourned the meeting at 7:05 and it was a pleasure to be at the Maryville College for the evening.

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB**  
**SHANNONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**May 3, 2016**

Lions President Reese Wills called the meeting to order a 11:55 am with 9 Lions, 1 Lion guest, 1 guest and 1 service dog guest present. Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation and Lion Fred Becker led the Lions toast. Reese told a few "minister" stories while Fred collected the contributions of appreciation. The first order of business was to thank Sylvester and Elaine Bowers for their bounteous desserts. We thought home made rum cake, ice cream and fresh strawberries, and home made cookies was an over-the-top dessert offering. Anyone who missed the meeting, missed a terrific dessert. Thanks again Elaine and Sylvester!

We introduced ourselves to Jana Weaver, our guest, and hope that she found our Club a hospitable group.

Secretary Ron Hultgren provided the Treasurer's report in the absence of Bobbie King who is recovering from a fall and is at home. At the end of April, the Benevolent Account balance is \$4765.91, the Administrative Account balance is \$1840.48 with our Memorial Fund (thanks to Ralph Hall and Dan Simms) being \$2495.15. The expenditure of note (\$410) was for 13 pairs of glasses and 6 eye examinations that was charged to the Club in March and that covered 2 months of activity. In response to a question, the Memorial Fund is not designated for any special need. It will be allotted by a future action of the Club.

The effort to man a refreshment stop for the Tour de'Blount bicycling event on May 14 will be staffed by Tom and Charlotte Miller, Gwen Holt, Karen Fowler and Karen's daughter. Karen was our guest at the April 19 Lions meeting.

Kathi Browne reported that she has gained access to the Haven House children for eye screening. Tom Miller noted that the Lions have provided 6 or 7 pairs of glasses to women of Haven House.

Tom Miller reported that the Maryville Lions web site is working as he got a request for glasses from someone in Mobile Alabama. He referred them to a more local Club. Reese Wills will place an eye glass collection box at Asbury Place and will serve as the collector as his mother is living there. A box has been placed in the offices of Dr. Vines on Harper Avenue.

Chuck Bailey reported on the Lions State convention in Chattanooga. The important elements for Maryville Lions included:

1. The presentation of a certificate and a check to Jessie Lynch for his state wide winning peace poster. Chuck Bailey received these at the convention on our behalf and was suitably presented to Missy Lynch at today's meeting.
2. Kathi Browne was named as a board member for the Tennessee Lions Charities.
3. The Maryville Club will receive a new camera from the District for eye screening. This new camera is faster, easier to use and can be used to test the eyes of individuals up to 25 years of age. We received this camera as a result of testing so many children. It will be introduced to the membership at a future meeting. The Club secretary was directed to send a letter of appreciation to PDG Jim McFarland of the District who made this possible. The camera came to the District as part of a grant from LCIF. Our membership dues are thus recycled into the Club. If you look closely at the Lions magazine, this camera appears in an ad - it has a smiley face.

A discussion of the upcoming annual dues (\$70 for an individual and \$100 for a couple) centered around the possibility of reducing the dues for people who would like to be Lions but find the dues beyond their budget. The Club cannot issue a blanket ruling on dues but it can move to reduce or even eliminate the dues for individuals. Tom Miller suggested that some small group of Club officers (like the President and Secretary or Treasurer) be given the authority to make this reduction without informing the Club membership. This authorization will be discussed at a future meeting. The alternative of having some class of membership that would require lesser dues was not deemed possible due to a variety of considerations including LCIF insurance coverage and long standing LCIF membership categorization.

Reese Wills will meet with Ann McKee, the Maryville College chaplain, in July to discuss the formation of a Campus Lions Club. Chuck Bailey requested that he be made part of this meeting and Reese agreed. Kathi Browne said that she knows a recent Maryville College graduate who might wish to serve as an advisor to the Club, one of the requirements of Campus Club formation.

Reese got very favorable comments from Club members concerning the environment of our evening meeting at Maryville College with the exception that parking is difficult. This could be eased by meeting at a distant parking lot and car pooling to the Dining area. It was also suggested that the evening meetings at Ryan's during July and August should be canceled and when we resume the evening meetings in September, that they be held at the College. If something critical requires Club attention a special meeting can be called and the room at Shamondale could be made available.

Reese adjourned the very up beat meeting at 12:50 pm as he prepares to charge off to Paris (not Kentucky but France) for 2 weeks.

Submitted by:

Ron Hultgren, Secretary - Maryville Lions