



PURRS AND ROARS

**July
2016**

**Maryville Lions
Club**

**Officers
2016-2017**

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

**** 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 ****

NO EVENING MEETING JULY 19

August 2, 2016 Noon – Shannondale Community Center –
Bobbie King to supply dessert and drinks.

NO EVENING MEETING AUGUST 16

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

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.

LIONS DUES ARE DUE

SEND TO

RON HULTGREN
512 SHANNONDALE
MARYVILLE 37803

#70 INDIVIDUAL - #100 Couple
CHECKS: MARYVILLE LIONS

**MEETING MINUTES
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
SHANNONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
July 5, 2016**

Lions President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at noon with 8 Lions and 1 Lion guest present. Lions J. V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Reese Wills provided the prayer and Ron Hultgren led the Lions toast.

Ron Hultgren distributed the 2016-17 Lions Dues Invoices to the attendees. The Invoices for members not in attendance will be sent to their homes. Within a few days, a large burley man with a somewhat scared face wearing a dark blue serge double breasted suit and carrying a baseball bat and his friend, a shorter but stocky gentleman attired fully in black with a bulge in his left arm pit and right rear pocket will be making calls. They will make you an offer I hope you will not refuse concerning the payment of the dues. The yearly dues are \$100 for couples and \$70 for individual Lions.

Janet Hiers said that her coming year is overwhelmingly occupied and she will be unable to participate in Lions activities during the year. Secretary Ron Hultgren will evaluate the membership levels of Lions and move her to an inactive status with the hope that she will be able to participate to her satisfaction in 2017-18 and her full membership can be reactivated.

District Governor Paulette Bailey requested via e-mail the name of the Club "Vision Chairperson". Chuck Bailey clarified the definition of this title and the club secretary will respond to her request. Tom Miller is the person who handles the glasses program for the Club and thus is the "Vision Chairperson".

A request from the Karns Lions Club for a contribution to their All Inclusive Handicap Playground was received and the Club voted to provide \$100 from our Administrative account for this purpose. Reese Wills will provide the form which allows us to define how a brick will be inscribed for this Playground.

We received a Thank You from the Leader Dogs For the Blind for our contribution.

Reese reminded us that there will be no Lions evening meetings in July and August but we will resume on September 20 at the Maryville College dining facility. It was noted that the Ryan's Family Steak house where we had met has closed.

Chuck Bailey noted that the District has finished the 2015-16 year with a gain in membership.

Reese said that he is meeting with Maryville College people on July 28 concerning a Campus Club for the College. Chuck Bailey had met a Lion in Japan who has a daughter attending the College and we were directed to get her involved.

Reese Wills proposed that our glasses program be expanded beyond those people who are on the food stamps program. He noted that there are people who have incomes great than those required for the food stamp program but are still in great need. He proposed that these people be referred to the "Good Neighbors" organization who would certify to their need to our Vision Director. Action on this proposal will await Tom Miller's attendance at a meeting. Chuck Bailey noted that other Clubs have refined the glasses qualification terms and will provide these to our Club for consideration as a part of this proposal.

Reese reminded us of the eye screening schedule which is posted on our Internet site. Ron Hultgren said that 19 children were screened in 2 days at the Blount Memorial Library and these children were not a part of our pre-school screening. It also allowed the Library to advertise that they are providing an additional service beyond the normal "story time".

Reese reminded all Lions to think about their nut orders for the fall fund raiser. Charlotte Miller will likely place this order in September and we need to have the quantity in mind for the order.

A discussion of the White Cane solicitation came to the following results:

1. Chuck Bailey will provide Ron Hultgren with an up-to-date flyer form which will allow us to specialize the flyer title for our Club.
2. We will use the same signage as past years.
3. Ron Hultgren will order Lions decals to be put on our "buckets" for better identification.

4. All the arrangements are in order for us to solicit at the two Wal Marts on two successive weekends this fall. All we need are sufficient volunteers!

The Christmas Party will be held at the Shannondale Community Center on December 13. The Club expressed great satisfaction with the catering service we had last year and with the entertainment.

There was universal satisfaction with the June picnic site and activities especially being able to be indoors on a warm evening and not having to deal with a variety of outdoor distractions. Reese Wills noted that the losing membership contest teams were responsible for providing the meat for the evening and no member of those teams has stepped up to share the costs with him. *Reese is looking for a few good Lions who were on the losing membership teams to help him with the cost.*

Future evening programs will include our District Governor meeting with us on September 20 and Chuck Bailey will provide a Lions orientation on November 15. There was also a request for a member of the East Tennessee Eye Bank to talk with us about their programs.

Chuck and Paulette Bailey returned from the International Convention in Japan on June 30. He noted that he had taken 10 paper cranes with him and had given them to outgoing President Yamada, future President Corlew, 2 incoming district governors and an Australian District Governor. In return he had received pins from these people and Kathi Browne will be the recipient of these honors. The Maryville Club has international friends thanks to Kathi.

Reese adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

**MEETING MINUTES
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
PICNIC
June 21, 2016**

The annual Maryville Lions picnic was held at the Clubhouse of the subdivision where Kathi Browne lives. Each guest brought a dish to share and the losing membership teams provided the bar-b-que. Incidentally Reese Wills is looking for the rest of those losing teams to help him with the cost.

PDG Jim MacFarland conducted the initiation of officers and Lion Ron Hultgren led the induction of Charlotte Miller, Jana Weaver and Karen Fontaine as new Lions. The new Lions successfully passed the "Roar Test". These are Centennial Lions, joining in the 100th year of the Lions International.

It was a terrific evening in a great location and we are always pleased to see Lions that normally do not attend our meetings.

Submitted by Ron Hultgren, Secretary, Maryville Lions