



# PURRS AND ROARS

**August  
2016  
Maryville Lions  
Club  
Officers  
2016-2017**

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 \*\*\*\*

**THERE IS NO EVENING MEETING IN AUGUST**

**September 6, 2016 Noon – Shannondale Community Center – Kathi Browne to supply dessert and drinks.**

**September 20, 2016 6:00 pm – Maryville College Dining Room – arrive earlier for a meal there.**

**October 4, 2016 – Noon – Shannondale Community Center – Susan Shearin to provide dessert 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

\*\*\*\*\*NO EVENING MEETING AUGUST 16\*\*\*\*\*



**MEETING MINUTES  
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB  
SHANNONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER  
August 2, 2016**

President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 11:55 am with 1 guest, 1 Lions guest, and 11 Lions present. Lions Susan Shearin led the Pledge of Allegiance, Ron Hultgren led the Lions toast and Reese Wills provided the prayer. We hope for Bobbie King's swift recovery, Wanda Britton's successful surgery and for Fred Becker's recovery.

Susan Shearin went over the top with the dessert today: ice cream, bananas, chocolate sauce and cherries plus cookies.

Kathi Browne showed us the new eye screening camera – you can see its smiling face in advertisements in the Lions magazine – which is smaller, easier to use and swifter than our old camera. Kathi will be giving lessons in its use – look for her e-mail of invitation. The camera was provided by the District at no cost to the Maryville Lions – this is about a \$4500 instrument.

Kathi received a verbal request from Francine Eppley who seeks the use of our OLD photo camera eye screening system. She apparently is wedded to this camera type and has not progressed into the electronic age. The Maryville Lions has a camera of this type and the Club voted to lend this camera to Ms. Eppley for her use.

Kathi also passed a volunteer request form for the Maryville School System eye testing program. Please call Kathi or register to volunteer on the Maryville Lions Internet site for the following testing events:

Tuesday August 23 at Foothills Elementary: 7:30 to Noon  
Thursday August 25 at Sam Houston Elementary: 7:30 to Noon  
Wednesday August 31 at John Sevier Elementary: 7:30 to Noon  
Thursday September 8 at Montgomery Ridge Intermediate: 7:30 to 3 pm  
Thursday September 15 at Coulter Grove Intermediate: 7:30 to 3 pm

For the first 3 dates, even if you can only staple a small form to a large piece of paper, your skills will be happily accepted. Kathi noted that we have 2 student volunteers – 1 of which will be able to help and on August 30, she will talk to the Bonner Scholarship students at Maryville College to recruit additional help. It is obviously hoped that these students will form the nucleus of a campus club at the College.

Kathi also sought 2 volunteers to provide information about Lions at the Blount County Parents Fair on October 20 from 10 am to 1 pm.

She noted that we have received a lot of material through social media and she is trying to recruit students/members who will be able to add material to the Maryville Lions blog. She has received a number of pins from the SMILE group which is now being assimilated into the Lions International and she will give these pins to people who help her with the electronic side of the Maryville Lions.

Three Maryville Lions have received pins from LCIF for their longevity as Lions: Gwen Holt, Frank Jhala, and Ben Sugg Jr. have all been Lions for 15 years.

Secretary Ron Hultgren provided the Treasurer's report in the absence of Bobbie King: At the end of July, the Benevolent Account balance was \$4422.91 and the Administrative Account balance is \$2093.16. The Memorial Fund is \$2495.15. Four Club members and 1 couple have not yet paid their dues for 2016-17. He also handed out the spread sheets of receipts and expenditures for the last Lions fiscal year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016). Basically we have gained about \$100 in our administrative account through the year and have decreased the Benevolent Account by about \$270. We have provided 46 pairs of glasses and 29 eye examinations for those who could not otherwise afford them. This was made possible by the District eye glass facility which provides glasses for \$20 and eye examinations for \$10. If we had to pay the nominal \$70 for a pair of glasses, we would not have been able to have this program. The spread sheet data has



been provided to Jon Joel who will help us by completing the Federal Tax form for the Club. Jon's help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Ron noted that the Club had voted at the last meeting to provide \$100 to the Karns Lions who are building a playground for less able children. For this contribution we can inscribe a brick for the walkway. By a vote, the Club agreed to have the brick labeled: "Maryville Lions Club – Est. March 21, 1938 -- We Serve". The contribution will be sent in August.

Ron will be traveling from August 25 to about September 26 and again for the entire months of December 2016 and January 2017. Karen Fontaine has agreed to do the newsletter and take the "Minutes" during his absence and Tom Miller will collect the glasses at Ron's collecting points.

Reese Wills suggested investigating alternate financial qualification criteria for the Club providing glasses. There was a discussion concerning the possible impact on our budget and the method by which we can be assured of the applicant's status. Reese will gather more data for consideration.

Missy Lynch noted the need for "original" forms to enter the Lions essay contest and was quickly given some from the Lions magazine.

Charlotte Miller said that she needs to know how many nuts members expect to sell this fall by the October noon meeting. She has checked a variety of sources and the variation in price is so small that it is not worth our while to change suppliers. Again the Club intends to order only those nuts that members expect to sell. Under this philosophy, we sold out by Christmas last year at full price and earned far more money than past years. This fund raiser provides the glasses program for us and its success is crucial.

Reese Wills noted that the White Cane collections will be September 16-17 at the Maryville Wal Mart and September 23-24 at the Alcoa Wal Mart. Please sign up for this event – either by calling Reese or via the Lions Internet site.

We have set a goal of attracting 4 new members in the 2016-2017 year and a special orientation presentation will be made by Chuck Bailey at our November evening meeting to help that process. Fred Becker has located the orientation material that he received from J. V. Britton when he entered the Lions and noted how beneficial that was.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO AUGUST 16 MEETING AND THAT THE SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING IS AT MARYVILLE COLLEGE**

Reese adjourned the meeting at 1:10.