



# PURRS AND ROARS

**October  
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 \*\*\*\*

**October 18, 2016** – Maryville College Dining Room – 6 pm  
Gather at 5:15 for a meal using the College cafeteria.

**October 20, 2016** – Parents Day – 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church – 202  
Lamar Alexander – 10 am to 1 pm.

**November 1, 2016** – Shannondale Community Center –  
noon – arrive early for conversation – Fred Becker to  
supply dessert and drinks.

**November 15, 2016** – Maryville College Dining Room – 6  
pm. Gather at 5:15 for a meal using the College cafeteria.

**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

**MEETING MINUTES  
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB  
SHANNONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER  
October 4, 2016**

Lions President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 11:55 with 11 Lions and 1 Lion guest present. Lions J. V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Reese Wills provided the prayer and Tom Miller led the Lions toast.

With Susan Shearin providing the cake and ice cream for our dessert, we all sang "Happy Birthday" to Susan to celebrate her birthday. Bob Carroll provided the answer to President Reese's quote contest this month. Lions President Reese Wills noted the kindnesses provided by various people during the White Cane solicitation and reported that about \$1805 (the checks were arriving as he spoke) was collected which exceeds last year's collection. The help provided by Gracie and Karen Fontaine's dog was enviously noted by the members. We gave a good round of self congratulation for this accomplishment.

Susan Shearin was presented with a centennial pin from LCIF recognizing her successful membership chairmanship role.

President Reese also noted the recognition that we are receiving via our Internet page. A club in Maryland wanted to learn how we provide glasses for \$20 and examinations for \$10 when they have to pay in excess of \$120. A quick recounting noted that the RV in which the glasses are made for us in Fountain City was given to the District Lions by Remote Area Medical and the District received a \$30,000 grant to refurbish it. In addition about 6 people work in the van and at least 4 others manage the administrative work for applicants doing the distribution. In summary there is a lot of work behind the reduced price. Another notice was received from a club in Nepal (India) who wanted to partner with us for social concerns.

In Kathi Browne's absence, Reese noted that 7 sites remain for the eye screening program. The schedule and sign-up opportunities are posted on the Club Internet site.

Tom Miller said that he has 3 boxes of glasses ready to go to Roanoke but the death of a Lion broke the communication chain and we were unable to get our glasses on the vehicles that ultimately did make the trip.

Charlotte Miller said the nut order will go out next week and members should get the quantity of nuts they need to her before then. The object of the sale is to have them all sold by December 15 with no discounts or give-aways. Delivery of the nuts will be late in October or early November to the Red Cross Center. Our order will be very similar to the one we made last year.

Reese has collected the talent sheets and is looking for more members to complete theirs. He also provided a long list of potential centennial projects that the Club could do and asked Jana Weaver and Elaine Bowers to lead the discussion at the next meeting concerning which one(s) we might do either as a Club or partnering with someone else in the community. Reese noted that Kathi Browne had ideas for our potential college age partners to help the Haven House.

Reese had attended a recent seminar on public relations efforts led by Dr. Johnson of the University of Tennessee. He and she have had further communications and John Lacey, her assistant, would be willing to offer help to the Club to reach out to potential new members. Susan Shearin noted that the January evening meeting is an open date for speakers and Reese was requested to arrange for Mr. Lacey to talk with the Club and offer any ideas he might have to help our efforts.

Jana Weaver showed us sewn Lions logos that she has programmed on a sewing machine. She can put these on a Tee-shirt of choice (you bring the shirt and she does the logo). She also had a smaller Lions logo that she could put on a billed cap and the designation "Maryville Lions Club" that she could put on the back of a baseball style hat. The hat decorations, however, would require a \$150 purchase of a special fixture for her machine to complete.

Chuck Bailey announced that the Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown was producing vests for Lions. These would cost \$25 each with an order of 12 and would come complete with Lions logo on the front and for one charge of \$10 for a silk screening pattern, they would include the Lions logo and "Maryville Lions Club" on the back. The Club voted to purchase 3 small, 3 medium, 5 large and 1 extra large of these vests and to pay the \$10 silk screening charge for all 12 (a \$310 expenditure). The vests would be given to new members and would be sold to any member (\$26). It should be noted that the price of these vests is considerably less than that offered by LCIF in their catalog and provides work for people in this plant.

The Maryville Lions have accepted the project of preparing cards to the military in the Middle East. The message should be a simple one of encouragement and appreciation for the service these people are providing. Completed cards should be given in unsealed envelopes to Charlotte Miller who will send them on to her daughter for distribution. Tom and Charlotte's daughter is serving in Kuwait at a base with about 5000 other military.

Secretary Ron Hultgren announced that the Club federal and state income tax forms are complete and with Reese and Treasurer Bobbie's signatures, they will be sent out. He also read a note from Lori Huffaker that accompanied the Huffaker's dues payment and noted the especial affection for J. V. Britton. Hmm! Ron also noted a recent National Geographic magazine article in which the eradication of blindness was the prime topic. The recent technology advances are impressive.

A sheet requesting volunteers for "Drinks and Dessert" for 2017 was passed and all slots were taken. It was noted that the first Tuesday of July 2017 was on the July 4 Holiday. The Club voted to move our July meeting to July 11, 2017 and have only one meeting during that month. The volunteers are as follows: January 3: Karen Fontaine – February 7: Tom Miller – March 7: Ron Hultgren – April 4: Elaine Bowers – May 2: J. V. Britton – June has no need as we will have our picnic – July 11: Missy Lynch – August 1: Chuck Bailey – September 5: Susan Shearin – October 3: Charlotte Miller – November 7: Fred Becker. And there is no meeting in December.

Reese got a motion to adjourn and the meeting ended at 12:55.

As the usual publisher of this Newsletter, I note the great help that Karen Fontaine provided in doing the Newsletters during my extended trip to the West. I believe it is important that all Maryville Lions know what is happening in THEIR club and Karen obviously shares that concept. MY Thanks to her

Ron Hultgren