



PURRS AND ROARS

**APRIL
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 ****

April 19, 2016 – 6 PM Evening Meeting – Pearson Hall at Maryville College **NOTE THIS CHANGE** Kathi Browne will talk about COMPUTER SCAMS – WE ALL NEED THIS!!!!

May 3, 2016 – Noon meeting at Shannondale Community Center. Elaine and Sylvester Bowers to provide drinks and dessert.

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

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
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
RYAN'S FAMILY STEAK HOUSE
March 15, 2016

Lions President Reese Wills opened the meeting at 6 pm with 8 Lions and 1 guest present besides our two speakers. Lions J. V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Susan Shearin led the Lions toast and Reese provided the prayer. Lion Tamer Fred Becker collected the contributions as Reese wowed us with a collection of punny questions. Missy Lynch successfully answered Reese's challenge question and will be sporting a few more pins on her jacket at the next meeting.

Lion Susan Shearin introduced the Beltone Professionals who provided a brief discussion of hearing problems and the solutions offered by Beltone. About 1 in 3 people beyond age 65 are afflicted with some form of hearing loss which in many cases is genetically passed. The early form of loss is in localized frequencies with which modern aids deal quite effectively. The frequency span of hearing is divided into 48 bands, each of which can be amplified to meet the needs of the individual. The price of most hearing aids is between \$4,000 and \$5,000 per pair with very exotic models going as high as \$12,000 and least cost models are about \$2,000. It was noted that the very expensive models have a GPS which tunes the aids according to their location i.e. you enter the Ryan's restaurant and the aid amplifies according to the sound environment there. Other models have a loss prevention feature in that a cell phone can locate a lost aid to within about 6 ft. of its location.

Hearing aids have an average life of about 7 to 9 years with proper maintenance but are usually replaced every 5 to 6 years as the advancing technology attracts upgrades. Batteries are a limiting factor as they last about 5 to 7 days. Rechargeable batteries are available with a life of about 18 hours before they must be recharged. Nataly Cao is in charge of the Maryville store which is located at 508 West Broadway.

The Maryville Lions collects used hearing aids as a part of its glasses collection effort. Beltone will recycle these aids if they are the "behind the ear" models. They do not recycle the individually fit aids. Susan presented the Beltone people with a certificate of appreciation for their program presentation.

The business portion of the meeting opened with a notice that the evening April meeting will be held at the Maryville College dining room and a map showing the location of the dining room and the nearby parking places is on our web site. You must use the password "Shannondale" to access the "Members Only" data where the map is located.

Lions Reese and Janet Hiers have successfully lined up the two Wal Marts for our White Cane collection efforts in September.

Secretary Ron Hultgren said that our 2016-17 officer roll has been registered with LCIF. We have also entered our web site in the Lions contest for club web sites. The contest has a final entry by May 1 so we probably will learn the results in June. The Maryville Lions will work one of the refreshment stops for the Tour de' Blount bicycling event on May 14. About 5 people will be needed from about 8 am to about 10:30 am on that Saturday morning. The site of our stop has not yet been determined by the ride organizers. An eye glass collection box has been placed in the lobby of the First United Methodist Church located on Montvale Station Road. This box will also get glasses from the McCammon-Ammons-Click funeral home.

Reese announced that the Regional Lions Convention will be held April 22-24 and Kathi Browne will attend. He also noted that our membership drive efforts must continue and the winning team receives a free meal in July.

Reese stated that 2 Maryville College students have expressed an initial interest in establishing a Campus Club at the College. A meeting with them is being arranged. Next academic year Maryville College will require all students to serve an internship. Kathi Browne is working with the College to learn if the Maryville Lions can sponsor a student to market the Club in the region.

There is an International Lions effort to prepare origami birds for posting on the doors of people to lift their spirits. The Club endorsed our participation. A more complete description of the program is in the last Lions magazine.

Missy Lynch said that her watercolors will be on display at 100 South Gay Street in Knoxville until the end of the month and all are invited to see her work.

Reese adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm probably because he did not eat before the meeting and we all hung around and talked about the efforts to expand the reach of the Club in Blount County.

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

Vice President Tom Miller called the meeting to order at noon with 9 Lions and 1 Lion guest present. Lions J. V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Ron Hultgren led the Lions toast and Tom Miller provided the prayer. Lion Tamer Fred Becker made his round. Our treasurer, Bobbie King, has fallen at home and is now in room 202 of Morningside until she recovers sufficiently to return home.

We had no treasurer's report due to Bobbie's absence.

Ron Hultgren has not heard from the Tour de'Blount organization concerning our efforts with the refreshment stop for the May 14 event.

Tom Miller reported that he has turned in 5 boxes of glasses which were carried to the Roanoke recycling center on April 2. This equates to roughly 1250 pairs of glasses collected in the last 6 months.

Kathi Browne reported that about 450 children have been screened during 2016. She is working with the Blount County Library so that we can screen children who attend their story/library sessions and who might not be in preschool programs. This would probably occur on a Tuesday in May. The outreach to children not in preschool programs is difficult and suggestions to do this involved considerable discussion. A discussion concerning participation in the ALCOA school system indicated that there will be no change in the methodology used by that system to do the vision testing.

The President of Lions International has suggested creating origami cranes as a Lions outreach program. The cranes would bear the Lions name and a hashtag. They would be placed at the homes of organizations assisting people or with people who have particular problems as a small boost to their efforts.

The next Lions meeting will be at Maryville College on April 19 with Kathi Browne giving a presentation on computer scams. This is a topic of general interest to all. The location of the meeting is in the Proffitt Dining Room and a map to the facility is on our web site: MARYVILLELIONS.ORG. The facility has a ramped entrance on the north side of the building and parking is available to the east of the facility. The east and west entrances have steps to reach the eating area.

Lion Chuck Bailey announced that the winner of the Peace Poster contest was a young Chinese girl and the runners-up have not yet been announced so Jessie Lynch is still in the running for one of those positions.

We had a considerable discussion concerning the Campus Lions Club at Maryville College. It will be crucial to gain a faculty/alumni sponsor and a few sponsoring students so that a general recruitment could take place during the freshman orientation period late in the summer.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 1:05 with wishes for Bobbie's quick recovery.