



PURRS AND ROARS

**May
2017 A
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:

Karen Fontaine/Jana
Weaver

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 ****

**May 20, 2017 – 9:30 to Noon – Run Tour de'Blount
refueling station**

PAY ATTENTION

***** THERE WILL BE NO MEETING JUNE 6 *****

****** JULY 4 or early AUGUST ******

**June 20, 2017 – 5:30 pm – Officer Installation – Picnic
Supper – Club provides Bar-B-Que – Pot luck support foods**

**July 11, 2017 – Noon – Shannondale Community Center –
Missy Lynch to provide dessert and drinks**

**August 22, 2017 – Noon – Shannondale Community Center
– Chuck Bailey 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

MEETING MINUTES
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
PROFFITT DINING ROOM – Maryville College
May 16, 2017

Lions President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with 8 Lions and 3 guests present. Lions J. V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Tom Miller led the Lions toast and Reese Wills provided the prayer. Reese provided two 4-Star jokes as Karen Fontaine collected the Lion Tamer contributions. Karen also won the pin from a new supply that Reese gathered at the State Convention.

Tom and Charlotte Miller and Reese recounted the activities of the State Convention. Reese won an award for his innovation of offering a pin to any member who found the quote of the month in the Lion Magazine.

Lion Susan Shearin introduced our speaker of the evening, Valerie Stewart, the director of the East Tennessee Eye Bank. In her 19 years with the Eye Bank, Valerie has significantly improved its operations and has gathered a fund of nearly \$4,000,000 to cover the contingency of potentially having to get new quarters if the University Of Tennessee Medical Center evicts the Eye Bank. On a personal note, Valerie was the individual who finally persuaded my wife to have a corneal transplant and for that we owe her much gratitude.

Five Lions will participate in the refueling station for the Tour de'Blount on May 20. Jana Weaver, Kathi Browne, Charlotte and Tom Miller and Ron Hultgren will serve at the Chilhowie Sportsman Club refueling stop. The location is 7601 Old Railroad Bed Road which is about 9.5 miles south on Highway 129 from the 129/411 intersection. Tom and Charlotte will pick up the supplies at the Visitor's Center in Townsend in time to start setup at 9:30 am. The riders should arrive between 10:30 am and noon. Any Lions who wish to join us are certainly welcome.

Reese Wills, Elaine Bowers and Karen Fontaine attended the Lions officers training event in Powell. From this training, Karen offered the following thoughts on our Club's money management:

1. It was advised that the Club have a bond on all members authorized to sign checks on the Club's accounts. **Action:** The bond would cost about \$100 and it is felt that with our accounts totaling about \$7000, the Club voted to forgo this protection. In addition the legal cost of exercising the bond conditions would likely exceed the money involved.
2. The Club should have a budget set at the start of the year. **ACTION:** The Club unanimously concluded that the budget should be created from consideration of the expenditures of the two previous years with the inclusion of a small "OTHER" category to cover unexpected larger expenditures.
3. The Club must submit a simple postcard report to the State by the 15th of the 5th month after the end of our fiscal year (June 30) to notify the State of our intent to file as a Charitable Organization. **ACTION:** This has not been necessary in the past and we expect this condition to continue as we have routinely filed our Federal tax forms and the complete application to the state before November 15.
4. The Club should have a recorded vote on every expenditure. **ACTION:** Tom Miller moved and Kathi Browne seconded a motion that received unanimous approval that all expenditures less than \$500 will be made by the Treasurer without formal Club approval. This allows bills to be paid promptly, bestows the necessary trust we have on our treasurer and allows our meetings to concentrate on more meaningful activities.

Jeffrey Aldridge suggested that the Club get involved with the large Scottish Day festival at Maryville College. This year the Festival will be held May 20 giving us little time to prepare. This topic will be brought up at a later meeting for NEXT YEAR's festival to consider how we might promote Lions at this event.

President Reese Wills suggested that since Maryville College will not operate its dining facilities during the summer, we should only meet July 11 and August 22 at noon at the Shannondale Community Center in the 2 months after the picnic. There was general agreement on this schedule. **Please note PAGE 1 of the Newsletter for our meeting schedule.**

Lion Susan Shearin noted that most all of the Club supplies for the June 20 picnic are arranged and that anyone attending should have contacted her or Jana Weaver with their selection of what they will bring as a side dish. If you wish to attend and have not yet made arrangements, please call Jana (850-4359) or Susan (380-0672). The picnic starts at 5:30 with the BBQ meal being served at 6 pm. The picnic will be held at the Community Center of the Reserve at Ross Springs community. This is the same location as last year.

DIRECTIONS: From Lamar Alexander, drive south on Court Street about a mile to the Y intersection with Wilkenson Road, bear left onto Wilkenson at the Y intersection and proceed past the entrance to the Ruby Tuesday Lodge to the next road on the left - about .5 miles south of the Y - to the Reserve at Ross Springs where you will turn left and the community center is the first structure on the left side of the road.

Lion Kathi Browne presented a list of eye screening opportunities through early November. Please check the MARYVILLELIONS.ORG Internet site and VOLUNTEER TO HELP this major outreach program of the Club. Just e-mail Kathi (kathibrowne@gmail.com) with the dates that you will be able to help. Besides testing the children in the Maryville School system we are trying to reach home schooled children and the private nursery schools in the county. The major innovation this year is that we will be able to use our new swift testing instrument for children all the way through 6th grade meaning that we don't need 4 Lions per testing opportunity who have to stand much of the day using the wall charts.

Reese adjourned the meeting with J. V. Britton's second of the motion at 7:10 pm.