



PURRS AND ROARS

**FEBRUARY
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

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 ******

**February 15, 2016 – Evening Meeting – Ryan’s Family
Steak House**

**March 1, 2016 – Noon Meeting – Shannondale Community
Center – Janet Hiers to provide dessert and drinks**

**March 16, 2016 – Evening Meeting – Ryan’s Family Steak
House.**

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 -- Gather earlier for a meal and conversation.

**MEETING MINUTES
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
RYAN'S FAMILY STEAK HOUSE
January 15, 2016**

Lions President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Lion Susan Shearin introduced the speaker, Rebecca Wilson who discussed dementia and the care of those individuals affected by this condition.

Kathi Browne made a presentation concerning the use of PAYPAL regarding donations to the Club via the Internet. J. V. Britton moved that this system be pursued with a second by Tom Miller. The Club approved this effort and Kathi will work with Bobbie King to get the system in place with Regions Bank with which the Club has its accounts. Kathi also reported that the Maryville Lions web site has recorded 28 "hits" during it first period of operation.

The movement of the Club to Internet communication is proceeding quickly and all members are encouraged to use "MaryvilleLions.org" to track Club activities.

The meeting was adjourned promptly at 7 pm.

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

The gathering began with all indulging in a Buddy's Barbeque lunch furnished by the group which failed to get a new member for the Club. President Reese Wills procured the food and for those who were on the teams that did get a new member, the lunch tasted especially good.

Reese suggested that the membership gathering contest be renewed (a team gets 1 point for getting a visitor to a meeting, 2 points for reactivating a member and 3 points for getting a new member). Again a meal at the July noon meeting will be provided by the team with the fewest points.

Lions President Wills opened the meeting at 11:55 am with 12 Lions and one guest present. Lions J. V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Ron Hultgren led the Lions toast and Reese Wills provided the invocation. In the prayer, Reese noted the absence of Sylvester Bowers who is in the Blount Memorial Hospital. Reese provided a series of Lion questions while Fred Becker collected the money from all who failed to answer them. Lion Fred also provided the answer to the words that back the acronym "LEO". This is the notation for young Lions (up to age 18) and the letters represent Leadership, Equality and Opportunity.

The District convention will be held in Oak Ridge on February 19-20 and members were encouraged to attend. Kathi Brown will attend the entire convention and will hold a Club vote on convention business. Reese Wills and Ron Hultgren (with spouses) will attend the opening banquet on Friday evening and any other members desiring to go should contact either Ron (983-7023) or Reese (681-6542) for transportation sharing.

Treasurer Bobbie King reported the Benevolent Account balance is \$5,818.60, the Administrative Account balance is \$2057.88 and the Memorial Fund has \$2495.15. To great acclaim, Bobbie announced that the nut sale generated \$2418.18 for the Club. We sold out and we did not need to reduce our prices or pay for expensive sales space in

the Foothills Mall. Special recognition was given Susan Shearin for doing her usual magnificent sales job. **Tom Miller requested that all members note the likely sales for next year - especially those who had requests for nuts beyond those that we had ordered. The basic philosophy of our effort is to order only those nuts that members feel they can sell and no more.**

Secretary Ron Hultgren noted the requirement to get a slate of officers for the 2016-17 Lions year. Reese asked Ron and Susan Shearin to recruit this slate. Ron also noted that Shannondale allows service animals into the Community Center. Other pets are restricted from entry.

Kathi Browne reported that the web site has received over 200 "hits" in the last 2 weeks. She is getting the PAYPAL portion of the site in place with two opportunities for people to contribute: "General" and "In Memory OF". She also noted that Tom Miller has agreed to serve as the site moderator which is basically a police function of the added "Blog" material. The membership list is also available on the site under a protected password. Access to the membership list can only be made by using the password, "*Shannondale*", with a capital "S" required. This will allow Maryville Lions to access the list and protect it from exposure to others who might use it for less than honorable purposes.

Kathi said that PDG Jim McFarland has agreed to provide a sure sight camera until we receive ours back from the repair agency. She has a listing of pre schools that will be visited on the web site and volunteers are encouraged to help. One volunteer is needed for each pre school to assist the camera operator. We still seek a meeting with the Alcoa City School system eye testing coordinator, Kelli Gallimore, to try to rationalize their process and schedule so we can cover this effort.

The web site is also gathering a listing of the sites of our glasses collection boxes and the frequency with which they must be emptied. There is no longer a requirement to separate the glass cases from the glasses and we are seeking to sell the useable cases for a nominal price - again through our web site. If any Lion knows of likely buyers, please provide the information to Tom Miller, Kathi or Reese.

Tom Miller reported that people are using the District glasses facility which provides glasses for \$20 a pair. The individual goes to the facility, gets an eye examination and selects the frame. The glasses are then made and the individual must return to get them. Tom has initiated a process by which the glasses are sent to the person rather than requiring them to make the second trip to the facility. This mailing will cost \$3.00 which the Club will cover.

Missy Lynch requested that the Club procure a Peace Poster contest kit for the coming season as her son, Jessie, wants to give it another try. Ron Hultgren will do this. A second young person also wishes to enter a poster and we expect the single kit to be able to treat both young people. Reese encouraged Missy to interest school art teachers to have their students submit entries

As the meeting was ending, Chuck Bailey suggested that we hold the meeting in the "front half" of the Community Center and that we use the smart TV screen there as a projection of our web site as an integral part of the meeting. We have learned the password into the WIFI network in the Community Center making this possible.

Reese adjourned this very progressive meeting about 1:15 with all attendees having had a satisfying lunch and dessert and rather proud of the progress we are seeing and of our achievement in the successful nut sales event.

Submitted by Ron Hultgren who very much enjoyed a month and a half on the Gulf coast and missing the January snow here. We believe there still are shrimp left in the Gulf regardless my and my wife's efforts.