



# PURRS AND ROARS

**DEC - JAN  
2015 2016  
Maryville Lions  
Club  
Officers  
2015-2016**

President:  
Reese Wills  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Tom Miller  
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Tail Twister:  
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Susan Shearin

All Lions are  
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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 -- [MaryvilleLn.Lionswap.org](http://MaryvilleLn.Lionswap.org) \*\*\*\*

Evening Meeting starts at 6 PM – Ryan’s Steak House –  
Hunter’s Crossing -- Gather earlier for a meal and  
conversation.

## **PAY ATTENTION HERE**

**December 8, 2015 – Christmas Party – Meal at 6:00 pm  
gather at 5:30 pm - Shannondale Community Center -  
\$10/person**

**\*\* NO OTHER MEETINGS IN DECEMBER \*\***

**January 5, 2016 – Noon Meeting – Tom Miller to provide  
dessert and drinks**

**January 19, 2016 – Evening Meeting – Ryan’s Family Steak  
House**

**SCHOOL EYE SCREENING:** January 20-21 – Maryville Junior  
High School (start 7:45 am and end about 2:30 pm – with  
Lunch break)

**February 1, 2016 – Noon Meeting – PAYOFF LUNCH FOR  
THOSE WHO WON THE MEMBERSHIP GATHERING – Missy  
Lynch to provide dessert and drinks.**

**February 15, 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

**You will note that the December and January Newsletters are combined and are being issued early. My wife and I will be spending Dec. 15 to Feb. 1 in Gulf Shores Alabama assuring the Gulf of Mexico is doing well, that the bike trails in the area are suitably populated and that no seafood escapes untasted.**

**Ron Hultgren**

**MEETING MINUTES  
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB  
RYAN'S FAMILY STEAK HOUSE  
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

Lions President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with 11 Lions present. Lion J. V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Reese Wills provided the prayer and Fred Becker led the Lions toast. As Fred collected the contributions and Reese tried to humor us, we found that Bob Carroll once again responded favorably to the agenda challenge. We learned that Missy Lynch has fallen while raking leaves and that Shirley Hall has been in the hospital. Shirley is apparently recovering nicely and we hope for Missy's swift recovery.

Lion Susan Shearin introduced Kathi Browne as our speaker who did her best to explain the coming communications technology that Lions International is going to make available. The acronym for the technology is SMILE (Social Media International Lions Everywhere) and we expect to hear much about this and hopefully participate as the Lions approach their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We were dazzled by personal greetings from a group of European Lions, each from a different country, and a Lion from India that Kathi had recorded on her laptop computer from a conversation group that she is assisting. It offered an obvious fair warning to us computer naïve Lions to get up to speed in the new Internet communications opportunities if we wish to attract the younger members who will sustain the Lions goals in the future. We expressed our appreciation for Kathi's efforts in this area and hope that she will assist our education and implementation of the technology in the Maryville Lions.

The nut sales are going well as we seem to have more customers than our supply will sustain. It is crucially important that Lions who have unsold nuts provide them to Lions who need them for customers. After the meeting there was a gathering around Tom Miller's car trunk in which these exchanges were being done. Tom has volunteered to be the exchange point of those with too many and those who have too few nuts. There was a comment that some customers are waiting for us to lower our prices before they are willing to buy. The suggestion that "special price deals" be instituted was not accepted by the large majority of attending club members and we believe we shall sell out at the \$10/pound and \$8/12 ounce prices to yield a satisfactory profit. There will also be no need to rent space in the Foothills Mall to sell nuts.

Bob Carroll has contacted a few District Officers concerning a replacement camera for eye screening while ours is being recalibrated. This is a far more difficult problem than we had anticipated and Bob will persist. We have also **not** learned what alternate cameras are acceptable to Vanderbilt for the eye screening. J. V. Britton reported that 919 children have been screened this year with 17 referrals to ophthalmologists. Seven of the screening tests must be resubmitted. Lions are invited to check the Club web site (address on first page) to learn the schedule of the eye screening in local preschools. We were surprised to learn that European Lions do not conduct eye screening because this is done by physicians in their environment of government provided medical care.

Susan Shearin, with some minimal help from Club members, set the menu for the Christmas Party on December 8. The catered meal is at 6 pm with a gathering starting at 5:30 in the Shannondale Community Center. Please contact Susan if you plan to attend.

It was a battle but Reese did adjourn the meeting at 7 pm and the Lions gathered in the parking lot to deal in nuts.