



PURRS AND ROARS

AUGUST 2015 Maryville Lions Club

Officers 2015-2016

President:
Reese Wills
1st VP: Tom Miller
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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.

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

PAY ATTENTION HERE

September 15, 2015 Evening Meeting – Ryan’s Steak House 6 pm – District Governor to speak!!!! Missy Lynch to be initiated too!!!

October 6, 2015 Noon Meeting – Shannondale Community Center – Susan Shearin to provide dessert and drinks

WHITE CANE COLLECTIONS (2 hour periods 10 to 4pm)

September 18 Alcoa Wal Mart

September 19 Alcoa Wal Mart

September 24 Alcoa Wal Mart

SCHOOL EYE TESTING (start 7:45 am and end about 2:30 pm – with Lunch break) – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

September 10 – Montgomery Ridge School

September 16 – Coulter Grove School

January 20-21 – Maryville Junior High School

(Call Reese Wills – 681-6542 - to HELP)

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
RYAN'S FAMILY STEAK HOUSE
AUGUST 18, 2015**

Lions President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 6 pm with 9 Lions and 2 guests present. Lions Fred Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance, J. V. Britton led the Lions toast and Reese Wills provided the invocation..

PDG Claire Crawford was introduced and led the discussion concerning the program of sponsoring serious eye operations for those who might not otherwise afford them. With the leadership of the Tennessee Eye Bank located at the University of Tennessee, 30 free surgeries can be provided under this program. The process begins by having the patient complete a fairly extensive form concerning their finances and the need for the surgery. A local Lions Club must provide a sponsorship for the individual which is attested by a form filled out by the Club coordinator (Tom Miller) and Club members may be called upon to provide transportation for the patient. The physicians group providing the surgeries then interviews the candidate and judges the need. The patient's family must not have any insurance and must have an income less than 2-½ times the poverty level for the size of the family. The Maryville Club has a candidate who has received the forms and has completed them and sent them to the reviewing committee. We have no further information concerning the progress of the application.

Volunteers were requested for the eye testing at the Maryville Schools. J.V. Britton and Janet Hiers signed up for August 19 at Sam Houston, Sue Becker, Susan Shearin, Reese Wills, Janet Hiers, and J. V. Britton signed up for August 20 at the Foothills School and Sue Becker, Susan Shearin and J. V. Britton signed up for the John Sevier School on August 21.

Charlotte Miller has agreed to lead the nuts purchasing event this fall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**MEETING MINUTES
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
SHANNONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

Lions President Reese Wills opened the meeting at 11:55 am with 11 Lions and 2 guests present. We first welcomed the return of Sylvester Bowers who has spent entirely too much time at the UT Hospital over the past months. We then sadly noted the passing of Jane Sims whose husband Dan was a strong member of the Maryville Lions. Her service will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday September 6 at Morningside, the residence where she and Dan spent their closing years. We also recognized the absence of Lori Huffaker who was seriously injured and has undergone at least 2 separate operations after her fall. Lori's absence from the school eye testing program is hard to cover. Fred Becker is experiencing severe vision problems with the possible loss of sight in one eye. We welcomed Kathi Browne and hope that she will join us and provide the help we so desperately need in the eye testing program. Kathi is a communications specialist and can also help update our Lions Internet site.

Lions Ron Hultgren led the Pledge of Allegiance, J. V. Britton led the Lions toast and Reese Wills provided the

invocation.

Treasurer Bobbie King reported that the Benevolent Account Balance is \$4121.99, the Administrative Account balance is \$3221.11 and we have \$2495.05 in the Memorials account.

Secretary Ron Hultgren reported that:

- (1) the State of Tennessee reporting forms are complete and will be sent September 2 to the Secretary of State.
- (2) Missy Lynch is fully registered in Lions International
- (3) Budget Planning Sheets were prepared with Reese Wills for 2015-2016
- (4) All dues have been paid and are totally included in the 2015-2016 budget year

Ron Hultgren also noted that he will be traveling December 14, 2015 to February 2, 2016 and if a Christmas party is to be held at Shannondale, it must be scheduled before December 14. A discussion followed selecting Tuesday December 8 as the date of the gathering. Susan Shearin requested suggestions concerning a caterer or suggestions if the membership will provide some or all of the food.

A discussion of the planned budget for this fiscal year centered on the \$1500 projected profit from the nut sales. This can only be attained by ordering nuts which can be sold at our full price. Bobbie King reminded the Club that other organizations in Maryville/Alcoa are competing with us and sales are difficult each year. The order will be discussed at the next meeting. The planning shows that even with a \$1500 profit from the nut sales, we will fall short of meeting our expected Benevolent expenses by about \$1500. Our guest, Kathie Browne, suggested selling baked good made from the nuts along with the nuts to spur sales. This suggestion is worthy of further consideration which will be the subject of future meeting discussions.

Volunteers were solicited for the White Cane collections (September 18/19 and September 24) at the Alcoa Wal Mart. Reese said he would send a letter to Lions who don't care to do this solicitation requesting that in lieu of soliciting funds, they make a contribution to the White Cane charities via the Club. Reese will also explore the possibility of soliciting White Cane contributions at the new Kroger Supermarket. It is the hope that we can raise about \$1000 this year, an increase over last years \$670.

Volunteers were solicited for eye testing on September 10 at Montgomery Ridge starting at 7:45 and on September 16 at Coulter Grove also starting at 7:45. Neither of these schools will require camera help. Please call Reese Wills if you can help on these two days. Ron Hultgren received an e-mail from Christy Robinette requesting "camera help" at Sam Houston School for the kids who missed the day we were there. Jojo Hamm is the teacher of the children and any day except Thursday is acceptable for her. The times available are 8 - 10:15 am or 12:30 - 1:30. Camera Help is also needed at John Sevier School for the entire Pre-Kindergarten class on either September 16 or 18 or 19. The teacher of these children is Chastity O'Quinn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 with Reese peddling tomatoes from his garden.