

## LPCA June 2012 Meeting

- I. Root Beer Floats greeted us as we assembled for the June meeting – YUMMY! Thanks, Joey!! (See what you are missing by not coming to the monthly meeting ☺)
- II. **Announcements:**
  - a. Golf Outing on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm – more details on website and in newsletter and raises funds for the renovation fund
  - b. Movies on the Green – Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at sunset including S'Mores! Film TBD
  - c. June is our last meeting of the year and we will reconvene in September
  - d. Advertising revenue and printing costs are going down but distribution is on the rise – Over the past two years our revenues have exceeded our expenditures!
  - e. Opinion Poll on the Gun Safety class – LPCA members in good standing are allowed to vote by the close of the meeting
- III. **Captain Carl of the Arlington Fire Dept. and the County's Fire Safety Program**
  - a. Capt. Carl is also one of the Asst. Fire Marshalls
  - b. Came to us from Scranton, PA; UMD grad in Fire Safety
  - c. A lot of firefighters are cross trained as paramedics
  - d. 10 fire stations in the county and our station, #4, is under renovation currently and the various services have been moved to assort. Stations – ETA to move back in is undetermined but early fall 2012 is the planned on date
  - e. Fire Dept. – 9 engines, 3 rescue squads, 90 firefighters working at any given time
  - f. Fire Marshall office is also the Bomb Squad – don't worry if you see the truck
  - g. 2 specialty teams – HazMAT team and a statewide team
  - h. Full career dept. and some volunteers but they are fully staffed 24/7 full career staffed
  - i. Impaired Persons Program – someone with mobility issues or other disabilities, call their office and the fire truck will go out and meet with them so that the truck has a pre-programmed alert on that particular person should they need emergency assistance one day
  - j. Smoke Alarm Program – Operation Fire Safe – Fire Dept. will provide one free smoke alarm and one free carbon monoxide alarm to those that need them –
    - i. Sleeping with the bedroom door closed has a major impact on how fire and smoke travel – recommend that the alarm be in the hallway and in the bedroom since the doors to the bedrooms are typically closed – Fire Dept. will come out and do a home analysis and make recommendations on safety prevention measures – don't plug in multiple extension cords in to one another or into surge protectors to gain length – surge protectors have expirations on them and most only good for 5-10 years (same life as a smoke detector) . Change the batteries twice a year and you can call the local fire station if you need assistance changing the batteries.

- ii. Carbon Monoxide alarms have a 5-8 year lifespan -UL listed are the ones they recommend. Some you can record the parent's voice so that the kids will wake up – Be sure your batteries are changed and have one on every level of the home – a lot of them have battery backups and also change that battery (write date in a Sharpie) twice a year when you are switching them out on the smoke detectors as well
- iii. Fire Extinguisher (ABC Extinguisher Brand) good for all flammable fluids and get one with a gauge on them.
- k. Make sure you have an escape plan and practice it; choose a meeting place; know how to get out
- l. Bad weather season is upon us
  - i. Make sure you have flashlights with fresh batteries, a charged cell phone
  - ii. If you see downed power lines, DON'T approach them; watch moving trees as they could bring down the power lines
  - iii. Make sure you grill away from anything combustible (10-15 Ft is ideal)
  - iv. Fireworks - know the laws for the County and if you plan to shoot off anything sold outside of the County, you will need a shooter's license and you could be fined if caught without one
- m. You can drop your old fire extinguishers off at the fire station
- n. 703/558-2222 is the non-emergency number for the Fire Dept.

IV. **Open Forum**

- a. Who decides on who can rent the Community Center? Board of Governors is going to really take up that issue once the renovation is underway
- b. One resident voiced his concern about people running around with knives seeing as how the murders in the County have occurred due to stabbings; issue with slingshots, martial arts classes in the park – Concern about the gun ban on the class after hearing how the class is well handled – the BoG needs to be careful on how they decide who they do and do not rent the center to - How does the BoG determine what is an appropriate renter
- c. Concern that the vote is occurring before the discussion has taken place
- d. Elliott stressed this was only an opinion poll so we could gauge the community
- e. There should be some level of discussion prior to the voting taking place – let's make sure we have the right information