



The President's Message

Greetings Fellow Lions,

As part of a worldwide service organization, we have numerous opportunities to serve. On Saturday, January 28, Lion Marsha, Lion Barbara, and I attended the District 22-C Cabinet meeting in Temple Hills, Maryland. The theme of the day was *Leave a Trail of Service*. This luncheon meeting proceeded like most of our meetings. We gathered, we ate, and then we got down to business.



The secretary's report reminded us of things we have done and information about what is coming up.

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Committee Reports

The Lions Vision Research Foundation was founded in 1988 for the purpose of raising funds for research at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins hospital. The LVRF is working on ways to cut waiting time for patients. The waiting time has been cut from 3-4 weeks to one day. Tiffany Chang has been chosen as the LVRF Fellow for 2012. Our district donation goal to the LVRF for this year is \$34,500. The total contributions from local clubs now stand at \$12,000.

PDG Ted Ladd reported that our district membership is 1,615. This total reflects a 3.5% decrease in our membership.

Clubs were reminded that additions to the District Honor Roll are due to the VDG Don Beeson by April 1.

VDG Don Beeson reported on the proposed redistricting plan to reflect the change in membership. Currently, we have 6 regions that will be realigned into 4 regions. Montgomery County Region will have an eastern zone and a western zone.

VDG Don Beeson also reported on efforts to get a commemorative coin minted in honor of the Lions Club. We need 190 representatives and 50 senators in favor of this initiative by March in order to bring the proposal to

congress. Lions are encouraged to contact our representatives and senators to request their support for our request.

The annual leadership training at Emmitsburg attendance has been decreasing. The required minimum this year is 75 students. At the time of the meeting the registration was 37. At the time of this report, the deadline has passed. I have no information as to whether the registration will be extended.

PDG Bill Lynch reported that Camp Merrick will offer a day camp this summer. More good news is that Camp Merrick is on solid financial ground. A financial report including costs and budget will be available on March 31. The camp has been closed for the winter that helps cut overall costs and is in the process of being winterized. A clean-up day is scheduled in April. All lions are invited to help out.

Lion Joe McClelland requested donations from local clubs for band and music scholarships for the District 22C Honors Band. Musicians selected by each club will rehearse on April 1 to perform at the 22-C Night in April.

The 2012 USA-Canada Forum is scheduled for September 13-15 in Tampa Bay, Florida. Twenty-five to thirty thousand lions are expected to attend this gathering.

IPDG Sandi Halterman reported that the deadline for nominations for the Bull Throwers Award is April 1. Nominees must have at least 10 years of service. She also reported that our Volunteers for LCOF were present at local health and county fairs.

Leader Dogs have visited 24 clubs this year. They are available to give programs to local clubs upon request.

The 2012 District 22-C convention will be held in Salisbury on May 9-12. The 2013 convention is scheduled for May 12-17 in Ocean City.

District Governor Rich Barb reported that donations to LCIF are down. We also need a chair for LCIF. The term for this office is 3 years. He also noted that Melwood needs help to recycle glasses donations.

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Upcoming Events

Feb 7 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Feb 14 Board Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
(Note change in location)
Feb 21 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Mar 6 Dinner Meeting & Prospective Member Night @
Wesley Grove UM Church
Mar 12 Blood Drive TBD
Mar 13 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Mar 17 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM Church
Mar 20 Dinner Meeting & In-House Auction @ Wesley
Grove UM Church
Apr 3 Dinner Meeting & New Member Induction @
Wesley Grove UM Church
Apr 10 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Apr 17 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Apr 21 22C Night @ Greater Waldorf Jaycees Ctr

Birthdays

Lions:

Feb. 16 – Ruth Johnson
Feb. 21 - Ray Sicotte

Partners-in-Service

Feb. 10 - Sue Poole
Feb. 23 - Gail Davidson

Anniversaries

Feb. 15 – Su and Shyue Huang
Feb. 17 - Kathy and Mike Thornett
Feb. 20 - Mary and Jim Belcher

Remembrance committee

By Lion Joy Schwab

As a step toward having documented plans for each committee so that there can be continuity when members and chairs change hands, the Board of Directors has asked the Remembrance Committee to codify its policies. The committee members are currently Ken Phillips, Joy Schwab, and Lee Sellers.

It is the committee's plan to

- send get well cards to ill Lions, former Lions of long standing, spouses and children
- send sympathy cards upon the death of a Lion, a former Lion of long standing, a spouse, a child or a parent
- send a single rose to a Lion's funeral or of a former Lion of long standing, and to hold a memorial service at the funeral but respecting the wishes of the family, or to make a memorial contribution of \$50 to a charity if the Lion's family so requests
- send flowers, a plant or a fruit basket to a Lion upon an extended illness or a hospital stay

The Board of Directors can approve additional remembrance that they deem appropriate.

Lions are requested to notify a Remembrance Committee member if they have information about a need for a remembrance action.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Vicki Dotterer at 7:10 pm. Lions in attendance were Dotterer, B. Barry, C. Stone, Gosnell, Thornett, Jackson, Carr, Mayhew, Peters, Gladhill, Phillips, Schwab, and Holpuch.

The minutes of the December Board Meeting were approved as printed in the January Lions Tale.

Treasurer's Report were given by Lion Barbara Barry, Club Report, and Lion Mike Thornett, Foundation Report. The reports were approved as presented.

Communications were received from PDG Belcher and First Lady Ruby Hyatt expressing their pleasure of a visit from a Lion and the plant that they received for Christmas.

Upcoming District events included – Melvin Jones Dinner on January 21, Cabinet Meeting on Jan 28 at Elk's Lodge, Camp Springs, LCOF Meeting on January 30 and Leadership Institute at Emmitsburg, February 17 -19.

We are required to send three Officers to the Cabinet Meeting. The Cabinet Meeting lunch cost will be covered by the Club. The Secretary strongly recommended that the Club pay the registration fee of \$160 for the Leadership Institute Registration should we have a member(s) attend.

The Holiday Fund Chairman Bob Snapp sent a report of collecting \$4300 to date.

Tom Jackson gave a report on the Damascus Sign Committee.

Joy Schwab gave a report on behalf of the Remembrance Committee setting guidelines. After some discussion, the report was amended and approved.

It was strongly suggested that each Committee Chair state the guidelines for their committees work, post a hardcopy in a notebook with the Secretary and forward the guidelines onto the new chairman as warranted in an effort to assist new Volunteers/Chairman with the activity.

Membership Chair, Joy Schwab, reported that she has a potential Lion to transfer in and asked for all Lions to be seeking new members. We are down 5 members this year.

Tess Gladhill reported on Celebrate Damascus. The committee needs a Chairman. Gladhill will keep us informed as to the progress.

The February Board Meeting will be held at Wesley Grove UM Church as Tess will be out of town and does not have anyone to open up the showroom for us.

A review of the Five-Star Requirements was made – Our Club is on schedule except for Membership, Visitations and Leadership Training. All three areas need to be brought up to requirements by April 3rd meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Frances Gosnell, Secretary

This month's joke

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner. The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?" "No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" the man asked. "No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on greens' fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked. "Are you NUTS??" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife." The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, fishing, and golf."

NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo

By Lion Jerry Mallack

We had thirteen participants from the Damascus Lions Club go down to the NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo at the Washington Convention Center on Saturday morning, January 14, 2012.

Despite Metro's tartness, we arrived to find the LCOF Vision and Hearing Bus in full swing in testing vision, hearing and pre-school screening.

Two of our members Lion Gary Rogers and Lion Mike Thornett are trained for the pre-school screening and during our time slot, 9 children under the age of 6 were tested.

Our other members worked at various stations including eye testing, hearing testing; sign in table and pre-school sign in table and those that worked at directing people to the various stations; and those that answered any questions from the general public.

Lion Tony Barry brought our Lion's costume and Lion Charlie Hertel dressed in the costume and had a wonderful time walking around the convention center greeting people; as in all our costume appearances; the younger our audience the greater the interaction; which is thrilling to watch and experience and great exposure for our Lions organization.

I wish to thank all those that attended: Mary Frances Gosnell, Gary Rogers, Mike Thornett, Barbara Barry, Tony Barry, Victoria Barry, Ken Phillips, Chris Fletcher, Carol Stone, Charlie Stone, Charlie Hertel and Tammy Hertel. We had a great time and look forward to participating in the Health and Fitness Expo next January. For more pictures, visit our web site.



Visitation

By Lion Tuck Warfield

Lion Eloise and I attended a Cape Coral, FL, Lions Club meeting Thursday Feb 02, 2012. Here are some pictures of the club. In the standing picture are Lions Eloise, Geradine Fleischer – President of the Club, Tuck, and PDG Diana Pinto Sect. It was a great meeting, very much as Damascus conducts a meeting and good food at Perkins.

