



DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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The President's Message

Lions making a difference.....The month of December brings lots of activities for Lions to serve the community in many ways. On Dec. 2nd, Lion Cynthia Considine, Community Relations Manager with LCOF attended our dinner/meeting and updated us on LCOF and the forth coming N B C 4 Health and Fitness days to be held in Jan. 2009. Thank you Lion Cynthia for coming, we always welcome you and enjoy your visits. Some history was given by KL on the tradition of Oranges at Christmas time past. Oranges were handed out to all that attended this meeting to get ready to start the busy month ahead preparing for the holidays....



Dec. 3rd, Clarksburg High School Leo's and Lions helped to trim the Clarksburg town tree. The official tree lighting is sponsored by the Historical Society Inc. of Clarksburg and was held on Dec, 5. Leo's helped and some dressed as a snowman, a lion, and others as Santa's helpers, greeted the 200 people attending and handed out candy treats, gifts and programs for the event. Thank you, Clarksburg High school Leo's and Lions.

On that same day, 1pm at the Damascus Sr. Center, Lion Sue Suddath and Lions, George Hibbard, Rodney and Margaret Duvall, MF Gosnell, John Warfield, Fran Burlas, King Lion Eloise {dressed as an elf} with her Christmas puppy wished everyone a "Merry Christmas with a song. Santa Clause {IPP Lion Gary}, helped with making dreams come true, by asking "What do you want for Christmas"? Gifts were given and lots of activities. Refreshments were served. Thanks Lions and Chairman Lion Sue for making this happen.

Dec, 10 the Lions branch members were invited by Lion Joann Woodson, for a special meeting of the Clarksburg Seniors. A holiday party was held and Mrs. Clause {King Lion Eloise} Santa {IPP Gary} and a Reindeer named Rudolph,{Lion Tuck} entertained about 15 seniors with songs, games, gifts and treats were enjoyed by everyone. Thank you Lion Joann for having us, and for this time of Fun!

Now its time for the combined Holiday Christmas Party/meeting on Dec, 16. Damascus Lions and Branch members of Clarksburg took a break and partied at the Damascus UM Church, where Lions Joy and Warren Schwab turned the dining hall into a lovely Dinner Theater with a Holiday Theme of Red and White color to celebrate the season. The evening started with an "uninvited guest, named OLD MAN WINTER, and bringing a gift of sleet and freezing rain, when he

arrived. The party started and at social time, check in was taken by a live Christmas Tree,{Lion Tuck} as Lions and guests arrived, they were greeted by Lion Su Huang, saying HELLO!

President King Lion Eloise welcomed Lions and guests, dinner was served.... At dinner, strolling Guitar and Banjo music was played by Joe Doyle, while everyone enjoyed a tasty buffet by the Damascus UMC women. Thank you to all, for making this a special occasion, something to remember. When the evening was over sixty-three people had received Cards and Gifts from King Lion that were handed out by Postman, {Lion Charlie Hertel}. Santa {Lion Gary} arrived with a HO HO HO, and helpers from the North Pole, Miss Candy Cane {Lion Bobbie Warfield}, Susie Snow Flake {Lion Midge Tench} and Frosty the Snowman {Lion Ann Davis} gave out door prizes. The evening ended with a solo by Lion George Hibbard, "The Stars Bangle Banner." Thanks for this beautiful song. And I would like to say Thank you to everyone that helped to make it happen.

It's back to work, the party is over!.... Dec. 17, 18, 19, and 20th, Lions were busy again. Lions, Leo's, Partner's in service, Students and friends all joined together and helped, shop, sort food, wrap gifts, and deliver baskets to 31 families in the Clarksburg and Damascus community areas----A JOB WELL DONE!, Thanks to all." together we can make it happen"

A time to remember, on Monday Dec, 22nd Christmas Eve Eve Eve, Lions John Warfield, Tuck Woodfield and myself {King Lion} visited at seven locations, private homes, Asbury Home in Gaithersburg, Homewood in Frederick and presented poinsettias, gifts, songs and prayers to fellow Lions and partners in service. This was a very worthwhile and rewarding time, starting at 10am til 3pm. And then on Dec. 23 to finish the next day for a couple of more hours. We enjoyed seeing these people that support the Lions and say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year", keep in touch!

With sadness on Dec, 24th I received a call from Julie Sain, letting me know that Lion Mark had passed,.... a Lion memorial service was held on Tuesday Dec. 30. We will miss Lion Mark and the support he gave to the Damascus Lions Club, as Lions "WE SERVE"....

As we move on.... into a New Year, 2009, I would like to wish everyone a" **HAPPY NEW YEAR**"! 2009. Its been a Great six months serving as your President and your Support is wonderful, I look ahead to the next half of my year, serving with the Damascus Lions and serving the communities, **"together we can make it happen"**

President, King Lion Eloise Woodfield

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 6 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
Jan. 13 – Board meeting at Damascus Rec. Center
Jan. 19 – Blood Drive DVFD bldg
Jan 20 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
Jan.22 – Branch meeting/Refreshments at Cederbrook Church

Feb. 3 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
Feb. 10 – Board Meeting at Damascus Rec. Center
Feb. 17 – Dinner Meeting/Prospective Members
Feb. 26 – Branch Meeting/Refreshments at Cederbrook Church.

Mar. 3 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
Mar. 10 – Board meeting at Damascus Rec. Center
Mar. 16 – Blood Drive at DVFD
Mar. 17 Dinner meeting/auction/spouse night at Wesley Grove UMC
Mar. 26 – Branch meeting/Refreshments at Cederbrook Church



Clarksburg Sr. Holiday party 2008

Birthdays

Lions:

Jan. 1 – Bill Cordell
Jan. 5 - Tom Van Vliet
Jan. 6 - Bob Newlin
Jan. 13 – Bob Williams
Jan. 19 - Fran Burlas
Jan. 20 – Dee Reichmeider
Jan. 26 – Ray Walton
Jan. 29 – Benjamin Lewis
Jan. 30 – Pat Miller

Partners-in-Service:

None known.

Anniversaries

Jan. 18 – Ronald and Beth Brouillard



Clarksburg HS Leos trim town tree 2008



Lion's Holiday Party 2008

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 9, 2008

Lions in attendance were K L Eloise Woodfield, Secretary Thomas Woodfield, George Hibbard, Sue Suddath, Ken Phillips, Mary Frances Gosnell, Gary Rogers, Roy Stanley, Tom Jackson, Marcia Holpuch, Jerry Warfield, Treas. Bill Mahylis, Ray Molesworth, Martin Carr, Dale Ryan, Charlie and Carol Stone.

Secretary's Report: approved as in Dec. Lion's Tale

Treasurer's Report: Club – expenses less than budget – great. Foundation – good shape;

Audit of year 2007-2008 by Lion George Hibbard: Club good shape balanced out. Foundation in good shape;

June, 2008 – July, 2008 need to be squared between Club and Foundation accounts; Approvable - tabled until January, 2009 Board meeting

Old Business

- Donations in Memory of Lion Albert approximately \$1600 to be applied to Holiday Baskets.

- Holiday Baskets coming up fast – all is ready

New Business

- Sat. Dec. 14, Lions Jerry Warfield, Mike Thornett, Lions and Leos going to work at Va Eyeglass Recycle Center.

- Big Band Dance April 18, 2009 (not on 22-C night), Lion Carol Stone working on getting numbers up, Motion approved to use Damascus American Legion Hall for Dance. Legion has some options that may improve attendance.

- Celebrate Damascus preliminary plans are to keep layout similar to past years, with car show at DVFD Activity Bldg. Lions Flea Market to be outside at Ride-On lot and New Church St. Nothing will be at Damascus Chevrolet Bldg.

- NBC4 Health & Fitness Jan 2009, Lions Jerry Warfield & Marcia Holpuch will co-chair for Damascus Lions at Lions Mobile Health Unit, They will need Lion's help.

- MD 22 Convention May 17-20, 2009. Get your reservations in for Dover Downs Hotel.

- Peace Poster Contest – Michele Mai from Rocky Hill Middle School won 22-C & MD-22, going to National contest.

- Lion's signs need replacing at entrance to Damascus, Secretary to find out cost.

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary Lion Thomas "Tuck" Woodfield

Damascus Lights Up On Black Friday (Hanging the Christmas Wreaths)

By Lion Tony Barry

On Friday Nov 28, 2008 the Lions club of Damascus continued an 18 year tradition by hanging the Christmas wreaths on the lamp posts throughout the town. Nine Lions gathered at the Damascus McDonalds at 8am on Friday morning and after a hearty breakfast and a brief "how to" clinic given by Lion Tony Barry, they split up into 4 teams and began hanging the wreaths.

The hard work of Lions Rodney Duvall, Jack Peters, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Ray Molesworth, Bernie Duplan, Roy Stanly, Tony Barry and Barbara Barry made short work of the 40 lamp posts and the team had completed the project by 9:30am.

A special word of thanks goes out to Jeff, Patty and Greg Warren (Out of town friends of Lions Barbara and Tony Barry) who braved the early morning hour to help out..

Also, a special thanks is due Lion Charlie Hertel who loaned his three step ladders to the Lions club for the execution of the project.

Thanks also to Lion Tessie Gladhill for storing the wreaths all year at "Bucks Barn"

Volunteer Signup for wreath takedown will be scheduled in early January.

Holiday Baskets

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Dear Spirit of Christmas –

I had visitors the Saturday before Christmas who came knocking on my door early in the morning just as promised. It was truly your helpers laden with boxes of food and bags of gifts. The children were sleeping in that morning so I had your helpers bring them in and hide them so the children would not see them. I wanted to see their eyes on Christmas Morning when they awoke to unexpected packages under our small Christmas tree decorated with handmade ornaments and the huge stocking that you brought hanging. Your helpers cooperated much to their disappointment – they understood.

Thank you for a beautiful Christmas Morning. The Spirit of Christmas will live on in my children's memory. No matter how hard I had worked, being a single mother is not easy. And you made our Christmas so bright! I will never forget that knock on the door that Saturday morning only to find Santa himself standing there delivering the Spirit of Christmas to my family.

With love from a Single Parent

Dear Delivery Guys –

You brought much relief and delight to our apartment this Christmas with the packages and food that you delivered. I know those 4 flights of stairs are tough to climb, But you did it! The fresh milk and eggs along with the ham were such a bright spot. And then you supplied my cupboards with enough food for days to come. The fresh baked cookies were delicious as was the oranges. We can always use nice big towels and the filled stocking was fun to open with a box of candy as well. Such a wonderful Christmas!

Both of us are unable to leave the apartment now but can manage on our own. We have wonderful neighbors and are thankful for them. But to get such an abundance of food sure makes for some pleasant and tasty meals this winter.

Thank you for all you do and for taking the time to be of service to the elderly.

Two Older Folk still in Love

(It was told that as the Lions left, the couple stood at the door waving with tears in their eyes,)

Dear Lions –

The Christmas Season witnessed the Damascus Lions joining together to make another Holiday Giving Project a memorable one in the eyes of 31 families that included 51 children and 52 adults. You spent hours, close to 400 hours, that is, on the project. Your ten teams loaded their sleighs with 4 boxes of food and bags of gifts for each family. And in those bags were gifts for each child that a Lion had selected and purchased out of his own pocket. Also was an outfit for each child that the four member shopping team had purchased at Kohl's. And bless Kohl's; they gave a 20% discount on everything including the 60 towels and washcloths that you purchased for each family. And your friends, the Goldstein's, came laden with homemade goodies packaged so seasonably. The dinner rolls, I am told, were donated by a Lion as were the boxes that you packed everything into. And the big stocking that was stuffed full had dental items donated by Richard J. Schoeb Dental Office.

I understand Lion elves were out and about town collecting money for the project and did a great job! And the food drives was conducted by Rocky Hill and John T. Baker Middle Schools and Damascus High School and produced approximately 8000 items. One of your Lions worked really diligently at the onset, calling and profiling each family. Another Lion provided space to store the canned goods until it was ready to pack.

Your members work very well in coordinating everything and working to make the project a successful one.

Thank to all the Lions! To their Partners- In- Service who shopped, wrapped, and help deliver I say thank you. And to the families, you, too, are special just like your Lion member. Everyone got involved in some facet of the project and that is how you make it such a successful project...

You are truly "Everyday Heroes"! for serving to make your community, Damascus, a better place to live!

Happy New Year!

Santa



Lion's Holiday Party 2008



Damascus Sr. Center Holiday Party



Holiday Baskets "together we can make it happen"