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The President's Message

MARCH CAME IN LIKE A LION-dumping up to eight inches of snow in the neighborhood, however Spring in on the way! On March 3, it was time to hear about baseball.

Jennifer Ralph of the Damascus Sports Depts. told us some facts about sports, and presented a team picture plaque to Lion Ray Molesworth, our club youth chairperson. Thanks, Lion Ray for working with the youth of the community and Thanks, Ms Ralph for coming and providing us with a program on sports, to better understand how things work.



Lion Tuck and I attended the sumo wrestling matches that were sponsored by the DHS Leo's. This was a funny experience to see, a great time was had by all 200 (or more) people around the room. Thanks Leo's and Lion Barbara Barry for this event.

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with lions going GREEN. Dressed in green, lions enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Wesley Grove Church. The dinner consisted of cream of Broccoli soup, Green Peas, Irish potatoes, cold Slaw, with fried oysters and ham, topped off with a serving of Key Lime pie, Thanks to Lois Kemp for creating this, Lucky Green food menu, a perfect choice and color, celebrating our St. Patrick's Day Meeting.

Special guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. St. Patrick {Lion Dave Davidson and partner in-service Gail}, dressed in green from head to toe and giving out treats from a pot found at the end of the rainbow. Lions and guests were ready to party the night away.

At 8pm, our club auction starting off with Auctioneer Allen Burdette, taking bids for items donated from club members. Lots of Goodies and surprises sold to help add to our club Treasury. Thanks everyone for digging deep into your pockets, to make this happen, and to Lion Marcia Holpuch, Auction Chairman.

Reports and updates were given by Lion John Holpuch on the Road Crew Clean up, Lion Charlie Hertel on The Blood Drive, Lion Carol Stone on The Big Band Dance and Lion Tuck on Visitations. Keep up the good work, and remember "together we can make it happen!"

The day we had all been waiting for, was Sat. March 21 - Our Pancake Breakfast...YUM YUM. A huge crowd filled the room from 7am 'til 11am. Leo the lion greeted everyone saying "THANK YOU" for coming, and had a bucket of candy mints to pass out. Again a super job, lions Joy and Sue for this wonderful Breakfast, and I want to say "together we can make it happen" Thanks to all lions and Leo's and guests.

PDG Lion Jim Belcher presented King Lion Eloise, with a lions/diamond pin from his collection of pins from his travels as Past District Governor. King Lion accepted this gift and is honored to receive it, and will wear it with pride. Thank you PDG Lion Jim for thinking of me and giving part of your memorabilia showing how as Lions "we serve".

Sorry to say, we lost a long time lion of 40 years this month, Lion Maurice Purdum, but to us he was Lion "Butch." A memorial service was held on Sat. March 21 to honor this great Lion. Thank you, Lion Butch, for your service to the Damascus Lions club and the community. "WE SERVE"

The Tri State, Clarksburg Branch, and Advisory Board meetings all took place in the same week, whew, lots of things to do..... "LIONS, get involved and meet Lions in different places." All this is a very rewarding experience.

As we leave the month of March behind, "WILL IT GO OUT LIKE A LAMB?" We look forward to warmer and sunny days ahead. April showers are on the way, bringing May flowers, IT'S SPRING!

Remember as Lions "WE SERVE" and "Together we can make it happen"

President, King Lion Eloise Woodfield

Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel

Just a small note to say thank you to all who supported the blood drive on March 16, 2009. We collected 87 units of blood.

Our next 2 blood drives are at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Sunday April 5, 2009 from 8:00am - 2:00pm and Damascus United Methodist Church on Thursday April 30, 2009 from 1:00pm - 7:00pm. Tell a friend to give a life saving unit.

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Anniversaries

Apr. 6 - Carol and Tim Dissmeyer
Apr. 7 - Patty and Walt Shipley
Apr. 12 - Peggy and David Stone

News about Members

Lion Nick Update for April Newsletter

Early last month, Nick left Keesler AFB and is now located in Wichita Falls, TX at Sheppard AFB and in his last cycle of classes. This course will run all the way to July 9th and focuses on the specific systems on the aircraft he will be working on.

His address until then is:

Amn Nicholas E Holpuch
0484
527 I Ave. Box A0246
Sheppard AFB, TX 76311-9999

Not long after he left Keesler, I received a hand-signed letter of appreciation from the Base Commander, Lt. Col. William Hamant recognizing Nick's volunteer time in their tutoring program. Once he got established at Sheppard, he did not find a similar program but he has instead devoted his time to staffing the phones on Friday & Saturday nights for the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program. He receives calls from airmen who need a ride back to base from town and contacts drivers for the program to pick them up. The hours are a bit late - 10:30 pm to 2:30 am - but he drew a second shift class schedule, so he's now grown accustomed to being up late anyway. His classes don't finish until 11:30 pm all week long, so he's been able to stay awake on the phones.

Also last month, he got his orders for his first duty station. He will be going to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan! Kadena is the hub of airpower in the Pacific arena. He was the only airman in his class to get an international assignment. He's looking forward to going to Japan. His other desired location was Germany, but there will be time for that later. His assignment is for 3 years there and he will get 30 days leave per year.

But first he has to get through this class down in Texas. He says it's hot there and there's nothing to do. He did have a buddy take him out for a ride last weekend. He phoned home briefly with this revelation... "Cars don't rust in Texas!" He had come upon a trio of 68 Cougars all looking quite interesting. Wish he had sent a photo.

He has no restrictions on mail he can receive now, so feel free to send him a card or letter or whatever.

Upcoming Events

Apr. 14 – Board Meeting at the Dam. Rec. Ctr.
Apr. 18 – Big Band Dance at the Legion
Apr. 21 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove Ch.
Apr. 22-25 – White Cane Days
Apr. 23 – Branch Meeting/Refreshments at Cedarbrook Church

May 1–3: Clarksburg White Cane Days
May 5 – Dinner meeting at Damascus UMC
May 12 – Board Meeting at the Dam. Rec. Ctr.
May 19 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove Ch.
May 28 – Branch Meeting/Refreshments at Cedarbrook Church

Birthdays

Lions:

Apr. 5 - Marcia Holpuch
Apr. 7 - John Warfield
Apr. 10 – Floyd Bean
Apr. 18 - Tom Jackson
Apr. 29 - Bill Mahylis

Partners-in-Service

Apr. 11 - Jennifer Molesworth

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 3/10/2009

Lions present: KL Eloise Woodfield, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Sec. Thomas Woodfield, Martin Carr, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tom Jackson, Marcia Holpuch, Ray Molesworth, and Jerry Warfield

Secretary's Report- Approved

Treasury's Reports: Club- approved; Foundation – approved

New members approved by board: Joe Hutchison, Rick Kendall, Ulfat A. Ashraf

(Additional two new members were approved on March 28, 2009 by KL Eloise contacting Officers): Jennifer Ralph and Charles Grimes

All to be inducted on April 7, 2009

Old Business:

- Big Band Dance- tickets will be available
- Club Auction - Items are down at present, listed on web site, still time to bring more items

New Business:

- Youth Committee Report - need to reassess amount given to Youth Groups, letter to each Group that Lions have supported. Ask what each group may need and get back a response from groups. Next committee meeting will be after April dinner/meeting. Selections and amounts to support Dabble Baseball, softball and BS Troup 445 and others.

- Voted to give \$25 for gift to DG Paul Hawkins (already in budget)

- Damascus Community Fair - voted to continue full page advertisement (already in budget)

- Voted to keep funding popcorn for DCF

- Damascus Elementary School – PTA wants to redo old playground equipment which is to be removed. Request PTA send a memo to Youth Committee for funds.

- Vision and Hearing- LCOF and Damascus & Clarksburg Branch Lions at Community of Faith United Methodist Church Health & Fitness Day April 18. Simone will be at the event.

- MD-22 convention questionnaire – answered and sent in to MD-22 committee

- Damascus Heritage Society – request sponsors for their golf tournament, motion approved to give \$50 for Flyers in Goodie Bags

- Budget Meeting for next Lion's year at Treasurer Mike Thornett's home on March 19, 2009

Respectfully submitted by Damascus Lion Secretary
Thomas "Tuck" Woodfield

Road Crew...

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

A half a dozen hardy souls gathered at Mc Donald's on the 14th of March to tend to our stretch of Rt. 27. In spite of the chilly temperatures, they headed out and did a great job of improving the view out of town. Lions Tom Jackson, Tony Barry, Wayne Marr, Charlie Hertel, Charlie Holpuch and John Holpuch joined forces and piled their findings along the shoulder. Included in the "take" this time was a mounted tire as well as quite a bit of construction debris. Lion Tom took home the prize, though, with finding a \$10.00! The next clean up will be in May. With more frequent passes, the task is easier. If your schedule allows it, plan to help out on May 9th. It's a great way to serve the community... or make a few bucks!

Auction Results

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

Luck 'o' the Irish!!

St. Patrick's Day was a lucky day for our club. The annual in-house auction was conducted by our guest auctioneer, Allen Burdette, and was quite a success. 26 donors and 27 buyers exchanged goods for funds, raising \$2,538 for the club administrative fund. Though we missed our goal of \$3,000 by a fair amount, given the economic changes in the past year, we're considering this a great auction. Last year we had 38 donors and raised \$3,000. A great big thanks to all the Lions who made a donation and/or participated with a purchase for this important fundraiser. I anticipate seeing several items from this auction to re-appear next year!

Damascus White Cane Days: May 6-9!

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chairman

Damascus Lions! Our next Damascus White Cane fundraiser is the week of May 6-9. Yes, that's later than usual. Damascus Safeway is unable to accommodate us until that time and we sure need our Safeway! I will push the sign-up sheet around this meeting and I'll pick up the stragglers at the mid-April meeting. Folks, this fundraiser

needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion for at least one two-hour shift. When the sign-up sheet reaches you, please contribute at least one shift; two, if you can. Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this fundraiser over the years.



Community Health Fair
By KL Eloise Woodfield

On APRIL 18, the Community Health Fair will be held at the Community Faith Church in Clarksburg, located on 355, near the Clarksburg High School. Lions will do vision and hearing screening from 10am-2pm. LCOF will be bringing the machines to use inside. Help is needed for table sign ups and screening that day.

Call Lion Joann at 301-916-3899 or KL Eloise at 301-253-3807 to volunteer.

DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB PANCAKE – BREAKFAST & BAKE/CRAFT TABLE

By Lion Joy Schwab, Chair

The Spring Pancake Breakfast and Bake/Craft Table event was held Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 7-11 a.m. at Damascus United Methodist Church.

On Friday March 20 the setup helpers made the Dining Room ready. Those who helped were Bob Newlin, Bill Mahylis, Dave Davidson, Warren Schwab, Tom Jackson, Mary Frances Gosnell, and Joann Woodson. Carol Richards of Carol's Creations donated flowers for the tables.

Early Saturday morning the food and drinks were prepared. This included pancakes, sausage, biscuits, cream chipped beef, home fries, scrambled eggs, hot apples, orange juice, coffee and hot tea. The ticket count of those served was 302. Those helping were Lions Barbara and Tony Barry, Martin Carr, Dave Davidson, Ann Davis, Bernie Duplan, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie and Tammy Hertel, George Hibbard, Su Huang, Charlie and Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Ray Molesworth, Bob Newlin, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Warren Schwab, Lee Sellers, Roy Stanley, Carol and Charlie Stone, Midge Tench,

John Washington, Eloise and "Tuck" Woodfield, Leos from Clarksburg High, Damascus High, Baker Middle, Rocky Hill Middle helped They were Kate Augustine, Stephanie Castiblanco, Bethany Chambers, Angelica DeLeon, Keith Hansen, Kim Nahr, Candice Hertel, Stephanie Huang, Linda Jordan, Semeon Kotov, Brianna McCarty, Marcus Moy, Eleanor Ritter, Kate Salerno, Nicole Urps, Cecilia and Monica Urrutia, Jenny West, and Brian Wiaceh.

The Bake/Craft Table received item donations from Lions Mary Frances Gosnell and Irene Hardy, George Hibbard, Su Haung, Tom Jackson, Ray Molesworth, and Jack Peters. Monetary donations were given by Helen Boyer, Jim Belcher, Helen Mahylis, Joy Schwab, and Mike Thornett. Carol Richards gave flowers to be sold. Profit was \$310.

Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath thank each and each of you, who helped; you made it a success. Reminder: There will be another one in October, 2009. We hope you will be able to help with this one.