



DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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The President's Message

June wraps up the year for me as your President, King Lion of the Damascus Lions Club. It's been a special year for me and I have enjoyed the challenges that I have experienced.

In the month of May on Tuesday the 5th we held our annual Lions Youth Night at the Damascus UM church. We provided cash awards to many youth organizations. This will help them to do projects and activities in the local communities. My thanks go to Lion Ray Molesworth for doing the program for the meeting.



May was also a time to do our spring White Cane fundraiser. Lions participated by collecting in the community and raised a total of \$1,645.62. This includes \$139.96 from the Clarksburg Branch. Citizens in both Damascus and Clarksburg surrounding areas were very generous helping us with supporting this worthy fundraiser. Thanks to all that collected and to Lions Wayne Marr and Mike Bowersox for making arrangements for setting up at the different locations. On May 17th-20th six people from the Club of Damascus attended the Multiple 22-C Convention, Lions Secty. Tuck Woodfield, PDG Jim and Mary Belcher, VP Mary Frances Gosnell, Asst. Lion Tamer Martin Carr and myself, President KL. Eloise Woodfield. all headed for Dover Delaware. What a treat.

I had a chance to meet and greet the International President Lion Al Brandel and his spouse, Dr. Maureen Murphy as they arrived at the Dover Downs Hotel.

Both spoke at meetings and were with us at other activities during their time at the convention. They are exceptional individuals and a pleasure to know {a real down to earth couple} doing a job well done, "WE SERVE"

Our club received two awards, the Five Star award, for 100% achievements and 3rd in collection of eye glasses, a total of 4,568 pairs and 24 hearing aids.

Memorial Day at the American Legion on Sunday May 24th was a beautiful afternoon where we remembered our heroic fellows. Lions attended and Lion Tuck and I presented a basket of Red, White and Blue flowers from the Damascus Lions Club remembering the beloved fellows from the area. The Lions Memorial Day Parade was held in the Nations Capital on Monday May 25th. Lions carried club banners making a sea of purple, thanks

to Lions Marcia and John Holpuch, Damascus Lions were represented by their club banner in the parade. It was wonderful to see everyone coming together to celebrate our American Heroes.

Don't forget the annual lions Golf tournament on June 8th. Thanks to Lions John, Bobbie Warfield, and Mike Thornett. It will be another successful day. Come join us.

We had a very good year, I will tell you more at the Installation Night to be held on June 16th. This will take place at the American Legion building with dinner and new officers being inducted by PDG Mike Bleything.

June 2nd, tonight as we enjoy our Lions picnic meeting at the home of lions Charlie and Tammy Hertel, Lion Gary Bellison will be cooking and side dishes will be provided by Lions and partners in service for us to enjoy. Thanks to everyone. The Program for the evening is, "Eat Plenty/ Fellowship" and Remember, Lions "together we can make it happen.... and "WE DID" Thanks for a GREAT year!

President, King Lion Eloise Woodfield

DAMASCUS LIONS NIGHT OUT AT THE BALL GAME

By Lion Mary France Gosnell

Come and join your fellow Lions for a Night Out at the Keys Game on Tuesday, July 14 at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick. The game starts at 7 pm.

Reserved Seat Tickets are \$ 8.00. Reservations need to be made by July 1 with Lion Tom Jackson or Lion Mary Frances. Make checks payable to Mary Frances Gosnell, as she is reserving the tickets.

The Keys are playing Kinston that evening. We will have our Damascus Lions name on the tickets and we will be announced as being in attendance.

You need to provide your own transportation. The food court offers hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, pizza, chicken and fries.

So bring your family and your friends. The Keys will know that the Damascus Lions are there.

Looking forward to a fun night at the ball game!

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Upcoming Events

June 5 – Picnic at the Hertel's house
June 8 – Golf tournament
June 9 – Board Meeting at the Damascus Rec. Ctr.
June 15 – Blood drive
June 16 – Installation Night

July 7 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church
July 10 – Celebrate Damascus Parade: Meet at High School
July 10 – Senior Birthday Party
July 11 – Celebrate Damascus Flea Market: Corner Rt. 108 & 124
July 14 – Night Out - Ball Game: Harry Grove Stadium, Frederick
July 21 – Board Meeting (note change of date) Recreation Center

August 4 – Dinner Meeting: Montgomery UMC
August 11 – Board Meeting: Recreation Center
August 18 – Ice Cream Dipping: Montgomery County Fair
August 20 – Sight & Hearing Testing: Montgomery County Fair

Birthdays

Lions:

June 2 - Ann Davis
June 7 - Lenora Kish
June 13 – Jim Cox

June 16 – Charlie Hertel
June 17 – Jenn Hyde
June 20 - Tuck Woodfield
June 25 – Gary Bellison
June 28 - Eloise Woodfield

Partners-in-Service

June 8 - Betty Van Vliet
June 9 – Tori Tomlinson
June 19 - Bonnie Mayhew
June 22 - Thelma Sellers
June 23 - Patty Shipley

Anniversaries

June 6 - Sue and Ken Phillips
June 8 - Kay and Bob Newlin
June 14 - Sue and Jack Poole
June 26 – Cindee and Gary Rogers

News about Members

Lions Rusty and Dee Reichmeider have new phone numbers:

Lion Rusty 240-506-2145
Lion Dee 240-994-9138

Let's welcome them back from Florida.

Lion Jerry Warfield was married on April 17 and is now Lion Jerry Mallack. Her new address and phone number are

2138 Apple Tree Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20905
Daytime Phone (work): 240-777-1910
Cell Phone: 301-928-9815

Here's a picture from the wedding:



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 12, 2009

Lions in attendance: KL Eloise Woodfield, Ken Philips, Charlie Stone, Sec. Tuck Woodfield, Barbara Barry, Jerry Warfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tony Barry, Sue Suddath, Midge Tench, Ray Molesworth, Marcia Holpuch.

Secretary Report; Minutes as published in Lions Tale - ok, (no quorum)

Treasurer's Report; Lion Tony Barry (incoming treasurer) reporting for Lion Bill Mahylis, both treasurers reports tabled until next meeting (no quorum)

Old business;

Youth Night; Lion Ray Molesworth -went well, all groups that requested funds, were reviewed and received a donation.

White cane - \$1645.62 total includes Branch collection of \$139.96, change of week may have been good with "Mother's Day."

New Business;

Memorial Day Parade- will Damascus participate? Lion Marcia to chair

Sight & Health committee – Lion Midge Tench – guidelines?, under budget, community seems to be happy with help, referrals are from professionals (schools, county health) \$1600 spent so far on 11 people.

Candidate VDG Sandy Halterman – endorsement – ok- no opposition

Guide Dog donation No – We support Leader Dog already

Celebrate Damascus float – will do – Lion Mary Frances, Pres Elect to chair July 10

Heritage Society- "Thank you" for donation "Goody Bags" for golf tournament

Celebrate Damascus not many applicants for Lions Flea Market – will take vendors up to day

Wreath Committee; Lion Tony Barry - Need bows for Holiday wreaths, check out economic development in county or businesses for funds.

Adjourn 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted; Damascus Secretary, Lion Thomas "Tuck" Woodfield

Lions Flea Market

By Lion Jerry (Warfield) Mallack

As part of the *Celebrate Damascus Days*, the Damascus Lions Club will be hosting a **Flea Market** at the corner of Route 124 (Woodfield Rd.) and Route 108 (Main Street) on Saturday, July 11, 2009.

COME JOIN US FOR A DAY FULL OF FAMILY FUN!

Space is limited; so please submit your form (on our website) early; postmarked no later than Tuesday, June 30, 2009. Spaces will be assigned on event day on first-come, first-serve basis. Vendors are welcome to begin setting up at 6:00 AM as we anticipate early shoppers. No vehicle parking allowed in vendor space; unloading will be allowed until 8:30; parking in vendor parking area only. All vendors are encouraged to open for business by 9:00 AM and stay until closing time 4:00PM. Tables and chairs NOT provided.

Lions who are unable to help with the running of the Flea Market are encouraged to make a donation to the Damascus Lions Club Foundation (for) Flea Market Fundraiser and mail to the club, mail to me or give to me at a meeting before the July 11th event..

Fall 2008 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr

Thank you, all Lions who participated in our Spring 2009 White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,645.62. This amount includes \$139.96 from the Clarksburg Branch. This collection will fund about 16 eye appointments and new glasses for needy Damascus and Clarksburg area citizens. It takes a lot of Lions to make White Cane Week successful. Over 30 Damascus and Clarksburg Lions contributed to White Cane week this Spring. Put "Lion" in front of every name in this article.

Special Recognitions:

- The Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club Recognition goes to Marcia Holpuch: \$139.96 is what she received on Saturday morning at Red Rooster. The Saturday morning Red Rooster crowd is very special. Consisting almost entirely of men about to embark on a 6th day of work in their vans and pickups, this crowd is amazingly generous; placing many \$5 and \$10 bills into our white buckets.
- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most

Courageous Lion goes to Bill Mahylis. Bill was the Wednesday White Cane Manager-of-the-Day, but decided he would fill in the best he could for an empty shift at Safeway that afternoon at 4:00pm. Even though he had to interrupt the shift to collect from other Lions, he managed to collect \$99.43 in the short time he had available! Bill has always been one to put in extra effort during White Cane Week. There are many others.

I don't have the information from the Clarksburg Branch (next time?), but here are the Damascus Lions who gave unselfishly of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): Alsant (first-time!), T. Barry, B. Barry, Burlas(2), Davidson, Gladhill, Gosnell(2), C. Hertel, Hibbard(2), M. Holpuch, Mahylis, Mallack, Molesworth, Peters(2), D. Reichmeider, R. Reichmeider, Rogers, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, Ch. Stone, C. Stone, Suddath, Tench, Thornett, Bobbie Warfield, John Warfield, T. Woodfield, E. Woodfield. Special thanks also go to the venerable Managers of the Day: Bill Mahylis, Ken Phillips, and Del Mayhew. And let's not forget our trustworthy Money Counters: Del Mayhew, George Hibbard, Tom Jackson, and Tom Van Vliet.



Lions Fran & Midge "Collecting for White Cane" May 2009
in front of Tom & Ray's Restaurant

RELAY FOR LIFE

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Damascus High School Athletic and Track Field was an array of purple and gold. Had you not know what you were attending; you would have thought it was a Lions event. Cancer Survivors wore purple – a color of survival, the Relay For Life Committee wore Gold. And then there were the purple and gold Lions.

The event Opening Ceremonies was very emotional with heart jerking testimonies. The DUM Church chorus provided beautiful music. The Survivors were the first to walk around the track entering under an arch of purple balloons. Some were on crutches and wheelchairs, some waking slowly, some rode a gator while others walked at a fast gait. Students presented each walker with a purple carnation and those attending applauded the survivors' efforts and winsome ways.

There were over 50 teams who had received pledges and donations, one of which had collected over \$23,000. They were the Dos Amigos, a team formed in memory of two best friends who died within months of each other. The entire Relay was estimating that they would reach \$200,000 for the Damascus Relay event.

All for the benefit of finding a CURE!

The Lions shared a canopy with the American Cancer Society. The Cancer Society handed out fruit while the Lions handed out snacks and water. Although a few walkers had no problems stopping by frequently, most walkers had to be encouraged to take something free.

The cost of the event to the Lions was \$138. Leftover snacks were donated to the Lions Golf Tournament Goody Bags.

Thanks to Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Pattu Durairaj, Fran Burlas and Midge Tench for their help in setting up, packing up and giving out snacks.



Lions Clubs at Memorial Day Parade Wash., D.C. 2009



Damascus Lions at Memorial Day Parade Wash., DC 2009



Damascus Lions at MD-22 Convention 2009 in Dover Downs, Delaware
Tuck Woodfield, King Lion Eloise, PDG Lion Jim Belcher, Mary Frances Gosnell, Martin Carr



King Lion Eloise is presented an award for the third most eyeglasses collected for the District 22-C Lions Community Outreach 2008-2009



DG Paul Hawkins and First Lady Dee present President Eloise Woodfield 2008-2009 Damascus Lions Club with the Five Star Award and 100% Special Recognition Awards

Publicity, Youth, Community, Bulletin, Leadership, Blood, Eyeglasses, Visitations, Extensions



Center- Lions Clubs International President Al Brandel
Spouse- Lion Dr. Maureen and Damascus President King Lion Eloise

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KING LION ELOISE PRESENTS
DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB FLOWERS AT DAMASCUS AMERICAN LEGION POST 171
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE, SUNDAY MAY 24, 2009



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