



The President's Message

Despite it being vacation time, our club has had a busy month.

My thanks and appreciation goes to -



- Lion Sue Suddath for the enjoyable Senior Center Birthday Party and all the Lions that supported Sue.
- All the Lions and Leos who participated in the Celebrate Damascus Parade
- Lions Jerry Mallack and Tuck and Eloise Woodfield for a great Flea Market Day
- All the Lions who enjoyed a Lions Night Out at the Keys Game.

All this flourish of activity brings to mind the theme of our new International President, Eberhard Wirfs. MOVE TO GROW. He says that anything needs momentum/movement to grow. And he emphasizes growth in all area of Lionism. He is using the Ginkgo tree and leaf as his symbol. The Ginkgo tree has longevity, adaptability, sustainability and abundance. We need to plant seedlings frequently to retain this incredible life of the Ginkgo tree. Thereby the Lions must continue to plant seeds of understanding and enduring community service, and cultivate a clean and consistent message of purpose. This involves effort, momentum, action and the NEED TO MOVE.

So as we go forward, we should be looking for opportunities, new and old, no matter how small or large, to serve our community. MOVE TO GROW!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Lion Walter Shipley who passed away July 15. Lion Walter was a 49 year member of the Damascus Lions and served the club in many capacities.

Also our memories of Lion George Connell who passed away on July 24 are ones of dedicated Lion and to the Damascus Lions. He was Editor of the Lions Tale for a period of time.

Both Lions have served the community well! God Bless them both!

Safe traveling to all as we grasp the last month of summer and vacation time.

Lion Mary Frances, President

Lions Flea Market – Saturday 11, 2009

By Lion Jerry Mallack

We had a beautiful day for the Damascus Lions Club Flea Market Fund Raiser and attendance was good despite our new location this year. I wish to thank IPP Eloise and Lion Tucky Woodfield for their help in attending meetings in connection with the Celebrate Damascus Days; their help in setting up the vendor spots on Friday and their help before the event.

I wish to thank KL Mary Frances for her help setting up the vendor spots on Friday and her assistance all day Saturday during the event.

I also wish to thank the following Lions for their assistance in getting up early Saturday morning and to the commuter parking lot to assist vendors signing in and locating their spots and in directing them to the vendor parking:

Secretary Ken Phillips, Lion Tony Barry, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Mike Thornett, Lion Tom Jackson, Lion Warren Schwab.

For those Lions that helped man the Gazebo and handing out membership information and answering questions and for helping clean the grounds afterwards:

KL Mary Frances Gosnell, Lion Joy Schwab, Lion Midge Tench, Lion Ann Davis, Lion Gary Rogers, Lion Barbara Barry, Lion Charlie Stone, Lion Carol Stone, Lion Lee Sellers, Lion Bill Mahylis and a brief appearance by Lion Jennifer Warfield.

Also I wish to thank those Lions that where unable to attend and those that did attend that made money contributions to help make the Flea Market Fund Raiser a success this year.

Special thanks goes to the Clarksburg Branch of the Damascus Lions Club for their donation of the Portable Potty at the Flea Market.

Damascus Lions Tale Availability

The *Lions Tale* is published monthly on our web site maintained by Cindee Rogers. It is usually posted on the Monday before the meeting so you can get a preview there. If you miss a meeting, the easiest way to get a copy of the Lions Tale is to go to the web site. The second easiest way is to have our secretary, Lion Ken, email you a copy. Either saves us time and money. So if you are satisfied with either approach, please let Lion Ken know.

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Upcoming Events

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

Sept. 1 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church
Sept 8 – Board Meeting at Recreation Center
Sept 11-13 – Damascus Community Fair at DVFD Grounds
Sept 21 – Blood Drive at DVFD Activities Center
Sept 16-19 – White Cane Days
Sept 15 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church

Oct. 2 – Basket Bingo at the DVFD Activities Center
Oct. 6 – Charter Night; location TBA
Oct 13 – Board Meeting at the Recreation Center
Oct. 17 – Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UM Church
Oct 20 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church

Birthdays

Lions:

Aug. 21 - Charlie Holpuch
Aug. 25 - Patricia McKenzie

Partners-in-Service

Aug. 6 - Margaret Duvall
Aug. 9 - Frances Walton
Aug. 19 - David Stone

Anniversaries

Aug. 4 – Bernie and Karen Duplan
Aug. 9 - Eloise and Tuck Woodfield
Aug. 15 - Viola and George Hibbard
Aug. 28 - Gail and Dave Davidson
Aug. 31 - Joy and Warren Schwab

Roster corrections

Please make the following changes to your roster book:

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2009

King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. In opening remarks, King Lion summarized the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Board while announcing plans to discuss the makeup of the board and what is considered a quorum.

In attendance were Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Tess Gladhill, Joy Schwab, Martin Carr, Eloise Woodfield, and Bernie Duplan.

It was noted that the minutes from the previous meeting were published in the July Lions Tale. The board was asked if there were any additions or corrections to those minutes. With none forthcoming, the minutes were approved as published.

The secretary report was given by Ken Phillips. It was reported that a note was received from Partner in Service Pat Shipley for the flowers sent for the passing of Lion Walter. We also received a note from Vice District Governor Sandi Halterman expressing her concern. Also read were "Thank You" notes from Cameron Irons for a Youth Night award and from The Children's Inn at NIH for the donation given when Jennifer Stone spoke at our dinner meeting.

Tony Barry, club treasurer, gave the club financial report. The end-of-year report showed that the club expended \$474.29 more than received (about 2%) with both receipts and expenditures below projections. The report was accepted as presented.

Marcia Holpuch, assistant foundation treasurer, presented the foundation financial report. The report showed a net income of \$2044.00 for the year. This was much better than projected since the budget contained a deficit of \$6500. The report was approved as presented.

Tom Jackson was asked to report on his duties as Lions Tale editor. Tom said he spends 7 or 8 hours a month editing, cutting and pasting, and laying out the newsletter. He then gets it to Dovetail for printing. Tom reported that he needs birthday and anniversary dates for many lions and partners in service.

Joy Schwab, membership chairman, reported that she is going to meet with Lion Bob Newlin for his ideas for membership. She is planning to hold informational breakfasts and other activities to attract new members. In addition, membership asked that Barbara Barry be converted from honorary to regular membership. That

request was approved. Linda Panagoulis submitted her resignation from the club. That request was also approved.

It was reported that the club had a successful activity at the Celebrate Damascus parade. The club was represented by 10 Lions and 3 Leos and gave out \$50.00 worth of candy. The members carried signs indicating our community service functions.

The activities for Sat. at Celebrate Damascus included the Flea Market sponsored by the club and a club information booth for membership and club promotion. 20 Lions worked during the day to make this a success. Thanks to Lion Jerry for organizing the event. The board discussed some possible improvements for next year. Tess Gladhill will be attending the post-event meetings and will present those thoughts.

Tony Barry, wreath chairman, presented a proposal to update our holiday wreaths for the coming Christmas season. He presented a motion to purchase new bows for the wreaths and a sample of new LED lights. These lights will be tried on several wreaths and if successful more will be purchased in the future. The motion passed.

Tom Jackson pointed out that our Logo on the town signs are fading and need to be replaced. A motion to purchase new ones was made and seconded. After discussion the motion was passed.

Tom also pointed out the Tail Twisters need new banks since the bottom falls out (frequently) and the donations are lost. A motion for that purchase passed.

Bill Mahylis reported that he has several years of records of club finances and would like to pass them along to someone. This led to a discussion of the need for a place to store the club records and archived material. During this discussion, Tess Gladhill noted that the medical closet needs a clean out. She will organized this and asked for help. There was no resolution of the storage issue.

The meeting ended with a discussion of who should be on the board. The constitution is not clear on this. Since the Rec Center closes at 9:00, the discussion was not finished and will resume at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary.

Clarksburg Corner

By IPP Lion Eloise Woodfield, Branch Liaison & Lion Joann Woodson, Branch Coordinator

On July 11th Branch Lions supported the Celebrate Damascus Event. Lions of the Branch donated a porta-pottie to be used at the Lions Flea Market. This was a very successful day. Thanks Lions, Lion Helen Boyer for the use of the Boyer grass lot and Linda Panagolis, Mgr. DCRC for providing the orange cones.

Coming up in the fall on Sept. 27th Branch Lions will be busy helping Little Bennett Park and the Clarksburg Historical Society, Inc. with the annual event held in the park at the Kingsley one room school called "Lessons in the Past", come support this community event. Horse and carriage rides, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a cake walk, old fashion games, demonstrations and history will be given by local residents. Students will also be there that attended this school. Lions will have a display to promote what Lions do for the communities. Bring your old eye glasses to be collected.

Come, support and visit with fellow community leaders, working together to educate our youth from 1:00pm till 4:00pm on Sunday Sept. 27th 2009.

Later in November, Branch Lions will be reporting on other activities planned for the coming year.

Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Ice Cream Coordinator

Lions, Leos, Friends and Family "Have a milk shake on me." Have a fun time dipping Ice Cream and support your Damascus Lions Club on Tuesday August 18, 2009. Three shifts are needed: morning, afternoon and evening or stay all day.

Call Lion Charlie Hertel (301-353-0659 or Cell 301-370-6411) to schedule and or receive a pass to get into the fair. Remember it is senior day at the fair. Admission is free to seniors that day as long as you are in before 4:00 pm.

Thank You!!

CELEBRATE DAMASCUS LIONS INFORMATION GAZEBO

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

In the midst of the vendors at the Lions Flea Market was a sign-covered gazebo identifying it as the Damascus

Lions. Membership Chairman, Lion Joy Schwab, had a display of Lions literature as well as a sign-in sheet for Prospective Members. Many visitors stopped to talk with the Lions at the gazebo. The results of the day were –

1 person asked how to get medical equipment.

1 person wanted to donate medical equipment

1 person brought eye glasses

1 person wanted to know where they could drop off eye glasses

7 persons wanted to know more about the Lions and 2 asked to be members.

Thanks to Lions Joy and Warren Schwab, Bill Mahylis, Gary Rogers, Ann Davis, Midge Tench and Jerry Warfield for being at the gazebo during the day. A Great Day!

CELEBRATE DAMASCUS PARADE

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

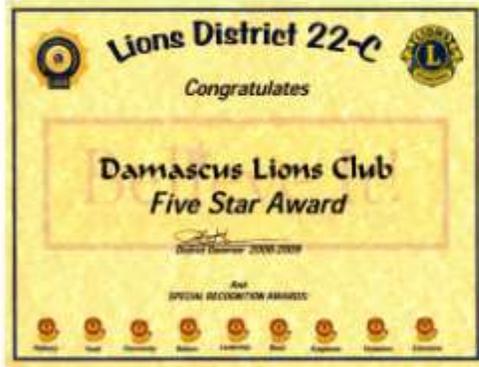
It was a perfect weather for a parade. Ten Lions and 3 Leos marched in the Celebrate Damascus Parade which was lined with people from beginning to end! Our Lion Mascot, Lion Tony Barry, and Lion Barbara Barry rode in the bed of a pickup truck donated by Lion David Warfield. The crowd could see the Lion from afar and the children got so excited. Leos and Lions carried signage as well as signage was in the bed of the pickup telling of our community involvement. Lion Jerry Warfield and Leo Elizabeth Barry diplomatically handed out 30 pounds of candy as they waited closer to the end of the parade route to be generous. The theme was "Our American Heritage" and the Damascus Lions told the longevity of Lions locally as well as worldwide. Sure was a great promotional way to be seen by the entire community.

Thanks to all Lions that participated.

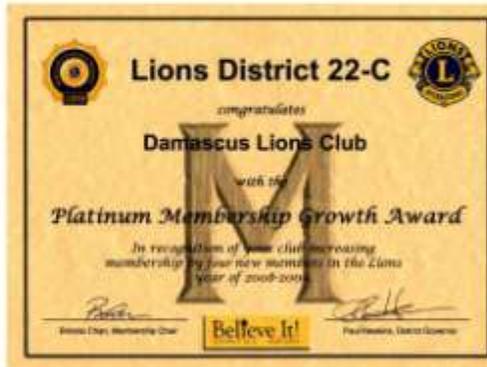
2008–2009 Awards

On the next page are copies of the awards we received at the 22–C convention.

**Congratulations to the
Damascus Lions Club &
Immediate Past President Lion Eloise Woodfield
for the Year 2008-2009, an Outstanding Year.**



**Five Star Award with
all 9 Special Awards**



**Governor's Platinum
Membership Growth Award
for increasing membership
by four new members**



**Governor's Exceptional
Club Award**



**District 22-C Superior
Service Award**



**2009 District 22-C
Platinum Membership Achievement Award
Awarded to Lion Eloise Woodfield**

**"Other Lions Clubs may tie you next year,
but none can surpass you. This is all of the
awards given out for the year."**

See District 22-C Directory 2008-2009 Page 75 for Awards Program
2008-2009 Damascus Secretary, Lion Thomas "Tuck" Woodfield

Pictures from the Keys Game

See more pictures on the web site.

