



DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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The President's Message

Upon receiving this Lions Tale, we will be in the midst of the busy month of September.

Lest we forget August, my Thanks and appreciation goes to –



- Lion Charlie Hertel for coordinating the Ice Cream Dipping at the Montgomery County Fair and thanks to all the Lions, Partners-in-Service, Leos, Family and Friends for assisting with our day.
- Lions Rusty and Dee Reichmeider for coordinating the Mobile Health Unit on Thursday of the Montgomery County Fair and all the Lions who assisted with this effort.
- Lion Gary Rogers for being a Co-manager of the Ice Cream Parlor at the Montgomery County Fair for the entire week along with Lions Gerda and Doug Sherwood of the Laytonsville Lions Club.

District Governor Bill Thomas has adopted the theme of TEAM - "Together Everyone Achieves More".

And again, it follows the theme of the International President – "Move to Grow"

So Fellow Lions - We MOVE to create new opportunities and we get those results by TEAM!

Moving Together is the ambiance of getting good results. And that is what will make us successful; doing what we do together.

September is a very busy Lions month, so moving together will make it happen.

As you read this Lions Tale, we will have already participated in the Damascus Community Fair.

Also, we will have been a part of the Hospice Caring, Inc., Wings of Caring, 20th Anniversary Celebration with a butterfly release. Our Board of Directors voted to have butterflies released in memory of Lions Albert Warfield, Mark Sain, Walter Shipley, Maurice Purdum and George Conner.

And then -

Lion Wayne Marr will have us geared up to do White Cane starting on the 16th.

Lion Charlie Hertel will have distributed the call list for the Blood Drive donors and preparing for a great drive.

And Lion Jerry Mallack will be coordinating the Promotional Display at the Damascus Heritage Day located at the Izaak Walton League. She solicits your help.

As September turns its "leaves", it will be time for Basket Bingo on October 2 - need lots of support in many ways.

And then our Charter Celebration on Oct. 6. Make your reservations now!

Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to Lion George and Partner-in-Service Viola Hibbard upon the lost of Viola's mother.

Looking forward to continue working with each of you in our many efforts to reach out to our community.

Eyeglass Boxes

By Lion Del Mayhew

The Damascus Lions Club and the Clarksburg Branch have nearly a dozen drop boxes for collecting used eyeglasses. Encourage friends and family to drop off unneeded eyeglasses at one of the locations below:

Damascus Lions Club

- Chevy Chase Bank; 26001 Ridge Road, Damascus
- Eyeballs; 26035 Ridge Road, Damascus
- Damascus Opticians; 26135 Ridge Road, Damascus
- Damascus Library; 9701 Main Street, Damascus
- Damascus Recreation Center; 25520 Oak Drive, Damascus
- Tom & Ray's Restaurant; 9876 Main Street, Damascus
- Damascus Volunteer Fire Department; 26334 Ridge Road, Damascus
- Clearspring Elementary School; 9930 Moyer Road, Damascus

Clarksburg Branch

- Eye to Eye Optometrist; 13061 Wisteria Drive, Germantown
- Montgomery County Library; 19840 Century Blvd, Germantown
- Mother Seton Parish; 19951 Father Hurley Drive; Germantown

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Upcoming Events

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
Nov. 3 – Dinner Meeting- Business Appreciation Night at
Wesley Grove UM Church
Nov 10 – Board Meeting at the Recreation Center
Nov 17 – Dinner Meeting - Spouse Night at Wesley Grove
UM Church
Nov 20-21 – Holiday Giving Project; location TBD
Nov 23 – Blood Drive at DVFD Activities Center

Birthdays

Lions:

Sept. 1 – Carol Stone
Sept. 5 – Rusty Reichmeider
Sept. 15 – Shyue Huang
Sept. 18 – Mike Bowersox

Partners-in-Service

Sept. 14 Melissa Washington
Sept. 15 Kathy Thornett

Anniversaries

Sept. 5 – Barbara and Tony Barry
Sept. 8 - Del and Bonnie Mayhew
Sept. 9 – John and Shannon Holpuch
Sept. 20 - John and Melissa Washington
Sept. 23 - Bill and Helen Mahylis
Sept. 29 - Wayne and Naomi Marr

News about Members

More Roster corrections

Please make the following changes to your roster
book:

Charlie Stone (A re-do for Lion Charlie's)

Work phone - 301 451 5015

Joann Woodson

Phone – 301 916 3889

Bob Newlin

Phone 301 644 5908

Cell, 301 717 3465

Gary Rogers

Phone 301 414 5414

August Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chairman

At the blood drive at Damascus United Methodist
Church on Sunday August 9, 2009, we collected 39
units of blood. Thanks to all who participated. Thanks
to Lion Warren Schwab for putting out the blood
drive signs the morning of the drive.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2009

King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. In attendance were Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie Stone, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Marcia Holpuch, Ray Molesworth, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Tess Gladhill, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Gary Rogers and Martin Carr.

It was noted that the minutes from the previous meeting were published in the August Lions Tale. The minutes were approved with a correction that Bill Mahylis presented the year-end Club financial report and not Tony Barry.

The secretary's report was given by Ken Phillips. It was reported that a note was received from Lion Helen Boyer for the flowers and a visit by Joy Schwab. There are still 21 outstanding dues bills and Secretary Ken will send another notice at the end of August.

Tony Barry, club treasurer, gave the club financial report. For the month of July most of the activity was for dues and meals with the club showing a net gain of \$248.31. The report was accepted as presented.

Mary Frances Gosnell distributed the foundation financial report. The report showed a net income of \$3163 for the month with expenses at \$8715 primarily due to scholarships and student loans. This deficit should be covered by other fundraisers later in the year. The report was approved as presented.

Mary Frances Gosnell presented several items for discussion.

- Lions Camp Merrick will hold the annual Gala on the 18th of September and has asked clubs to support the event. It was approved for the club to purchase two tickets to the event for Lion Marcia Holpuch, our representative, if she wants to go.
- The low Vision Research Facility is sponsoring a golf tournament.
- There is concern for the MD22 preschool vision-screening program. This will be discussed later.
- The new eyeglass recycle center at the Melwood Center is looking for volunteers to clean and sort glasses. Leo coordinator Barbara Barry will check on a trip with LEOs.
- Leadership Training at Camp Merrick will be the 20th of October, the same weekend of our pancake breakfast.

- Damascus Heritage Day will be the 14th of September at the Isaac Walton League. A membership booth or table might be a possibility.
- Montgomery Count Fair is starting 14th of September and our day for ice cream dipping is Tuesday and Mobile Health Unit duty on Thursday.
- The Damascus community fair will be the weekend of the 12th of September. The club will have our usual booth with free popcorn. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth.

Under old business, the quorum question was returned for discussion. It was determined that the board is made up of 18 officers with 10 being a quorum. A motion was made and seconded to establish that rule for the board. Tom Jackson agreed to draft an amendment to the By-Laws that will clarify this to be forwarded to the Constitution and By-Laws committee for their action.

The fleas market held at Celebrate Damascus was discussed. Questions of its effectiveness as a fundraiser were discussed. Problems with the trolley system and publicity for the fleas market were mentioned as possible adverse effects. There is a possibility that the fleas market could be moved to activities building next year to be close the car show. Since there are several possible changes for the event next year, further discussion will wait until Tess Gladhill can report back on the post event meetings of the Celebrate Damascus committee.

Damascus Ecumenical Council has asked organizations to support their efforts to provide school supplies to needy children in the community. A motion was made and passed to contribute \$200.00 from youth activities budget to this effort.

Lion John Holpuch has been cleaning out old childhood toys and is working on a project for the club. John is suggesting that members search storage areas in their houses for unused toys that are in working condition. John will check to insure that they are in working order and collect them. He is looking for places to donate them for use by kids that need them. He will continue researching this effort and report back at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary.

Board meeting attendance

The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Damascus Recreation Center. The BOD is where most of the official business of the club transpires. The BOD consists of the King Lion, the three vice presidents, the secretaries, the treasurers, the Tail Twister and the Lion Tamer, one and two year directors, the membership chairman, the immediate Past President, the Historian, the Clarksburg Branch Coordinator, and the assistants to the above officers. All elected officers need to attend, since the BOD cannot transact any business without a quorum present. In addition, all members are encouraged to attend.

Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chairman

Did you eat enough ice cream? If you did not, you should have had Lion Charlie Holpuch dip a cone for you!!!!

What a great year it was dipping ice cream at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair on Tuesday August 18, 2009. The Damascus Lions Club along with the Damascus High School Leos and the Baker and Rocky Hill Middle School Leos and all other partners in service did an outstanding job. Lion Gary from Damascus and Lion Gerta from Laytonsville, who run the ice cream parlor during the week, found themselves on Tuesday with a lot of spare time on their hands again because we do such a terrific job. Tuesday was Senior Day at the fair and Damascus sold approximately \$7,000.00 worth of ice cream. I would like to thank Lion Gary Rogers for all he did this year for running the ice cream parlor for the entire week.

A special thanks to Lion Barbara And Lion Tony for coming in on Thursday with me before the fair started and stocking all the ice cream into the bins and doing a final cleaning. I would like to thank my family who is always involved in our club activities for their support. I would also like to thank Lions Leslie Poole and Barbara Barry for the Leos' support. Without them this would not have been a great success. Our Damascus Lions Club members turned out in great numbers to show support this year and I would like to thank all of them. Special thanks to King Lion Mary Francis Gosnell for the information board we set up to advertise our club to the public. We had over 60 people come in and work in the ice cream booth that day. There were approximately 325 man hours spent running the ice cream parlor. What a great job we all did.

Thank you for your continued support. I will be able to report some earnings for the club within the next two weeks or so.

BASKET BINGO

By King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 2. That is when the Damascus Lions will sponsor their annual Basket Bingo to benefit the V. Ray Simpson Scholarship Fund.

Flyers are available for anyone to put up in and around town and anywhere you think we might benefit from it. See flyer included in this Lions Tale.

Tickets are available for sale - Sure will be happy to consign a block of tickets for anyone to sell. Tickets are \$20.00 for 20 games and 4 specials and 3 FREE games. I would hope Lions will actively sell tickets as well as sponsors. It is a real concern as how well this fund raiser will do in today's economy. Last year, the ticket sales was off by 30% compared to previous years.

We are looking for sponsors for baskets. The average price of a basket is \$65.00. Prices of the prize baskets range from \$49.00 to \$399.00 plus the fillers. Ask out in the community for sponsors. This is a good opportunity for a business or individual to make a donation as a sponsor which is tax deductible and will help fund the Scholarship as well as get some advertising. Any Lion can seek sponsors - Need to get the sponsors name and money to Lion Mary Frances by Sept. 21,

Lions and Partners-In-Service are needed Thursday night, Oct. 1 to set up and on Friday, Oct. 2 to work the bingo.

Buy your partner a ticket and you can help on the floor. Lion Mary Frances has tickets, flyers and the answers to your questions!

Road Gang

On August 16, six intrepid Lions cleaned up our side of Rte. 27 south. Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Wayne Marr, Martin Carr, Tammy Hertel, Ken Phillips and Tom Jackson picked up 8 to 10 bags of trash.

Damascus 'White Cane Days' Starts Tomorrow!

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chairman

Let's hope the new Safeway location will bring us lots of business! Here is our schedule. Look for your namethis will serve as your official reminder. I couldn't be here tonight; please coordinate with Lion Ken Phillips.

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday Sep 16 Manager: Ken Phillips	6:30am – 8:30am	Red Rooster	Mike Thornett
	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Mary Frances Gosnell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Tom Jackson
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway	Midge Tench
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Jack Peters
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Dave Davidson
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway	Tess Gladhill
Thursday Sep 17 Manager: Bill Mahylis	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Mary Frances Gosnell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway	Barbara Barry
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	John Washington
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Bob Snapp
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway	Jerry Mallack
Friday Sep 18 Manager: Del Mayhew	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Charlie Hertel
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway	Tom Jackson
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Fran Burlas
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Martin Carr
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway	Warren & Joy Schwab
Saturday Sep 19 Manager: Wayne Marr	6:45am – 8:45am	Red Rooster	Charlie & Marcia Holpuch
	7:00am - 9:00am	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	8:15am - 10:15am	CVS	Rusty & Dee Reichmeider
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway	Ann Davis
	8:45am – 10:45am	Red Rooster	Bill Mahylis
	9:00am - 11:00am	Tom & Ray's	Fran Burlas
	10:15am - 12:15pm	CVS	Sue Suddath
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway	Charlie Stone
	11:00am - 1:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Gary Rogers

BASKET AND POTTERY BINGO



Sponsored by Damascus Lions

**Benefit of the Basil B. Burdette Student Loan Fund and
the V. Ray Simpson Scholarship Fund**

\$4,000 extended in Student Loans & \$4,000 presented in Scholarships in 2009

Friday, October 2, 2009

At the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Activities Center

10211 Lewis Drive, Damascus, MD

Door opens 5:30 p.m. First Game begins 6:55 p.m.

With FREE "PreBingo Game"! - 5 winners!

Food Available

***Bring a pair of used eye glasses or hearing aids for the Lions to
recycle***

(These items are recycled for use in Third World Countries.)

And receive a FREE game and a CHANCE to win a Bread Basket

Donated by King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

\$20.00 in advance \$ 25.00 at the Door

Includes 20 Games and 4 Specials

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT



Filled Baskets - Raffles - Door Prizes - King Tut - Losers Game

Tables will be reserved - Advanced Reservations Recommended

**For reservations call Shirley Barnard 301-829-2474 or Lion Mary Frances Gosnell
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