



The President's Message

Lions, I trust all of you had an enjoyable Holiday Season! And my wish for the New Year is that it will be kind to you!

Congratulations to Immediate Past President Eloise upon receiving the Presidents Diamond Award for Membership from International President Al Brandel as well as the President's Excellence Award for 2008-09 Lions year. Also much Appreciation to all Lions as you helped make it happen for IPP Eloise.



As usual, December was a bustle and hustle time.

My appreciation goes to –

- Lion Sue Suddath for putting on a great Christmas/Birthday Party at the Senior Center. Sue served 4 different homemade cakes along with ice cream at the party. She had the Seniors playing games, doing art work and solving puzzles. All left with a gift bag of goodies as well. Thanks Sue!
- Thanks to Lion Charlie Holpuch for organizing the Christmas Dinner Party for us. The delightful musicians sure gave a festive touch of dinner music while we enjoyed our meal. The gift game was much fun and enjoyed by all. Thanks Charlie and Marcia!
- Thanks to all Lions for their participation in the Christmas Giving Project. It truly was a special time and a special giving project. See the "EXTRAORDINARY" article in this Lions Tale.

I trust all Lions received my New Year mailing. Please note on the Activities Schedule the change of meeting place for the Monthly Board Meetings. Montgomery County is requiring a fee for usage of their public buildings beginning in 2010.

I ask you to keep our Lions who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers. Most of them would appreciate visitors as well. So if you have a few minutes, why not stop and visit with one of them.

Lions, Happy New Year and may 2010 be kind to you.

King Lion Mary Frances

Health and Fitness Expo

By lion Jerry Mallack

The upcoming NBC4 Fitness Expo will be held at the Washington Convention Center. Our club has signed up for a shift on Saturday, Jan. 16th from 9-11:30am. We need about 10 people to fully cover the shift. So far seven people have signed up, not counting Lions Tony and Barbara Berry – Lion Tony will be wearing the Lion's costume and Lion Barbara will be walking around with him, so they really don't count for helping with the screenings. So we still need a few members to volunteer to help with the Vision and Hearing and Preschool Screening.

We will meet at the High School parking lot right across from Weis at 7:15-7:30am to car pool down to the Shady Grove Metro Station get on Metro around 8:00am to arrive at the Convention Center for our 9:00am shift.

MEMBER PHONE CONTACT CHAIN

By King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Going forward, should it be necessary to contact every member quickly, I will set up a phone calling chain. Like the one used in early December for the RSVP to the Christmas Dinner Party, one Lion on each page of the Roster will be the contact person. That contact Lion will call all the members on their page of the roster with the message. In addition, upon receiving an EMAIL that notifies all members of worthy information, the Contact Lion needs to call the Lions on their page that DO NOT have email addresses listed.

I will not name the Contact Lions in this email as I would hope all of you would remember who you are. Thank you – this will ensure that all Lions are kept in the loop!

Thought for the Day

By KL Mary Frances

HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY!

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter Is New Year's Day.

Quoted from Edith Lovejoy Pierce

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Upcoming Events

- Jan 12: Board Meeting at the Recreation Center
- Jan 18: Blood Drive at the DVFD Activities Center
- Jan 19: Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
- Feb 2: Dinner Meeting - Spouse Night at Wesley Grove UMC
- Feb 9: Board Meeting at the Recreation Center
- Feb 16: Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church
- Mar. 2: Dinner Meeting (Prospective Member Night) at Wesley Grove UMC
- Mar. 9: Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros.
- Mar 15: Blood Drive at DVFD Activities Center
- Mar. 16: Dinner Meeting (In-House Auction) at Wesley Grove UM Church
- Mar. 20: Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UM Church
- Apr. 6: Dinner Meeting (New Member Induction) at Wesley Grove UM Church
- Apr. 13: Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros.
- Apr. 17: Big Band Dance at the American Legion
- Apr. 20: Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church
- Apr. 24: 22C Night at Greater Waldorf Jaycees Ctr

Birthdays

Lions:

- 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

News about Members

LUNCH GATHERING

Want to go for a Dutch Treat Lunch? Meet me on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 pm for lunch at Tom & Ray's! Just for fun - If I don't show up – enjoy lunch anyway!

Mary Frances



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2009

King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. In attendance were Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Mike Thornett, Tony Barry, Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Martin Carr, Bill Mahylis, Tess Gladhill, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab and Del Mayhew.

The minutes of the November board meeting were published in the December Lions Tale. With no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as published.

The club financial report was presented by Lion Tony Barry. A monthly income of \$603.90 was reported and expenditures of \$1409.78. The year-to-date data show a deficit of approximately \$870. The report was approved as presented.

The foundation financial report was given by Lion Mike Thornett. An income of \$2492 and expenses of \$3126 were reported. To-date figures show a net income of approximately \$1247. The report was approved as presented.

In the secretary report, Lion Ken Phillips reported that we still had several members who have not paid their dues for the first half of year. The board recommended that the sponsors contact these members and if no response is forthcoming then a letter will be sent to the delinquent members.

Lion Del Mayhew reported on the financial condition of LCOF. LCOF owns two condo units in Lanham where their offices are located. The organization is having trouble paying the mortgage on these units and is asking Clubs to support them as much as possible. He also reported that the preschool sight-screening program for the multiple district is dead but that 22-C would continue a program. The NBC-4 Expo is the next event for LCOF.

King Lion Mary Frances reported that the Melrose Recycle Center is looking for volunteers to sort, clean and measure glasses. Lion Mike Thornett will organize a trip to the center with LEOs or youth sometime in January.

Lion Marcia Holpuch reported that Camp Merrick is moving their offices from Waldorf to the camp to reduce operating costs. It remains to be seen if this move will work out since the camp is so isolated which will make it difficult for business interactions.

OLD BUSINESS

Lion Tess Gladhill reported that the Walker family who has been trying the reading magnifiers that we have has ordered a new unit but is using the one we loaned them until the new one arrives. The initial request from the family was for financial help to make this purchase but there has not been any additional discussion of financial need. Lion Tess will check on the status of this request and report back to King Lion who will then check with board members for directions.

NEW BUSINESS

The Recreation Center has notified King Lion that we continue to use their meeting room for our board meetings we will be charged \$20.00 per hour. Several other locations were discussed but they also charge for use of space. Lion Tess offered the Gladhill showroom for board meetings and that offer was accepted. Thanks to Lion Tess and Gladhill Brothers for this offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary.

Report on the Holiday Baskets

By KL Mary Frances

EXTRAORDINARY – Beyond what is usual!

Past President Dave Davidson used the word EXTRAORDINARY to describe accomplishments of the Damascus Lions and their activities some years ago. The word came to mind when I was trying to explain what happened on Friday, December 18, the night before the snow storm.

The Damascus Lions rallied around a Christmas Giving Project and made it happen before the storm hit – in fact, completed the deliveries just an hour before the snow began. And that is EXTRAORDINARY!!

Yes, we made it happen and thanks to all who helped with the project from the beginning to the finish line. The Delivery Teams came forth with renewed energy, members came that had not planned to help on Friday to help put it all together, putting their personal chores and commitments aside. They all were willing to do whatever had to be done to get the food and gifts to the 34 families which included 68 children and 58 adults.

The projections for the Christmas Giving Project are that it cost us \$ 3,037 and it took 48 Lions, Partners-in-service, children and Leos working approximately 197 hours to make it happen. Each family received nonperish-

able food for their dinner and surplus for their pantry, ham, milk, eggs, potatoes, butter, bread, dinner rolls, homemade cookies by the Goldsteins, filled Christmas Stocking, oranges, candy canes, towels and wash clothes , toys and an outfit for each child.

We have estimated that the School Food Drives collected approximately 12,000 items of food this year. Four pick-up loads of food were taken to the HELP Closet.

Thanks go to all Lions for purchasing a gift for each child, Bob Newlin for organizing the School Food Drives, Chris Fletcher for contacting and profiling the families, Ray Molesworth for coming forth and taking a leadership role on Friday and all Lions and Partners-in-service who put others before self in completing the project.

As I can't remember who coined this phrase but I am saying it from the heart - God Bless you all real good!



CLARKSBURG CORNER

From Coordinator – Lion Joann Woodson and Liaison – Lion Eloise Woodfield

Clarksburg Branch Lions wish everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year 2010.

Catching up from an active year with doing Community events around Clarksburg and Damascus.

On Sept. 27th, Lions Shyue and Su Huang had a food booth at the Kingsley School event. Thank you for helping make a success with this fund raiser. Also, Lions Shyue and Su were named, “Lion of the Year”, congratulations. Lion Ann Davis attended the display inside the school, many thanks.

Damascus Lions of the Clarksburg Branch attended Charter Night, everyone enjoyed the evening.

Celebrating in Oct at the fall Pumpkin Fest, held at the Clarksburg Town Center, “Reaching out to membership”- Lion Chris Fletcher talked with potential members about Lions and how “WE SERVE”. This was a great way to let the community be aware of Lionism.

In Nov, Branch Club Lions participated in the Clarksburg Elementary School’s 100 years of education. Thanks to all Lions that came out to SERVE. Lions Dale Ryan, Ann Davis, Midge Tench, Joann Woodson, IPP Eloise, Tuck Woodfield, Ben Lewis Plumbing, Mike Bowersox, Jim Cox, and Herb Barnes of the Laytonville Lions Club.

Bringing in the month of December, Lions helped the Clarksburg Historical Society, Inc. with the annual town tree lighting. Leo the Lion attended and handed out oranges. The Clarksburg School Leos trimmed the tree and dressed as Santa helpers. Providing music was the Clarksburg high School Band. Lion Santa (Gary Rogers) arrived on a shiny red Clarksburg fire truck. We appreciated King Lion Mary Frances attending the event and thanks to Cindee Rogers for taking photos, (check out the website).

The Clarksburg Sr. Holiday Party was held, Lions entertained with games, Santa arrived and gifts were given to all seniors. All enjoyed a delicious meal and a great time.

At this time, we would like to wish Lion Ronnie Pol and a speedy recovery and a Happy New Year.