



The President's Message

Welcome to Spring Hope that your Easter Celebration was a joyous one! My Easter festivities included 22 for dinner followed by 267 filled eggs being hid by the adults and hunted by the children and a Birthday celebration for my 92 year old Uncle. Was a great family time! Hope yours was also!



My Thanks and vote of appreciation goes to –

- Lion Joy Schwab, Membership Chairman for a very informative yet fun Prospective Member Night. PDG Lion Gary Burdette shared a great program on Lions.
- Lion Gary Rogers for his leadership in the Papa Johns Fund Raiser. Thanks for a great job of selling, maintaining and boosting our revenues.
- Thanks to Lion Charlie Hertel and all his helpers for another successful Blood Drive. Also for organizing the blood drives in the various churches. In all your efforts for our club and community, many lives have been saved.
- Thanks to Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath for another successful Pancake Breakfast. A lot of good comments about the food as well as the atmosphere. We reached out to many in our community. Thanks for all - Lions, Leos, Partners-In-Service and family and friends who helped in any way.
- Auctioneer Holpuch will go on record as to knowing how to pull those dollars out of our pockets. Thanks to Lions Marcia and Charlie for a great In-House Auction. And thanks to all of you who donated items, large and small. And to all who carried different things back out – Thank you for opening your purse strings for the benefit of the Club Administrative Costs. A real fun night!
- Thanks to Lions Marcia Holpuch and Charlie and Carol Stone for representing the Club at the Advisory Meeting on Saturday, the 27th. Seems as though, several of us overbooked for the date. I really appreciate your stepping and taking the time to represent us. Thanks
- Lion Cindee Rogers has got the Damascus Lions Web Site up and running and it is better than ever. She has already received some compliments on it from others that have visited the site. She has also linked it to Twitter and Facebook. So join up Lions! Visit our web site, it is fabulous!

The Big Band Dance is April 17. Have purchased your ticket? It is ok if you don't dance - you can watch and enjoy the music. We need your participation. Check it out with Lion Carol Stone before it is too late!

Enjoy this spring weather - It is a wonderful time of the year!

Damascus White Cane Days: May 5-8!

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chairman

Damascus Lions! Our next Damascus White Cane fundraiser is the week of May 5-8. I will push the signup sheet around during 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. We will have shifts at both doors of Safeway this time, in the hopes that this will help us increase our collections there. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this fundraiser over the years.



With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed recently Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in..... And then the trouble started.

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Upcoming Events

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
May 4: Youth Night at Damascus UM Church
May 5-8: White Cane around town
May 11: Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros.
May 18: Dinner Meeting - Leo Officer Installation at Wesley Grove UM Church
May 18-21: Multiple District Convention
Dover, Delaware

Birthdays

Lions:

Apr. 5 - Marcia Holpuch
Apr. 7 - John Warfield
Apr. 8 - Cindee Rogers
Apr. 10 - Floyd Bean
Apr. 12 - Alice Denell
Apr. 18 - Tom Jackson

Apr. 29 - Bill Mahylis

Partners-in-Service

Apr. 11 - Jennifer Molesworth

Anniversaries

Apr. 6 - Carol and Tim Dissmeyer
Apr. 12 - Peggy and David Stone
Apr. 17 - Jerry and Jay Mallack

Big Band Dance

By Lion Carol Stone, Chair

Just a reminder about the the Damascus Lions Club's 2010 Big Band Dance. It's coming up on Saturday, April 17th. The dinner and dance (on wood floor) will be held at the Damascus American Legion Post 171 on Lewis Drive in Damascus, MD. Music will be provided by Roland Cumberland and his outstanding Orchestra, featuring "The Swing Set" vocalists' trio.

Social hour including full setups will start at 6:00 PM, with dinner at 6:45 PM, followed by dancing from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Dinner also included, will be prepared and served by Paul Black of Tom & Ray's in Damascus. The cost is \$80 per couple; \$40 for singles.

We will help setting up and taking down. So see Lion Carol to volunteer.

We look forward to seeing you on April 17, 2010 at this special community event. Once again, Damascus Lion's Club thanks you for helping us to support our community.

RELAY FOR LIFE -

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Damascus Relay for Life will be held Saturday, May 8 with Opening Ceremonies at 2 pm. The Relay will be at the DVFD Activity grounds this year. The Opening Ceremonies are very impressive. The committee(s) and Teams for Damascus Relay for Life work year round planning this event and raising funds.

The Damascus Lions will have a booth/table handing out free snacks, water and apples. Lion Bernie Duplan is the Chairman of this activity. He will be setting up at 1 pm and will need some help. Also, he will need some Lions to work at the booth talking to the walkers and handing out the freebies until about 9 Saturday night. Check your calendar and see if you can give Relay For Life an hour or so by volunteering with the Lions.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2010

King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. In attendance were Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Mike Thornett, Tony Barry, Marcia Holpuch, Barbara Barry, Ray Molesworth, Tom Jackson, Martin Carr, Tess Gladhill, Warren Schwab and Joy Schwab.

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

The club financial reports for January and February were presented by Lion Tony Barry. The Jan report showed a net income of over \$4100 while the Feb report showed a loss of over \$1200. This activity was primarily due to the collection and payment of club dues. The year-to-date data for Feb. show a deficit of approximately \$1400. The reports were approved as presented.

The foundation financial reports were given by Lion Mike Thornett. An income of \$3214 and expenses of \$7720 were reported. To-date figures show the foundation to be below budget by approximately \$700. The report was approved as presented.

In the secretary report, Lion Ken Phillips reported that there were a few members who have not paid their dues for the second half of the Lions year. They will be sent a reminder.

King Lion Mary Frances reported that nominee for the Bull Thrower and District Honor Roll are due. If anyone would like to present a candidate let her know.

Lion Joy Schwab, membership chairman, presented an application for a new member and a virtual vote will be taken later. She has two other interested prospects. Lions Nick Holpuch, Dennis Hough and Lea Hough were approved as Members At Large. Lion Margaret Duvall was approved as an Associate Member.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made and approved to apply the advance meal payment for the cancelled meeting to the fee for installation night.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter requesting a donation for the post prom party at Clarksburg High School was presented. The Youth committee elected to handle this request.

It was noted that the THOR Team, a mentoring program for area disadvantaged youth, held an annual banquet recently to thank contributors to the program. After some discussion, it was moved and approved to contribute \$200.00 to this organization with funds coming from the unplanned youth budget item.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary

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Clarksburg Corner

From the Liaison IPP Lion Eloise Woodfield and Coordinator Lion Joann Woodson

The Clarksburg Branch Lions of Damascus Club recently had a Membership table at the "Kites over Clarksburg" event. "March for Membership" was the Lions theme. Lions' information and upcoming community events were on display. Interested potential members were given key chain eyeglasses. Lion Chris Fletcher, Coordinator Lion Joann Woodson, Lion "Tuck" Woodfield and Zone Chair Lion Eloise Woodfield talked with visitors, explaining the many ways, both men & women can help by giving back to the community. Letting everyone know that as Lions "WE SERVE", and the word TEAM, means "together everyone achieves more".

Attending this event was a very worthwhile way to get potential New Members, and a great way of spreading Lionism with a personal touch.

Lion Chris was *flying high with excitement* as the Chairperson for this membership drive in Clarksburg. Way to go Lions.



"Kites Over Clarksburg", MD
March 27, 2010

MARCH FOR MEMBERSHIP



Lion Chris Fletcher

Clarksburg Branch Lion of Damascus Club

March Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

We collected 84 units of blood at the Damascus Lions Club Blood Drive on March 15, 2010. St. Paul's Catholic Church had a blood drive on Sunday March 28, 2010 and they collected an additional 17 units of blood. This puts our yearly total at 552.

The Damascus UM Church is having our 1st blood drive of the 2010-2011 year on Thursday May 13, 2010. Our next drive is scheduled for Monday June 7, 2010. This will be held at the Damascus Vol. Fire Dept Activity Building.

We had our Mary Kay basket donated by Lion Marsha Holpuch. The value was about \$100.00. Thank you to Safeway for supplying the donuts and newspapers valued at \$25.00.

I would like to thank all the Lions Club members for all of the hard work. It is proven if we make the phone calls it seems to increase the units of blood we collect. I would like to thank the Lions who came in and helped set up the hall. I would like to thank the Lions in our club who still continue to give a unit of blood each time.

I would like to thank my son Lee and daughter Candice for helping set up for the drive. I would like to thank King Lion Mary Francis Gosnell and Lion Joy Schwab for setting up the Lions marketing display board and being greeters. I would like to also thank my Mom and Dad for being involved with our blood drives. They show up around 11:00 AM and leave with me about 9:00 PM. Mom also makes calls to prospective donors. Thank you!

We have a great community. Damascus is a special place. Thanks to all who continue to support our community blood drives.

Pancake Breakfast and Bake/Craft Table

By Lion Joy Schwab, Chair

The Spring Pancake Breakfast and Bake/Craft Table event was held on Saturday, March 20, from 7-11am at Damascus United Methodist Church. On Friday, March 19th, 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.

Early Saturday morning the food and drinks were prepared. This included the pancakes, sausage, biscuits, cream chipped beef, home fries scrambled eggs, hot apples, orange juice, coffee and hot tea. Bake Sale/Craft Table items were accepted. We served about 300 people. Helpers were Lions Barbara and Tony Barry, Martin Carr, Dave Davidson, Ann Davis, Bernie Duplan, Chris Fletcher, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie and Tammy Hertel, George Hibbard, Su-Ling Huang, Charlie and Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Jerry Mallack, Wayne Marr, Ray Molesworth, Bob Newlin, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Warren Schwab, Lee Sellers, Roy Stanley, Carol and Charlie Stone, Midge Tench, Mike Thornett, John Washington, Eloise and Tuck Woodfield and Joann Woodson. Leos from Middle and High Schools were Elizabeth Barry, Melodi Chalalk, Natalie Dagher, Keith Hansen, Samantha Hungerford, Candice Hertel, Courtney Kaczmarek, Katarina Leiby, Juanna Linden, Eleanor Ritter, Kelsey Turner and Paul Veby. Other volunteers were Stephanie Huang and Frann Peters. After all the bills are paid, we'll announce the profit for the breakfast.

The Bake/Craft Table received item donations from Lions and Partners-in-Service Tess Gladhill, Mary Frances Gosnell, Irene Hardy, George & Viola Hibbard, Jonnie Jackson, Ray & Jennifer Molesworth, and Jack & Frann Peters, Ken & Sue Phillips, Carl Richards of Carol's Creation and Joy Schwab. Monetary donations were given by Lion Helen Boyer and Bill Mahylis. Bake/Craft Table profit was \$300.25.

Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath thank each and every one of you; you made this event a success.