



The President's Message

Can you believe that 11 months ago I was writing my first President's message for the Lions Tale? How time does fly by when you are having fun? And it has, indeed, been a great, productive and fun year, thanks to all you, Fellow Lions!



For the events in May, my appreciation goes to –

- All Lions who assisted and attended Youth Night. It truly was a rewarding evening for the recipients as well as the Lions – We Serve!
- To Lion Bernie Duplan who organized and worked the Lions Booth for Damascus Relay For Life – also to Lion Jerry Mallack for helping to set up and getting started. Was great exposure for the Lions and a sense of appreciation for the attendees?
- To Zone Chairman Lion Eloise for inducting the new Leo Advisors and to District Youth Outreach Chairman Lion Marcia for installing the Leo Officers. The night was important for the Advisors and Youth. They are now ready to start the Leo Club this coming school year early on.
- Lion Martin for attending the Multiple District Convention, going to all the Business Sessions gathering pertinent info while I manned a booth for Cochlear Americas. Also the Lions Tuck and Eloise for coming to attend the Multiple Banquet and the Necrology Service. And yes, Damascus Lions, we are a Five Star Club for the year 2009-2010. Thanks to all!
- Lions Dale Ryan and Chris Fletcher for organizing and working the Clarksburg Relay For Life Lions Booth.

Welcome to new members Mary Kroll, Deborah Volley, Kym Ails and Theresa Sluger, all Leo Advisors. WE look forward to working with them in the coming school year.

Mark you calendars now for June events,

- Blood Drive – June 7, DVFD Activities Building, Lion Charlie can use some help.
- Golf Tournament – June 14, Beaver Brook Country Club – Have you sponsored a Hole or got a team? Contact Lion John Warfield
- Installation Night, June 15, American Legion – Lion Bob Snapp needs your reservations.

Hope your Memorial Day weekend was a safe and memorable one. School will soon end its year – so watch out for the kids while driving, enjoy your vacations and relax.

Sight Conservation Committee Report

By Lion Midge Tench, Chair

The money we budget for this project is used to provide eye exams and glasses for students, elderly and others in our community who could not otherwise afford them. Every effort is made to insure that those most in need receive first priority.

This year we helped eleven people obtain glasses. We also assisted with the purchase of a video magnification system for a 10 year old student with vision difficulties. She is the great granddaughter of former Lion Stewart Walker.

This year we spent over \$1500 on eye exams, buying glasses and the magnification system.



Collecting for White Canes (see story on page 4)

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Upcoming Events

June 1- Family Picnic; Location TBD
June 7 - Blood Drive; DVFD Activities Center
June 8 - Board Meeting; Gladhill Bros
June 14 - Golf Tournament; Beaver Brook Country Club
June 15 - Installation Night at the American Legion
June 28/July 2 - International Convention; Sydney, Australia

Maryland Cycling for Sight Lions Club

By King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Maryland Cycling for Sight Lions Club will be traveling through Sandy Spring, Olney, Laytonsville and Damascus on Saturday, June 19. We will meet the cyclist at the corner of Route 108 and 124 at the Park and Ride Gazebo. I would think it would be late morning but will let everyone know when I hear an ETA from the cyclist.

Mark your calendar now to come out and greet the cyclist to encourage them on for a safe and productive ride. We will have water, fruit and snacks for them. Watch your email for their ETA!

Birthdays

Lions:

June 2 - Ann Davis
June 7 - Lenora Kish
June 16 - Charlie Hertel
June 17 - Jenn Hyde
June 20 - Tucky Woodfield
June 25 - Gary Bellison
June 28 - Eloise Woodfield

Partners-in-Service

June 3 - Jay Mallack
June 9 - Tori Tomlinson
June 19 - Bonnie Mayhew
June 22 - Thelma Sellers

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

Traffic camera

A guy was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit even though he knew that he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed.

Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area once more, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth and fifth time with the same results and was now laughing as the camera flashed while he rolled past at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

You can't fix stupid.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2010

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

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

The club financial report for March was presented by Lion Tony Barry. The report showed a net loss of about \$890. This activity was primarily due to the club dues and meals. The year-to-date data show a deficit of about \$1741. The reports were approved as presented.

The foundation financial reports were presented by Lion Tony Barry in the absence of Lion Mike Thornett. March showed an income of \$4419 and expenses of \$4677 were reported. To-date figures show the foundation has a deficit of \$1960. The report was approved as presented.

King Lion Mary Frances reported on plans to meet and greet the riders in the Cycling for Sight event. They will be passing through Damascus and we will meet them at the Park and Ride on the corner of Rt. 108 and Rt. 124.

The membership committee reported work on plans for next year to continue aggressive recruiting efforts and ask the membership to help. It was also reported that Lion Tim Dissmeyer requested resignation from the club. That request was approved and Lion Tim will be dropped in good standing on the June membership report.

The board discussed the proposal of forming a foundation in the District to honor PID Gaffigan that is to be voted on at the convention. The board felt that the District does not need another foundation and unless there is some convincing information presented at the convention recommended that the delegates vote no.

King Lion reported that the club picnic would be held at Wesley Grove UMC on June 1st. The cost will be \$12.00 and each member is asked to bring a covered dish to share. In addition, King Lion is asking for "talented" members to step-up and participate in the entertainment for the evening.

Many thank you notes have been received from the youth organizations honored on Youth Night.

White Cane was successful with the collection of \$1428 despite several shifts were open during the campaign.

The Celebrate Damascus committee is continuing work on plans for that event on July 9th and 10th. Lion Tess Gladhill reported that everything is going well. Funding for the fireworks display was realized from the bingo. The biggest concern is safety during the parade with such big crowds and the many kids in the streets.

The community Fair will be held Sept 10, 11 and 12. The Board approved funding for prize money for the coloring contest at the Fair.

Lion Mary Frances reported that Basket Bingo is planned for October 8, 2011 at the Activities Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

On May 17, 2010, King Lion Mary Frances requested through email a vote from the board to inducted 4 new honorary members at the meeting on the 18th who will serve as LEO advisors for the next school year. Those proposed members are Mary Kroll, Kym Ails, Theresa Sluger and Debbie Volley. Ten affirmative votes were received and the new members were approved.

YOUTH NIGHT

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

May 4 was a night of the shining stars of our local Youth Organizations. The Lions plan this evening to honor our Youth and to provide them with financial assistance for their designated projects. In attendance were 54 youth and their teachers, leaders and parents. In listening to these young people give their acceptance speeches; we realize all the good and capable youth we have in our community.

The Damascus Lions gave \$3500 to these organizations as well as 5 \$1000 Scholarships. A great investment as each organization requested assistance for a particular project. Following are those attending and their projects –

- Damascus High School Post Prom Party
- Clarksburg High School Post Prom Party
- Clarksburg Elementary School - Red Ribbon Week

- Little Bennett Elementary School – SGA for school supplies for needy
 - Clearspring Elementary School – Black Sage Competition Books and Shirts
 - Damascus Elementary School - Sound System for Gym
 - Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School – Purchase pamphlets for Coffee and Conversation Sessions
 - John T. Baker Middle School – Court yard Pond supplies
 - Rocky Hill Middle School Leo Club – Rain Barrels
 - Clarksburg High School Leo Club - Relay For Life
 - Damascus High School Leo of the Year –
 - Damascus Community 4-H Club – Fleece for Linus Project
 - Helping Hands 4-H Club – Food and Drinks for Clarksburg Event
 - Cub Scout Pack 438 – Pinewood Derby
 - Boy Scout 445 – Send Scout to Camp
 - Boy South Troop 738 – Tents for 13 new scouts.
 - Girls Scouts Service Unit 32-3 – Encampment for 200 girls
 - Damascus High School Band
 - Damascus High School Honor Society
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Spring 2010 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Thank you, all Lions who participated in our Spring 2010 White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,438.10. This collection will fund about 14 eye appointments and new glasses for needy Damascus-area citizens. Twenty-six Damascus Lions contributed to White Cane week this spring. Please put "Lion" in front of every name in this article. I can't afford the fines.

Special Recognitions:

- Three Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club Recognitions go to:
 - Barbara Barry at CVS on Thursday evening; she solicited \$101.20.
 - Bill Mahylis at Safeway on Thursday evening; he pulled in \$103.31.
 - Warren and Joy Schwab at Safeway on Friday evening; they collected \$105.95.
- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to three first-timer Lions: Cheryl Wyatt, Carol Cook, and Alice Denell. It is refreshing to have new Lions take part in White Cane. And they all did a great job.

Thanks for your courage!

Here are the Damascus Lions who gave unselfishly of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): **B. Barry, Burlas(2), Cook, Davidson, Davis, Denell, Durairaj, Gladhill, Gosnell, C. Hertel, Hibbard(2), M. Holpuch, Jackson, Mahylis, Mallack, Peters, Rogers, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, Ch. Stone, Suddath, Tench, Thornett, Washington, Wyatt.** Special thanks go to our reliable Managers of the Day: Bill Mahylis, Ken Phillips, and Del Mayhew... and to our meticulous Money Counters: Del Mayhew, George Hibbard, and Tom Jackson. And guess who else helped with the counting ... Tom Van Vliet!

Do you have any special stories about unusual occurrences during White Cane Week? Please provide them to me and I'll see that they get published.

For the first time, we worked both entrances of the new Safeway. It worked out great. However, doing this added eight new shifts to our shift list. Since we had three fewer Lions participating than last fall, this caused us to have about eight empty shifts! We need more Lions to participate in White Cane. That is the only thing holding us back from increasing our receipts very substantially. Mark your calendars for the Fall White Cane fundraiser: September 22-25, 2010.

When patronizing the Damascus establishments which support White Cane (CVS, Safeway, Tom & Ray's, & Red Rooster), please express your gratitude to the management for allowing White Cane Lions to do our work there. Without their assistance, there would be no Damascus White Cane. Thanks.

Clarksburg Corner -Branch Club Lions

By IPP Lion Eloise Woodfield and Lion Joann Woodson

Busy, Busy, Busy lions on the GO! May 18th, the Lions Convention was held at Dover, Delaware, with 4 Lions representing the Damascus Club Lions (see pictures) – a great time to renew friendships of the past and meet new Lions, all sharing the same goal, " WE SERVE."

On May 22nd, Lions Dale Ryan and Chris Fletcher co-chaired a team of Lions at the first time Relay for Life event at Clarksburg High School – Clarksburg High School Leo's and Lions working together. The event was held on Sat. May 22nd. Rain storms didn't dampen the spirit of 30 plus teams helping to fight the battle of cancer. A total of 36,000 thousand dollars plus was collected by supporter of this worthwhile cause. Thanks to everyone for helping {see pictures below}.

White Cane Weekend on Friday, Sat. in Clarksburg and Sunday at Giant May 28-30th. Thanks go to Lions Shyue and Su Haung for chairing the Clarksburg Branch Lions white cane fundraiser and all other Lions collecting to make this possible. Thanks to Lion Mike Bowersox for making arrangements and to Lion Wayne Marr for his help with equipment.

Activities in June will be Lions helping with Little Bennett Park's Baseball Beginnings Event on Sun. June 13th from 1pm until 4pm. Program will be to celebrate the Wims's Field with a marker and present its history. Enjoy hot dogs served by Lion Dale Ryan and the Clarksburg helping hands 4Hers. Also a baseball game will take place by the Clarksburg Baseball team. For more info, ask Lions Tuck Woodfield or Joann Woodson. Come join everyone for this Fun day.

Clarksburg Heritage Day Event, sponsored by the Clarksburg Historical Society Inc. is set for Sat. June 26th in the Historic District of Clarksburg, Md. Tour the town by trolley transportation to all activities from 11am until 4pm. Experience the history by tours of historic buildings and music of the Jimmy Purdum Band and other groups along the streets, with vendors, kids activities, food and more. Lions will be making their presence known to the visitors by having a membership table with flyers to let everyone know "what Lions do." Thanks to Lion Chris Fletcher for heading up this project. Thanks to Leo's of Rocky Hill Middle school and Clarksburg High for volunteering your help.

The Clarksburg Branch lions would like to thank the parent club of Damascus for all the support they give to us in the year. "It's Great to be a LION" wherever you are!



Lions MD22 Convention 2010 Dover, Del.
Damascus Lions Club Delegates
Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Eloise & Tuck Woodfield, Martin Carr



Relay For Life Clarksburg
Lions Dale Ryan & Chris Fletcher



Lions Md22 Convention 2010
Lions International President Eberhard J. Wirfs (center)
Margit Wirfs (left) and R1Z1 Chairman Lion Eloise Woodfield (right)