



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## The President's Message

Happy New Year! July marks the start of our Lion's year. I would like to start out by thanking Immediate Past President Mary Frances for her dedication and service to the club this past year. And congratulations to



all on attaining District 22-C 5-star award status again this year. The 5-star award is an achievement that the entire club can take pride in. It is the district recognition that Damascus Lions maintain a high level of service in multiple areas of Lionism, including membership, youth programs, activities, publicity and community service.

One thing is for sure; our club just doesn't have a "down" period!! By the time we have our first meeting, Lions Sue Suddath, Mary Frances Gosnell, Midge Tench, Ann Davis, Joy Schwab and unidentified others have celebrated birthdays at the senior center last Friday. With that group, you know they had a fun party!

This weekend we Celebrate Damascus. Thanks to Lion Tess, the club again has a "float" in the parade on Friday. Lion Tony will be driving the tractor and we have plenty of room for Lions to join the fun and take a ride. Stay and enjoy the fireworks. On Saturday we have the flea market, this year at the DVFD grounds. Lion Jerry is taking charge of a "flea table" for our club. Bring her your stuff to sell for the good of the club. If you can, spend an hour or two helping out.

Our second meeting this month will be held in Frederick at a Keys baseball game. We had such a fun time last year, let's do it again. Due to the Keys' schedule, that meeting will be on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know how many tickets you need. Feel free to bring your friends and family to enjoy an evening of baseball. There will be a flyer on this outing at the meeting and also posted on the website. Have you seen the website lately?? Lion Cindee does an awesome job keeping it up-to-date with news, photos, copies of the Lions Tale and all. Spend some time there and know what's going on at [www.damascuslions.org](http://www.damascuslions.org).

Our first August meeting will be held at Montgomery UM Church again this year. We can look forward to a delicious meal and interesting program. The 2<sup>nd</sup> August meeting is our night of Ice Cream dipping at the Montgomery County Fair. See Lion Charlie Hertel to lend

a hand with this annual event on Tues. August 17<sup>th</sup>. Then on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> we have our day at the fair for vision and hearing screening.

There's no shortage of activities to chose from. Participate in those that you can. We're always glad to see you and enjoy the time we spend together serving the Damascus Community. Here's to a great year!

## Cycling for Sight

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The cyclists rode into Damascus Saturday, June 19 meeting up with their cause to ride - Lion Aquilla Harris, who has arrived ahead of the cyclist accompanied by Lion Donna Starkweather. Lion Aquilla had two eye surgeries a year ago in May and is preparing to go back to Michigan for two or three more procedures. Lion Aquilla was blind in one eye and the sight in the other eye was fading very swiftly. Since the surgery, she has been able to see out of both eyes only she sees double everything. With the next few procedures she is hoping to gain 20/20 vision. She needs funds for transportation to Michigan and for lodging while she is there as the procedures are out-patient ones.

Thus the reason the cyclists, who are members of the Maryland Cycling for Sight Lions Club, Inc., were taking a 50 mile ride. They started at Sandy Spring Sherwood High School; proceeded to Damascus and then traveling to Laytonsville and back to Sherwood High School. The day was a bit muggy and warm but the cyclists were prepared. There were 7 of them, two of whom were riding a bicycle built-for-two. The Maryland Cycling for Sight Lions Club do fund raisers to assist those with sight problems. Their Lions meetings on held online. Their members are from Aberdeen to Cecilton to Alexandria to Laytonsville.

Six Damascus Lions greeted the cyclist as they came into town on Route 108 with signs welcoming them as well as having water, fruit and snacks for them. We gathered around the gazebo at the Park N Ride. King Lion presented Lion Mike Layman, President of the Cycling Club, with a check for \$100 to be used for the Lion Aquilla Harris Fund.

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### Upcoming Events

- July 2 Senior Birthday Party @ Senior Center  
July 6 Dinner Meeting @ Damascus UM Church  
July 9 Celebrate Damascus Parade @ Meet at High School  
July 10 Celebrate Damascus Flea Market @ DVFD Grounds  
July 13 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Brothers  
July 27 Lions Night Out - Keys Baseball @ Harry Grove Stadium Frederick  
Aug 3 Dinner Meeting (Spouse Night ) @ Montgomery U. M. Church  
Aug 10 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Brothers  
Aug 17 Ice Cream Dipping @ Montgomery County Fair  
Aug 19 Sight & Hearing Testing @ Montgomery County Fair

### Birthdays

#### Lions:

July 1 - Dennis Hough  
July 4 - Rick Kendal  
July 6 - Jim Belcher  
July 8 - Cathy Haver  
July 13 - Joy Schwab  
July 14 - Mike Payne  
July 18 - Bob Snapp  
July 24 - Ken Phillips  
July 30 - Tony Allen

#### Partners-in-Service

July 6 - Viola Hibbard  
July 8 - Peggy Sicotte

### Anniversaries

July 1 - Jennifer and Ray Molesworth  
July 6 - Ray and Frances Walton  
July 20 - Dee and Rusty Reichmeider

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### News about Members

#### Recent additions to the roster:

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## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

June 8, 2010

King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. In attendance were Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Charlie Stone, Tony Barry, Marcia Holpuch, Barbara Barry, Tom Jackson, Ray Molesworth, Tess Gladhill, Bill Mahylis, Martin Carr, Warren Schwab and Joy Schwab.

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

The club financial report for May was presented by Lion Tony Barry. The report showed a net loss of about \$2265. This activity was primarily due to the club dues and meals. The year-to-date data show a deficit of approximately \$359. Current bank balance of \$5162.41 was reported. The reports were approved as presented.

The foundation financial reports were presented by Lion Tony Barry in the absence of Lion Mike Thornett. May showed an income of \$1605 and expenses of \$5293 were reported. To-date figures show the foundation has a deficit of \$6044; however the golf tournament results have not been reported. The report was approved as presented.

King Lion reported that the club has received the 5-Star award for the Lion Year 2009-2010. In addition, 7 of the 9 special awards were earned for the year.

Secretary Ken Phillips reported that Ron Brouillard has not paid his dues for the second half of the year. The board approved a letter to Lion Ron giving him until June 26 to respond or be dropped from membership.

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 that Lions Renee Mason, Lauren McCormick, and Cathy Haver would be dropped from membership. They have served as LEO advisors for the past several years. The new members inducted in May will replace them as LEO advisors. In addition, Lion Leslee Poole will convert to a regular member after stepping down as a LEO advisor.

King Lion Mary Frances has contacted the Laytonsville Club and the Monocacy Club to see if they would like to take over the sponsorship of the LEO Club at Martin Luther King Middle School. If there is no response

the charter of that club will be turned in. It has not functioned during the past year.

The board responded to a donation request from the Children's Inn of NIH by approving a donation of \$100.00.

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

The Celebrate Damascus committee is continuing work on plans for that event on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Lion Tess Gladhill reported that flea market requests are coming in. The Club will have a booth to sell items contributed by the members. Bring in those things you forgot at the auction and, if they don't sell, they will be kept for next year's auction. Lion Tess will be looking for help to setup on Friday and to work the flea market on Sat.

Relay for Life was reported to be a success. Lions Jerry Mallack, Bernie Duplan and Mary Frances Gosnell worked the Damascus event. Lions Dale Ryan and Chris Fletcher handled the event in Clarksburg.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary.

### **VIRTUAL BOARD MEETINGS**

There were two vote requests by email during the month.

The first request was for a donation of \$250.00 to the Lyons family whose house burned in the Damascus area. There were not enough yes votes to pass that motion so that vote failed.

The second request was for a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Maryland Cycling For Sight Lions Club to benefit Lion Laquilla Harris of the Laurel Lions Club with expenses related to eye surgery. That vote passed.

## Meetings and Meals

By KL Marcia Holpuch

The best way to know what's going on with the club is by regularly attending the meetings. It's great to see as many club members as are able to attend meetings.

You may or may not know that we have a guaranteed minimum number for our dinner meetings. This means that as a club, we must pay for 50 meals no matter what. When meeting attendance is below 50, the club still has to pay.

We are very fortunate to have the great meals we get at Wesley Grove at a reasonable cost. Most clubs are not as lucky. We would like to continue our arrangement with the church and stop excess club expenses.

After careful consideration, the board has passed the following meal policy. Meals paid at the door will increase to \$15 per person. You may choose to prepay your meals with your dues for 6 months at a time and take advantage of a discounted rate of \$12 per meal. Prepaid meals cannot be transferred. Charter night and Installation night will continue to be paid separately since the price varies by location. If you regularly attend meetings, taking advantage of the prepaid discount will save you money.

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## Clarksburg Branch Lions corner

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

July starts a new year for Lions, we wish a great year ahead for King Lion Marcia Holpuch.

We look forward to working together with the Damascus Lions, as our parent club of the Clarksburg Lions Branch.

Recently VP Lion Midge Tench and Lion Chris Fletcher, membership, set up a nice display at Clarksburg Heritage Day on June 26th. Community residences stopped and were interested in why lions, and how they serve, contacts were made and information handed out. Thanks to Both these Lions for taking time to promote Lions at this event (see Photo).

Lions were also helping and serving at different locations in town, Lions were Joann Woodson, Ann Davis, Herb Barns, Eloise & Tuck Woodfield. These Lions greeted, gave out bottled water, and acted as information & tour guides for the activities of the day.

In the months to come--, Lions will be having a display in Aug, at the Damascus Heritage Museum for three months. Stop in! August will be busy with the Montgomery County Fair. This is a week where Lions will be all over the fair grounds doing many projects and truly keeping the motto, "WE SERVE". Lots to do and lots to learn and see. Sept.10-11-12th is the Damascus Community Fair, again Lions will be helping in various locations, look for the colors Gold and Purple .On Sept. 26th Lions will work with Little Bennett Park having the annual opening of the Kingsley One room school, come bring the family for a day in the Park ,take a horse and carriage ride, return to the past from 1pm till 4pm and enjoy old fashion fun activities of long ago times.

We extend our prayers for fellow Lions that were in the hospital, Lion Ann Davis and Lion Dale Ryan.



**Clarksburg Branch Lions of Damascus Lions Club  
Promote membership at Clarksburg Day  
June 26, 2010  
VP Lion Midge Tench and  
Membership Chair Lion Chris Fletcher**