



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## The President's Message

Dear Fellow Lions,

I am so glad that July is over!! It was a month of ups and downs and dreadfully hot days and nights. And at least for the time being, the temperature has gone back to "normal."



The month began on a sad note with the passing of Lion Margaret Duvall who will be missed by us all.

Then we had the gaiety of Celebrate Damascus with our participation in the parade, the wonderful fireworks and the very successful flea market. Thanks to Lion Tess for providing the tractor and trailer for us to ride in the parade. We had a good showing with Lions in the parade. Lion Tony drove for us and didn't toss a single one off the wagon. Good job, Lion Tony! And kudos to Lion Charlie Hertel for braving the heat as our cute little mascot. There's nothing quite like the faces of the children along the parade route when they see the lion. They just light up. On Saturday, Lions Tess and Jerry were up and at 'em early for the flea market. The weather was dreary in the morning and the car show cancelled for the first time ever, dropping attendance to an all-time low. Even so, booth rentals were prepaid and about half showed up for the day. Lion Jerry was on to a great idea with a Lions booth for 'fleas.' A steady stream of donations came in and kept the merchandise "fresh" and just begging for someone to make a great deal. Thanks to all who participated in the events of the weekend.

17 club members, along with 38 friends and family descended on Frederick on the 27<sup>th</sup> to take in a Keys baseball game (see pictures on page 4). The weather was just right for a ball game and a good time was had by all. At least within our group. The Keys struggled against the Lynchburg Hillcats and were soundly beaten. It was a busy night at the stadium with the appearance of Bryan Voltaggio of Top Chef fame. If you didn't mind standing in line for an hour or so, you could sample his wares. The first 1000 fans got a bobble head doll of the chef. To the best of my knowledge, no one in the club got a doll. But we were fortunate in that Robert Legard, a member of the Lovettsville, VA Lions Club, was seated directly in front of us. We struck up a conversation, gave him a club visitation and he gave us one of his bobble head dolls. Now I just wouldn't feel right keeping this cherished

collectible for myself, so look for it in the auction in the spring. And before you ask, no, I did not stand in line for an hour to get it signed.

We ended the month back on a sad note as we said our good byes to Lion Kenneth King. It is my sincere hope that the rest of the club members enjoy good health for a very long time. It's tough having two services so close together and to lose two such fine Lions as Margaret and Kenneth. Keep their families in your prayers.

So August can only get better, right?? We'll start off with our traditional fried chicken and veggies at our only dinner meeting in August at Montgomery United Methodist Church. Partner in Service, Kate Warfield, made special effort to be sure we were returning to Montgomery for our August dinner as a tribute to Lion Albert. Much thanks to Lion Roy Stanley for providing the corn for dinner this year. And also thanks to Lion Gary Rogers for providing the ice cream to help the cake go down a little easier. PDG Bill Lynch will be our speaker for the meeting, bringing us all up to date on Lions Camp Merrick.

Our second August meeting will be at the fair on the 17<sup>th</sup> as our ice cream dipping day. Lion Gary and crew have spent weeks readying the Dairy Barn for this year's fair. Be sure to call Lion Charlie Hertel to let him know you are coming to help dip or run a register or herd the crowds. This is a fun day at the fair and it really is good ice cream. On Thursday, we will man the mobile health unit. We're looking for volunteers to work shifts that day also.

For our September meeting, we will be returning to our "home" base at Wesley Grove.

I am working on finalizing committee chairs and assignments. This year, we are developing each committee to have two chairs – a mentor/mentee (is that really a word??) setup so that we are in a better position as a club to function. Additionally, we are setting up committee members so that everyone knows what committees they are serving on and can be focused on the events and activities they are most interested in. Please sign up for the committee(s) of your choice.

Let's hope we don't have the prolonged heat wave in August that we had in July.

See you at the fair!!

~King Lion Marcia

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### Upcoming Events

- 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
- Sept 7 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
Sept 10-12 Damascus Community Fair DVFD Grounds  
Sept 14 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
Sept 15-18 White Cane – Various locations  
Sept 20 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center  
Sept 21 Dinner Meeting- Prospective Member Night @ Wesley Grove UM Church
- Oct. 5 Charter Night; location TBA  
Oct. 8 Basket Bingo @ DVFD Activities Center  
Oct 12 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
Oct 16 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM Church  
Oct 19 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

### Birthdays

#### Lions:

Aug. 8 - Heather Geehreg  
Aug. 21 - Charlie Holpuch  
Aug. 25 - Patricia McKenzie

#### Partners-in-Service

Aug. 9 - Frances Walton  
Aug. 19 - David Stone

### Anniversaries

Aug. 4 - Bernie and Karen Duplan  
Aug. 9 - Eloise and Tuck Woodfield  
Aug. 15 - Viola and George Hibbard  
Aug. 28 - Gail and Dave Davidson  
Aug. 31 - Joy and Warren Schwab

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### When Insults Had Class

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words:

The exchange between Winston Churchill & Lady Astor: She said, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison." He said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

A Member of Parliament to Benjamin Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease." "That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend ... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill. "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2010

King Lion Marcia Holpuch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Lions Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Tom Jackson, Jack Peters, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Mary Frances Gosnell, Jerry Mallack, Tessie Gladhill, Martin Carr and Mike Thornett. The minutes of the June board meeting were published in the June "Lions Tale". With no exceptions or additions the minutes were approved as published. The club financial report for June was presented by Lion Tony Barry. The club ended the fiscal 2009-10 fiscal year with a net loss of \$650.56. Lion Mike Thornett presented the financial report for the foundation. The foundation had a loss of \$759 for the fiscal year 2009-10. The June 2010 financial reports were approved as presented.

Lion Tony Barry presented the proposed club budget for fiscal year 2010-11. The budget for the upcoming Lions year was approved as recommended by the budget committee. Lion Mike Thornett presented the proposed budget for the foundation for fiscal year 2010-11. The board approved the proposed budget as presented. Lions Jerry Mallack and Tessie Gladhill reported that our participation in the July 2010 Celebrate Damascus activity was a success in spite of the rain. Lion Jerry reported that the Flea Market space sales netted \$840 and the Lions flea market booth netted \$410.50.

The board approved a motion to continue as a member of the Damascus Heritage Museum. The club will support the Damascus Heritage Museum with a donation of \$250 for this year. Lion Joy Schwab will coordinate a display of memorabilia from the club at the museum during August 2010. The board approved the disbursement of \$100 each from the club treasury to Lion Mary Frances Gosnell and Lion Martin Carr for their attendance at the District 22C convention as voting delegates from the Lions Club of Damascus. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Submitted by Ray Molesworth, Secretary

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### Celebrate Damascus Flea Market

By Lion Tess Gladhill

What started out as a rainy morning turned out to be a pleasant afternoon. But by the time the rain cleared the car show had been cancelled & half of the flea market vendors decided not to come out. We did collect our money because it was a rain or shine event that was prepaid. So

we ended up with 41 spaces sold for \$820.00 plus a \$20 member donation.

The club also had a flea market space and due to the "HIGH PRESSURE SALES PERSONS" at our space we were able to walk away with \$401.50 off of our donated goodies from our Lions. Lion Gary Rogers had brought out the Lion Pins donated by Lion Margaret Duvall from Lion Rodney's collection. Some of these were also sold to bring in a nice sum of money for the club, not included in the above amount of money.

Worker Lions include Jerry Mallack, Bernie Duplan, Su Huang, Joy Schwab, Warren Schwab, Mary Frances Gosnell, Midge Tench, Marcia Holpuch, Gary Rogers, Chris Fletcher, Wayne Marr and Tess Gladhill.

Thanks to all who helped to make this a great success again.



KL Marcia marks off the flea market spaces.

### **Damascus White Cane Days: September 15-18, 2010!**

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Damascus Lions! Our next Damascus White Cane fundraiser is the week of September 15-18. There is only one more Lions' Dinner Meeting between now and then. I'm sorry I was unable to be here tonight, but Lion Ken Phillips has agreed to push the sign-up sheet around this evening.

Lions: 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 sign up for at least one shift; two, if you can. There is only one sign-up sheet. Please keep it moving so it reached all Lions attending tonight. Every two shifts bring us enough funds

to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult.

Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this fundraiser over the years.

**Lions at the Keys**

