



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## The President's Message

Dear Fellow Lions,

There is so much going on! Let's look ahead before we review September.

Our first meeting is Charter Night at Dutch's Daughter restaurant. Our guest speaker is our District 22-C Governor, Sandi Halterman. We are celebrating the completion of 64 years of service.



Next Friday night is our Basket Bingo fundraiser. Keep selling tickets!! It's not too late to get another sponsor or two, either. Lions Mary Frances Gosnell and Tess Gladhill partner to make this such a successful fundraiser, but they need your help, too. Workers are needed at bingo and we all need to sell tickets and spread the word throughout the community to maximize our results. If everyone sells just 2 tickets, we'll do well.

The following Saturday is our fall Pancake Breakfast at Damascus United Methodist Church. Many hands make light work and a whole lot of fun for a fall morning. We need kitchen help and dining room help. In conjunction with the breakfast fare, we have a bake table that does a brisk business, too. Tie on an apron and whip up something yummy for the bake table. Cakes are very popular and bring a good price. Again ticket sales make the difference, so carry some with you all the time. Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath lead this function so very well.

Not to let a weekend go idle, we will be participating in the Clean Up Damascus Day on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will do our Rte. 27 pick up on that morning. We should have lots of extra help for this one from members of the community. It will be a busy day around Damascus as the focus of the event is beautifying public areas. The Library, Community Center and schools will be the focus of the cleaning centers. Check-in will be at Damascus Chevrolet and crews will be sent to the different locations. As plans solidify, we will have a better vision of our role for the day. Please see me if you would like to take an active roll at this event.

Our board meeting for October will be at Gladhill Brothers on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> and our 2<sup>nd</sup> dinner meeting will be at Wesley Grove on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker topic at

the dinner meeting is autism and should be very interesting and informative.

Kudos and congrats are in order for our September activities. We started the month with the Damascus Community Fair where Lions are very involved and busy. Lion Tess and her able crew registered all the fair entries with impressive efficiency. Thanks to all who lent her a hand on Thursday. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were filled with the tempting aroma of popcorn served up by Lion Mary Frances and helpers. Our poor old popper had trouble keeping up with demand and we need to consider replacing it in the very near future. Lions Tuck & Eloise man the history corner and the Grandparents program. Their costumes are so fun to see. Thanks to all the Lions who turned out to make it another wonderful fair this year!

Also in September, we participated in the Hospice Caring butterfly release, in memory of our members who have passed away this last year. The monarch butterflies were in a tent prior to the release and were a beautiful sight to see. They have platters of cut fruit for them to eat which attract them in groups. So pretty! We honored the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Damascus American Legion Post #171. The Legion supports our veterans and is very active in youth and community functions. What a great community we live in.

Another successful blood drive was headed by Lion Charlie Hertel on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The changes made by the Red Cross in scheduling appointments have worked better than we had expected. Much thanks to the Lions who helped get the room ready. We are no longer making phone calls to our donors but your continued support is so needed. Our next blood drive will be on Monday, November 22. That's the Monday of Thanksgiving. Lion Charlie will need help in the morning getting the room set up and in the afternoon at the check-in table and the recovery area. Plan now to come on up and lend a hand.

Lion Wayne Marr and his Daily Captains (sounds like a good name for a band, doesn't it??) oversaw another amazing White Cane collection. In spite of the hard economic times, Damascus residents are still of a giving spirit. Each one of you who "Captained" for a day or worked a shift collecting donations get a big pat on the back. We have experienced an increase in the number of requests for assistance with eye exams and glasses and have already come close to our budget for such expenses this year. Successful White Cane collections allow us to expand our planned expense if necessary. [See pg 2.]

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### Upcoming Events

- 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
- Nov 2 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
- Nov 9 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
- Nov 16 Dinner Meeting - Spouse Night @ Wesley Grove UM Church
- Nov 19-20 Holiday Giving Project @ TBD
- Nov 22 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center

### Birthdays

#### Lions:

- Oct. 1 Donna Beuillet
- Oct. 4 Barbara Barry
- Oct. 8 Ray Molesworth
- Oct. 11 Midge Tench
- Oct. 15 David Warfield
- Oct. 15 Pattu Durairaj
- Oct. 26 Christine Fletcher
- Oct. 26 Lee Sellers
- Oct. 30 Charles Stone

#### Partners-in-Service

- Oct. 15 – Shannon Holpuch
- Oct. 28 – Tom Kish

### Anniversaries

- Oct. 2 - Thelma and Lee Sellers
  - Oct. 3 – Peggy and Ray Sicotte
  - Oct. 12 - Tori and Matt Tomlinson
  - Oct. 25 – Marcia and Charlie Holpuch
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### President's Message – continued.

We set up a booth at the Heritage Day celebration at IWLA last month. Lion Tom Jackson and myself learned how to put up (and take down) the tent so graciously loaned by Lion Mary Frances. Lion Joy Schwab joined us to staff the booth for the afternoon. Although it was a beautiful day, attendance was down from past years. We were still able to let people know about Lions in Damascus and to promote our Bingo and Pancake fundraisers. Thanks Lions Tom & Joy!



In other club news, we are taking on a new project and partnering with the Didone family to help with a Skate Park to be built on the grounds of the Community Center. We are just in the beginning stages of this exciting project that will provide the youth of Damascus with a place to skate safely. Our role will include ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the park. It is a two-stage project. The first stage is a very simple skate area with plans for the second stage to offer a more aggressive and challenging skate course. A construction crew is already on board for the initial stage of the park which we hope will be completed this fall! The park is being built in memory of Ryan Didone, a Damascus boy who loved to skate and died in a fatal car accident two years ago here in town. We are excited to be a part of this project and will keep you informed as it develops.

I think that wraps it up for this month. If I left anyone or anything out, it sure wasn't intentional. I try to keep a slip of paper running during the month of all the things that have happened, but sometimes I miss something. It's an honor to be King Lion of the best club in the world!

Yours in Service,  
King Lion Marcia

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**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
September 14, 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, Jerry Mallack, Tessie Gladhill, Martin Carr, Midge Tench, Sue Suddath, Alice Donel and Del Mayhew. The minutes of the August 2010 board meeting were published in the August "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 August 2010 financial reports were approved as presented.

Lion Tess Gladhill reported that the Damascus Community Fair was a success.

The board approved a donation of \$100 to Melissa Nugent who is representing Damascus High School at the annual Festival International de Primavera baton twirlers. The club will participate in Clean-up Damascus on 10/23/2010 and the Isaac Walton Heritage Day on 9/19/2010. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Lion Ray Molesworth, Secretary

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**Blood Drive Report**

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

We collected 359 units of blood. I would like to thank all the parties who help with our collection of blood. Our next drive is Monday Nov. 22, 2010.

We're looking for Lions to help at the next blood drive.

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**DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR**

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

A wave of freshly popped popcorn wafted through the Damascus Community Fair early Friday AM, Sept. 10 as we prepared for approximately 200 children from area schools. And once we started, the popper, it didn't stop until Sunday at 3 pm. The old "Grampers" popper is

getting tired; it is slowing down big time; It has been popping for 18 years. Lion Roy Stanley was kind enough to loan us his popper for the weekend. Thanks Roy. . That enabled us to keep up with the demand Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, we ran only one popper and people waited in line to get their free popcorn.

Approximately 1950 bags of popcorn were consumed with some fair goers coming back for more. That aroma sure does attract folks. There were 17 Lions who gave of their time during the weekend and we clocked about 110 hours of fun and labor.

Thanks to all who helped. We truly needed you. Thanks to the Baker Leos for stamping the popcorn bags; also to our "Popcorn mascot, Lion Lenora Kish's grandson, for donning his outfit and handing out popcorn to the fairgoers.

The Damascus Community Fair is the town's best kept secret. And the Damascus Lions sure have a niche in that secret!



**Fall 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 \$1,857.44. This collection will fund about 18 eye appointments and new glasses for needy Damascus-area citizens. Thirty-four Damascus Lions contributed to White Cane week this Fall. Please put "Lion" in front of every name in this article. If I had to pay a fine, I'm so broke I would have to take it out of the White Cane revenues.

Special Recognitions:

- Three Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club Recognitions go

to:

- Bill Mahylis, who collected \$154.78 on Friday at 4:00 PM at Safeway West; and
- Barbara Barry (AGAIN!), with \$124.17 on Thursday same place same time
- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to the husband of Carol Cook who, when Carol called him from her homeward commute, rushed to Safeway Thursday evening to begin her shift in her place. Jack Peters fitted him out with a vest and he was good to go! Lions select good spouses; it's a fact. Thank you sir, for you Lion Spouse 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), Carr, Cook, Davidson, Davis, Gladhill, Gosnell, C. Hertel, Hibbard(2), C. Holpuch, M. Holpuch, Jackson, Mahylis, Mallack, Molesworth, Peters(2), D. Reichmeider, R. Reichmeider, Rogers, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Stanley, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Suddath, Tench, Thornett, B. Warfield, J. Warfield, Washington, E. Woodfield, T. Woodfield. Special thanks go to our reliable Managers of the Day: Bill Mahylis, Ken Phillips, and Del Mayhew...and to our ever-meticulous Money Counters: Del Mayhew, George Hibbard, and Tom Jackson (and me). The picture shows our final product at the Marr dining room table.



Many more Lions participated than did so last Spring, and because of that participation, we collected much more. Also, we are grateful to include in our collections over \$340 from the Clarksburg Branch from last May! The White Cane collection from our Clarksburg Lions is really making a big difference for all of us. As always, 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. They are critical to our success. Thanks.

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## BASKET BINGO

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, - WOW it is this week!

The Damascus Lions Basket Bingo is at the DVFD Activities Center on Lewis Drive. That is what the flyer says!!

Everything is all ready except for selling tickets. I can not emphasize enough that for any fund raiser to be successful, we must actively sell tickets. Have you asked anyone if they would like to play Bingo? Have you bought a ticket? We are seeking sponsors as well. Our Scholarships are funded through this activity. All the more reason to give your support.

Setting up for the bingo will be Thursday at 7 pm. We will be setting up the tables and chairs which requires some strong arms and sorting and filling the baskets. We need your help for about an hour or so.

The doors open for the bingo on Friday at 5:30. Lions are needed to help with selling at the door and should arrive around 5 pm to get set up. We need Lions to be on the floor to call back Bingo for the winners, take the basket/pottery to the winner, distribute door prizes, etc. We also need help putting the table and chairs back after the bingo.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Seating is by reservation.

Call or email Lion Mary Frances if you can help either or both nights. - Also if you want to buy some tickets. 301-829-1002 [grangosnell1674@yahoo.com](mailto:grangosnell1674@yahoo.com)



