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The President's Message

Dear Damascus Lions,

It's finally spring ... sort of. Signs of Mother Nature throwing off her winter cloak are peeking up all over. Some of the early flowers are finally popping open and a touch of warm can be felt in the air. There's so much hope and potential in spring.



As a club, we're blooming, too. March saw us flipping pancakes again at another successful breakfast. Thank you to all the Lions who sold ticket and helped with the cooking, serving and clean up. The bake table was a popular spot and was well supplied with goodies from members and partners. We served over 250 people for breakfast and could not have done it without the unfailing dedication of Lions Joy Schwab & Sue Suddath.

Speaking of Lion Joy, she and the membership committee put together a delightful presentation for our prospective member night and we are pleased to welcome Julie Sain as a new member of the club. Julie is very active in the community and has been a great friend of the club. Among her activities is managing the use of the DVFD Activity Building and she has been instrumental in keeping our blood drives alive. Julie continues a Sain family tradition as her husband Mark was a member of the club for many years. We are so glad to have her join us. Welcome, Julie!!

The auction was a resounding success! Thanks to all who donated and walked away with treasures. We raised about \$2,700 – in excess of our budgeted goal. Thanks to everyone. Alex Imirie was our auctioneer and helped make the evening both fun AND profitable. And there's nothing quite like trying to get the gavel back out of my husband's hands.

We held our second blood drive with Inova Blood Services in March. If we want to continue to have blood drives, we need more help. We need both phone callers in advance as well as volunteers to staff the registration and recovery areas during the drive. A big thanks to the set-up crew who made short work of getting the room ready for the donors. Our next drive is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd. Let Lion Ken Cook know how you can help.

Our district year is coming to a close in April. In hopes of making the 5-star award, we need to increase our visitations this month. If you have been to another club dinner or fund-raiser, please let Lion Ray Molesworth know so we can get credit for your visit. We are close to making our required number, but we need to make this last push to the goal line. The district banquet is set for Saturday, April 16th in Waldorf. We have a table of 10 to fill. If you would like to attend, please see Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

The Multiple District convention is coming up next month in Salisbury, MD. Attending a convention can be a great experience in learning and fellowship. Anyone who is interested in attending is encouraged to go. Lion Mary Frances has all the information you need and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Our election of officers will be held at our first meeting of April. Serving as a club officer is an important job – the club can't function without a board. Our deepest thanks and gratitude go to those who are willing to serve. Show them your support by pitching in to help with activities every chance you get.

Golf Tournament time is coming up quickly. We need many volunteers to help out for the day. We are at a new location this year, so there will undoubtedly be some changes. If you can be there to help, would like to sponsor a hole or just learn more about what you can do, please see Lions Bob Snapp, Mike Thornett or John Warfield. The golf tournament has been one of our biggest fundraisers and is important to the club in maintaining our ability to support our other activities in the community.

We also have a date for the dedication and opening of the skate park at the Rec. Center. Lion Tom has worked very hard to see this project come to fruition. The date is Friday, April 15th. At this time, we don't know what time it will be, so watch your email. It would be good to have several club members in attendance for the ceremony.

We keep Lions Tuck & Eloise in our thoughts as Tuck continues to improve following his by-pass surgery. Along with the arrival of spring, some things just don't happen fast enough, reminding us how important it is to also take time to smell the flowers.

Yours in Service,
King Lion Marcia

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Upcoming Events

Apr 5 – Dinner Mtg – New Member Induction @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Apr 12 – Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Apr 16 – 22C Night @ Greater Waldorf Jaycees Ctr
Apr 19 – Dinner Mtg @ Wesley Grove UM Church
May 3 – Youth Night @ Damascus UM Church
May 4-7: White Cane at Various Town Locations
May 10 – Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
May 12 – 15: Multiple District 22 Convention @ Salisbury
May 17 – Dinner Mtg; Leo Officer Installation @ Wesley Grove UM Church
May 23 – Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center
Jun 6 – Golf Tournament @ Glade Valley Golf Club in Walkersville
Jun 7 – Family Picnic; location TBD
Jun 14 – Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Jun 21 – Installation Night @ Cracked Claw, Urbana
Jul 4 – 8: International Convention @ Seattle

Birthdays

Lions:

Apr. 5 - Marcia Holpuch
Apr. 7 - John Warfield
Apr. 8 – Cindee Rogers
Apr. 12 – Alice Denell
Apr. 18 - Tom Jackson
Apr. 29 - Bill Mahylis

Partners-in-Service

Apr. 11 - Jennifer Molesworth

Anniversaries

Apr. 12 - Peggy and David Stone
Apr. 17 – Jerry and Jay Mallack

Ed and Nancy met while on a singles cruise, and Ed fell head over heels for her. When they discovered they lived in the same city only a few miles apart, Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home.

Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Nancy to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Ed became convinced that Nancy was indeed his soul mate and true love. Every date seemed better than the last.

On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Nancy to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues to the next stage.

So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf; I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you'd better say so now!"

Nancy took a deep breath and responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I've been a hooker."

"Oh, wow! I see," Ed replied. He looked down at the table, was quiet for a moment, deep in serious thought; then he added, "You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball.

Board of Directors Meeting

March 8, 2011

King Lion Marcia Holpuch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Lions Bill Mahylis, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Mike Thornett, Tess Gladhill, Martin Carr, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tom Jackson, Jerry Mallack Del Mayhew, Alice Denell, Jerry Mallack, Midge Tench and Jack Peters.

The minutes of the February 2011 board meeting were published in the March "Lions Tale". With no exceptions or additions the minutes were approved as published.

The club financial report for February 2011 was presented by Lion Tony Barry. The February 2011 financial report for the Damascus Lions Club Foundation was as presented by Lion Mike Thornett. The club and foundation financial reports were approved as presented.

The board heard and considered a request to support a petition to the county for the purpose of retaining the school resources police officers. The board rejected this request. The board approved a cash donation of \$25 from the club account towards the District Governors gift at 22C night.

The board approved the membership application of Julie Sain. Lion Joy Schwab will make arrangements for Julie's induction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Lion Ray Molesworth, Secretary

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Lions, the upcoming MD22 Convention will be held in Salisbury, Maryland this year from Thursday through Sunday, May 12 to 15, 2011. The International Guest and Keynote Speaker will be International President Sidney L. Scruggs, III.

The convention consists of Business Meetings both District and Sub-District, Seminars, voting for our District Officers for 2011-2012 and a great experience to interact with other Lions. A great time to get some new ideas, find out what great things we are doing and how we be even greater. Some fun is to be had as well. We can attend the Shorebirds Baseball Game, attend the Hospitality Rooms and show off your golfing skill at the golf tournament or visit the Exhibit Booths throughout the convention. Most

of the events will be held in the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

In an effort to help with the expense of attending the convention, the Damascus Lions Club offers a stipend for those Lions attending.

For more information and to register for this informative and fun Lions time, see Lion Mary Frances.

Damascus Lions Club Pancake Breakfast & Bake/Craft Table – March 19, 2011

By Lion Joy Schwab, chair

The Spring Pancake Breakfast and Bake/Craft Table event was held Saturday, March 19, 2011 in the Dining Room at Damascus United Methodist Church from 7-11 a.m. On Friday, March 18th the setup helpers made the Dining Room ready. Those, who helped, were Lions Bob Newlin, Ken Cook, Ken Phillips, Bill Mahylis, Warren Schwab, Tom Jackson, Mary Frances Gosnell. In the Kitchen were Lions Tom Jackson, Sue Suddath, Warren and Joy Schwab and Joann Woodson.

Early Saturday morning the food and drinks were prepared. Bake Sale/Craft Table items were accepted. Helpers during the day were Lions Dennis Babb, Barbara and Tony Barry, Fran Burlas, Martin Carr, Carol and Ken Cook, Tom Didone, Bernie Duplan, Donna Feuillet, 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, Dee and Rusty Reichmeider, Gary Rogers, Joy and Warren Schwab, Lee Sellers, Carol and Charlie Stone, Sue Suddath, Mike Thornett, Jennifer Warfield, and John Washington. Lion Family helpers were Stephanie Huang and David McReynolds. Leos from Damascus High Schools were Casey Brown, Patrick Jordon, Vanessa King, Natalee Sarintra, Kelsey Turner, Knashka Underwood and Bryan Wao. John T. Baker Leos were Hannah Adkins, Taylor Carls, Brooke Lawrence, Sierra McClure, and Michelle Thomas; Sponsors, Heather Geehreg and Debbie Volley were there. We served 254 with a Profit of \$1,631.04 Special thanks to those who bought and/or sold tickets.

The Bake/Craft Table received item and/or donations from Lions and Partners in Service were Lions Barbara Barry, Jim Belcher, Tess Gladhill, Mary Frances Gosnell, Irene Hardy, Su Huang, George and Vi Hibbard, Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Helen Mahylis, Jerry Mallack, Ray Molesworth, and Jack & Frann Peters, Ken & Sue Phillips, Carol Richards of Carol's Creations, Joy Schwab,

Michael Thornett and Bobbie Warfield. Bake/Craft Table profit was \$575.00. Maybe the best ever!

Total Profit for 2011 Spring Breakfast and Bake/Craft Sale is \$2,206.04.

Wow! Lions Joy and Sue thank all for whatever you did to help make this be a successful day.

Damascus White Cane Days: May 4-7, 2011!

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Damascus Lions! Our next Damascus White Cane fundraiser is the week of May 4-7. 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 tonight, please sign up for at least one shift; two, if you can. There is only one signup 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.

DAMASCUS LIONS HONOR YOUTH

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

Youth Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the Damascus U. M. Church. It will include dinner, entertainment and recognition of School Groups in our Cluster, Boy and Girl Scouts and 4-H Clubs who have presented a project for which they would like to have monetary support. The Damascus Lions will compliment the requests with a donation and the recipients will give brief acceptance remarks. During the evening's youthful remarks, you know who the future public speakers will be - these kids are remarkable.

We will present the Scholarships to the selected applicants, the Leo of the Year for Damascus High School will be announced and hopefully a surprise presentment.

The Lions support a field for the DABL Sports Association, the DHS and CHS Post Prom Festivities as well as making a donation to ThorTeam for their mentoring and tutoring they offer to the Youth of our community.

It is a great evening in many ways - We share, we socialize and we serve! It is hoped that you will attend and be a part of this celebration for our youth!

March Blood Drive

By Lion Ken Cook, Chair

Our second blood drive with Inova Blood Donor Services was held on March 28. It was great to see that we had donors waiting at the door prior to the start of the blood drive and, we also received more positive feedback about Inova. We collected 35 units of blood during this drive and will strive to do all we can to increase that number. Did you know that 35 units of blood have the ability to save up to 105 lives?

I would like to thank the following people for their help in making calls, canteen, reception and set-up: King Lion Marcia, Lions and friends Bill Mahylis, Charlie Hertel, Chris Fletcher, Dennis Babb, Jerry Mallack, Jerry Warfield, Ken Phillips, Marie Didone, Pattu Druairaj, Ray Hertel, Tom Jackson, Virginia Hertel and Wayne Marr.

Correction

The March *Lions Tale* gave an incorrect location for the Golf Tournament in June. The event will be played at the Glade Valley Golf Club in Walkersville on June 6. We're sorry for any confusion.