



The President's Message

April showers bring May flowers.

I'm not sure where this little saying comes from, but if there's any truth to it at all, we're headed for a lovely, colorful May, for we've certainly had our share of April showers.



It rained on April 14th and it poured on April 16th, but for the opening of the Skate Park on April 15th, the sun was shining. It was a wonderful, breezy, spring day and the Lions were at the Damascus Community Recreation Center to officially open the park. Many thanks to all who attended the ceremony. We will be getting a sign to indicate our support of the park and let the community know that the Lions are serving. There were many young people in attendance to enjoy the opening of the park ~ though I don't think they were very interested in the speakers or the ceremony! The park will be open when the Rec Center is open. Extended park hours are available when there is a volunteer to open the gate and stay nearby. If you would like to volunteer to open the park, either on a regular or occasional basis, please talk with Lion Tom Didone. Drawn like moths to a light, when the gate is open, young people appear! What a great facility for the youth of Damascus. Thanks to all who helped to make this happen and your commitment to the future of the park.

Lions Gary Rogers, Carol & Charlie Stone, Vicki Dotterer, Mary Frances Gosnell and myself represented our club at the District year-end celebration in April. Our club was also well-represented with students in the Honors Band. Of 80 musicians, 19 of them were from Damascus and Clarksburg High Schools. The district scholarships were presented to the students with Clarksburg student Luis Rosales receiving a 2nd place scholarship, Damascus student Robert Williams a 1st place and Joshua Tsai was presented with the Outstanding Musician recognition and top scholarship. These students must commit to at least 2 years of participation in the Honors Band in order to be eligible to audition for a scholarship. Our congratulations go to these young people who have excelled at their instruments and bring music to our lives. The District Humanitarian Award was presented to the founding Director of Melwood, Earl Copus, Jr., who shared captivating stories of the founding and growth of Melwood. The keynote speaker, Past International

Director Leland Kolkmeier, was interesting as well. Overall, it was a better-than-usual 22-C Night! With the exception of the severe weather, it was a great evening.

As this year begins to come to a close, I am happy to report that we have completed the required number of visitations. With our April program on hearing, we have completed the requirements for the district 5-star award. The district awards lunch will be held on June 18th and all Lions are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you are interested in attending the luncheon.

The Multiple District convention is this 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. You can choose to attend any part of the convention. Lion Mary Frances has all the information you need and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Congratulations to our new officers! As they gear up for the new year, let them know which projects you would like to be part of. We are looking for some new fundraisers to take the place of the Big Band Dance and your ideas are so welcome.

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.

Our semi-annual White Cane Days are scheduled for the first week of May. If you haven't already signed up for a shift, please see Lion Wayne Marr to get on his roster. White Cane funds make it possible for us to provide much needed help in the community for eye exams and eyeglasses.

We will be having our last blood drive before the summer break at the end of this month on the 23rd. The timing of this drive will help provide blood for the Memorial Day weekend. It also eliminates the scheduling conflicts with the Golf Tournament. We need volunteers to staff the registration area and the canteen on the day of the drive as well as phone volunteers to remind our donors [Continued on page 3.]

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Partners-in-Service

May 23 - Marcia Allen
May 24 - Kay Newlin
May 25 - Mary Belcher

Anniversaries

May 2 - Charlie and Tammy Hertel
May 16 - Lenora and Tom Kish
May 22 - Marcia and Tony Allen
May 24 - Leslee and Bill Poole
May 25 - Lea and Dennis Hough

May White Canes

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Hello, White Cane Lions: Our Spring White Cane fundraiser starts TOMORROW; Wednesday May 4 through Saturday May 7. Look at the sign-up schedule printed in this Lions Tale to see when and where you are expected. Please wear at least one piece of Lions Garb (both a hat and vest are best) and your very best disposition. As usual, a Lion White Cane Manager will meet you at the store and provision you with pail, apron, sign and canes. He will also meet you two hours later.... so don't run off with the proceeds!

Thank you all for your service to the Club and for helping with this important fundraiser. I could not be here at this meeting tonight. If you can help fill any empty shifts; or if you have any other scheduling issue, please see Lion Ken Phillips.

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Golf Tournament

By Lion Bob Snapp, Co-Chair

Yes, it's spring and Lions are preparing for the Eighth Annual Golf Tournament on June 6. This year's outing will be held at Glade Valley Golf Club in Walkersville, MD: a beautiful, spacious golf course in the Glade Valley area of Frederick County ... a short drive from Damascus (40 minutes).

We are looking for players, hole sponsors, volunteers to help on tournament day and door prize donations.

The player's fee of \$80.00 (no increase from last year) includes the green fee, cart, range balls, buffet luncheon, two beverages and prizes. Also available will be a putting contest, 50/50 and the ever popular "Circle of Fun Golf Hole."

For more information, contact Chairman Lion Mike Thornett, Co-Chairman Lion Bob Snapp or Honorary Chairman Lion John Warfield.

Upcoming Events

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

May 9 - Warren Schwab
May 13 - Jerry Mallack
May 16 - Joseph Hutchinson
May 19 - Wayne Marr
May 21 - Su Huang
May 24 - John Washington
May 26 - Sue Suddath
May 26 - Joann Woodson
May 27 - Nick Holpuch
May 27 - Ronnie Poland

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 12, 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 Midge Tench, Chris Fletcher and Jack Peters.

The minutes of the March 2011 board meeting were published in the April "Lions Tale". With no exceptions or additions the minutes were approved as published. The club financial report for March 2011 was presented by Lion Tony Barry. The March 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 approved a cash donation of \$250 for Relay for Life. The club delegates to the Multiple 22C Convention are Marcia Holpuch, Martin Carr and Mary Frances Gosnell.

The board approved a \$25 initiation fee for new members. This money goes to Lions International. The new member will also be required to pay \$10 dues until the next full dues period. The board agreed to sponsor a hole at the Damascus Heritage Society Golf Tournaments. The cost is \$125.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Lion Ray Molesworth, Secretary

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of the drive and increase their participation. Please speak with Lion Ken Cook or myself if you can help support the drive in any way. If you are a Facebook person, post it on your page! Appointments can be made online at www.inova.org/donateblood.

In keeping with the April showers, our planned pick-up of Rte. 27 was rained out last month, so when Lion Carol Cook selects another day, we'll let you know so you can join the "Road Crew" and help keep Damascus beautiful.

Keeping Damascus beautiful is the focus of the spring Clean-up Damascus Day on the 14th. The memorial benches have been ordered and the goal is to have them installed before the 14th. We need a few volunteers to help with check-in on the morning of the 14th. The goals of the day include sprucing up the grounds of the Senior Center

and the Rec Center and a few other small projects. If you can help, just let me know.

The DVFD needs to replace the roof on the Activities Building on Lewis Drive. They are holding 2 events this spring to raise funds to support that cause and have asked for our help. The first event is a motorcycle ride on the 21st of May and the second is a bicycle ride on the 11th of June. We are supporting both events financially, but they also need volunteers on those days for a variety of duties. Of course, we want a nice, dry Activities Building, so do what you can to help! Polish up that Harley and register for the motorcycle ride or pump up your tires and register for the bike ride or simply sign up to lend a hand at either event or be really crazy and help out at both events!

I spoke with Lions Tuck & Eloise and Tuck continues to make good progress. He is still at Washington Hospital Center where they are now rather well-known! It is anticipated that he may be released to go home next week. Once he gets settled, they will welcome visitors who are not dressed in lab coats. We'll let you know when he gets home so you can give them a call and schedule a visit.

Last month we enjoyed the presentation on running and climbing by our very own athlete, Pattu Durairaj, who has climbed mountains and run a marathon on every continent ~ and has the medal to prove it. What a fascinating accomplishment and we thank him for sharing his experiences with us. Tonight we honor and recognize the various youth organizations in the Damascus and Clarksburg areas. Our entertainment is a string quintet from Damascus High School. Lion Mary Frances has put together the program and we hope that you enjoy the evening.

Yours in Service,

King Lion Marcia

Spring 2011 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

| Day | Shift Time | Location | Lion(s) |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Wednesday May 4 Manager: Ken Phillips | 11:30am - 1:30pm | Tom & Ray's | Gary Rogers |
| | 3:45pm - 5:45pm | CVS | Dave Davidson |
| | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Safeway East | Jack Peters |
| | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Safeway West | |
| | 5:00pm - 7:00pm | Tom & Ray's | |
| | 5:45pm - 7:45pm | CVS | Tess Gladhill |
| | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Safeway East | Carol & Kenny Cook |
| | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Safeway West | Charlie Hertel |
| Thursday May 5 Manager: Bill Mahylis | 11:30am - 1:30pm | Tom & Ray's | Alice Denell |
| | 3:45pm - 5:45pm | CVS | Ray Molesworth |
| | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Safeway East | Barbara Barry |
| | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Safeway West | John & Bobbie Warfield |
| | 5:00pm - 7:00pm | Tom & Ray's | Mary Frances Gosnell |
| | 5:45pm - 7:45pm | CVS | Bob Snapp |
| | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Safeway East | Ann Davis |
| | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Safeway West | Jerry Mallack |
| Friday May 6 Manager: Del Mayhew | 11:30am - 1:30pm | Tom & Ray's | George Hibbard |
| | 3:45pm - 5:45pm | CVS | Bill Mahylis |
| | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Safeway East | Midge Tench |
| | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Safeway West | John Washington |
| | 5:00pm - 7:00pm | Tom & Ray's | |
| | 5:45pm - 7:45pm | CVS | |
| | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Safeway East | Warren & Joy Schwab |
| | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Safeway West | Dennis Babb |
| Saturday May 7 Manager: Wayne Marr | 6:45am - 8:45am | Red Rooster | Charlie & Marcia Holpuch |
| | 7:00am - 9:00am | Tom & Ray's | George Hibbard |
| | 8:15am - 10:15am | CVS | Sue Suddath |
| | 8:30am - 10:30am | Safeway East | Carol Stone |
| | 8:30am - 10:30am | Safeway West | Charlie Stone |
| | 8:45am - 10:45am | Red Rooster | |
| | 9:00am - 11:00am | Tom & Ray's | |
| | 10:15am - 12:15pm | CVS | |
| | 10:30am - 12:30pm | Safeway East | |
| | 10:30am - 12:30pm | Safeway West | |
| | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Tom & Ray's | |