



The President's Message

***If everything seems
under control, you're just
not going fast enough.***

Mario Andretti

Dear Damascus Lions,

Wow! What a year it has been. A part of me can't believe that it's almost over. This will be my last newsletter article as King Lion for this year. I think I must have been going fast enough since I rarely felt that everything was under control. And it's no wonder, we are a very active club. It has been an honor and privilege to represent you this year, for I know of no better group of people I would like to be associated with.

We have accomplished much this past year and I could fill the entire newsletter with thanks to each of you who have stepped up and helped out this year in many ways and we still have one more month to go. Each and every one of you is needed to help us do what we do – We Serve. And without your contributions of time, dedication, and spirit, we would not have the outstanding club that we do.

May activities started out with White Cane collections. Lion Wayne Marr does a great job getting us set up to collect, but we did not have enough volunteers to man all the posts for the allotted times. Even so, collections were good and we thank Lion Wayne and his management crew as well as the collection volunteers for their time and work.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell organized a wonderful Youth Night for us where we honored the young people of Damascus and Clarksburg. The jazz ensemble from DHS entertained us with fine music and we recognized the efforts and accomplishments of our local schools and scholars.

Lion Carol could use more help with our Highway Cleanup Crew. We've had some bad weather breaks this spring for our scheduled pickups. If we can get another date lined up for June, please come help, even if it's just for an hour. Especially for this job, many hands make lighter work!

Lions Martin Carr, Mary Frances Gosnell and I attended the Multiple District Convention in May in Salisbury. It was my first convention and was very interesting. We were fortunate to have the International



President (The "Kingliest" Lion??) in attendance for the convention. One of the most interesting parts for me was the early morning session he did on Sunday when he did a Q & A session with those who attended.

Also in May, we held our third blood drive with Inova Blood Services. Lion Ken Cook reports that it was our most successful drive so far this year! Thanks to those who helped get the room prepared, put the signs up in town, and staffed the reception and canteen areas. We are so encouraged that we are going to do a summer drive on July 25th. This drive will utilize the mobile collection unit which will be parked at Sandy Spring Bank. Thanks, Lions Ken and Alice Denell for taking the initiative on adding an extra drive to our list. As the time approaches, we will let you know what kind of help is needed for that drive. It will be the first time we've done one with the mobile unit, so we're still learning.

In keeping with tradition, we participated in the Memorial Day service at the American Legion honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom in this country. I've always been moved by such celebrations, and probably now even more so since Nick is currently enlisted in the Air Force. Thank goodness there were no bagpipers this year. The weather was pleasant and the ceremony was well attended. It's good to be a part of a community that cares so deeply and continues to recognize the men and women in the service. Thank you to our own Lions Club members who have served in the military.

Still to come this month is our most profitable fundraiser – the Golf Tournament. This is the 8th year we have done this and each one outdoes the last. This year we are going to a new location at Glade Valley Golf Club in Walkersville. We have a few more pre-registered golfers than last year so we anticipate another great tournament. Lions Bob Snapp, Mike Thornett and John Warfield know how to put together a great event!! If the weather cooperates, it's a day that can't be beat. Thanks to all who make this happen, both the golfers and the volunteers for the day.

We also thank Lions Tammy and Charlie Hertel for offering their home for our picnic this year. Catering will be provided by Tom & Ray's Restaurant and we are looking forward to a fun, relaxed evening of fellowship and food.

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Upcoming Events

- 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:

- June 2 - Ann Davis
- June 7 - Lenora Kish
- June 16 – Charlie Hertel
- June 17 – Jenn Hyde
- June 20 - Tucky Woodfield
- June 25 – Gary Bellison
- June 28 - Eloise Woodfield

Partners-in-Service

- June 3 – Jay Mallack
- June 9 – Tori Tomlinson
- June 19 - Bonnie Mayhew
- June 22 - Thelma Sellers

Anniversaries

- June 6 - Sue and Ken Phillips
 - June 8 - Kay and Bob Newlin
 - June 14 - Sue and Jack Poole
 - June 26 – Cindee and Gary Rogers
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President's Message, Continued

Saturday the 11th of June is the date of the DVFD bike ride. If you are able to lend them a hand, they are still looking for volunteers to help out for the ride. Charlie & I plan to go on the ride, so we need your support! Please call Tracy at 301.356.5510 and let her know you are available to help. Bikers are morning people so you'll have plenty of time to do other activities after the ride is over.

We will cap off our month with Installation Night at the Cracked Claw in Urbana. We will close out our year and install our new officers for 2011-12. I know that you will give them all the support and help that you can to make next year even better.

My last special thanks go to my husband, Lion Charlie Holpuch, who has supported me throughout the year as I ran out the door (again) hollering, "It's a Lions thing, honey!"

Thank you all for what you do for the club, the community and each other. Here's to YOU, Damascus Lions!!

Yours in Service,
~King Lion Marcia

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2011

King Lion Marcia Holpuch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Lions Bill Mahylis, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Mike Thornett, Tess Gladhill, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew and Jack Peters.

The minutes of the April 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 April 2011 was presented by Lion Mike Thornett as prepared by Lion Tony Barry. The April 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 voted to send an additional \$500 to LCIF as a donation towards the recent tornado disasters.

Members who prepay their meals will be given a credit of \$24 towards the cost of the upcoming Installation Night dinner. The \$24 credit will be considered as payment in full for the installation night meal. The credit is given as reimbursement for two dinner meetings that were canceled due to weather. The cost of Installation night for all members who pay at the door is \$25. All guests will be charged \$25. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Lion Ray Molesworth, Secretary

THANKS

Fellow lions, as most of you know, Lion Tuck Woodfield has been in the Washington Hospital Center for Heart By-pass surgery. This all started on March 9th. It was to be a four to five day stay, but turned into a long struggle until May 2nd when he was discharged to return home, after five different procedures he has been slowly recovering. We both were at the hospital, Tuck as a patient and I was there to support him, it has been a very tough road. When we left, the trees were still without leaves cool temps. and flowers were not blooming, now returning its a beautiful picture, warm and its like another world. We are so glad to be back in the country, the city is not for us.....

We would like to thank everyone for prayers, emails, cards, phone calls, and visits, and to King Lion Marcia for keeping us up to date with the lions and her support and words of encouragement. Lions Tess Gladhill, Jack Peters, Ray Molesworth for bringing over the hospital bed and wheel chair from the lions medical closet, this was

done on short notice and setup for Tuck to be comfortable. Also our son-in-law Mike Watkins for helping the lions make this possible, as my motto when serving as your President," together we can make it happen"

Lion Tuck and I are looking forward to returning for a meeting soon, when we can greet our fellow lions and enjoy good times again. to quote past Present Lion Tuck, "I can count on You"! his motto,

Again THANKS for the support from the lions club, family members, special friends in the community, to all for helping us.

PP's Lions Tuck and Eloise

Blood Drive Report

By Lion Ken Cook

Two blood drives took place in May; one on May 12th at The Damascus United Methodist Church where the American Red Cross collected 32 units and, one on May 28 where INOVA collected 54 units. Our total for the month was 86 units. Sandi, from INOVA, has mentioned that Damascus is becoming a partnership city for their blood drives.

Thanks to the efforts of Lion Alice Denell, an INOVA blood drive is scheduled for July 25th.

I have talked with St. Anne's Episcopal Church about hosting a blood drive. I have been told that it will be discussed in the next few weeks and that they will get back to me.

I want to thank the following people for working the registration table, canteen, setup, signs and offering to make calls on our behalf: John Washington, Bill Mahylis, Ken Phillips, Pattu Durairaj, John Holpuch, Alice Denell, Charlie Hertel, Joy Schwab, Mike Thornett and Tom Jackson.

Spring 2011 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Thank you, all Lions who participated in our Spring 2011 White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,674.44. This collection will fund about 16 eye appointments and new glasses for needy Damascus-area citizens. Only twenty-four Damascus Lions contributed to White Cane week this time; so many Lions had to work two or more shifts to make up the difference. Please put "Lion" in front of every name in this article. I can't afford the fines.

Special Recognitions:

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

go to:

- Charlie and Marcia Holpuch, who collected \$167.88 at Red Rooster on Saturday.
- George Hibbard, who collected \$111.00 at Tom & Rays, also on Saturday.
- Jack Peters, who collected \$110.07 at Safeway on Wednesday evening.

Charlie Hertel and Barbara Barry just missed \$100 by only a tiny bit each.

- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to the five Lions who worked four-hour shifts in order to fill the unassigned shift that followed them: these Lions were: Jack Peters, Charlie Hertel, George Hibbard, and the Holpuchs.

Here are the wonderful Damascus Lions who gave unselfishly of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): Babb (First Time!!), B. Barry, Davidson, Davis, Dennell, Gladhill, Gosnell, C. Hertel (2), Hibbard(3), C. Holpuch (2), M. Holpuch (2), Mahylis, Mallack, Molesworth, Peters(2), Rogers, W. Schwab, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Suddath, B. Warfield, J. Warfield, Washington. 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, Gary Rogers, George Hibbard, and Vi Hibbard (George's wife).

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.

Humor?

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I tried to see an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
17. A backward poet writes inverse.
18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
19. When the cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
20. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
21. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
22. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
23. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
24. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
25. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
26. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.