



The President's Message

Hazy, Crazy but Not Lazy Days of Summer!

Our summer was set ablaze by the flames of birthday candles during our Senior Birthday Party that was crazy fun for all who attended.



And the Lions that *marched* or *floated* in the Celebrate Damascus parade could not be called lazy. We celebrated quite successfully at our flea market at our table and by renting the remaining spaces to other people with excess *stuff*. And although I haven't heard any results, I know our blood drive at the Sandy Spring Bank was a service to the community. Even a few pints of blood can make a big difference in the life of the recipients.

By the time you read this our Lions Night Out at the Frederick Keys game may or may be in the record books. As I write this, I hope we win and I catch a foul ball! (That last thing probably won't or didn't but I have always wanted to catch one, so I figured it was worth a try!!)

August in Montgomery County can be hazy, hot, and humid. But working in our ice cream stand should be a very *cool* experience. I am looking forward to helping and I am sure Lion Gary could accept a few more volunteers. For your service you get a free pass to the fair and I from what heard all the ice cream you can eat when nobody is looking (just kidding about that last part Lion Gary). Seriously, I have heard that we do a bang up business and we need all the help we can get.

If you don't like working in an ice cream stand, you can certainly volunteer some time at the Fair to staff our Sight and Hearing testing at the fair. I volunteered in a Mobile Eye Unit at a County Fair while living in West Virginia and it was a very meaningful experience. Some of the people hadn't had their eye sight or hearing checked in years because they couldn't afford the cost. We live in a very affluent area, but there are still people who do not have easy or affordable access to optional health care like eye and hearing screenings. So consider helping those who come for screenings at the Fair.

Our final summer dinner meeting was held in the Wesley Grove UMC hall on July 19th. The donated dishes and desserts were wonderful. We ate a lot and there was still some left over. Our next dinner meeting will be also held in the WGUMC hall but on September 6th, the Wesley

Grove church cooks will be hard at work preparing a sumptuous feast or at least a good dinner.

We are a very active Lions Club and I know we are a gift to the people of our community. We have a great deal of fun at our events but we also do a great deal of good in them, too. As it says on the Lions Club international home page: "The 1.35 million members of our volunteer organization in 206 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief – community is what we make it." Come and help make our community what we want it to be!

Lion President Vicki

Celebrate Damascus Parade Grand Marshall

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Damascus Gazette –“The First Baptist Church of Damascus sees the day as a chance to let people know there is a Baptist Church in Damascus”, said Lee Sellers, who chairs the church’s Celebrate Damascus activities. Sellers is being honored this year for his more than 50 years as the Damascus Lions Club Chaplain and his years of work with Celebrate Damascus. Sellers, along with Harvey Zeigler..., Gloria Warfield ... And Robert Bellison..., are this year’s parade Grand Marshalls.”

Lion Lee was riding in a vintage car owned and chauffeured by Fire Chief Darron Long. Lion Lee was treated to dinner by the fireman and then had a reserved seat for the parade at the Fireman’s platform where the parade participants were being announced.

Congratulations, Lee! You looked mighty fine riding in that chauffeured open air car!

Lions Popcorn Machine

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

After 18 years of use, the Lions have purchased a new popcorn machine replacing the one donated by Lion Ken Gosnell. The new popcorn machine is looking for a home! It needs a storage place, someone to maintain it and to deliver it to the place of a function. Any Lion interested in being of service via the Popcorn Machine, contact Lion Mary Frances. Also, is there a Lion who would have the time to hand stamp the Lions logo on 2000 popcorn bags.

Our club will be giving popcorn to the Damascus Community Fair goes for the weekend of Sept. 9 – 11. Hope you will find time to come by the booth to help make and serve the popcorn. All are welcome to join the fun and watch the fairgoers follow the aroma to our booth!

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Upcoming Events

- Aug 2 Lions Family Night out – Keys Ball Game @ Harry Grove Stadium
- Aug 9 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
- Aug 16 Ice Cream Dipping @ Montgomery County Fair
- Aug 18 Sight & Hearing Testing @ Montgomery County Fair
- Sept 6 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC
- Sept 9 – 11 Damascus Community Fair @ DVFD Grounds
- Sept 13 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
- Sept 19 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center
- Sept 20 Dinner Meeting- Prospective Member Night @ Wesley Grove UMC
- Sept 30 Basket Bingo @ DVFD Activities Center
- Oct 4 Charter Night @ TBA
- Oct 5 - 8 White Cane @ Various locations
- Oct 11 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
- Oct 15 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UMC
- Oct 18 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC
- Oct 22 Damascus Clean-Up Day Around Town

Birthdays

Lions:

- Aug. 8 - Heather Geehreng
- 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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Lions Year Tabs

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Lions as Years of Service Tabs are presented; we can save some money by returning the previous tabs you have received. These tabs are placed under your Lions Emblem Pin so that the year is below the emblem. Since you will only need the most recent pins, we can reuse them rather than having to buy more from International. You may return your tabs to Secretary Lion Mary Frances

Blood Drive Report

By Lion Ken Cook, Chair

INOVA continues to be a strong blood drive partner and, to receive a positive response in the community. Despite a tremendous downpour on July 25th, we received 30 units (91% of our goal) of blood. These units have brought our total collected units, since January, to 207 units. This averages out to 41.4 units per drive. During the blood drive, I was approached by a donor about possibly establishing a drive at the Damascus location of the Izaak Walton League. I am waiting to hear back from the IWL and will report back when I know more.

I want to thank all the lions who assisted in making this drive a success. A special thank you to Lions Alice Denell for her efforts in making the Sandy Spring Bank property available to us.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

7/12/2011

The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President Barbara Berry at Gladhill Tractors. Lions in attendance were Gosnell, Carr, Fletcher, Charlie and Carol Stone, Tony and Barbara Barry, M. Holpuck, Jackson, Mayhew, Gladhill, J. Schwab, and Thornett.

Treasurers' reports:

The Club Treasury report was presented by Tony Barry. Approved as presented.

The Foundation Treasury report was presented by Mike Thornett. Approved as presented.

Secretary's Report:

It was resolved that paper copies of the Lions Tale would be distributed at meetings as is currently done, but, insofar as possible, members not in attendance would not receive a paper copy; instead they would be sent an email with a link to the current Lions Tale on our website. For members of the club who do not use email, a paper copy will be mailed to them. This will allow us to save substantially on copy and postage costs.

The secretary requested that all committee chairpersons inform her of projects undertaken by their committees so she may include it in the monthly report. The chairpersons should include a short description of the project, volunteers who worked it, hours to complete the project, associated costs, and profits realized as applicable.

The secretary requested that attendance pins be recycled. When a member receives a new pin, if he or she returns the outdated pin to the club, it can be used for another person, again saving the club considerable expense.

The Heritage Society sent its annual request for a donation. A motion was made and seconded that the club donate \$500. Because the budget was not yet approved, the motion was tabled until the budget discussion was completed.

The minutes were approved as presented in the Lions Tale.

Old Business:

Chairperson Lion Tess reported on Damascus Days. The parade and fireworks went on after the weather cleared just prior to the parade. We made approximate \$600 from the sale of flea market slots at the DVFD

Activity Building and another \$97.50 from the sale of goods at our flea market booth.

This does not include approximately \$226 received from the Lions Trading Pins donated by the family of late Lions Rodney and Margaret Duvall. The money from the sale of the Duvall pins will be reserved for a memorial to the Duvalls to be determined later.

Lion Joy reported on the Senior Center Birthday party hosted by Lion Suddath, supported by Lions Davis, Gosnell, Schwab, Hibbard, and Lion Sue's grandchildren.

New Business:

The next meeting will be on July 19. The club will cater the meat, drinks and corn on the cob. Lions are requested to bring covered dishes of sides, salad or desert.

Budget:

The proposed budgets were presented by Treasurers Tony Barry (Club) and Mike Thornett (Foundation). After discussion, the budgets were conditionally approved with minor amendments. The condition is that King Lion Vicki needs to see and approve the budgets.

After the budgets were approved, the donation to the Heritage Society was approved, pending final approval of the budgets.

Another conditional expenditure was the approval for Lion Bob Snapp to purchase Lion of the Year and Lion of the Years trophies for the next 4 years. The cost will be \$580, including engraving.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Frances Gosnell, Secretary

Addendum July 14, 2011

King Lion Vicki reviewed the 2011-2012 budgets for the Club and the Foundation that was tentatively approved by the Board on July 12, 2011 and has approved the them.

Mary Frances Gosnell, Secretary

Post Script

By Immediate Past President Marcia Holpuch

People of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things. ~ Leonardo Da Vinci

Dear Lions,

Thank you one and all for your participation in the club during the past year. You have made it a most successful and memorable year indeed. June was a great month for wrapping up our year. The golf tournament was a success under the care of Lions Mike Thornett and Bob Snapp. The weather could not have been better for a day on the course and attendance was up from last year, too. Thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in to make the golf tournament such a great event.

More thanks go to the Lions Hertel for so generously hosting our picnic. Lion Gary Bellison was our caterer and everyone had a nice evening. The food was fantastic and it was so nice to see so many partners in service and other family members join us.

Thanks to Lion Bob Snapp for planning and coordinating our special meetings this past year, both Charter Night and Installation Night which were great nights of celebration and recognition. Congrats to our honorees this year ~ Lion Wayne Marr as our U-Tou-Can awardee; Lion Joy Schwab, the Hyatt Trophy winner; Lion Mary Frances, Leader Dog Founder's recognition; and our Melvin Jones recipient.

June 11th was the date of the DVFD Strawberry Bike Ride, a fundraiser for the fire department to fund the cost of re-roofing the activities building. The club was one of the sponsors of the ride. Lion Alice Denell volunteered to lend a hand and was helpful at the registration area for the day. Lions Charlie Hertel, Charlie Holpuch and myself rode the 32 mile route with Lion Charlie Hertel going the "extra mile" and riding up to town from his house first ~ and then back home afterward. The fresh strawberries were a good incentive to keep pedaling to the end. But it's true ~ all roads to Damascus go uphill!

Admittedly, I don't know a lot about Da Vinci. I've heard he has a code, did some painting, and was something of an amateur scientist. But I have to agree with him when it comes to making things happen. Damascus Lions make things happen ~ we don't just let them happen. And it's true what they say, what you get out of life is directly proportional to what you put in. Don't wait to be asked ~ step up and toss your hat in the ring. Let's head into this

new Lion year with this thought in mind... "Go out there and happen to something!!"

Your new Board of Directors is in place and ready to take on the opportunities and challenges of the new year while fulfilling our motto and serving the community. Thanks to them for being willing to serve. Give them your support. Here's to a great year with King Lion Vicki!

I've pulled the papers out of the seat of my rocker and I'm ready to settle in as your IPP.

Thank you all! Give yourselves a hand and take a bow ~ you deserve it!

Yours in Service,

~ IPP Marcia