



Senior Center Birthday Christmas Party

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Thursday, December 2, twenty-five Seniors gathered at the Senior Center for the Lions Party. Lion Sue Suddath had games and prizes for them to participate in. She had homemade sugar cookies made for them and asked them to decorate the cookie with tubes of icing. What a great job they did. She had other Christmas games that they all played as well. Lion George Hibbard helped with a sing-a-long while Lions Joy Schwab and Mary Frances Gosnell helped the Seniors with their projects. Four Seniors were honored for having birthdays in December. Lions Sue prepared refreshments of three homemade delicious cakes, ice cream and drink. As each Senior left, they were given a gift bag. Oh, what a Holiday Treat for them. The Lions are most welcomed at the center with their parties!



Lion Elves Deliver the Holiday Giving Project

By Lion Mary France Gosnell

In the advent of the Christmas phase of the Holiday Giving Project, Lion and Leo Elves were making preparations in many ways; some were shopping for clothes, some were gathering and moving foods, some were looking for mittens and socks, while others were finding the right stocking stuffers; others were contacting their families, wrapping the gifts, packing the foods, stuffing stockings, and checking their lists to make sure every family had all of their deliveries readied to go! And then the Christmas Giving Project was ready to deliver to 30 families of 80 children and 63 adults on Saturday, Dec. 17. Ten teams of Lions, family and friends, 30 in all, gathered at the Elf Shop to finalize the project. After getting some warm cof-

fee and buns, the “chariots and sleighs” were packed in short order, and “away, away” they flew, only to find we were missing a ham, milk, eggs and butter for one family. Oops, someone goofed! “Goofed” showed up carrying in the missing items with head held low saying ‘Do you need these!’ Immediately, Goofed was sent “away” to meet up with the other sleigh that didn’t have a complete load! WHEW! What a great project! The sleighs carried 4 boxes of perishable and nonperishable foods and two large trash bags of gifts! One sleigh had two bikes included and as they approached the homes along with Santa in his red suit, one elf would take the bike around back of the house while the others entertained the family at the front door. Wonderment of the surprise gift was an answer to a child’s wish, for sure! Other Elves found the families very receptive to their visits. Oh to be a child again! Or maybe, even an Elf – a Lion Elf!

To round out the project, 55 Lions, family members and friends tolled for 200 hours and spent \$4000 to make the project a complete one. Each child had an outfit of clothing, 2 toys, mittens, gloves and socks and more. Each family had a box of tissues, a stocking filled with useful items, 2 towels and washcloths and miscellaneous items.

Many, Many Elves partnered with the Lions to make this project a most enjoyable one. The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club of the Damascus area donated some 160 toys from a Jingle Bell Run to the project. The boxes to pack the foods in were donated by Lion Peg and Dave Stone; The dinner rolls were donated by Huang Distributors; The festive homemade cookie filled boxes were made and prepared by the Goldstein Family; Gladhill Brothers donated Gift Bags and 3 toys for the babies; Richard Schoeb, LLC donated a tooth brush and toothpaste for every family member; Lions donated stocking stuffers, mittens, hats, socks and Chris Fletcher donated a last minute toy!

In addition the Holiday Fund Lions have been scouting the Damascus businesses and friends of Lions to help fund the project! Thanks to all Lions who helped fill “Lion Albert’s” Christmas Fund jar! What a tradition!

The Holiday Giving Project was truly a partnership this year! Again, we have served the families of our Damascus Community in hopes of an enjoyable Christmas-time this year for them. Thank you to all the Lions, family and friends who assisted in making this project a great one! You helped make a child and parent smile this Christmas! Happy New Year!

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Birthdays

Lions:

Jan. 6 – Bob Newlin
Jan. 13 – Bob Williams
Jan. 19 – Fran Burlas
Jan. 20 – Dee Reichmeider
Jan. 26 – Ray Walton
Jan. 29 – Benjamin Lewis
Jan. 30 – Pat Miller

Partners-in-Service:

None known

Anniversaries

None known

News about Members

Lee and Thelma Sellers went to their daughters in Ocean Pines for the Holidays. Thelma fell and broke her hip. She has had surgery and is reported to be doing well. She and Lee remain in Ocean Pines for the time being!

Please keep Lee and Thelma in your thoughts and prayers!

Upcoming Events

Jan 3 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Jan 10 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Jan 14 NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo @ DC Convention Center
Jan 16 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center
Jan 17 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Feb 7 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Feb 14 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Feb 21 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Vicki Dotterer at 7:05 pm. Lions in attendance were Dotterer, B. Barry, T. Barry, Gosnell, Thornett, Jackson, Carr, Mayhew, Peters, Denell, Gladhill, Phillips, Schwab, and Holpuch. The minutes of the November Board Meeting were approved as printed in the December Lions Tale.

Treasurer's Report was given by Lion Tony Barry, Club Report and Lion Mike Thornett, Foundation Report. The reports were approved as presented. Foundation Treasurer, Mike Thornett, brought a report to the Board of the previous 5 years of fund raising income and the Foundation expenditures. As is required for a non-profit foundation and the CLB Foundation Bylaws, we have not been returning to the community the amount we have brought in from the community. No action taken, food for thought! Auditor George Hibbard presented his report from auditing the Club and Foundation Books for 2010-2011. His findings found the year end data correctly reflected.

The Secretary read letter from the recipient of the Peace Poster Contest thanking the Lions for the dinner, the certificate and the award. She returned the award monies with the letter asking that they be used for the needy families in the Holiday Giving Project.

Club Treasurer gave an analysis of the dues that is assessed by International and the District to come up with the dues amount that we assess our members. It was approved by the Board that the dues for the January thru June 2012 dues be \$40 per member and \$30 per family member.

The Activities Schedule for the upcoming 6 months was reviewed and approved.

Membership Chairman Joy Schwab received an email from Lion Heather Geehreg and Debbie Volley stating their resignation from the club and from being Leo Advisors of Baker Middle School. The Board approved their resignation in good standing.

The secretary recommended that we remove Lions Ollie Gray and Mike Bowersox from the roster for non-payment of dues and non-attendance. The Board approved. Correspondence included a Christmas card from Camp Merrick, a letter from the Blind Industries and one from The Children's Inn. No action was taken.

Old Business of the issuance of Lions year tabs for the purpose of Years of Service or Perfect Attendance again was discussed with no resolution. However, the Club and Foundation Bylaws should dictate a solution. Lions Tom Jackson, Bob Newlin and Mary Frances Gosnell plan to work on the Bylaws within the next two months.

The Remembrance Committee is formulating a plan for our members and families. It was noted that we generally visit the homebound, elderly and retirement facilitated Lions for the Holidays and present them with a flower or gift. Lions Alice Denell and Joy Schwab are to make the deliveries.

Program Chairman Marcia Holpuch suggested we give a donation to the Parrott Foundation. The Foundation rendered an interesting program for us at the November meeting. It was approved to send \$50 to the Parrott Foundation.

A report on the Holiday Giving Project was given and can be found elsewhere in the January Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Frances Gosnell
Secretary

Peace Poster Update

The Board of Directors received a very nice letter from Caroline Ta, the winner of our Peace Poster Contest. At a recent dinner meeting, she was presented with a first place prize. She wrote as follows:

"Thank you so very much for inviting my dad and me to the dinner. The food was delicious (plus the dessert)! It was really nice to see all the Lions Members, and to be a guest. I had a fantastic night!

"Thank you so much for the award and the \$100 check. Speck of the \$100 check, I was thinking about donating back the money and using it to help families that are in need of food this Christmas. I hope to use the money to get a basket or box full of canned goods or diapers to help a family or possibly more!

"Please help me donate goods to families that are in need of food using the check! I hope to help as many families this Christmas! ☺

"Thank you so much,

"Caroline Ta"

She returned our check with her letter.

Damascus Lion's Christmas Baskets 2011



Lion Eloise, Partners in Service Jennifer Molesworth & Bonnie Mayhew, Santa' helper & Lion Joy wrap clothes.



Lion Mary Frances puts family names on Gift bags



Lion Tom shops for families



Lion Tuck prepares boxes



Lion Gary ready for food delivery