



The President's Message

A few days ago, I decided to check out the Lions International website because I hadn't been there for awhile. What I found there really impressed me. I thought I would share it with you, even though you might have read it, too.



Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy.

Our 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members make us the world's largest service club organization. We're also one of the most effective. Our members do whatever is needed to help their local communities. Everywhere we work, we make friends. With children who need eyeglasses, with seniors who don't have enough to eat and with people we may never meet.

As I thought about what the two paragraphs said about us as individuals and a group, I realized we are problem solvers and our intention is to help our community be better. We have engaged in service activities that were a lot of work, but were fun, too!

Our challenge, as individuals and a club, is to continue working in our community with unmatched integrity and energy. We all have things other than Lions club stuff to do. And we are not the only service organization in our area. But the words written and ideas expressed on the Lions website gave me a new perspective on our service. We don't just serve people, we make friends! We make friends with children, adults and even people we may never meet!

Our lives are often very busy and complicated. But as Lions, we really do serve with energy and integrity. We sometimes put aside things we need and want to do for the sake of others through our projects. There are many people who need our help. And our community can always be better.

So I commend us as people who have served. And I challenge us as Lions to continue to serve whenever needed.

Pancake Breakfast & Bake/Craft Table

By Lion Joy Schwab

The Spring Pancake Breakfast and Bake/Craft Table event was held Saturday, March 17, 2012 in the Dining Room at Damascus United Methodist Church from 7-11 a.m. On Friday, March 16th the set-up helpers made the Dining Room ready. Those, who helped, were Lions Bob Newlin, Warren Schwab, Tom Jackson, Mary Frances Gosnell, and Joy Schwab. 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 Barbara and Tony Barry, Fran Burlas, Martin Carr, Vicki Dotterer, Bernie Duplan, Pattu Durairaj, Donna Feuillet, Chris Fletcher, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie and Tammy Hertel, George Hibbard, Marcia Holpuch, Suling Huang, Tom Jackson, Wayne Marr, Del Mayhew, Ray Molesworth, Bob Newlin, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Julie Sain, Joy and Warren Schwab, Lee Sellers, Carol and Charlie Stone, and Sue Suddath, Midge Tench, Jennifer Warfield, and John Washington. Lion Family helper was Stephanie Huang. Damascus High Leos and Baker Middle SGA were Sarah Jane Anderson, Daniel Bidwick, Brian and Kevin Bowers, Chris Danna, Drew Dimathan, Erica Eveins, Stephy Foster, Samantha Goldsborough, Hannah Lee, Macey Murdock, Karly Najaka, Kayla Neil, Olivia Vozzo. Boy Scouts and leaders were David and Kian Benze, Brian, Don and Kevin Bowers, Aaron Eng, Joe and Josh Haren, Jim and Tristan Hockenberry, Tre Hourihah, Devin Minogue, DJ and Ken Petersen, Jacob, Josh and Rich Shimp, Karanjit and Vic Siyan. We served 269 with a profit of \$1,821.16. 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, Tess Gladhill, Mary Frances Gosnell, George and Vi Hibbard, Marcia Holpuch, Ray Molesworth, and Jack & Frann Peters, Ken & Sue Phillips, Julie Sain, Joy Schwab and Jennifer Warfield. Carol's Creations donated flowers to sell. Bake/Craft Table profit was \$371.75.

Total Profit for 2012 Spring Breakfast and Bake/Craft Sale is \$2,192.91. Lions Joy and Sue thank all for whatever you did to help make this be a successful day.

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Upcoming Events

- Apr 3 Dinner Meeting & New Member Induction @ Wesley Grove UM Church
- Apr 10 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
- Apr 17 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
- Apr 21 22C Night @ Greater Waldorf Jaycees Center
- May 1 Youth Night @ Damascus UM Church
- May 2-5 White Canes @ Various Town Locations
- May 8 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
- May 9-12 Multiple District Convention @ Salisbury Convention Center
- May 15 Dinner Meeting & Leo Officer Installation @ Wesley Grove UM Church
- May 21 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center
- June 4 Golf Tournament @ Glade Valley Golf Course
- June 5 Family Picnic @ TBA
- June 12 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
- June 19 Installation Night @ TBD
- June 22-26 International Convention in Busan, Korea

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
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Going, Going, GONE!!

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

Well, you've done it again. The In-House Auction was a "roaring" success this year, netting proceeds of \$3,274!! That's an impressive increase from last year's total of \$2,773. We had a fascinating array of donations of both goods and services, and thank the following Lions for their contributions: John Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Jack Peters, Jerry Mallack, Mary Frances Gosnell (and Mom!), The Barrys, Cheryl Wyatt, Ken Phillips, Del Mayhew, George Hibbard, Martin Carr, The Schwabs, Gary Rogers, Midge Tench, Ray Molesworth, Marcia Holpuch, Mike Thornett, Bill Mahylis (and Helen!), Dave Davidson (and Gail!), Julie Sain and Tess Gladhill.

An auction is nothing without bidders and buyers, and we have assembled some of the best around. Among those Lions carting precious treasures home were John Washington, Martin Carr, Del Mayhew, The Schwabs, Pattu Durairaj, The Hertels, The Holpuchs, Mike Thornett, Jerry Mallack, Barbara Barry, Chris Fletcher, Ken Phillips, The Huangs, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tom Jackson, Cheryl Wyatt, Dave Davidson (and Gail!), The Warfields, Fran Burlas (how is your Wall Hung Sheep doing?), Midge Tench and King Lion Vicki Dotterer who is so happy to once again hold her gavel.

The evening was kept moving and bids raised by our most able-tongued auctioneer, Lion Charlie Holpuch. Those few items that did not sell at the auction will be available at our Flea Market booth during Celebrate Damascus. Thanks to all the club members who made this

fun evening possible and filling our administrative coffers for the year to come. What a great group!!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Vicki Dotterer at 7:05 pm. Lions in attendance were Dotterer, B. and T. Barry, Gosnell, Thornett, Jackson, Carr, Mayhew, Peters, Denell, J. Schwab, Phillips, Gladhill and Holpuch.

The minutes of the February Board Meeting were approved as printed in the March Lions Tale.

Treasurer Reports were given by Lion Tony Barry, Club Report and Lion Mike Thornett, Foundation Report. The reports were approved as presented. It was noted that a check sent to Camp Merrick last June has not cleared the bank. Upon contacting Camp Merrick, they said they have deposited the check. It was suggested that the treasurer tell our bank about it and see what can be done.

Correspondence included request from Damascus Community Fair for Fair Book ad. The fee is budgeted and Marcia Holpuch will submit the ad.

Announcements

Bull Throwers Award and District Honor Roll Nominations are due April 1.

Fund Raiser for VDG Don Beeson will be Sunday, March 18 from 1-4 at the Laurel Vol. Fire Dept. Admission \$25 at the door.

Tri State meeting March 30 at Lovettsville VA. Have made reservations for 4 to attend from our club.

Committee Reports

Lion Joy Schwab discussed plans for the Spring Pancake Breakfast to be held on March 17. Need help for the 9 – 11 shift, clean-up as well as set-up on Friday. Advertising has been done in Gazette, Fred Post, 22C News and ENews. Boy Scout Troop 438 members are helping in the dining room as well as the SGA students of Baker Middle School.

Multiple 22-C Convention - We have 5 committed to attend the convention. It was suggested that we put the information in the next Lions Tale for all members to consider attending.

Visitations - After several visitations are made in March and the Tri-State Meeting, we should have enough visitations to satisfy the 5-Star requirement

Membership - After the Prospective Member Night – we have 2 prospective members. Induction of new

members will be in April. We need 2 more new members to make our goal of keeping our membership the same as it was at the beginning of the year.

22-C Night - Marcia is taking reservations for 22-C Night to be held April 21 at the JC's Center in Waldorf. The club will purchase a table of ten. Contact Lion Marcia if you would like to attend.

Celebrate Damascus is July 13 and 14th. The parade will be on Friday night followed by fireworks donated by the Babble Brook Farm. The Lions Flea Market will be Saturday and there will be a Train Show in the Activities Building the same time. We hope this will bring people to Lewis Drive.

Blood Drives - All blood drives have been suspended until further notice. It was suggested that a Mobile Unit on Saturday of Celebrate Damascus would be beneficial. The officers for 2012-13 should start planning for this.

Preschool Vision Screening - Lion Bill Mahylis is planning on conducting a Preschool Vision Screening in April. More info will be forthcoming.

District Advisory Meeting is Saturday, March 24 at JC's in Waldorf. We need to send three Lions to this function. Lions B. Barry, M. Thornett and MF Gosnell volunteered to attend.

Business Presented

Lion Alice Denell attended the Charter Celebration for BS Troop 438. She accepted a Certificate for the Damascus Lions in appreciation of being their Sponsor. Also being the Troop Sponsor, we are required to do a training certification. Lion Marcia will do the online training.

Lion Tony has received a renewal notice for the Lions Magazine that is sent to the DHS Library. It was agreed that we continue to have the magazine sent to the school library. A question was raised as to whether the Public Library was receiving our Lions Magazine. Lion Tony did not receive a renewal notice for it. Lion Mary Frances will contact the Library to get this resolved.

District 22 and 24A Lions plan to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Wash, DC again this year. They need funding as they were unable to obtain a grant from LCIF. The cost is \$10,000 and it is requested that each club donate \$200. A motion was passed to send \$200 for this activity.

Our Club has monies available in LCIF to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellowship this year. It was suggested that we consider giving one – no action was taken.

Lion Mary Frances talked about the fund raiser, Basket Bingo. She indicated that of the \$3000 profit last year, approx. \$2700 of the profit was from Lions sponsoring baskets, buying tickets, donating baskets and fillers for the baskets and monetary donations. She strongly suggested that the Lions find another fund raiser as she and Lion Tess felt the basket bingo after running for 12 years had run its course.

A discussion pursued about other fund raisers and all suggestions should be brought to the next Board Meeting.

It was brought to our attention that the Leo Advisors at DHS may not continue and that an employee at the school would be interested in taking the advisor position. Lion Barbara Barry is to contact the Leo Advisors to see what their position is on continuing. It was noted that the current Leo Advisors are members of the Club; going forward the Leo Advisor is not required to be a member of the club unless they wish to join or the club invites them to join

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Frances Gosnell, Secretary

22-C Night... Can We Have Your Backside?

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

Each spring District 22-C has a year-end celebration known as “22-C Night.” It is a gala affair held in Waldorf, this year on Saturday, April 21st. During the course of the evening you will be entertained by the amazing 22-C Lions Honors Band comprised of high school musicians from all over the district. Also on the agenda will be the presentation of our Humanitarian Award. I don’t know who has been selected this year, but they have all been worthy recipients and given interesting presentations. A fine dinner is served and it is an enjoyable, celebratory evening. Our club purchases a table of 10 and we need to fill those seats. If you would like to attend, just let Lion Marcia know as soon as possible. Carpools will be formed, so don’t say “no” because of distance. Join us and get a taste of Lions District 22-C.

Another District 22-C Opportunity!

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

Hey! Have you ever been to a Convention? Ever wonder what goes on above the District level? You know, you can scratch both itches at once by attending the Multiple District 22 Convention being held May 9-12 in Salisbury, MD. Sounds like a long time, but you’d be surprised how quickly the time passes! In addition to the business meetings, there are several social events taking place. A golf tournament (on Wed) and Shorebirds ball game (on Fri. at Perdue Stadium no less!) are among the choices. Multiple and sub-district meetings and lunches. As a club, we are allowed 1 delegate for every 10 members. So Damascus is allowed 9 voting delegates at the convention. The convention is the place where rules and by-law changes are determined, as well as the election of the new District & Vice District Governors. If you want a voice, be a delegate! Elections are held on Saturday, so that would be the most important day to attend for voting.

So, you think this is kind of interesting, but you aren’t sure or you can’t make the entire convention? That’s okay! Come for the part that you can. Get the bigger picture. With the inventory of pins we have amassed, the club has decided to have a pin-trading “booth” (it’s really a table) at this convention. Perhaps you would like to help sell pins. Or you could volunteer at the registration area. It’s a great time to meet people, trade stories and share what’s working and not working in Lions today. There are seminars on Thursday and Friday where you can gain insights to enhance yourself, our club and Lionism Worldwide. We can work out the details that work out for you. Room and ride-sharing are most definitely among the options.

Let Lion Mary Frances Gosnell know if you are interested in attending the Multiple District Convention. It’s a great experience!