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Spring 2012 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Thank you, all Lions who participated in our Spring 2012 White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,785.70 (pure profit!). Add that to the \$1,529.96 we collected last Fall and you get \$3,315.66 for our Lions fiscal year. This is still an important fundraiser for our club. Our May collections alone will fund about 17 eye appointments and new glasses for needy Damascus-area citizens. Thirty Damascus Lions performed storefront collections this time (we had thirty-five Lions collecting last Fall). Although participation was down a bit, several big-hearted Lions worked multiple shifts to make up the difference. Please put "Lion" in front of every name in this article. Those fines can really add up!

Special Recognitions:

Two Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club Recognitions go to:

Warren & Joy Schwab, who collected \$103.81 at Safeway Wednesday evening;

Bill Mahylis, who collected \$103.24 at Tom & Ray's on Saturday morning.

The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to the SEVEN Lions who rescued us by working multiple shifts. See who they are below!

Here are the bodacious Damascus Lions who gave unselfishly of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): Babb, B. Barry, Burlas(2), C. Cook, K. Cook, Davis(3), Denell, Gladhill(3), Gosnell(2), C. Hertel, Hibbard(2), Jackson(2), C. Holpuch, M. Holpuch, Mahylis, Mallack, Molesworth, Peters(2), Rogers, Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Suddath, Thornett, Washington, E. Woodfield, and T. Woodfield. As always, additional thanks go to our stalwart Managers of the Day: Bill Mahylis, Ken Phillips, and Del Mayhew...and to our ever-meticulous Money Counters: George Hibbard, Del Mayhew, Tom Jackson, and Vi Hibbard).

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.

See picture on page 2.

Thanks.Damascus Youth Recognition Night

By Lion Cheryl Wyatt

On Tuesday, May 15 we held our annual Youth Recognition Night at the Damascus United Methodist Church. This event was co-chaired by Lions Alice Denell and Cheryl Wyatt. Members and guests were graciously greeted at the door by Lion Tammy Hertel. A friendly welcome was also provided by King Lion Vicki Dotterer. Following the welcome our local Boy Scout Troop #445 performed the Presentation of the Colors and Pledge to the American flag.

Thomas James, a pianist and Damascus High School student, provided us with music before and during the dinner hour. Giving Frank Sinatra some competition, Lion George Hibbard sang our National Anthem. Lion John Washington gave our Lions Toast followed by Damascus High School's Leo of the Year, Jaylen Barber, giving the Leos Toast before dinner. The invocation was given by Lion Ken Phillips. The Damascus United Methodist Women provided all of our members and our club's dinner guests with a scrumptious meal Thank you to Lion Joy Schwab for arranging to make sure we had enough to eat.

Grant money was provided to a variety of Damascus and Clarksburg Boys and Girls Scout Troops, Clarksburg Helping Hands, along with our local elementary, middle, and high schools. Lions Barbara Barry, Bob Snapp, Charlie Stone and Mike Thornett helped to hand out the money. Thank you Lion Mike for writing out all those checks with Lion Alice's guidance. Everyone was thrilled to receive money for their grant requests and commented on how generous our club was to the community. Lion Marcia Holpuch was a great help in getting our entertainment, having a local troop perform the Presentation of the Colors and Pledge to the American Flag, along with starting a new tradition for this night by saying goodbye to the old and hello to the new Rocky Hill Middle School Leo Officers sponsored by Lion Mary Kroll.

Lions Mary Frances Gosnell and Alice Denell did double duty not only helping with the evening events but going over to Damascus High School to provide a variety of scholarships and awards. Thank you to all the members that attended the dinner and supported our Youth Recognition Night.

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Upcoming Events

June 4 Golf Tournament @ Glade Valley Golf Course
June 5 Family Picnic @ Wesley Grove UM Church
June 12 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
June 19 Installation Night @ TBD
June 22-26 International Convention in Busan, Korea

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



Editor's note: this picture is from our previous money counting adventure, which is why Vi is not shown.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2012

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

The minutes of the April Board Meeting were approved as printed in the May Lions Tale. Treasurer Reports were given by Lion Barbara Barry, Club Report and Lion Mike Thornett, Foundation Report. The reports were approved as presented. Correspondence from Casey Cares Foundation, tabled. Donation received from Damascus Garden Club.

Announcements

New Officer Training will be June 2 at Emmanuel Church, Beltsville from 10 Am to 2 PM. Additional training sites are being planned. Contact Mary Frances to make Reservations.

Committee Reports

Lion Joy Schwab, Membership Chairman, presented a new member application from Ivan Waldorf. The Board approved the application. Ivan will be inducted during the installation Night, June 19.

Old Business

Youth Night and the DHS Awards Night is the same date. Alice and Mary Frances will go to the High School to present the Senior Awards and the Scholarships. Cheryl will emcee the Youth Night.

Celebrate Damascus Flea Market flyers are available for distribution. Tess solicited the Lions assistance in distributing them.

A very informative and impressive report from Rocky Hill Leo Club was read giving a review of their yearly activities. The new officers for Rocky Hill Leo Club will be installed at Youth Night, May 15. Mary Kroll, Advisor is doing a great job with Rocky Hill Leo Club.

Damascus Community Fair President, Mark Adkins, contacted the Lions about continuing to give \$50 to the Teen and the Child with the most entries in the Community Fair in Sept. Was agreed to continue and it will be a budgeted item.

New Business

Our microphone is broken. The Board approved \$125 for Martin to replace the microphone.

A motion was made and approved to send \$100 to Washington Ear and the Germantown Barbershop Group since they both recently presented programs at our dinner meetings.

Seth Lauer of Relay for Life sent a request for a donation to help with the overall expenses of the Relay. The Board approved \$250.

Lion Marcia talked to a gentleman at White Cane whose daughter goes to Camp Merrick for the Diabetes Program. It was approved to offer the young lady a scholarship of \$775 to go to camp or to send it to Camp Merrick for a scholarship of another attendee.

Foundation Treasurer Elect Lion Mary Frances presented a draft of the 2012-13 budget to the Board. The budget reflects a \$14,000 deficit and the Board was asked to help with the Income side. Discussion ensued but no decisions made. The Budget will be brought back to the June Board Meeting.

Club Treasurer Tony Barry sent his proposed budget for 2012-13 for comments and approval. The budget was approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Frances Gosnell, Secretary

Jokes

Courtesy of Lion Bob Snapp

Two physicians board a flight out of Seattle. One sits in the window seat, the other in the middle. Just before take-off, an attorney sits in the seat by the aisle. The lawyer kicks off his shoes, wiggles his toes and starts to settle in, when the physician in the window seat says, "I think I'll get up and get a coke."

"No problem," says the attorney, "I'm by the aisle. I'll get it for you."

While he's gone, one of the physicians picks up the attorney's shoe and spits in it. When the attorney returns, the other physician says, "That looks good. I think I'll have one, too."

The attorney obligingly fetches the drink. While he's gone, the other physician picks up the other shoe and spits into it.

The lawyer comes back and they all sit back and enjoy the rest of the flight. As the plane is landing, however, the attorney slips on his shoes, feels the wetness and immediately realizes what happened.

"How long must this go on," he asks the physicians, "This fighting between our professions? This hatred ... this animosity... this spitting in shoes and peeing in cokes?"

A college class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The story had to contain the following three things.

1. Religion
2. Sexuality
3. Mystery

Here is the only A+ short story in the entire class: "Good God, I'm pregnant. I wonder who did it?"

A guy urgently needed a few days off from work, but he knew that his boss would not allow him to take leave. He thought that if he acted crazy then the boss would tell him to take a few days off. So he hung upside down from the ceiling and made funny noises.

A co-worker asked him what he was doing. He told him that he was pretending to be a light bulb so the boss would think he was stressed out and give him a few days off.

A few minutes later the boss came in the office and asked, "What in God's name do you think you're doing?"

The guy said he was a light bulb.

The boss said, "You are clearly stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a few days."

The guy jumped down and walked out of the office.

The co-worker followed him out. The boss said, "And where do you think you're going?"

"I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."

A frog walks into his local bank, walks up to the counter, and asks the clerk, an Irishman named Paddy Whack, for a \$30,000 loan.

"Thirty thousand dollars? That's a lot of money, you know," says Paddy, "You'll need some collateral for that amount of money."

"No problem," says the frog, and pulls a small pink elephant statue out of his pocket.

"What's this?" says Paddy, "I can't accept this as collateral."

"Don't worry," says the frog, "I know the manager. He's a good friend of mine. Tell him his friend Kermit Jagger is here."

Paddy gets out of his chair and goes into the manager's office, taking the little pink elephant with him. He shows it to the manager and says, "There's a frog out front who says he knows you. His name is Kermit Jagger. He wants to borrow \$30,000 and gave me this as collateral. What on earth should I do?"

The manager takes the little pink elephant, studies it for a second and says "It's a knick-knack, Paddy Whack, give the frog a loan. His old man is a Rolling Stone."