



The President's Message

So here we are, a couple days from the Labor Day weekend and summer is almost over. I don't know about you all, but I like the heat. I can take the heat. I don't like the cold!

Speaking of cold: Let's give a big hand to Lions Gary Rogers and Charles Hertel for leading the Ice Cream dipping at the fair. Thanks for all of you who volunteered to scoop. I heard through the grapevine that our club was the most generous in scooping. That's the kind of stuff we exhibit whenever we are called on in every activity that we do.

Even though the weather is cooling off, our schedule is heating up. September 7-9 is the Damascus Fair. Before you know it, we are into October then November. Where has the time gone?

Well, that's all I've got. Looking forward to seeing everyone Tuesday night.

KL John

Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

What a great time it was dipping ice cream this year at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair on Tuesday August 14, 2012. The Damascus Lions Club along with the Damascus High School Leos and students, Rocky Hill Middle School Leos and students and Clarksburg High school students and all other participants did an outstanding job.

A special thanks to Lion Martin Carr's two granddaughters. They did a fantastic job. We had over 70 volunteers who worked over 400 hours. Thank you!!!

Lion Gary Rogers from the Damascus Lions who managed the Dairy Barn during the week did an outstanding job along With Lions Gerda, Doug and Tom. Lion Gary we know that you have had enough of the Dairy Barn and all the ice cream you can eat, you'll be missed!!!

It was a record year; all the clubs combined collected over \$68,000. The front of the Dairy Barn was painted this year with the traditional Lions colors yellow and purple. New asphalt was poured in the front of the building. Tuesday was senior day at the fair. Damascus sold \$8,845.00 worth of ice cream and drinks on our day alone. This was just \$200.00 less than last year.

I would to thank all the lions who participated: Lions Barbara and Tony Barry, Martin Carr, Carol Cook, Bernie Duplan, Chris Fletcher, Tammy Hertel, Marcia And Charlie Holpuch, John Holpuch, Katie Dougherty, Jennifer Warfield, Wayne Marr, Ray Molesworth, Ronnie Poland, Bob Snapp, Carol And Charlie Stone. I would also like to thank my daughter Candice, my parents Ray and Virginia, my son Lee for coming in on Thursday evening before the fair and stocking all of the ice cream into the bins from the truck.

I would also like to thank Lion Mary Kroll for her support with the Rocky Hill Middle School Leos. Without them this would not have been a great success. A special thanks to a past Leo Jonathan for staying all day. It was also nice to see Lions Joy And Warren Schwab come around and visit.

It was sad not to have a past Lion with us this year, Marvin Myers. He passed away just a few months ago. He had been involved with the Dairy Barn for over 20 years.

If I have missed someone, I apologize: please don't be silent. Thank you all for your support.

It is stated that we will receive \$2,150.13 for our single day at the fair. What a great job we all did. Thank you for always supporting Lionism. Mark on your calendars Tuesday August 13, 2013. This is next year's ice cream dipping. See you there.

See pictures on pages 4.

Fall White Cane Days: November 7 –10, 2012

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

“Goodness”, you say, “that’s two months away!” Yes, it is that, but I’ll be out of town at our next meeting and the meeting after that is Charter Night, so..... we need to get started tonight. SORRY!!!!

You will see the usual sign-up sheet passed around your table this evening. Please put your name down for at least one two-hour shift. As you know, this fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion. Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years.

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Nov 13 Board Meeting @ Gladhill
Bros
Nov 16-17 Holiday Giving Project; location TBD
Nov 20 Dinner Meeting/Spouse Night @
Wesley Grove UM Church

Upcoming Events

Sept 4 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM
Church
Sept 7 - 9 Damascus Community Fair Popcorn @
DVFD Grounds
Sept 11 Board Meeting @ Gladhill
Bros
Sept 18 Dinner Meeting- Prospective
Member Night @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Oct 2 Charter Night @ TBD
Oct 9 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Oct 16 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM
Church
Oct 20 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM
Church
Nov 6 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM
Church
Nov 7-10 White Cane @ Various locations

Birthdays

Lions:

Sept. 1 – Carol Stone
Sept. 5 – Rusty Reichmeider
Sept. 15 – Shyue Huang
Sept. 16 – Cheryl Wyatt

Partners-in-Service

Sept. 14 Melissa Washington
Sept. 15 Kathy Thornett

Anniversaries

Sept. 5 – Barbara and Tony Barry
Sept. 8 - Del and Bonnie Mayhew
Sept. 20 - John and Melissa Washington
Sept. 23 - Bill and Helen Mahylis
Sept. 29 - Wayne and Naomi Marr

Ice Cream Pictures



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2012

Attendees were as follows: John Washington, Marcia Holpuch, Tess Gladhill, Chris Fletcher, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Gary Rogers, Del Mayhew, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie and Bernie Duplan.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved as presented.

Received \$250.00 check from Rahul Suthar. Charlie Stone talked with him about Lions and the great work Lions does. He asked him to join Lions, but with work and family he is very busy. He also explained about partner in Service. Rahul said he would think about it. In the meantime, he knows of the great work Lions does because he saw them in India. He likes Lions and felt that he could help by a donation. The donation was a surprise to Charlie.

Damascus Days was a success event though it was a foggy morning. \$1,000.32. Parade went very well, even though trolley broke. No flea market treasures remain. Lion's breakfast did better than was thought. Bake sale sold items too.

Damascus Community Fair success

- 2500 packets of Popcorn purchased
- White bags purchased \$333.32
- Wayne Marr will stamp bags
- need to sell more spaces in the future.

Montgomery County Fair

- Ice Cream Dipping was Best year ever
- Each Club to receive \$2,000
- Saturday and Sunday were busiest days
- Sunday made \$10,000 in profit
- Tuesday was a slower day, but we pulled in \$8.800
- Laytonsville Lion's Club is planning to quit, not enough members
- Damascus may consider picking up a second day if there are no other 22C clubs that would want it

Damascus Lion's club

- 88 members
- Dues bill same as last year
- District and International due sent out and paid

Charter Night just around the corner. Looking to see if we could get District Governor for Charter Night

Possible future fund raisers discussed

- Used cell phones
- Rain Barrel

Peace Poster contest looking for volunteer

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Stone, Secretary

POPPIN' AT THE DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR THIS WEEK

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

Sept. 7th – 9th – Damascus Community Fair

The Damascus Lions are listed on the daily schedule in the fair book as -

9:00 AM - Until *Free popcorn (Damascus Lions Club)*

Lions this is our opportunity to meet the community, to tell them of our good works and to give them free popcorn. What better way to promote our club in our own community.

During the hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Lions Booth that is located in the Poll Barn on the DVFD Activity grounds will need to be manned. Can you help? Give a few hours? The popcorn machine needs to be manned at all times. The popcorn needs to be bagged! And it needs a smiling face upon handing it out. Wear your hat, vest or shirt - just something to identify ourselves as Lions.

We need help on-

Friday, Sept. 7, from 8 AM – 11 AM and 3 PM to 8:30 PM,

Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9 AM – 8:30 PM,

Sunday, Sept. 9, from 10 AM to 3 PM.

A Sign-up sheet will be available at the Sept. 4 meeting.

Contact Lion Mary Frances for more info or to sign-up to help. mgosnelldamascuslions@gamil.com



Lions Dairy Bar At The Fair - August 13



Our youthful help, without whom we couldn't do it



Some Lions at the Dairy Bar, Hard at Work



Some satisfied customers



Icing drinks, overseen by Elsie