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The President's Message

Fellow Lions,

Here we are in the dog days of August. Send in the hounds!

Since we are in the middle of the Olympics I would like to recognize our own gold medal winners. Thank you to Lion Tess Gladhill for the use of the Gladhill tractor in the Celebrate Damascus Parade. Thanks go out to everyone who participated in the parade and helped with Celebrate Damascus on Saturday, the 14th. Lion Joy Schwab and crew landed a double flip with the Pancake Breakfast. Lion Tess hit a home run with Damascus Lions Night Out at the Keys game. Lion Charlie Hertel got everyone pumped up with the Blood mobile. Thanks to all of you, we had a great July.

I would also like to point out that Lion Del Mayhew delivered 652 pair of glasses to LCOF. Lion Del, that was quite a spectacle.

Don't forget the dinner meeting on August 7th is at Montgomery U.M. Church. This is Spouse Night so bring the one you love or maybe we can find one for you.

August 14th is the Ice Cream Dipping at the Montgomery County Fair. Get the scoop from Lion Charlie Hertel.

Well, that's all I've got.

Go USA!

KL John

Rte. 27 Clean-up

By Lion Bernie Duplan, Chair

I called the SHA in Gaithersburg and told them that the weeds were so tall that it would be difficult to clean the road. Since they are still doing storm clean up, it will likely take them until next week to mow the weeks; maybe by Wed. or Thu. I walked to Oak Dr. It is mostly bottles and a large piece of plastic. I could not see much for the weeds. It has been a while since it was cleaned. The sign with our name is MIA. SHA is checking about getting another one. I will let you know the outcome.

Celebrate Damascus

By Lion Tess Gladhill, Chair

Celebrate Damascus started out as a light dreary day but sunshine broke thru around 10 so all was not lost. We had sold 13 spaces for the flea market to 10 different vendors plus we had our Lions vendor booth in which we sold the Duvall's Lions pins and donated items, all for the good of the club.

Helping with the measuring off the spaces on Thursday evening July 12, were Lions Martin Carr, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahyilis, Pat McKenzie, Jack Peters, Warren & Joy Schwab, Bobbie Warfield.

Then on Saturday, July 14, helping at our Lions booth were Lions Ann Davis, Marcia Holpuch, Jerry Mallack, and Midge Tench.

All and all the vendor space money and the sales from our booth were down from the previous years. But thanks to all the great help from each one our "SERVING" Lions.

Keys Game

By Lion Tess Gladhill, Chair

On a warm and somewhat muggy summer night, July 17, we Lions attended our annual Frederick Keys game with 33 Lions, friends, family and other assorted guests. We all started out with what looked like a winning game but when it was all said and done at the end the Keys lost to the Salem VA Red Sox team 6 to 4. We did get to see a few home runs by both teams. Lion Marcia Holpuch won an edible arrangement of chocolates by being the Key Lady of the game. Lion Tucky Woodfield won Burger King certificates as he was chosen a King of the game and our whole section of seats won chicken dinners. Plus it was a guaranteed win night which meant if the Keys were to lose which then tickets would be honored for a future home regular season Monday – Thursday game. We also received a can of Pepsi Next as we left the game at the gate. I say we cleaned up and all left with our bellies full of hot dogs, pretzels, nachos, fries, popcorn, ice cream dippin' dots, sodas, beer and smiles on our faces as we truly had a fun night at the Frederick Keys game.

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Oct 16 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Oct 20 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM Church

Upcoming Events

Aug 7 Dinner Meeting at Montgomery U.M. Church
Aug 14 Ice Cream Dipping at Montgomery County Fair
Aug 21 Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros
Aug 23 Sight & Hearing Testing- LCOF Bus at Montgomery County Fair
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.

Birthdays

Lions:

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

News about Members

Directory Updates: Please update your directories with the following:

Bernie Duplan's work telephone number is 301-469-1138

Jennifer Warfield's cell phone is 301-928-0813; email address is jwarfield1187@gmail.com and her occupation is Office Assistant.

Mary Frances Gosnell's email address is mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

Please, everyone check your entry and get any corrections to me or Secretary Carol Stone.

Reminder

By Secretary Carol Stone

2012-2013 Club Dues are due. Special thanks to those who have already submitted.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by King Lion John Washington at 7:05pm.

Lions in attendance were Washington, T. Barry, B. Barry, Gosnell, Jackson, Schwab, Phillips, Gladhill, Fletcher, Thornett, McKenzie and Holpuch.

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

Year-end Treasurer Reports were given by Lion Tony Barry, Club Report and Lion Mike Thornett, Foundation Report. The reports were approved subject to Audit.

The Annual Student Loan Report was presented by Lion Mary Frances Gosnell. This report was approved subject to Audi.

Correspondence

Letter from Camp Merrick inviting Lions to see the Camp in Action on July 19 from 11-1. Reservations required.

Acting Secretary asked for reservations for the Awards Luncheon to be held Saturday, July 21 at the Knights of Columbus, DC. Reservations due 14th - Marcia will attend. The First Advisory Meeting will be August 4 at the Elks Lodge in Temple Hills. Need three Lions to attend, reservations due July 29. King Lion plans to attend.

Also in working with the Membership Books, Lion Mary Frances brought to our attention that Lion Patricia McKenzie is an Affiliate Member. She has been elected to be a Board Member. The Board approved to change her membership to an Active Member.

Committee Reports

Lion Joy Schwab and Lion Ken Phillips reported on several members who have been under the weather recently. All are recovering nicely.

Lion Tess Gladhill, Celebrate Damascus Parade and Flea Market Chairman, brought us up-to-date of the Friday and Saturday happenings. She has 11 spaces at the Flea Market sold, down about half from last year. Lion Tess requested that we send a letter of thanks to Robert Hilton for providing the straw bales for the wagon in the parade.

Lion Joy Schwab thought plans for the Pancake Breakfast were moving along. Encouraged all to tell their friends about the breakfast, come help and bake

something. Both Lions Tess and Joy asked that an email be sent to the membership telling them of the sequence of events and that help is needed.

There will also be a Mobile Blood Unit at the Flea Market from 9 – 2 Saturday.

Business Items

Lion Tess has Keys Game tickets for July 17: \$9.00 for adults and 6 for children under 12.

Senior Center Birthday Party was well attended on July 6. Lion Sue Suddath did her usual great job of entertaining with her games, activities and refreshments.

King Lion elected to purchase Tote Bags and hand them out at the Pancake Breakfast. Lion Patricia McKenzie will copy our brochure and stuff them into each bag. 250 bags cost \$ 317.50 which included a \$ 50 set up fee. The Board approved this expenditure as an Unplanned Community Project.

Lion Barbara Barry asked for clarification on the voting Board Members and how many made a quorum. All the elected Slate with the exception of the Assistants and the Chaplain are voting members of the Board. The quorum is 11.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Mary Frances Gosnell, Acting Secretary

Blood Drive update

By Lion Charlie Hertel, chair

For our first drive of the 2012-2013 Lion Year, we had the INOVA blood bus at the Celebrate Damascus Days Saturday July 14, 2012. We collected 22 units of blood.

I coordinated this with Lion Tessie Gladhill and the DVFD. Thank you for allowing us to have the drive and your time.

We had our second blood drive on August 2, 2012 at Mountain View Community Church in Urbana, Maryland. Here we collected 40 units of blood. This was also with INOVA. The drive was from 2 pm to 7 pm. I had 10 hours of volunteer time from signing up donors after church to set up and break down the day of the drive.

Ice Cream Dipping at the Fair

By Lion Charlie Hertel, chair

Come one, come all: Lions, Leos, Friends and Family. Have a fun time dipping Ice Cream and supporting your Damascus Lions Club on Tuesday August 14, 2012 with 3 shifts are needed morning, afternoon and evening or stay all day.

- I need a Lion to come during the day that can help run the booth. Duties would be to help keep an eye on the Leo's and rotate ice cream etc....
- I also need Lions to run the registers.

I will have passes at the August 7th meeting at Montgomery United Methodist Church.

Call Lion Charlie Hertel to schedule and or receive a pass to get into the fair. Remember it is senior day at the fair. Admission is free to seniors that day as long as you are in before 4:00 pm.

Thank You! Call me at (301) 353-0659 or Cell (301) 370-6411.

Lions Camp Merrick Advisory Board Meeting of July 26, 2012 - Meeting Notes

By Lion Wayne Marr

Financial Review –

Income always less than expenses this time of year; as we raise money all year but expenses are steepest in summer. Of more concern is that we have raised only 35.7% of budgeted total income as of this date.

Executive Director (Heidi) –

Greatest concern is that we need to fill the dead space in the camp calendar. There needs to be a lot more scheduled activity at the camp in order for us to break even financially. She will focus on this issue right away. She thinks the open house was successful in promoting the camp. While income has not improved, we have learned how to reduce expenses and they are down.

Even though we have reduced expenses, we have improved the look of the camp. It looks better, fresher, and many buildings have a fresh coat of paint.

Maintenance Director –

Maintenance is focused on the septic situation. County permitting is nearly done and no problems were experienced or are foreseen. But getting necessary State

permit approvals for the septic tank area has been a nightmare of back and forths. We may have responded to all of the State issues now and hopefully final approvals are imminent. Once State approvals are acquired, we will put out bids for necessary work on the septic system, including the pumping station. Total cost may be around ½ million dollars. \$37K has been spent so far, just on engineering.

Two new golf carts have been acquired (donated). Golf carts have proved invaluable.

Cafeteria generator situation has been reviewed. We have a good motor, but we need an automated “front-end” to obviate need for so much manual activity. We hope a new front-end will be up and running by August 4. No food or insulin was lost in recent power outages.

Upcoming Events –

Tickets and flyers for the “Night of the Improv” will be coming to all clubs soon.

New Business –

For every doctor that we get to sign up with “ACCESS”, we get a \$25 contribution. Access is a web-based service for doctors to schedule appointments with pharmaceutical salespeople.

We have created a Joe Gaffigan Fellowship for four levels of contribution to Lions Camp Merrick (or LCOF): \$250, \$500, \$750, and \$1,000. Contributors receive pins, plaques, etc. Around August 4, clubs will see more information about this.

The camp maintains a wish list. Among the items on the list are:

We need more cabin sponsorships. It takes \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year to maintain each cabin. We need more clubs to sponsor cabins.

We need more very large aluminum pots for the kitchen

We need an improved solution for maintaining cabin cleaning equipment. We tried to maintain a large box of such equipment in each cabin, but materials keeps running away.

Next Meeting: last Thursday in October.

Damascus Days Lions Pancake Breakfast

By Lion Joy Schwab, Co-Chair

The Damascus Days Lions Pancake Breakfast was held July 14, 1012 in the Dining Hall of Damascus United Methodist Church from 7-10 a.m. The set up and preparations groups met on Friday, July 13th. Those who helped were Lions Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Warren and Joy Schwab, and Sue Suddath.

Early Saturday morning the food and drinks were prepared. Bake Sale Table items were accepted. Helpers during the day were Lions Barbara Barry, Martin Carr, Bernie Duplan, Charlie and Tammy Hertel, George Hibbard, Suling Huang, Charlie Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Wayne Marr, Del Mayhew, Ray Molesworth, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Joy and Warren Schwab, Bob Snapp, Sue Suddath, Ivan Waldorf, Jennifer Warfield and John Washington. DUMC friend Ted Ross helped in the kitchen. Leos, Macey Murdock, Trish Acneamong, Marisa Maicke and Aryana Jonis worked in the Dining Room.

Bake Sale donors and contributors were Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, George Hibbard, Si and Shye Huang, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, and Joy Schwab.

The Total Profit was \$1,020.32 - Bake Sale Profit was \$202.00; Pancake Breakfast Profit was \$818.32.

Special Thanks to Lions Patsy McKenzie and John Washington for the bags given to all who attended. The bags had Damascus Lions Club on them and a Damascus Lions Club brochure was included inside. They were well received.

MURDER AT WAL-MART

(I will not name the contributor so as to protect the guilty.)

Tired of constantly being broke & stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife, with himself as the beneficiary, and then arranging to have her killed. A 'friend of a friend' put him in touch with a nefarious dark-side underworld figure who went by the name of 'Artie.' Artie then explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was \$5,000.

The husband said he was willing to pay that amount, but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money.

Artie insisted on being paid at least something up front, so the man opened his wallet, displaying the single dollar bill that rested inside. Artie sighed, rolled his eyes, & reluctantly agreed to accept the dollar as down payment for the dirty deed.

A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local Super Wal-Mart store. There, he surprised her in the produce department & proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands. As the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath & slumped to the floor, the manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the murder scene. Unwilling to leave any living witnesses behind, ol' Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well. However, unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by the hidden security cameras & observed by the store's security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught & arrested before he could even leave the store.

Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the whole sordid plot, including his unusual financial arrangements with the hapless husband, who was also quickly arrested. The next day in the newspaper, the headline declared...

(You're going to hate me for this ...)

ARTIE CHOKES 2 for \$1.00 @ WAL-MART!

Lame joke of the month

Courtesy (?) Marcia Holpuch

Actor Peter Fonda was recently in South Africa preparing for his role in a new film biography of Dr. Christian Barnard, the first surgeon to perform a heart transplant.

On a tour of Dr. Barnard's medical facility, Fonda posed a question to the doctor who was showing him around: "Tell me," he asked, "when you transplant a heart from a child to an adult, the heart must be too small. How do you make it fit?"

"Oh," said the good doctor, "we give the patient some absinthe--you know--the French liqueur."

"Really?" asked Fonda incredulously.

"Of course," replied the doctor, "you know that absinthe makes the heart grow, Fonda!"

POPPIN’ AT THE DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The best Damascus community event will happen in Damascus: Sept. 7 – 9 – Damascus Community Fair.

The Fair Books are in circulation and the Damascus Lions are on the schedule for each day -

9:00 AM – Until: Free popcorn (by the Damascus Lions Club)

Free publicity to all who use the Fair Book; Free Popcorn to all the fair goers (2000 bags last year); and a Free time for Lions to have the opportunity to tell about the Lions and their work in the community. Lions this is

your time to talk – to talk up Lionism, to get some ideas as to what this Damascus Community needs from us, and to give a bag of popcorn as our privilege of serving.

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 a smiling face upon handing it out. And the popcorn needs to be bagged!

Below is a schedule - let Lion Mary Frances know when she can expect you to work the booth. Email mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com (the email in the roster is incorrect.)

Lions Membership and Popcorn Booth

<u>Friday Sept. 9</u>	<u>Saturday Sept. 10</u>	<u>Sunday Sept. 11</u>
<u>8:00 AM -11 & 3:00 – 8:30 PM</u>	<u>9:00 AM – 8:30 PM</u>	<u>10:00 AM – 3:00 PM</u>