



The President's Message

Fellow Lions,

Here we are a week from having a devastating hurricane blow through our area and having hundreds of thousands of people still with out power or even homeless. I have heard people say a week before this storm that it would not amount to much for us. That the weather people where making a big deal about it. Well think of this. One of two computer models had the hurricane coming in around Ocean City, MD. If it had stayed on that track, it wuld have been a BIG for all of us. Let's stop nad think of all the people who have lost everything, including their lives, and pray for them.



Okay. Let me get off my soap box and let's talk about the Fall Pancake Breakfast and what a great job Lion Joy and Lion Sue did! It was great to see Lion Sue back in action. Thanks to all who helped out. I think it was a big success!

At our October 18th meeting we saw a number of "ghoul" costumes. Witches, The Flintstones, train conductors, flappers, they all came out we had a great time. A big thanks to Good Witch Lion Marsha for getting this together and a tip of the hat to Minnie Pearl.

We have White cane coming up and I know Lion Wayne still has openings. Let's get out their and do what we do best.

Hope everyone had a chance to vote.

Take Care,

KL John

Upcoming Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

Our next Blood Drive is on Friday November 9th from 2-7pm at the Mountain View Community Church, located at 8330 Fingerboard Rd Frederick, Maryland 21704.

You can sign up at Inova Blood Services. The link is www.InovaBloodSaves.Org Use Code 7930 To schedule an appointment.

Scam

I have become aware of a magazine subscription scam. There's a company called Publishers Payment (publisherspayment.com) that sends out very official looking renewal requests and appear to represent magazines that you are subscribed to. They bill at 2 or 3 times the regular renewal rate. They then forward your renew for you at the regular rate and pocket the difference. Therefore, they are probably not doing anything illegal; they are just depending on people not checking very thoroughly.

I got a renewal request for one of my magazines that I had just recently renewed. The rate I had paid for renewal was \$24.97. The Publishers Payment rate was \$59.95.

Damascus White Cane Days: Nov 7 – 10, 2012

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Tomorrow is the first day of our Fall White Cane fundraiser. Please see the current sign-up sheet in this Lions Tale (page 4) for a reminder of your shift dates and times. Lions: this fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion for at least one two-hour shift. Every shift not assigned is about \$50 in collections lost. If you are able, please see me tonight to sign up for one of the three unassigned shifts on Thursday. 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 fundraiser over the years.

There are three very special Lions that perform as "Manager of the Day" during all White Cane fundraisers. These are Ken Phillips on Wednesday, Bill Mahylis on Thursday, and Del Mayhew on Friday. They have been performing this duty twice a year for many a year. This duty pretty much takes their entire day. Please pass an extra dessert (or provide a pat on the back) to these very fine gentlemen in recognition of their White Cane contributions over the years.

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Upcoming Events

Nov 6 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC Church
Nov 7-10 White Cane @ Various locations
Nov 13 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Nov 16-17 Holiday Giving Project; see schedule pg. 6
Nov 20 Spouse Night @ Wesley Grove UMC Church
Dec TBD Senior Birthday Party @ Damascus Senior Center
Dec 4 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC Church
Dec 11 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Dec 18 Holiday Party @ Damascus UMC Church

Birthdays

Lions:

Nov. 4	Mary Frances Gosnell
Nov. 6	Tessie Gladhill
Nov. 6	Ivan Waldorf
Nov. 11	Jennifer Warfield
Nov. 12	Mike Thornett
Nov. 17	Tammy Hertel
Nov. 21	Matt Tomlinson
Nov. 22	Carol Cook
Nov. 29	Peggy Stone

Partners-in-Service

Nov. 4	Frann Peters
Nov. 20	Karen Duplan
Nov. 20	Helen Mahylis
Nov. 21	Jonnie Jackson
Nov. 22	Bill Poole
Nov. 24	Naomi Marr

Anniversaries

Nov. 22	Carol and Charles Stone
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Thought for the Day

Here's a little poem that I think we can all identify with. Maybe some of you have heard it before. I saw it a restaurant in Salter Path, NC.

It's not my job to steer the ship,
The horn I'll never blow.
It's not my place to say how far
The ship's allowed to go.
I'm not allowed to go on deck
Or even clang the bell
But if this damn thing starts to sink
Just watch who catches hell!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2012.

Attendees: John Washington, Carol Stone, Marsha Holpuch, Barbara Berry, Tony Barry, Ken Phillips, Tom Jackson, Alice Denell, Mary Francis Gosnell, Martin Carr, Tess Gladhill, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Vicki Dotterer

Previous minutes approved

Treasurers Report approved

Expenses \$216.30 (Mary Frances)

Balance \$46,841.13

Nothing out of ordinary (Tony)

No Old Business

No New Business

Committee Reports

Pancake breakfast Oct 20, 2012

Bob Newlin for setup

Fran Peters for pricing

Use plastic dishes

Sue will know about bakings

Apple Butter will be made

Vicki will take tickets 7-9am

Kitchen certification indicated hood over grill (can't make pancakes where chicken is fried)

Charter Night

Nice to see Jim Belcher

Lee planned to be there

Publicity

Publicity Chair Needed

Highway

Highway Cleanup was completed

Highway looks good

Needs to go into activity report

Miscellaneous

Potential Cell Phone Fund Raiser

Cell Phone Recycle - Martin is waiting for more info from Gary

White Cane coming up

Patricia opened discussion around possible band fundraiser by 2nd chance band.

- Jason Moxley modern dance sounds
- American Legion, bring your own
- \$27/person
- Shrimp was given away

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Stone, Secretary

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday, Nov 7 Manager: Ken Phillips	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Julie Sain
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Barbara Barry
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Martin Carr
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Tom Jackson
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Tess Gladhill
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Fran Burlas
Thursday, Nov 8 Manager: Bill Mahylis	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Alice Denell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Marcia Holpuch
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Cheryl Wyatt
Friday, Nov 9 Manager: Del Mayhew	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Tom Jackson
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	John Washington
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Tammy Hertel
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Vicki Dotterer
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Bob Snapp
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Jerry Mallack
Saturday, Nov 10 Manager: Wayne Marr	6:45am - 8:45am	Red Rooster	Bernie Duplan
	7:00am - 9:00am	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	8:15am - 10:15am	CVS	Sue Suddath
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway East	Charlie Stone
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway West	Carol Stone
	8:45am - 10:45am	Red Rooster	Charlie & Marcia Holpuch
	9:00am - 11:00am	Tom & Ray's	Gary Rogers
	10:15am - 12:15pm	CVS	Rusty & Dee Reichmeider
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway East	Ronnie Poland
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway West	Chris Fletcher
	11:00am - 1:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Fran Burlas

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

The Damascus Lions have been in the Holiday Giving Project since its inception. In fact, it was the Damascus Lions who began the project in the early 1950s. The Lions collected used clothing and toys and gave food to families in the area that Lions were familiar with that needed assistance. It may have been one or two families at that time but it was a well received project. As time passed by, Damascus Help became involved and provided the nearly new clothing and purchased some clothing. The Lions would collect and purchase the food and deliver to the assigned families, sometimes upward to 60 families. Help started keeping a list of area families that were in need. Our Lion Members, Hilda and Ken Diggs, heralded Help in so many different ways. Upon Hilda's illness and around 1995, DELIA, Damascus Ecumenical Layman's Association, along with Help administered the program and at that point, the Lions took 30 families as we then needed to purchase the clothing and the toys ourselves. And about 7 years ago we added Thanksgiving to our project. Thus, the plan we follow today went into effect. Today Faith Connections, Inc. administers this up-county project serving upward to 300 families. The families must apply for this assistance through the county. This is where Faith Connections get the names. With their program, the chance of families getting multiple deliveries of food and gifts is almost nonexistent. The Lions will be serving 30 families for each holiday consisting of 67 children and 56 adults. Great Program!

On Page 6 of this issue is a Time Line for the project. Assisting with the Holiday Giving Project this year is, Lions Chris Fletcher who does all the contacting of the families and profiling them, Bob Newlin, who coordinates the non-perishable food drives with the schools and Barbara Barry who is my Co-Chairman.

FOOD DRIVES

Lion Bob Newlin is coordinating School Food Drives with Rocky Hill Middle School, Damascus High School, John T. Baker Middle School and NRC Employees. Lion Bob needs Lions to help pick up the food as well as trucks. A sign-up sheet will be at the November 6 meeting. All excess foods are donated to the Damascus Help Food Closet.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DELIVERY

Thanksgiving, we will deliver food only to our families; we are offering families a choice of a turkey or gift card this year so when your team picks up the food for

delivery, you will need to take a bit more time to make sure we have the correct selection for each family. Usually each family will have two boxes of food containing food for the Thanksgiving dinner, items for lunches, soups and another meal of pasta etc. We will purchase eggs, milk, butter, bread, fruit, onions and the meat. You may sign up to be on a Delivery Team at the November 6 meeting. We will need 10 teams.

CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFTS

For Christmas, Lions have several opportunities to assist with the gifts for our families. The Tradesmen Motorcycle members sponsored a Jingle Bell Blues Toy Run and Concert on Saturday, November 2 and collected toys and money from the participants. The Tradesmen joined with us the last 3 year in our gift giving project and donated many nice toys for the children along with a monetary donation. The committee wants to inventory the collection from the Jingle Bell Run before we purchase additional toys for our children. Should we need additional toys, we will email a request to the membership.

Any Lion who would like to purchase stocking stuffers can sign up for items at the November 20th meeting and bring them to the December 18 Christmas Party.. Also we would encourage Lions to bring mittens and stockings for children, teenagers and adults to the Christmas Party on December 18 and we will decorate a tree with them.

A Shopping Team will purchase an outfit for each child spending approximately \$30 per child. We will also purchase a family gift. Again we will pack up to three food boxes for delivery along with the gifts for each family. Check the TimeLine printed elsewhere for specific dates.

Unlike a few of the other organizations involved in the Giving Project, the Lions prefer to deliver the food and gifts to their respective families. It has become a part of experiencing the spirit of the Holidays for us. We encourage you to sign up to support this meaningful project. Should you have any questions, please direct them to Lion Barbara Barry or Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

HOLIDAY FUND

The Holiday Fund Chairmen will be passing the jar at the meetings for donations as well as soliciting the merchants throughout town. Members can also ask their family and friends for donations to fund this project.

The Damascus Lions Club has historically budgeted \$5000 for this project; Thus, the importance of soliciting donations.

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIME LINE

Damascus Lions Serving 30 area families

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Nov. 3		Tradesmen MC Jingle Bell Blues Toy Run & Concert
Nov. 6		Signup sheets for sorting and delivery Teams for Thanksgiving
Nov . 15	3:00 PM	Pick up food from Rocky Hill Middle School
Nov. 16	2:00 PM	Pick up food from Damascus High School
Nov. 16	1:00 PM	Sort food and pack boxes at Hyatt B & S
Nov. 17	8:00 AM	Delivery Teams pick up food baskets at and deliver them
Nov. 20		Give out Stocking Item List for Lions to purchase
Nov. 28	1:00 PM	Shopping Spree @ Germantown Kohls to purchase clothing for children
Dec.4		Sign Up Sheets for duties and Delivery Teams for Christmas Delivery
Dec. 18		For the Christmas Party, Lions bring Stockings and mittens
Dec. 19	12 Noon	Pick up food from John T. Baker Middle School
Dec. 19	2:00 PM	Pick up food from NRC
Dec. 19	2:00 PM	Move food to Damascus UM Church
Dec. 19	8:00 PM	Sort food at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 20	Noon to 5 pm	Teams Pack food for families and Wrap gifts at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 21	Noon to 5 pm	Teams Pack food for families
Dec. 22	8:00 AM	Delivery teams pick up food and gifts from Damascus UM Church and deliver to families