



DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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The President's Message

Hello Lions !

July was a busy month but all went well from my perspective. My daughters and I enjoyed a magnificent trip to Italy. While eating lunch in Tuscany one of my daughters told me to turn around. On the wall was a little Lions International Banner with "Macerata" on it. I'm guessing the Lions meet there!



On July 2, the about 26 adults and 2 children representing the Damascus Lions enjoyed a Keys game.

The parade on July 12 was lots of fun! We had a great turn out and super weather. I was in the Lion suit and did not melt this year. It was threatening rain but the little drizzle went unnoticed by me (Thanks Lion Chris for protecting the Lion with your umbrella!) This is actually the first year we had candy left over (probably because I was in the suit and didn't consume as much!)

The next morning, July 13, was an early start for all Lions. I helped out at the pancake breakfast while others tended to the flea market. We ran out of food at the pancake breakfast but Lion Tony and Lion Tammy ran out to buy more supplies. Reports on both activities will come soon at our next meeting but I think both events were successful.

Our first meeting of the year immediately followed our busy weekend. We had a delicious "Pot Luck" dinner with fried chicken catered by our own Gary Bellison. Our guest speakers, Rhone Leffler and Andy Cohen from Damascus Motors were well received by all. They talked of the history of Damascus Motors and of their current and future plans for the company. They want work with the Damascus community and with the Lions. Who knows, maybe Damascus Days will correspond with their car show next year!

I am "raffling" off door prizes to one Lion at every meeting. Julie Sain was the lucky winner in July. Attend our meetings and you too could be a winner!

August is also another busy month for Lions. We start with our dinner meeting on August 6 at Kempton Methodist Church. Ice cream dipping on August 13 will take the place of our second dinner meeting. All are

invited to our board meetings, this month it will be August 20 at Tessie Gladhill's. If you wish to bring something to the board, I will gladly put you on the agenda.

We have a couple of Lions that need our thoughts and prayers. Remember to Appreciate, Believe in and especially Care for our fellow Lions. Let's try to increase attendance at meetings, remind everyone you know of upcoming Lion events.

I'm guessing August will fly by and I will be back to work very soon ☺ Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Thanks! KL Barbara

Flea Market

By Lion Tess Gladhill, Chair

A group of Damascus Lions met on Thursday evening July 11 at the Damascus Volunteer Activities Center to mark off the spaces for the flea market. Present were Lions M Carr, B Devine, B Duplan, C Fletcher, T Gladhill, M Holpuch, T Jackson, J Peters, J Schwab, W Schwab. All went well and we had 40+ spaces marked off within an hour of time. Thanks to Lion Tom for the use of his trusty tape measure.

On Saturday morning July 13 Lion J Mallack showed up bright & early -6 am- to set up the Lions booth with all the donated items from fellow Lions and the donated pins from Lions Rodney & Margaret Duvall. As the other fleas began to show up I sorted them out and helped them to their proper selling spot that had been marked out on Thursday. By 9 am all was in place and set up and ready to go. As the day progressed Lions A Davis, F. Burlas, M Holpuch showed up to help. Lions C Fletcher and P McKenzie help out when not working at the own flea booth. Several Lions stopped by that had been helping at the pancake breakfast to check up on us and see if help was needed. Come clean up time after the big sales, the booth sale Lions and Lion B Devine help to clean up the grounds and pack up the unsold goods to be donated. All was done and over with by 5 pm with an amount of over \$600 added to the checkbook including \$40 in pin sales alone. Not too bad for a few hours of good work and fun. All said & done 21 fleas paid for a spot. Thanks to all LIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

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Birthdays

Lions:

Aug. 16 – Sandra Gill
Aug. 21 - Charlie Holpuch
Aug. 25 - Patricia McKenzie
Aug. 27 – Sandeep Somaiya

Partners-in-Service

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

Please correct the email address of Fran Burlas to be
Franwb@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Note the schedule change for August. Because our day at the ice cream booth is the second Tuesday, the board meeting is being moved to the third Tuesday and there is no second dinner meeting in August.

Aug 6 – Dinner at Montgomery Methodist

Aug 13 – Ice Cream Dipping

Aug 20 – Board meeting @ Gladhill Bros

Aug 26 - Blood Drive @ Damascus Library

Sep 3 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Sep 10 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros

Sep 6-8 Damascus Community Fair @ DVFD Grounds

Sep 17 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Oct. 1 Charter Night @ TBD

Oct 8 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Tractor

Oct 15 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Oct. 19 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM Church

Oct 28 Blood Drive @ Damascus Library

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2013

King Lion Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:02. In attendance were Lions Barbara Barry, Carol Stone, Bernie Duplan, Tessie Gladhill, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Mary Frances Gosnell, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Tom Jackson, Gary Rogers, Del Mayhew, Marcia Holpuch and Chris Fletcher.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and, with a noted correction of the figure for the Hyatt donations in the treasure's report to \$350, they were approved.

Lion Tony presented the financial report for the Club treasury. After discussion, the report was approved as presented. The following is a summary; a detailed report is available in the club records.

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	2017.15	23070.17	28050.00
Expenses	3095.42	24273.47	27025.00

Lion Mary Frances presented the financial report for the Foundation. After discussion, the report was approved as presented. The following is a summary; a detailed report is available in the club records.

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	115.67	21637.89	14312.00
Expenses	1416.65	22589.96	26485.00

The secretary's report was given by Lion Ken, The dues notices have been emailed and mailed to the membership and some have come in. There were "thank you" notes read from the Hyatt family, Lion Bob Newlin, BSA Troop 1397, Lion Camp Merrick, and the Damascus Heritage Society for our support.

Old Business

On a follow up from last meeting, the board discussed doing a pre-school eye screening session in partnership with McDonnell's. A tentative date of September 28 was selected and flyers for publicity will be distributed around town. The effort will be coordinated with Lion Bill Mahylis for availability of the cameras and the necessary documentation.

It was noted that the July party at the Senior Center was cancelled.

Celebrate Damascus activities were discussed. Our parade position has been assigned and set-up will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday, July 13. The theme for the parade is

the "great outdoors" so members are to wear their aprons to represent a cookout. The flea market will occur Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00 with set up Thursday evening. The pancake breakfast is set for Saturday morning from 7:00 to 10:00. The secretary will email a reminder of these activities to the members.

The donation of \$200.00 to the Children's Inn at NIH has been sent.

At the last board meeting, a program called First Book was discussed. The program supplies books to needy children around the country. The board decided that our support should be kept to local programs.

Attendance at Lions Night Out with the Keys was reported to have been 26 adults and 2 kids. It was a fun night for all involved although it did rain for a short time and the Keys lost.

New Business

A new awning is needed for the ice cream barn at the fairgrounds. The cost will be \$350.00, which is \$50.00 per club that participates in the ice cream dipping. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send our contribution for the awning.

Lion Carol reported that a decision for the 5-star award would be made later and announced at the Awards Luncheon.

The first District Advisory Meeting will be held in Camp Springs on August 17th at 11:00 am.

Lion Gary briefed the board on the website and how to view the photographs of our activities that available on the site. It was suggested that either he or Lion Cindee, our webmaster, do a program on the website at a dinner meeting in the future.

King Lion Barbara adjourned the meeting at 8:25.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Ken Phillips

Ice Cream Dipping at the Fair

By Lion Charlie Hertel, chair

Damascus Lions, Leos, Friends and Family Have a fun time dipping Ice Cream and supporting your Damascus Lions Club on Tuesday August 13, 2013. Three shifts are needed morning, afternoon and evening or stay all day.

Call Lion Tammy 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. We will give out passes at the Lions Club Dinner this Tuesday August 6th at Montgomery UM Church

Thank You !!

Tammy Hertel Cell (301)370-6414

*We are still needing some support for the opening day of the Montgomery County Fair in the Ice Cream Dairy Barn. The Parlor opens at 1:00 pm on Friday August 9th and the Damascus Lions are needed to help staff the opening day. Please let me know if you can help for a few hours.....

Frederick Keys

By Lion Tess Gladhill, chair

The Damascus Lions Club had a total of 26 adults and 2 kids attend The Frederick Keys game on July 2 which was against the Wilmington Blue Rocks. We had started off with a 1-0 lead and then a small shower of rain came. All hearty members of our group endured the shower or found coverage. When the showers ended which by the way did not stop the game-may be why no one left-those of us who found a dry spot returned and cleared the water from our seats and kept hoping for the big win. After the rain the opposing team seemed to improve their play and the Keys fell to a loss of 8-3. Even so those of us who went, I think, had a very good time.

August Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

Our first drive of the 2013-2014 Lions Year is Friday August 9th at Mountain View Community Church. It will be from 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm with a Bloodmobile from INOVA.

The second will be on Monday August 19th at the Damascus Library. It will be from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm with a Bloodmobile from INOVA.

I need to have 2 volunteers for the registration table, one for each shift. The first shift is about 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm and the second shift is 4:45 pm to 7:00 pm. Let me know if you can help.....

Also I'm looking for someone to sign up donors at the Damascus Safeway. INOVA is trying to get permission to have a registration table out front in the evening. It is short notice for this month. Let me know if you can help!!!

If you would like to schedule a donation go to the INOVA web site.

www.inova.org/donateblood

Community Fair

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, chair

Have you ever attended the Damascus Community Fair? The fair is the best bargain in town. Why not come by and check it out on September 6th, 7th and 8th... This is the fair's 68th year. It is held at the DVFD Activity grounds. So you say, what makes it a must on your calendar? It is a free event. You can bring the family, visit the Home Arts, garden and farm exhibits, check out the animals, enjoy the entertainment, watch the tractor pulls, get acquainted with the vendors and help the Lions meet and greet the fair goers while giving out free popcorn!

Yep, you got it, free popcorn. We keep that popper going for three solid days and the fair goers have become accustomed to looking forward to free popcorn while enjoying the fair. We permeate the grounds and fair goers follow the scent.

The Lions Booth will be open from 9 am to 8 pm Friday and Saturday and 9 am to 3 pm on Sunday. We need Lions to help with the popcorn, talk to the fair goers and promote the Damascus Lions and their projects. We have gained new members as a result of the fair and this outreach project. The three day OUTREACH is immeasurable!

Lion Tess Gladhill is the Entry Night Chairperson and she is looking for Lions who would like to help with entries on Thursday evening from 4 pm – 8 pm.

We will have a sign- up sheet at the September 3rd meeting for assisting Tess with entries on Thursday night and to help with the popcorn on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well as telling the fairgoers about our Damascus Lions Club.

Mark your calendars now so that you can sign up to work at the Damascus Community Fair!