



The President's Message

Happy Holidays
Damascus Lions!

The weather sure got cold quickly! We have our wood stove running and it is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!



December is always a busy month for everyone, but it is especially busy in the Barry house. We have 3 birthdays, Elizabeth is December 14, and Tony & Victoria are December 17! (Plus we have a niece in Ireland also born on December 17). December is also probably the busiest month for the Damascus Lions Club. Our holiday basket program requires many Lion hours. The many tasks include shopping, collecting food from local schools and organizations, sorting food, packing boxes, wrapping presents and delivering the finished product to people in our area. I really enjoy the Saturday before Christmas when we deliver the holiday items to people in the community. The Lions gather, eat yummy warm cinnamon rolls, perhaps visit with Santa, and load up our many gifts in to our vehicles. We usually wish each other a Merry Christmas and exchange hugs and handshakes. It feels great to belong to such a caring organization!

Don't forget our Christmas party on December 17 at the Damascus United Methodist Church. Please bring a gift for our gift swap. Our Joe Corbi's fund raiser items will be available for pick up that night. If you cannot pick up your fundraiser items, please ask another Lion to pick them up for you. We won't have any place to store these perishable items.

The New Year will be here before we know it. Our NBC 4 Health Fitness Expo is early this year on January 11 & 12. We are signed up for the first shift on Saturday, January 11. We usually take the metro to DC, work for a few hours, then go out to lunch as a group. It is a fun day and another way to spread the word of Lions. See Lion Jerry Mallack if you can attend.

If you have any ideas for guest speakers please share them with me or Lion Marcia. Perhaps there is a topic of concern you would love to hear more about at a Lions meeting.

The Holiday season is usually when we think of family and friends - Please also remember to Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your fellow Lions.

Happy Holidays!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE/CRAFT TABLE

By Lion Joy Schwab, Co-Chair

The Fall Pancake Breakfast and Bake/Craft Table event was held Saturday, October 19, 2013 in the Dining Room at Damascus United Methodist Church from 7-11 a.m. On Friday, October 18th the set-up helpers made the Dining Room ready. They were Lions Warren and Joy Schwab, Tom Jackson, Julie Sain. Special helpers were Karlee, Evan and Madeline Schwab. In the Kitchen helpers were Lions Tom Jackson, Sue Suddath, Warren Schwab and Joann Woodson.

Early Saturday morning the food and drinks were prepared. Bake Sale/Craft Table items were accepted. Helpers during the day were Lions Barbara & Tony Barry, Fran Burlas, Ann Davis, Barbara Devine, Bernie Duplan, Chris Fletcher, Charlie Hertel, George Hibbard, Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Wayne Marr, Del Mayhew, Ray Molesworth, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Joy & Warren Schwab, Bob Snapp, Roy Stanley, Charlie & Carol Stone, and Sue Suddath, Jennifer Warfield, and John Washington. Damascus High Leos were Erica Evans, Macey Murdock and Sammi A. We served 179. Special thanks to those who bought and/or sold tickets.

The Bake/Craft Table received item and/or donations from Lions and Partners in Service were Tess Gladhill, Mary Frances Gosnell, George & Vi Hibbard, Jonnie & Tom Jackson, Jennifer & Ray Molesworth, and Jack & Frann Peters, Ken & Sue Phillips, and Joy Schwab. Carol's Creations donated flowers to sell. Bake/Craft Table profit was \$255.00.

Total Profit for 2013 Fall Breakfast and Bake/Craft Sale is \$1,867.41. Lions Joy and Sue thank all for whatever you did to help make this be a successful day.

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 3 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Dec. ? Senior Birthday Party @ Senior Center
Dec. 10 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Tractor Gladhill
Tractor
Dec. 17 Holiday Party @ Damascus UM Church
Dec 19 – 21 Holiday Giving Project @ Damascus UM
Church

Birthdays

Lions:

Dec. 5 - Martin Carr
Dec. 7 - Bernie Duplan
Dec. 15 - Helen Boyer
Dec. 17 - Tony Barry
Dec. 20 - Ollie Gray
Dec. 21 - Jack Poole
Dec. 29 - Del Mayhew

Partners-in-Service: (None known)

Anniversaries: (None known)

Committee Processes

The Board of Directors wants to compile the processes that each committee uses to fulfill its functions: processes are not only the steps that are taken, but include contacts (e.g., the Community Sign Committee must coordinate with the other members (Legion, Isaac Walton League, etc) and with Lions committee chairs for the dates of events to advertise. The process should also include schedule information: how far in advance of the event does work need to start. In short, the processes for each committee need to enable some new person, starting from scratch, to take over committee responsibilities.

As these processes are completed, please email a copy to Lion Mary Frances.

Please try to complete the process descriptions by February.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

11/12/2013

King Lion Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:02. In attendance were Lions Barbara Barry, Carol Stone, Tessie Gladhill, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Mary Frances Gosnell, Martin Carr, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Mike Thornett, Vicki Dotterer and Marcia Holpuch.

The minutes of the September meeting as published in the Lions Tale were reviewed and approved as published.

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>September</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	1959.63	8878.58	8100.64
Expenses	2658.60	8712.69	8099.64

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>September</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	4474.65	6326.39	5036.67
Expenses	1239.00	7295.25	6478.33

Lion Ken gave the secretary's report. Thank you letters were received from Carmen Flores for help with eyeglasses and Faith Connections for our donation to the holiday meal program. A letter was received from the Mt. Airy chapter of the Civil Air Patrol requesting financial help with wreath-laying program for veterans. They will be helping with wreathes at Arlington Cemetery. After discussion, a donation of \$150.00 was approved.

Committee Reports

There was no report for White Cane but most members had good comments and it appeared that the effort was a success.

Pancake breakfast final numbers are not complete but to-date results stand at \$1867.41 profit.

Blood drive status was discussed. There has been an offer from Fitness-4-You gym to host a blood drive and it was suggested that Lion Ken Cook be contacted to work with the Red Cross to see if that can be organized. Resurrection of the call list was discussed and Lion Marcia is going to look into what she has on her computer.

There was nothing new to report on the Holiday giving program.

Old Business

Lion Marcia reported that the new Gaithersburg Lions Club is making progress. They have 11 interested in membership however there is no new meetings scheduled. 20 members are needed to charter a club.

Lions Carol Stone and Cheryl Wyatt were not able to generate any interest in the Peace Poster Contest this year.

New Business

Lion Tom Jackson expressed concern about a report he recently saw in the news on some illegal activity at Johns Hopkins University. Tom's concern was that this activity might spillover on the reputation of the Wilmer Eye Institute and filter down to the Lions Clubs that support Wilmer. After some discussion, it was decided that Tom would do some more research into the situation and, if necessary, draft a letter on behalf of the club for the secretary to send to PDG Ted Ladd who is in charge of the program in District 22-C that supports Wilmer.

Lion Mike Thornett reported that he has completed the audit of the foundation treasury and everything looks good. A report will be out soon and the club books will be audited when this is finished.

Lion Tom Jackson has been looking into the By-Laws for the club. From a generic version from International, Tom is going to determine how it needs to be modified to fit our club. His suggestions will be sent to the Constitution and By-Laws committee and a final version will be presented to the club membership for a vote.

King Lion Barbara has been exchanging emails with a teacher at Damascus High School who has a son that is autistic. The boy is in need of a service dog and the family is asking the Lions Club to help purchase the dog. They have a contract for \$7000.00 with a local company for the dog and are looking for some way to raise the funds. It was decided that we need more information before a decision can be made so the discussion was tabled until the next board meeting. In

the discussion of fund raising, Joe Corbi Pizza was suggested. King Lion Barbara offered to look into a drive before Christmas and maybe to get the LEO club a Damascus High School to help. A motion to pursue a pizza drive was made and passed.

King Lion Barbara adjourned the meeting at 9:20.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Ken Phillips

Holiday Giving

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

Holiday Giving Project is upon us and it sure takes a mound of talent. To serve 30 families, some 81 children and 70 adults, and to have Santa's sleigh overflowing, demands a lot of attention from a lot of volunteers and a lot of giving from the heart!

Talents - let us think - interviewers, family counselors, mind readers, Interpreters, shoppers, coordinators, packers, wrappers, gift consultants, truckers, haulers, movers, leaders, followers, cardboard engineers, analysts, custodians, workers, volunteers, adjusters, sleigh drivers, Santas, jokesters, sorters, and on and on. That is what it takes to make this project a winner! Lots of Talent! And we will put all these talents to work!

The toys are sorted, the stocking stuffers are being purchased and donated by individual Lions, an outfit for each of the children has been purchased, socks, mittens and hats can be brought to the Lions Christmas Party Dec.17 to decorate the Mitten tree, and the perishable foods will be ordered soon and now is the time to put our efforts forth.

The TimeLine leading up to delivery on Dec. 21 is on page 4. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meeting on Dec. 3 awaiting your name to become part of the talent needed to make this project happen. Lion Bob Newlin needs trucks and Lions to make the food drive movements from the schools and NRC on Dec. 18. That evening, Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 8 PM, we will meet at the Damascus UM Church to sort the foods. Thursday, Dec. 19 and Friday, Dec. 20, we will be at the church from 1 pm to 5 pm packing our family food boxes, wrapping clothing and sorting gifts. Saturday, Dec. 21, we will see the Teams load their sleighs and head out to the families after partaking of some buns and coffee.

So you see, we need all of our talents to make this happen. Please make an effort to help in any way that you possibly can – the Sign-up Sheet will be on each table at the Dec. 3 meeting or email Lion Mary Frances of when and where you can help.

Fall 2013 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Thank you, all Lions who participated in our Fall 2013 White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,967 (pure profit, as always!). That's a couple hundred dollars more than each of

our last two White Cane fundraisers. Twenty-eight dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections over thirty-two shifts during a brisk but mostly pleasant week. Unfortunately, twenty-eight Lions are not quite enough, so six shifts on the schedule went unmanned.

Please think the word: “Lion” in front of every name in this article. I still can’t afford the fines!

All shifts at Safeway, CVS, and Red Rooster did well; and our Saturday morning shifts at Tom and Ray’s also did well. We moved the Saturday CVS shift to a half-hour later and I think this may have helped a bit. Thank you, Ronnie Poland and Jo Ann Woodson, for initiating a very successful White Cane shift at Whipps Garage in Clarksburg (see Ronnie in the picture!). I’ll try to keep this venue on our future schedules.

Special Recognitions:

Four Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club recognitions go to:

- Barbara Barry, who collected \$143.78 at Safeway on Thursday afternoon;
- Martin Carr, who collected \$121.00 at Safeway (also) on Thursday afternoon;
- Mary Frances Gosnell, who collected \$106.28 at Safeway on Wednesday afternoon; and
- Julie Sain, who collected \$105.38 at Safeway on Friday afternoon.

Many Lions worked two shifts, which is to be highly commended. These Lions are indicated with a “(2)” following their names in the next paragraph. Some of these two-shifted Lions brought in over \$100 when you add the two shifts. But when I tried to figure this all out, I came down with a severe math-induced headache..... so, I had to give it up under doctor’s orders!

The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to Lion Charlie Hertel, who unselfishly stood (no chair!)

CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIME LINE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Dec. 3		Sign Up Sheet to be distributed at the meeting for duties and Delivery Teams for Christmas Delivery
Dec. 17		Bring stockings and mittens for children and adults to the Lions Holiday Party
Dec. 18	10:00 AM	Pickup foods from the schools. Lion Bob Newlin will coordinate food drive pick-up
Dec. 18	8:00 PM	Sort food at Damascus U M Church
Dec. 19	1pm to 5pm	Teams pack food boxes for families and wrap clothing at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 20	1pm to 5pm	Teams pack food boxes for families - Lions pack up all other items for delivery
Dec. 21	8:00 AM	Delivery Teams pick up food and gifts for their assigned families from DUMC and deliver to the families
Dec. 21	9:30 - 10 am	Clean up and move surplus food to Help Food Closet

for four hours straight at Safeway on Wednesday evening. That takes courage and stamina, Lions.

Here is the total list of Damascus Lions who gave of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): B. Barry, Burlas(2), Carr, Davis, Fletcher, Gladhill(2), Gosnell, C. Hertel(2), Hibbard(2), M. Holpuch(2), Jackson, Mallack, Molesworth, Peters, Poland(2), Rogers, Sain(2), J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Suddath, Thornett, Washington, E. Woodfield, T. Woodfield, Woodson.

As always, special thanks go to our committee members who served as Managers of the Day and/or Money Counters: Ken Phillips, Del Mayhew: George Hibbard, and Tom Jackson. And a big thank you also goes to Vi Hibbard and Woody Ward for additional help with the money counting.

Our committee really misses Bill Mahylis. He was our Thursday Manager of the Day for many, many years. Also, he always worked multiple shifts (three of them last Spring!). What a class act he was; an example to us all.

