



DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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The President's Message

Greetings Damascus Lions!

The weather is still so cold but the schools have used up their snow days so hurry up warm weather!



As spring starts the Lions come out of hibernation and move into another busy year. First we start off with our election of officers. The actual election will be in April, but this month we will be picking new officers for next year. See any of the past presidents, Lions John, Vicki or Marcia if you wish to hold an office or if you wish to be removed from an office. Also now is a good time to think about what committees you would like to be on for next year.

On March 15 we have our pancake breakfast. Most of us typically participate in this big fundraiser. We have our favorite task and we all do it well. I know Lion Joy can use some more help during the week preparing for this event. See Lion Joy if you can help out. Also don't forget to sell Pancake Breakfast tickets and to tell your friends and neighbors to attend. We always serve the best food. I love the potatoes!

The second meeting of the month is our in house auction on March 18. This is a great time to do a little spring cleaning and donate anything you no longer want or need. Maybe you would like to do a little cooking instead. Homemade goodies (cakes, pies, cookies, candy, jams & jellies) all bring in the big bucks at our auction. Perhaps you'd rather just visit your favorite "spirits" store. Those spirited gifts probably sell the best. Don't forget we love to buy tickets to sporting events, weekends at the beach, limo services, the use of a truck, etc. See Lion Marcia with your list of donations.

I want to personally thank Lion Martin for stepping up as "guest" speaker last month when my Camp Merrick speaker had to cancel. If any of you have a topic you'd like to talk about at a Lions meeting AND can be prepared in short notice, please let me know. We also had Lion Sandy Gill speak earlier this year.

Unfortunately every week we have a long list of Lions who need our thoughts and prayers. We continually need to think of our fellow Lions even when we are not at a Lion event. Remember, we are like your second family.

I'm sure some of them would appreciate a card or a visit or even a home cooked meal. As always remember to Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your fellow Lions.

Happy Holidays!

KL Barbara

Pancake Breakfast

By Lion Joy Schwab, Chair

Lions, we need your help with the Damascus Lions spring pancake breakfast to be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Damascus United Methodist Church, 7 a.m.-11 a.m.

Prices are unchanged: Adults - \$9, Children \$4, under 4 yrs. Free

We need your help in the kitchen and the dining room: The two shifts on Saturday are from 5:30 - 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. followed by the Clean-up Shift - 11:00 - ?

To volunteer or for more information -

Contact Lion Joy Schwab 301-253-3294 or Lion Sue Suddath 301-253-3434.

The bake/craft table needs your donations! Cookies, Cakes, Candies, etc. and Crafts (cash, if cook/crafty person is on vacation).

Bring your item(s)/donation(s) to Damascus UM Church on Friday, March 14, 1-2 or Saturday, March 15, 7:00 am

From our Feb. 18 Meeting Program



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Birthdays

Lions:

Mar. 1 – Bobbie Warfield
Mar. 4 – Woody Ward
Mar. 7 - Dave Davidson
Mar. 10 – George Hibbard
Mar. 24 – Gary Rogers
Mar. 28 - Jack Peters
Mar. 29 – John Holpuch

Partners-in-Service

Mar. 19 - Sue Phillips

Anniversaries

Mar. 12 – Bobbie and John Warfield
Mar. 14 - Tom and Jonnie Jackson
Mar. 30 - Jack and Frann Peters

News about The Club

Lion Secretary Ken Phillips reports that Lion Mary Frances Gosnell is still at Lorien in Mt. Airy for rehab and is doing well. Her son-in-law is going to do some things in her house to make it more accessible for her. When that is done, she will be able to go home. She said Lorien is taking very good care of her and thinks the place is great. If you get a chance, go by to see her. She seems to be always ready for a visit.

Upcoming Events

MARCH

4 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC
11 Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros
15 Pancake Breakfast - Damascus UM Church
18 Dinner Meeting and In-House Auction - Wesley Grove UM Church

APRIL

1 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC
8 Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros.
12 22C Night - Greater Waldorf Jaycees Ctr
15 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC

MAY

6 Youth Night - Damascus UMC
7-10 White Cane - Various Town Locations
12 - 15 Multiple District Convention Ocean City, MD
13 Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros.
20 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2014

King Lion Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:04. In attendance were Lions Barbara Barry, Carol Stone, Tessie Gladhill, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Mary Frances Gosnell, Martin Carr, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Del Mayhew, Mike Thornett, Marcia Holpuch and Charlie Stone.

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

Lion Tony presented the January 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.

| | January | Year to date | YTD Budget |
|----------|---------|--------------|------------|
| Income | 3080.43 | 13,571.95 | 14,176.15 |
| Expenses | 607.50 | 12,138.44 | 14,174.90 |

Lion Mary Frances presented the January 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.

| | January | Year to date | YTD Budget |
|----------|---------|--------------|------------|
| Income | 13.95 | 12,828.04 | 8,872.50 |
| Expenses | 269.55 | 6,920.54 | 11,337.08 |

The secretary reported a call from Lion Bill Jamison of the Monocacy Club encouraging the club to sponsor an ad in the 22-C program book for the LEO clubs. It was decided that we would stay with our ad for the club and nothing extra for the LEO clubs. Also convention information is available to anyone interested in attending.

The secretary reported that three members who were notified of their delinquent dues did not respond to our request and will therefore be dropped for the roles. Those members are Ruth Johnson, Peggy Stone and Susan Wilcom.

Committee Reports

The remembrance committee sent a rose to the funeral of Eleanor Stipe, the widow of a charter member of the club.

The pancake breakfast committee reported that tickets for the next breakfast are available and will be distributed at the next dinner meeting.

Lion Mike Thornett reported on a committee that is looking into some new fund-raisers for the club. They are suggesting a casino night to be held at Whiskey Creek

Golf Course. Mike presented a plan on how the night would be run and a spreadsheet showing estimated profits. The board voted to have Mike further develop the plan and present it to the board next month.

Our convention chairperson was Eloise Woodfield and Lion Mary Frances volunteered to take her place.

Youth Night was discussed to follow-up on the discussion last month. King Lion Barbara will handle the presentations at the High School Awards night. The board will ask Lion Cheryl to attending the meeting next month to discuss Youth Night and her needs for help.

Preschool vision screening will be scheduled in April in the schools at Montgomery United Methodist Church and Damascus United Methodist Church.

Old Business

Lion Tessie reported that a meeting of Damascus Days committee would be held on Thursday. There are some changes to be made. The train display will move to the Library and since the Fire Department will not be selling food at the activity building we will probable be moving the flea market. She will report next month on the plans and the board will have to decide what to do with the flea market.

New Business

Lion Charlie Stone brought to the board a suggestion that the club support a group (The Steel Magnolias) from Wesley Grove UMC choir who are walking in the Susan B. Komen Cancer Walk. After some discussion the board voted to donate \$150.00 in support of the Steel Magnolias in honor our members and partners-in-service that have or have had breast cancer.

Lion Joy is going to look into selling ads on the placemats at the pancake breakfast.

King Lion Barbara adjourned the meeting at 8:58.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Ken Phillips

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer, etc. Always it was something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house.

I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush and said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."