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The President's Message

Greetings Damascus Lions!

The weather warmed up pretty quickly but is still keeping us wet as we transition from spring into summer. Even though the Damascus Lions move into "summer mode" (sporadic meetings not at our regular location) don't forget we have plenty of activities to do. We "putt" right into June with our annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley Golf Club in Walkersville. This continues to be one of our biggest fund raisers. Please show up and support Lions Bob Snapp, John Warfield and Mike Thornett with this event. Our Picnic will be Tuesday June 3 at the pavilion at Damascus United Methodist Church. Bring a dish, or two, to share. Then we have our annual Induction Night on June 17 at the Golden Bull in Gaithersburg. Feel free to bring a guest and please get your dinner reservations into Lion Bob Snapp soon.



Lion Tony and I will be out of town for our first meeting in July, but it will be July 1 at Damascus United Methodist Church. Lion Joy and the church ladies will cook us a nice summer meal (sorry I'm missing it). We decided to have a July 1 meeting to prepare for the upcoming Damascus Days. Damascus Days consist of 2 days of events throughout Damascus. Many Lions and other community organizations parade through town on Friday July 11. This year's theme is cartoons – let's think of something cute we can do. Publicity is the main goal of Damascus Days and we really need to spread some Lion Pride! Saturday July 12 we have two events at the same time, our Pancake Breakfast and our Flea Market. I am also trying to get the Red Cross to set up a bus for a walk in blood drive. So there is plenty to do during Damascus Days. In July the Damascus Lions will also have our social event at a Key's Game – stay tuned for details.

In August our Ice Cream dipping event replaces one meeting. We really need to have many Lions present at this event. Even if you feel you cannot scoop ice cream, we can use your help in many other ways. This is another event where it is important to make our presence in the community known. Summer is a great time to focus on recruiting new members to our club.

I am debating another group picture in September. We had a great showing of Lions for the meeting and picture; unfortunately many of your beautiful faces were hidden behind others. Let me know your thoughts on another group picture.

This year's picnic will be bitter sweet for me. It was a year ago at the picnic where most of us saw Lion Bill Mahylis for the last time. I remember Helen made this amazing peach cheesecake that everyone loved. He and Midge are missed by all of us. Please 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 call or an invite to a meeting or event. As always remember to Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your fellow Lions.

Happy Summer!

KL Barbara

Preschool Vision Screening

By Lion Ken Phillips

On May 12, preschool vision screening was conducted at Damascus United Methodist Church in the Pleasant Plains Preschool Center. During a two-hour period, 14 students aged from 4 to 6 were screened with one child being referred for additional reevaluation. This screening was done with a new camera that examines both eyes at the same time and identifies possible vision problems. Lions Julie Sain, Fran Burlas and Woody Ward supported this effort.

On May 19, Lions Julie and Woody joined me to screen children at the Montgomery Methodist Children Center. It was a much busier morning with the screening of 38 students. In the afternoon, 5 more students were screened. Of these 43 children, 5 were referred for further evaluation.

Thanks go out to Lions Julie, Fran and Woody for helping with this effort. Additional screening may be scheduled at other preschool and daycares in the community in the future. If any Lions want the help with these screening, let me know and you can be trained to use the camera or work with the paperwork.

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Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 2 Golf Tournament Glade Valley Golf Course
- 3 Family Picnic – DUMC Pavilion
- 10 Board Meeting Gladhill Bros.
- 17 Installation Night - Golden Bull

JULY

- 1 – Dinner meeting @ TBD
- 8 - Board meeting Gladhill Bros.
- 11- 12 Damascus Days
- TBD – Keys Game

AUGUST

- 5 – Dinner meeting – TBD
- 12 – Ice cream dipping at MC Fair
- 19 – Board meeting Gladhill Bros.

Birthdays

Lions:

- June 2 - Ann Davis
- June 7 - Lenora Kish
- June 16 – Charlie Hertel
- June 17 – Jenn Hyde
- June 25 – Gary Bellison

Partners-in-Service

- June 3 – Jay Mallack
- June 19 - Bonnie Mayhew

Anniversaries

- June 6 - Sue and Ken Phillips
- June 14 - Sue and Jack Poole
- June 26 – Cindee and Gary Rogers

News about the Club

Flea Market - A form reserving space for our Flea Market at Celebrate Damascus is found on page 6. If any of your friends or neighbors are interested, please give them a copy.

Roster Book - Everyone please check their entry in the 2013-2014 roster book. Do not assume the current information is valid because “nothing has changed.” I know of corrections and updates that must be made, I just don’t know what the changes are. Some entries are blank. Send any updates to me: wtjackson@alumni.unc.edu or phone me at 301-253-6316. Actually, if you have checked it and there are no changes, I’d like to know that, too.

Thanks.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

5/27/14

King Lion Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:10. In attendance were Lions Barbara Barry, Tessie Gladhill, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Mary Francis Gosnell, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew and Marcia Holpuch.

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

Lion Tony presented the April 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.

	April	Year to date	YTD Budget
Income	607.16	19,989.35	20,251.66
Expenses	1,350.00	17,877.95	20,249.96

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

	April	Year to date	YTD Budget
Income	273.21	16,302.01	12,675.00
Expenses	6,150.00	14,666.46	16,195.83

The secretary reported a thank you notes from the Clarksburg Elementary School for youth night donation, LCIF for our annual donation, Lion Camp Merrick for our financial support and LCOF for our contribution to Mobile Health Unit and our annual support.

Lion Mary Francis gave a report on the MD 22 Convention. We were represented by Lions Mary Francis, Joy, Warren and Marcia. They attended all the business sessions for the Multiple and the District. Marcia and Mary Frances each attended 3 educational seminars as well. Marcia Holpuch was honored to receive a Certificate of Service from the International President Barry Palmer, one of 4 received in District 22-C. Mary Frances, Multiple District 22 Hearing and Speech Chairman gave an oral report in the business session.

Committee Reports

The By-Laws committee is planning to have the Constitution and By-Laws completed and present it to the membership at Installation night. Copies will be made available to all members prior to the voting meeting.

The new club in Gaithersburg is still floundering. New rules for a branch club require just 5 members but at

least 3 have to be willing to accept leadership roles. Lion Marcia is inviting the prospective members to our picnic to encourage them to step-up and support a club.

Youth night was reported to have been successful. It was noted that the turnout of Lions was rather poor and that next year arrangements need to be made to insure that at least one Lion be at each table.

The first dinner meeting of July will be held at Damascus UMC and will be a regular meal prepared by the church. Lion Joy is making the arrangements.

Preschool vision screening was held at Damascus UMC on May 12 and Montgomery UMC on May 19. At Damascus, 14 children were screened and at Montgomery 43 were screened. Of those screened, 6 were referred for further evaluation. Several members of the board express concern about HIPA requirements of the information provided and held by the club and LCOF. The concern will be forwarded to the District coordinator.

The LEO club at Baker Middle School has not been active for two years. It was decided to drop the charter when the yearly fees are due.

The club will serve breakfast on July 12 in support of Damascus Days.

KL Barbara will request members to help with programs for the dinner meetings next year by asking members to sign-up to be responsible for one meeting during the year. This is an idea used by other clubs as a way to get more diverse subjects for programs.

With no other business to come before the board, King Lion Barbara adjourned the meeting at 8:54.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Ken Phillips

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION 2014

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Lions Marcia Holpuch, Joy and Warren Schwab and Mary Frances Gosnell attended the 92nd Multiple District 22 convention in Ocean City in May.

They attended the Multiple Business Sessions where Lion Mary Frances gave a report of the Hearing and Speech Committee for the Multiple. The Educational Seminars were enlightening and informative.

International President Barry Palmer attended the entire convention and blended in as one of Multiple 22. IP Barry brought a very inspirational message with him as to the accomplishments of Lions worldwide. During Hospitality Night, the Bowie Lions was doing face

painting - painting faces with Lions faces for a \$10 donation to Camp Merrick. \$180 was collected amongst the Lions to paint a lion's face on the IP Barry. He gracefully accepted the challenge and wore his Lions face proudly.

In our District 22-W business sessions, the nominees for the 2014-15 year were submitted and voted upon. Those elected were District Governor Lion Kelley Randolph, 1st Vice District Governor Lion Mike Bigler and 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Steve Borsch. Congratulations to our new District Officers.

Also in the District 22-W business session, IP Barry Palmer presented Certificates of Appreciation to our District Lions. Our own Lion Marcia Holpuch was the recipient of a Certificate with a great handshake from IP Barry and congratulatory sentiments for a job well done. Lions Doug Sherwood of Laytonsville Lions and Lion Bill Jamison of the Monocacy Lions along with Lion Mary DeHart were honored and names were placed on the District Honor Roll Plaque. PDG Lion Bill Thomas received the Bull Throwers Award.

It was a privilege for the four of us to represent the Damascus Lions as voting delegates to the Multiple 22 Convention. We encourage our Lions to consider attending the 2015 convention May 18-21 in Dover, Delaware.

Damascus Lions Vernon R. Simpson Scholarships

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Scholarship Committee reviewed fifteen (15) submitted applications from area students. The Club had budgeted to fund three (3) \$1,500 scholarships. The review committee based their scoring on Community Activities, Leadership, Character/Citizenship, Scholastic, School Activities, Work, and Discretionary categories.

The 2013-14 scholarship recipients were Catlin Augerson, Lindsey Bidwick and Julia Doody.

Congratulations to the recipients!

Spring 2014 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Damascus Lions: Let's give ourselves a well-deserved pat on the back. We raised \$2,245.73 last month. We exceeded that amount only once in our entire White Cane history; and that was ten years ago! Thirty-three dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections over thirty-eight shifts during a mostly pleasant

Spring-like week. We ended up manning every shift except one!

Please think the word: "Lion" in front of every name in this article. Those fines are rough!

All shifts at Safeway, CVS, and Red Rooster did well. Some shifts at Tom and Ray's did well, while others did not. Whipp's Garage did OK, but we can make it work better next time with a shift adjustment.

Special Recognitions:

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

- **Barbara Barry**, who collected \$139.18 at Safeway on Thursday afternoon;
- **Sandy Gill (+ her doggy)**, who collected \$128.60 at CVS on Saturday morning;
- **Julie Sain**, who collected \$108.95 at Tom & Ray's at Thursday lunch time; and
- **Bob Newlin**, who collected \$105.21 at Safeway on Saturday morning.

- Many Lions worked two or three shifts, which is to be highly commended. These Lions are indicated with a "(2!)" or "(3!)" following their names below. Many of these multi-shifted Lions brought in over \$100 total when you sum up all their shifts.

- The **Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion** goes jointly to Jack Poole and Bob Newlin. These two Lions had to overcome incredibly intense negative White Cane karma in order to sign up for storefront shifts. Their hands shook violently as they put their names on the schedule, with all the courage they could muster..... and they both said afterwards that they actually enjoyed it!

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!), Davis, Dotterer, Fletcher(3!), Gill(2!), Gladhill, Gosnell, C. Hertel(2!), T. Hertel, Hibbard(2!), C. Holpuch, M. Holpuch, Jackson(3!), Mallack, Mayhew, Molesworth, Newlin, Peters, Poland, Poole, Rogers, Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Thornett, Ward, C. Wyatt, Joe Wyatt (a Lion Spouse!).

As always, special thanks go to our committee members who served as Managers of the Day and/or Money Counters: Ken Phillips, Del Mayhew, Tom Jackson, George Hibbard, and Vi Hibbard (a Lion Spouse!).



CELEBRATE DAMASCUS DAYS!



*** Flea Market - Saturday, July 12, 2014 ***

As part of the Celebrate Damascus Days, the Damascus Lions Club has been invited to host a Flea Market at the Damascus United Methodist Church, 9700 New Church Street, on Saturday July 12, 2014.

COME JOIN US FOR A DAY FULL OF FAMILY FUN!

Space is limited; so please submit your form early; postmarked no later than Monday, July 7, 2014. Spaces will be assigned on event day on first-come, first-serve basis. Vendors are welcome to begin setting up at 6:00 AM as we anticipate early shoppers. No vehicle parking allowed in vendor space; unloading will be allowed until 8:30; parking in vendor parking only. All vendors are encouraged to open for business by 9:00 AM and stay until closing time 4:00 PM. Tables and chairs NOT provided.

**Please complete this form along with a check for \$20.00 payable to:
DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB**

This event will be held RAIN or SHINE, with NO Refunds.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

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