



The President's Message

Happy New Year
Damascus Lions!

I hope everyone got to relax over the holidays and spend time with family and friends. We had a full house with all 3 kids home. We also spent some time with my family in New Jersey. December was a busy month for the Damascus Lions. I believe we had another successful holiday giving project. I received a nice email from Lion Charlie Hertel telling me how the families he delivered to were very grateful to receive such large quantities of food and wrapped presents. I want to extend a special thanks to Lion Mary Frances and her elves for always doing such a spectacular job.



Well, it's January 1 and I am trying not to break my resolutions yet!! How about all of you?? Did you make any resolutions?? Maybe you'd like to share them on our January 5 meeting. We need speakers for this half of the year. Please let me know if you have someone in mind who would like to speak at a meeting so I can put you on the calendar. Our Lions Activities Schedule will be out soon, print a copy of it so you can be reminded of meetings and other important Lion events. Looking ahead we have our NBC 4 Health Convention on January 9. It starts off early on Saturday but it's lots of fun and we end the day with lunch. See Lion Jerry if you'd like to attend. The wreaths and new light poles look great this year thanks to Lion Tony and his crew. Unfortunately they have to come down soon. See Lion Tony if you can help take down the wreaths. Our in house auction is not too far away on March 15. I will definitely bring some Irish Cheer!! This is our biggest club fundraiser so please start planning your donations now.

I can't believe half of the Lion year is over – it went by quickly. Remember, it's never too late to show your fellow Lions that you Appreciate them, Believe in them, and Care for them.

Happy New Year!

KL Barbara

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

Once again the Damascus Lions served the community through the Holiday Giving Project by delivering gifts and food to 29 families in the Damascus/Clarksburg zip code area.

Our families consisted of 141 family members – 82 of which we under the age of 18. Children under the age of 12 received an outfit and several toys while the teens received a \$25 Kohl's gift Card. Each family received a \$25 Safeway Gift Card to purchase meats and perishables and we packed nonperishable foods for several meals plus items for their pantry.

There many Lions, family members, businesses and friends who participated in the project. An accumulation of approximately 330 hours was invested in the project. There were 40 Lions participating while another 24 family members and friends also assisted. The actual cash outlay for the project was \$ 3,550. When you consider all the following donations, this project has a monetary value of \$10,000 - \$12,000.

Partners and businesses to recognize for their participation are –

- Tradesmen Motorcycle Club for toys (including 3 bicycles, 2 scooters and 3 snow saucers) for all the children and families
- Kohl's Germantown for a 30% discount on the clothing
- Safeway for a \$50 Gift Card to purchase a box of candy canes for each family
- Goldstein family for a festive box of cookies for each family
- Damascus Dental for a toothbrush for each family member
- Butler's Orchard for two and half bushel of apples for the families
- NRC Employee Recreation Association for approximately 2000 Nonperishable food items and potholders

(Continued on page 2)

Lion's Tale
Monthly publication of
The Lions Club of Damascus
P.O. Box 267
Damascus, MD 20872-2250



President: Barbara Barry
e-mail: Barbara_S_Barry@mcpsmd.org
301-461-4726 (C)
Editor: Tom Jackson 301-253-6316
wtjackson@alumni.unc.edu
Printing by Dovetail
Damascus Lions Web Site:
<http://www.damascuslions.org>
Damascus Lions Facebook
<http://www.Facebook.com/DamascusLions>



Lions Information: (202) LIONS22

Upcoming Events

Jan 5 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC
Jan 9 - NBC 4 Health Expo @ DC Convention Center
Jan 12 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Jan 19 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC
Jan 28 - Blood Drive @ DUMC

Feb 2 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC
Feb 9 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Feb 16 - Dinner Meeting - Spouse Night @ Wesley Grove UMC

Mar 1 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC
Mar 8 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Mar 15 - Dinner Meeting - In-House Auction @ Wesley Grove UMC
Mar TBD - Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UMC

Birthdays

Lions:

Jan. 6 – Bob Newlin
Jan. 13 – Bob Williams
Jan. 19 – Fran Burlas
Jan. 23 – Katie Holpuch
Jan. 29 – Benjamin Lewis

Partners-in-Service:

None known

Anniversaries

None known

(Holiday Baskets – Continued)

- Rocky Hill Middle School Leo Club approximately 4000 food items, John T. Baker Middle School approximately 1000 items, and Damascus High School Leo Club Food Drives approximately 1000 items.
- Starbucks for coffee for the delivery teams
- Lions for mittens, hats, gloves, scarves and socks

The Holiday Giving Fund is still on-going. Thus far it has exceeded its collecting efforts from previous years. Lions have been an integral donor in making this possible.

We received several notes from the families expressing their gratitude and their excitement of being able to have a better family holiday time. Delivery Teams experienced some emotional times as they made their deliveries. This is what the Holiday Time is all about - making people feel better about their situation at Holiday Time and assisting them to get through it better.

It is difficult to be specific and thank so many of you for so many different roles you have portrayed in this project. Thus, please accept our sincere thank you for your participation in whatever ways it may have been. With the help of so many businesses, organizations, schools, our families and our friends, the Damascus Lions have served the Damascus Community again this Holiday Season!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The BOD minutes were not received in time for inclusion this month.