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The President's Message

The January and February Board meetings were held January 31st. The minutes are included elsewhere.

Blood Drive, January 26th had 23 hours of volunteer service. Thank you to our helpers. Mrs. Broom was there again. She is the sister, whose brother died of a blood disease years ago. The DLC helped to pay for his care by collection the units of blood needed to pay the bill. She reminded me that her family will always remember. She, also, assured me that she would continue to give blood as often as she could.

March is coming with Pancake Breakfast on the 18th. Helpers are needed for set-up, preparing food, cooking, serving food, drinks and of course clean-up. Please volunteer to help in some way. A Bake table will be available. Let King Lion Joy know how you can help. The March Breakfast is generally the biggest and is well attended. Leo Clubs need to be notified to get their help.

March 21st is our In House Auction night. Plan to attend by bringing items to sell and of course, be prepared to buy those perfect items for yourself.

King Lion Joy

JANUARY EVENTS

NBC 4 Health Expo – January 7

The Damascus Lions Club participated in the NBC4-Health and Fitness Expo again this year, our shift was Saturday morning, January 7th from 8:30-11:30. Many thanks to Lion Marcia Holpuch, Lion Charlie Hertel and myself, Lion Chris Fletcher who gave up their Saturday morning to work the LCOF Mobile Health Unit at the convention center. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell was under the weather and unable to attend.

Lion Charlie and Lion Chris carpoled from the DHS parking lot to the Shady Grove Metro Station then took

the train to the Convention Center. Lion Marcia met up with them at the LCOF Mobile Health Unit. Lions Charlie and Chris were given instructions on how to use the vision equipment. Lion Chris worked for a while at the sign-in station and as the "your next" caller until members of other Lions Club arrived. She then joined Lions Marcia and Charlie at the vision station. The hearing tests were conducted by University of Maryland Audiology students. We had constant stream of visitors at the vision station. We stayed a little beyond our appointed time slot until members of other clubs arrived to take our place. We took our leave a little past noon. We arrived back at the Shady Grove Metro Station and from there we went to lunch together at the Out of the Way Café. Again, many thanks for giving up your Saturday to help with this worthy project.

Lion Chris Fletcher

Blood Drive – January 26

We had a very successful blood drive on Thursday January 26th, 2017.

The turnout was great and the staff handled everything promptly and professionally.

We had 40 total units, and 23 volunteer hours by community members.

*This brings our yearly total to for 2016 - 2017 to 150 units of blood collected.

Our next drive is in May 18th, 2017

Lion Charlie Hertel



Highway Cleanup – January 28

On Saturday morning, January 28, seven members of the Damascus Lions club and two volunteers in service participated in a trash cleanup of Valley Park Drive. The Lions Club "Adopted" the one mile stretch of Valley Park Drive between Ridge Road (Rt 27) and Woodfield Road (RT 124) as part of the Montgomery County Adopt A Road (AAR) program. Have you driven by and seen the signs Montgomery County has posted on our adopted roadway which clearly identify the DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB as being responsible for the roadway? Four large garbage bags of trash were collected. Did anyone lose their Cheech and Chong T-Shirt? Well, we found it! The following Lions participated in the event on Saturday morning; Ray Molesworth, Joe Howerton, Tom Jackson, Warren Schwab, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry and Del Mayhew. A special thanks to David White and son Viper.
Lion Tony Barry



From Secretary Tom Dues are due by March 15

Upcoming Events:

Pancake Breakfast-March 18

Our Spring Pancake, Sausage and Scrambled Egg Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 18 from 7 am to 11 am at the Damascus UM Church Dining Room. The price is Adult \$9.00, Children \$4.00 and under 4-Free. Tickets are available at the door or from any Lion Member so you should get some from Lion Joy to sell to your family and friends and have on hand should someone ask you about breakfast tickets. The Bake/Craft Table will welcome your donation whether it be baked goods, spring crafts or monetary. Signup sheets to help will be provided at the Lions Meeting. So mark your calendar and sign up for a shift to help. Remember, all proceeds from our fund raising activities go back into the community for approved projects.

In-house Auction -March 21st

We need your auction donations to make this a success! You may donate as much as you like. Items can be new, used, vintage or creative. They may be goods or services. Some of the popular items over the years have included a plane ride, event tickets, a gourmet home meal, airport transportation, timeshare or beach house weekend, legal services, firewood, computer assistance, lottery tickets, roto-tilling, fresh baked goods, jellies & jams, use of a truck and auto detailing - the only limit is what you can think up! Some of the less popular items include organs. But if you have an organ to unload, maybe this will be the year! If you have an unwieldy item, you can submit a photo for the auction and arrange transportation at a later time. If you need transportation assistance for your item(s), ask Lion Jack Peters and he will assist you. This is the best place to unload that gift you received that you can't even imagine 're-gifting.' Unsold items will be allocated to the flea market unless you want to take them back home with you.

Bring your donations, your spouse & your checkbook to the auction on March 21st and support the club. Proceeds from the auction bolster the club budget and help us keep our dues reasonable. Auction donation forms will be available at the Feb. 21st meeting and on the web site. See you there!!

Lion Marcia Holpuch

For more information contact Lion Marcia at mk.holpuch@gmail.com

Damascus Lions Scholarship Offerings

The Damascus Lions Foundation is again offering the Vernon R. Simpson Scholarship to graduating seniors residing in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster. The applicant may not be a dependent of a member of the Damascus Lions. The applications are evaluated on community service, leadership potential in high school and non-school activities, character, volunteerism and work experience. The club has budgeted for 3 \$1500 scholarship to be awarded at Youth Night, May 2. The applications are due April 4.

The Damascus Lions Unique Achievement Scholarship is also being offered this year. Three scholarships of \$1000 each have been approved. The scholarship is geared toward the applicant who actively demonstrated an attempt to overcome a unique challenge during their high school years and who will attend a junior college or a technical/vocational school after high school. The scholarship will cover the expenses of books and/or necessary equipment required to continue their education. The student must reside in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster. The applications are due April 7 and will be awarded at Youth Night, May 2. Applications are available on the Damascus Lions Web site or from Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

Multiple District 22 95th Annual Convention

The Multiple District 22 convention will be held May 15 – 18 at the Wyndham Convention Hotel, Gettysburg PA. It is a great time to learn more about Lionism, get ideas to improve our club's mission and meet old and new Lion friends. There will be a Golf Tournament on the 15th at the Carroll Valley Golf Course. Hopefully, Lion Bob Snapp has been successful in forming a Lions Team. Contact Lion Bob if you are interested. Business Sessions, Seminars and District and Club awards will be part of the agenda for the convention. Our club can have 6 delegates and it would be great to say we cast all 6 votes at the District voting. It is a great time to network with other Lions. For more information, Lion Mary Frances has the convention package.

Time to Celebrate

February Birthdays:

Julie Sain 2/6
Ray Sicotte 2/21
Jolly Somaiya 2/24

March Birthdays:

Bobbie Warfield 3/1
Woody Ward 3/4
George Hibbard 3/10
Jenny Redifer-Allen 3/19
Jack Peters 3/28
John Holpuch 3/29

Partners in Service

Sue Poole 2/10
Sue Phillips 3/19

February/March Anniversaries:

Mike & Kathy Thornett 2/17 (44 yrs)
Jim & Mary Belcher 2/20
Tom & Jonnie Jackson 3/14 (55 yrs)
Jack & Fran Peters 3/20 (50 yrs)



Upcoming Events

March 7 – Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church

March 14- Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

March 18 – Pancake breakfast – for more information contact KL Joy @ joyschw35@verizon.net

March 21- Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church- In house Auction

Updates:

The address for Ben Lewis in the Roster Book is wrong. It should be PO Box 1510 instead of the street address

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February/March Board Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes – 1/31/17

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Joy Schwab at 7:04. This meeting was called to combine the January and February board meetings. Attending were KL Joy Schwab, Lions Warren Schwab, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Marcia Holpuch, Martin Carr, Julie Sain, Patricia McKenzie, George Hibbard, Barbara Barry and Tess Gladhill.

The minutes of the December board meeting were reviewed and approved as published in the January Lions Tale. It was noted that the donation to the post Prom party at DHS would be taken for the budget item for Youth Night.

Treasurer's Reports

The Club and Foundation Reports for December and January were reviewed. After some discussion of the Postage and Printing item in the club budget, which will likely go over budget, these reports were approved.

For December	Income	Expense	Net
Club Treasury	854.00	1419.00	-565.00
Foundation	2929.03	861.14	2067.89
For January	Income	Expense	Net
Club Treasury	4213.50	1401.30	2812.20
Foundation	2005.04	811.58	1193.46

Secretary Report

Thank you notes were received from the following:

- Hospice for our donation of \$100.00
- A number of recipients of medical equipment

Lion Tom passed out a listing of the 5 star requirements and the club's efforts to date and asked the board members to review it and report back with any additions or corrections.

Committee Reports

The Shred-fest Committee reported that the event will take place on April 22 at the Damascus United Methodist Church. It will not be in conjunction with White Cane this year but there will be a White Cane bucket available to take donations. The bank will again be partnering with the club and there will be a drive to collect used clothing to be processed through Value Village for fund-raising.

The Fund-raising Committee reported an effort is being made by Lion Patricia to solicit donations from community businesses to the scholarship fund.

The Medical Equipment Committee reported that more requests are being received for outside our service area. Lion Tess tries to direct these requests to clubs in the caller's area but is not always successful. Because of possible liability and delivery issues, it was recommended that loaning equipment outside our area be minimized. Liability coverage may be provided by LCI and that issue will be investigated. Lion Tess also expressed concern about the environment of our storage area.

The 22-C Night Committee reported that our ad for the program is due. IPP Barb will rework our input and submit it. A club member was nominated and approved for recognition at 22-C night.

The Scholarship Committee reported that the budget item would remain at \$4500.00.

Old Business

The dictionary project has been cancelled. KL Joy finally was able to get through to the county board and was told that the board of education does not want the students to have the dictionaries.

New Business

KL was contacted by PDG Gary Burdette to request our help in staffing the Health Trailer at the Montgomery County Fair on Thursday of the fair. It was agreed that we could do that and the discussion lead to a discussion of daytime attendance at the fair and the low turnout at the Trailer. KL Joy will contact the fair board about getting a better location for the trailer.

Lion Mike Thornett's book reading program that is a part of youth night will be submitted as a Centennial Program to Lions International. Also a push to charter the Clarksburg High School LEO for the centennial year will be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52. Respectfully Submitted, Tom Jackson