

# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE

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## The President's Message

We've had a great month of July. Our meetings were interesting, FUN and on time. My goals for this year haven't changed. I'd still like to see "One a Month". That's a goal of 100 members by next June. I know that we can do this. You have friends, family and co-workers or neighbors whom you could ask to visit a meeting and I'm more than glad to meet with them and expound on the great advantages of belonging to such a super club like our Damascus Lions.

We're going to have a great August at the Montgomery County Fair. This is a great time to work with your fellow Lions on a fantastic job of dipping ice-cream! Please call or see Lion Charlie Hertel if you're not on his list yet. The barn is painted inside and out and our Lions should be very proud as the Damascus Club did most of the work. We did have help from the Monocacy & Laytonsville Lions, plus some 4-H members who just wanted to have FUN painting! Thanks to all!

Which brings me to another point, we're going to have a busy, FUN filled, September. So plan now and check your schedule as to when you can help. No one person has to do everything, but the more that help, the better, smoother and happier we'll be.

As you can see, as Lions, "We Serve". It's great to be a Lion, it's FUN to serve, and the Damascus Community will be a better place because we were there.

Well, you can see that the word FUN is all through my letter. That is my #2 goal. Enjoy what you do. I don't want to push anyone into doing something you don't want to do, but there is plenty for all if we just serve.

Have a great rest of the summer.

Respectfully, Lion Pres. Gary

## Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chairman

Come one, come all - Lions, Leos, Friends and Family. Have a fun time dipping Ice Cream and supporting your Damascus Lions Club on Tuesday August 14, 2007. Three shifts are needed morning, afternoon and evening or stay all day.

Call Lion Charlie Hertel to schedule and or receive a pass to get into the fair. Remember it is senior day at the fair. Admission is free to seniors that day as long as you are in before 4:00 pm.

## Road Clean-up

By Lion Tom Jackson

On Saturday, July 28, the Lions Club road gang, under the leadership of new Lion John Holpuch, cleaned up our side (the right as you're going out of town) of Rte. 27, from Bethesda Church Rd. to South Oak Drive. Ten Lions made short work of the task. We gathered about a dozen bags of trash in well under an hour. The picture below shows the road gang preparing for this strenuous task.



## The Road Gang Hard At Work

## Golf Tournament

By Lion John Warfield, chairman

On June 11, we held our fourth annual golf tournament at the Beaver Creek Country Club. This year's tournament was our best yet, raising over eighty-two hundred dollars. There were 133 participants including 12 Damascus Lions. In addition, over 20 Lions sponsored holes at \$50 per hole, which was a big boost to our fundraising. We had excellent support from the club, with 20 plus Lions helping out on the course during the day of the tournament.

## Really Bad Joke

[This is so bad I had to share it.]

A skeleton walks in a bar and the bartender says "What'll you have?"

The skeleton replies, "Gimme a beer and a mop"

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## **Birthdays**

### **Lions:**

Aug. 9 - George Bolling  
Aug. 21 - Charlie Holpuck  
Aug. 26 - George Connell

### **Partners-in-Service**

Aug. 2 - Kate Warfield  
Aug. 6 - Margaret Duvall  
Aug. 8 - Doris Schwalm  
Aug. 9 - Frances Walton  
Aug. 19 - David Stone

## **Anniversaries**

Aug. 9 - Eloise and Tuck Woodfield  
Aug. 15 - Viola and George Hibbard  
Aug. 19 - Norm and Sandy Palmer  
Aug. 28 - Dave and Gail Davidson  
Aug. 31 - Joy and Warren Schwab

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **AUGUST**

7 - Dinner meeting Spouse Night Montgomery UMC  
(Board Mt'g After)  
13 - PreSchool Screening M. C. Fair Grounds  
14 - Ice Cream Dipping M. C. Fair Grounds  
16 - LCOF Bus M. C. Fair Grounds

### **SEPTEMBER**

4 -Dinner meeting Wesley Grove UMC  
7-9 -Community Fair DVFD Activities Bldg  
10 - Blood Drive DVFD Activities Bldg  
11 - Board meeting Rec Center  
18 - Dinner meeting Wesley Grove UMC  
19-22 - White Cane Around Town  
28 - Basket Bingo DVFD Building

### **OCTOBER**

2 - Charter Night at Dutch's Daughter (Spouse Night)  
9 - Board Meeting at Rec Center  
13 - Road Clean-up (Ridge Road)  
16 - Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC  
20 - Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UMC

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## **Pampered Chef ONLINE Party**

Benefit Damascus Lions

Everyone needs a new Kitchen gadget!

A \$600 party will net a profit enough to do an Eye Exam and purchase a pair of glasses for someone.

Taking orders until August 10th.

Email Lion Mary Frances for a catalog or order.

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## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**July 10, 2007**

King Lion Gary Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Damascus Recreation Center. Those in attendance were: Gary Rogers, Eloise Woodfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Sue Suddath, Del Mayhew, Thomas Woodfield, Jerry Warfield, Dale Ryan, Marcia Holpuch, and John Warfield.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were discussed and accepted as published in the June Lions Tale. It was noted that the name of the King Lion and the Club website address were wrong in the newsletter. Ken Phillips agreed to get the correction to Tom Jackson, editor.

In the absence of the treasurers, King Lion Gary presented the Treasurer's reports for the end of the 2006-2007 year. The club financial statement showed an income of \$28,063.73 and expenditures of \$28,696.63, a deficit of \$632.90. An end-of-year balance of \$6,254.93 was shown in the report. The report was accepted as presented. The foundation treasurer reported income of \$33,194, which was over budget by \$8,404, and expenses of \$33,840, which was also over budget by \$6,160. The report showed a net income of \$2,214 for the year. The report was accepted as presented.

King Lion Gary reported that his partner-in-service is working on a new website for the club. It is still a work in progress but will be opened for viewing soon. Lion Jerry volunteered to help with data input for roster information.

The County Health and Human Services department is asking Lions Clubs to help with the purchase of a hearing aid for a person in Gaithersburg and has contacted Region Chair Tucky Woodfield. It seems that the aid has already been purchased and it was pointed out that the club provides assistance for obtaining hearing aids through LCOF but does not reimburse the cost of a purchase. Lion Tucky is going to check with other clubs and get additional information about the situation for consideration at the next board meeting.

KL Gary reviewed our duties during the County Fair. The club is supporting pre-school screening on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>, dipping ice cream on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and manning the LCOF bus on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Help will be scheduled at the dinner meeting on July 17.

Advertising in the High School Newsletter, the BUZZ was discussed. It was decided to revisit this issue each

month and submit an ad when the LEO club has an event coming up to support their efforts.

Lion Sue Suddath reported that the birthday party at the senior center went very well. Attendance was low but she had sufficient help and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Ken Phillips, Secretary.

### **Grandparents and Grandchildren (from various sources)**

My grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, "62." He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm four to six."

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants..."

## **DAMASCUS LIONS AT THE COMMUNITY FAIR**

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Friday, Saturday and Sunday – Sept. 7, 8 and 9, the Lions will be involved with the Damascus Community Fair from 9 am until 9 pm. We will have the LCOF bus on site and will have the booth in the pole barn promoting membership and popping corn.

We are giving - Free Hearing tests, Free Eye testing, Free Pens, Free Popcorn plus free information about Lions. We also will be manning the outside PA system and Information Booth for the Fair.

So as you can see, we will be doing a lot of things. There will be sign up sheets at the August 7 meeting for both the Bus and the Booth. We need three Lions at each site all the opening hours. That is going to take about 50 Lions to make it work using 4 hour shifts. In manning these shifts, we need to meet and greet the fair goers. Don't wait for them to approach us. We are there to offer them something – to let them know that Damascus Lions are actively ROARING to make things happen in and about our community. Wear your hats, shirts, vests and/or aprons. We want the Yellow/Blue/Purple to be noticed.

Should you have any thoughts or questions concerning the Damascus Community Fair Days, contact King Lion Gary, Lion Charlie Stone or Lion Mary Frances.

### **SEE YOU AT THE LIONS BOOTH AT THE COMMUNITY FAIR!**

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## **DAMASCUS LIONS BASKET BINGO**

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Mark your calendar for the Basket Bingo on Friday night, Sept. 28.

We are looking for sponsors for baskets, Lions to sell tickets and Lions to work the night of the Bingo. Here will be more information at the September Meetings. Contact Lion Mary Frances for any questions.

## **DINNER FOR EIGHT**

A group of friends wanted to get together on a regular basis, socialize, and play games. When it came time for Al and Janet to be the hosts - Janet wanted to outdo all the others and mushroom-smothered steak. But the grocery was out. She reluctantly told her husband.

He said, "Why don't you go down in the pasture and pick some of those mushrooms? There are plenty in the creek bed."

She said, "No, some wild mushrooms are poison." He said, "Well, I see animals eating them and they're OK." So - Janet decided to give it a try. She picked a bunch. Then she went out on the back porch and gave Ol' Spot (the yard dog) a double handful. Ol' Spot ate every bite.

All morning long, Janet watched Ol' Spot and the wild mushrooms didn't seem to affect him, so she decided to use them. The meal was a great success. After everyone had finished, they relaxed, socialized, and played games.

About then, the maid came running in and whispered in Janet's ear. She said, "Mrs. Williams, Ol' Spot just died." Janet went into hysterics. After she finally calmed down, she called the doctor and told him what had happened.

The doctor said, "That's bad, but I think we can take care of it. I will call for an ambulance and I will be there as quick as possible. We'll give everyone enemas and we will pump out everyone's stomach. Everything will be fine. Just keep them calm."

Soon they could hear the siren as the ambulance was coming down the road. The EMTs and the doctor had their suitcases, syringes, and a stomach pump. One by one, they took each person into the bathroom, gave them an enema, and pumped out their stomach. After the last one was finished, the doctor came out and said, "I think everything will be fine now," and he left.

They were all looking pretty weak sitting around the living room, and about this time, the maid came in and said, "You know, that fellow that ran over Ol' Spot never even stopped!!!"