



The President's Message

WELCOME 2009.....the Damascus Lions are POPPING INTO A NEW YEAR, pop corn was given out, while resolutions were made, and a toast by King Lion, was given, "Everything will go fine in 2009"



Starting on Jan.10th, nine Lions from Damascus and the Damascus Branch of Clarksburg helped at the NBC4-Health and Fitness days. My thanks to these Lions that took time to screen people for hearing and vision testing at this event. Lions serving were, Marcia Holpuch, Jerry Warfield, Carol and Charlie Stone, Chris Fletcher, Ronnie Poland, Barbara and Tony Barry.

On Jan.20th, at the Dinner/meeting, special guests for the evening were the Peace Poster Family. Congratulations to Michelle Mei, winner the local club award, and going to District, to win that level, and it didn't stop there, her poster reached the next step and won at Multiple District 22. Now it is competing at the Lions International level. We are very proud of Michelle for her accomplishments. The Peace Poster is a contest for youth from 11 to 13 years of age... Michelle is 13 and a Leo at Rocky Hill Middle School, Clarksburg Maryland. Thanks to Chairman, Lion Sue Suddath for overseeing this project and working with the youth in our communities.

On Jan. 22th, at the Clarksburg Branch meeting, a program on the Children's Inn at NI H was presented... Also Lions serving, At Thanksgiving a dinner was given by Branch lions to a family on Stringtown Road. More plans ahead for the chartering of the Clarksburg High School Leo's Club. Forty-six members are listed, and the signing of the charter on Feb. 26,2009, with a cake to celebrate will be held, come and be a part of this ceremony for the youth.

I would like to ask everyone to invite someone to be a Lion, and join the many people serving others. {Lions clubs are open to both men and women}, put up promotional displays at local events, make a personal call or visit to a potential member. Bring a guest to a meeting; the prospective member meeting date is Feb.17th. Mark your calendar now, let your friends know what lions do and the reward you feel from helping and serving.... Lions Clubs are the largest service organization in the world. My Motto as President is "together we can make it happen." Call and let Secretary Lion Tuck know you will be having a guest,

301-253-3807. Enjoy the experience of good fellowship, good food and exciting programs.

Convention time is here again, just a few months away, and we will be back at Dover Downs Del. at the Lion District Convention on May 17th-20th. This years Theme is "Everyday Heroes". Lions this is a great way to meet fellow Lions from around the Multiple District, also network with Lions, attend enlightening seminars and exchange ideas, most of all Have Fun! Make plans now, and make this trip, everyone together sharing the same interest and goal, "Helping each other."...for more information call King Lion, Eloise.

"Together we can make it happen"

January Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chairman

We had (2) two blood drives in the month of January 2009. Our first drive was at St. Paul's Catholic Church. We collected 26 units of blood on Jan. 4, 2009. Our second blood drive was at the D.V.F.D. Activity Building. We collected 88 units of blood on Jan. 19, 2009.

This puts our yearly total at 456 so far. Thank You!!!. Our next drive is scheduled for Thursday February 5, 2008 This will be held at the Damascus United Methodist Church. Lions Club next drive is March 16, 2009.

We continue to feed the ARC staff. Its numbers can be between 15 to 20 workers. This has seemed to make a very big difference. They first are very appreciative and they stay in the building and do not go out for food. This makes the ARC staff a better work force.

I would like to thank our Lions and guests for the set up of our drive at the D.V.F D. Activity Building. Thank You.

We had our Mary Kay basket donated by Lion Marsha Holpuch. The value was about \$90.00. Thank You.

All donors received a Tote bag from the American Red Cross. Thank You.

I would like to thank Safeway for always supplying the donuts and newspapers. Valued at \$25.00. Thank You.

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Upcoming Events

Feb. 3 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
Feb. 10 – Board Meeting at Damascus Rec. Center
Feb. 17 – Dinner Meeting/Prospective Members
Feb. 26 – Branch Meeting/Refreshments at Cederbrook Church.
Mar. 3 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
Mar. 10 – Board meeting at Damascus Rec. Center
Mar. 16 – Blood Drive at DVFD
Mar. 17 Dinner meeting/auction/spouse night at Wesley Grove UMC
Mar. 26 – Branch meeting/Refreshments at Cederbrook Church
Apr. 7 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove Ch.
Apr. 14 – Board Meeting at the Dam. Rec. Ctr.
Apr. 18 – Big Band Dance at the Legion
Apr. 21 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove Ch.
Apr. 22-25 – White Cane Days
Apr. 23 – Branch Meeting/Refreshments at Cedarbrook Ch.

Birthdays

Lions:

Feb. 20 - Kenneth King
Feb. 21 - Ray Sicotte

Partners-in-Service

Feb. 10 - Sue Poole
Feb. 23 - Gail Davidson

Anniversaries

Feb. 15 – Su and Shyue Huang
Feb. 17 - Kathy and Mike Thornett
Feb. 20 - Mary and Jim Belcher

News about Members

A husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife.

"They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans," he replies.

"Put them back, we can't afford them," demands the wife, and so they carry on shopping. A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket.

"What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband.

"It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife.

Her husband retorts: "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and its half the price."

On the PA system: "Cleanup needed on aisle 25, we have a husband down."

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 13, 2009

Lions in attendance were K L Eloise Woodfield, Secretary Thomas Woodfield, George Hibbard, Sue Suddath, Ken Phillips, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tom Jackson, Marcia Holpuch, Jerry Warfield, Treas. Bill Mahylis, Ray Molesworth and Martin Carr.

Secretary's Report; approved as published in January Lion's Tale

Treasurer's Report; Club – expenses in good shape, expenses less than income

Foundation – good shape; donations made in January 2009 to Sight First II, 22-C Band, Camp Merrick, Wilmer Institute, and LCOF as stated in yearly budget

Audit of year 2007-2008 by Lion George Hibbard, Club in order & balanced out

Foundation in order; June, 2008 – July, 2008 squared between Club and Foundation accounts; Audit approved by Board

Old Business

- Leadership training at Emittsburg 2/6-8/2009, deadline to sign up Jan 26, 2009

- Patch from Leaderdog – donation 70 for 70th year of Leaderdog

- NBC 4 Health & Fitness – 9 Damascus Lions attended, 1st shift, setup area and screened vision and hearing, Lion roved and passed out invitations for screenings at 22-C MHU

New Business

- Blood drive Mon. Jan 19

- First Dinner/meeting cancelled on Jan, 2009 due to inclement weather, dinner money will be applied to Installation Night

- MD 22-C Convention – get your reservations in for hotel, activities signup to come. “Everyday Heroes” is the theme.

- Camp Merrick funds are poor, District asking Lions Clubs to pay 1 month salary of camp manager, Gregory Floberg. Board questions how will camp survive? Discussions were held, no motions were made.

- Kids Sight Foundation (Preschool Vision testing) is it's own foundation and needs money. Is this covered by donations to LCOF?

- Lions Signs, on the community signs at the entrances to Damascus are fading. Decals are available for \$35 each and are ½ the price of new signs. Lion Tom Jackson will check size of current signs and see if the decals will fit.

- Sign meeting was Sat. 1/10/2009. Dates are OK except for Sept. Blood Drive; Lions will have all of October for White Cane, Pancake Breakfast, etc.

- Volunteer Leader for Liberia wants used eyeglasses for next trip. Checking with N. VA Recycle Center

- Dues for July to Dec 2008 are all paid!

- Jan to June 2009 dues are being received.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Lion Thomas “Tuck” Woodfield

January Blood Drive cont.

I would like to thank Ledo's Pizza for donating the pies in the canteen. Thank You.

I would like to thank Lion Mary Francis Gosnell for coming in all day to pop corn for all the donors.

I would like to thank Lion Tom Jackson for all his work on the signs north and south of town. Thank You.

I would like to thank all the Lions Club members for all of the hard work. It is proven if we make the phone calls it seems to increase the units of blood we collect. Thank You.

I would like to thank the Lions in our club who still continue to give a unit of blood each time. Thank you.

I would like to thank King Lion Eloise and Lion Tuck for setting up the Lions marketing display board. This seems to be working. We have gotten some new members from this. Thank You.

I would like to also thank my Mom and Dad for being involved with our blood drives. They show up around 10:00 AM and leave with me about 9:00 PM. Thank you.

I would like to thank my (2) nieces for helping all day at the blood drive, especially with set up. Thank You.

We have a great community. Damascus is a special place. Thanks to all who continue to support our community blood drives.

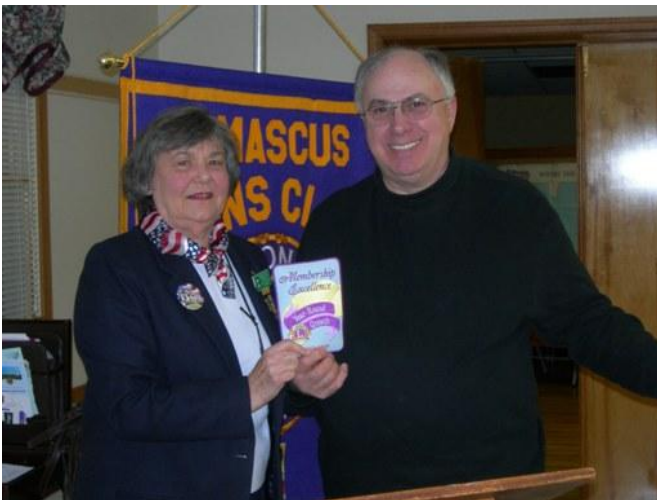
Thank You



Peace Poster Contest Winner - Michelle Mei (center), Chairman Lion Sue Suddath (left), King Lion Eloise Woodfield (right)



Lion's promotional display by King Lion Eloise Woodfield
Lion Charlie Hertel at January 2009 Blood Drive



**IN MEMORIAM:
LION MARK SAIN**