



The President's Message

Welcome to summer, when the living is easy!!!

If you look at the Damascus Lions July schedule, the "when the living is easy" just got to be the opposite.

We are a very active club, doing many activities, yet we never seem to tire of serving. And that makes us all "everyday heroes" and proud of our association with such a great organization, The Lions Club.

Thanks to all of the Lions who have accepted to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year! And Thanks to all the Lions who have stepped up to serve as a Chairman of a Committee, Activity or Fund Raiser.

It will take the whole club to make our jobs, our leadership and our service successful. I look forward to working with all of you.

Please take note that the July 7 Dinner Meeting is at the Damascus UM Church, while the Board of Directors will meet on July 21 at the Recreation Center. The Lions Night Out at the Keys Game on July 14 will take place of our second dinner meeting in July.

Elsewhere in this Lions Tale issue, you will find information on the upcoming events.

- Lion Sue Suddath can use some help with the Senior Birthday Party, July 10 at 12:30 pm.
- We need Lions to walk/ride in the Celebrate Damascus Parade July 10, 6:30 Pm and to help decorate the float earlier in the day.
- Have you reserved your space at the Flea Market for the Celebrate Damascus Lions Flea Market? Lion Jerry will even accept donations if you are unable to utilize one of her spaces.
- Lions Night Out at the Keys Game July 14 - Have you got your tickets? This is your chance to get one of those Ballpark Hot Doggies!

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable 4th of July. Also may your vacation be a great one as well.

Happy and Safe Traveling!

King Lion Mary Frances

June Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chairman

At our blood drive on Monday June 15, 2009, we collected 75 units of blood. This is our first drive to

report for 2009 - 2010 club year. Thanks to all the Lions and partners in service who support the blood drives. Thank you to Safeway for baking 8 dozen fresh donuts.

Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chairman

Make a note that the Ice Cream dipping at the Montgomery Co. Fair is on Tuesday August 18, 2009, all day long from 9:00am - 11:00pm. There will be 3 shifts or just come hang out. We will have sign ups at the July 21st meeting.

Lions Cycle for Sight Event

By IPP-Lion Eloise Woodfield

How exciting! Lions met in the rain on Sat. June 20th to support Cycling for Sight at the Druid in Damascus, this was to help with promoting Lionism and to cure and prevent blindness.

At 10am, ten lions waited in the rain to greet riders and cheer them on as they rode a total of 16.1 miles one way. Lion Scout Marcia Holpuch checked out the route as we looked for riders to arrive. Lions Wayne Marr, Bill Mahylis, {also lion Bill's grand doggie, Tye Dye}, Ronnie Poland, Ann Davis, John Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Joy Schwab, Tuck Woodfield and King Lion Eloise Woodfield were there to welcome these brave riders and offer water, towels and friendly conversation.

My thanks go to all the above for coming out to support this worthwhile cause.

Damascus, MD June 20th, 2009 - in the rain



Lions Cycling for Sight

Left to right: Peter Vint, Lions Mike Layman, Joy Schwab, Tom Gray, Bill Mahylis, Tom Jackson, Wayne Marr, King Lion Eloise Woodfield, Marcia Holpuch, Ronnie Poland, and Ann Davis. Not pictured, but supported this event were Lions John Holpuch and Tuck Woodfield.

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Upcoming Events

July 7 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church
July 10 – Senior Birthday Party
July 10 – Celebrate Damascus Parade, meet at DHS
July 11 – Celebrate Damascus Flea Market: Corner Rt. 108 & 124
July 14 – Night Out - Ball Game: Harry Grove Stadium
July 21 – Board Meeting (note change of date)
Recreation Center

August 4 – Dinner Meeting: Montgomery UMC
August 11 – Board Meeting: Recreation Center
August 18 – Ice Cream Dipping: Montgomery County Fair
August 20 – Sight & Hearing Testing: Montgomery County Fair

Sept. 1 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church
Sept 8 – Board Meeting at Recreation Center
Sept 11-13 – Damascus Community Fair at DVFD Grounds
Sept 21 – Blood Drive at DVFD Activities Center
Sept 16-19 – White Cane Days
Sept 15 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church

Birthdays

Lions:

July 1 - Dennis Hough
July 6 - Jim Belcher
July 8 - Cathy Haver
July 13 - Joy Schwab
July 14 - Mike Payne
July 18 - Bob Snapp
July 24 - Ken Phillips
July 30 - Tony Allen

Partners-in-Service

July 6 - Viola Hibbard
July 8 - Peggy Sicotte

Anniversaries

July 1 - Jennifer and Ray Molesworth
July 6 - Ray and Frances Walton
July 20 - Dee and Rusty Reichmeider

News about Members

Ronnie Poland's email address is incorrect in the roster. It should be

– ronnie.girl@verizon.net

MEALS PRICE INCREASE

By KL Mary Frances Gosnell

The Board at their June 9th meeting passed an increase in the price of the Dinner Meeting Meals. Going forward, we will guarantee to pay for 50 meals to the organization/caterer who prepares and serves our meal. The price per meal will be \$12.00.

Heretofore, we had a guarantee of 55 while the price was \$11.00. Our average attendance for each meeting was 42; thus we were paying for 10 or more meals than were not used. At the beginning of June, the net amount for meals was running at a loss for approximately \$700 for the last six months.

With the new pricing and guarantee, we will be paying the same amount to the preparer of meals; yet collecting extra for the price increase, thus reducing our loss. The Board truly hopes that this does not pose a burden on any of our members. Upon doing visitations of other clubs, we realize we are quite privileged to have such great meals prepared and served for us by our local churches.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 09, 2009

Lions in attendance: King Lion Eloise Woodfield, Ken Phillips, Treas. Bill Mahylis, Secretary Tuck Woodfield, Tom Jackson, Marcia Holpuch, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charles Stone, Warren Schwab, Martin Carr, Joy Schwab, and Ray Molesworth.

Secretary Report; Minutes – approved

Treasurer Report; Club – income to expenses positive
- approved

Leader Dog donation not shown – check with Lion Bill Jamison

Foundation – ok – approved

Budget for Club 2009-2010 – approved

Budget for Foundation 2009-2010 – approved

Student Loans – current Students on program, two are asking for another loan each of \$2000 - Approved

Old business;

- Memorial Day Parade in Gazette – good

New business;

- Rocky Hill LEOs – request money for project to make blankets for babies in hospital, \$150 still in budget from 2008-2009 – approved \$100

- Martin Luther King MS LEOs – Lollipop Fundraiser
- \$100 sent to Lions Camp Merrick

- Rocky Hill MS Fundraiser – Rain Barrel project – (Green project) - \$554 given to PANCan and Susan G. Koeman breast cancer

- Dr Shanks, a past president of Damascus Lions Club passed away, \$50 sent in his name to 4-H Club where he lived

- Camp Merrick needs a new climbing wall to replace the old one – motion to send \$250 – approved

- Request on Damascus website from NC for eyeglasses, need in Damascus, Our Eyeglass Coordinator will check, (later was found to be for Damascus, Arkansas, referred)

- Installation Night – everything coming along ok

- Celebrate Damascus – Lions Flea Market – Vendors signing up – Lions will use gazebo for promotions

- No specific plans at present for parade reported by Lion 1st VP MF Gosnell

- Lion Linda Panagolis of Damascus Rec. Ctr. is offering; after parade space will be available outside at DVFD Activity Building to promote Damascus Lions Club.

Lion Tom Van Vliet sent in a letter to resign from the Damascus Lions Club.. “This was not an easy decision. Over the course of 18 years it has been an honor and privilege to associate and work with a select group dedicated to community service in its’ purest form. I’m reminded of the old saying: “You always get more when you give.”” Lion Tom is paid until June 30, 2009.

Lion Bill Cordell sent in a letter that he will be leaving the club at the end of this term. Lion Bill is paid until June 30, 2009. “I have moved my company to Frederick and will be moving into a new house. I have enjoyed being part of such a great club and meeting so many wonderful people. I am sure I will continue to see many of the Lions at different events. Best Wishes” board approved resignation.

Three Lions asked for meal changes – approved

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Submitted by Secretary Thomas “Tuck” Woodfield

Clarksburg Corner

By Branch Liaison-Lion Eloise Woodfield and Acting Coordinator-Lion Joann Woodson

Damascus Lions of the Clarksburg Branch had a very good year. They were busy participating with activities of the Parent club of Damascus giving support with various committees.

In the community of Clarksburg, they held vision and hearing testing and have set-up membership and promotional displays.

A social meeting was held at Cedar Brook Church to welcome the new Clarksburg High School Leos with Damascus High School Leos, Rocky Hill Middle School Leos, Dr. Martin Luther King Middle School Leos and John T Baker Middle School Leos in attendance.

Thanks to the advisors of all the clubs, Renee Mason, Barbara Barry, Leslee Poole, Cathy Haver, and Mike Thornett. These Lions provide leadership to our Leo Clubs.

Most recently the Martin L. King Leos Club sent a donation of \$100.00 to Camp Merrick from selling lollipops for a fund raiser in the area. Also Rocky Hill Middle School Leos did a rain barrel project raising \$554.00 for breast cancer. A promotional board has been on display in the community at different locations. Leo's support the lions and we are pleased to have them help, "Great job guys"

White Cane Weekend was a rainy time for the Branch members, but in just four hours Clarksburg Branch members, Lions Su and Shyue Huang collected the highest amount at the Giant, a total of \$139.92. Not bad!

Many pairs of used eye glasses were turned in by Lions Su and Shyue Huang from the Clarksburg area pick up locations. This is wonderful, the Parent Club was presented an award for the 3rd highest in Dist. 22-C for used eye glass collecting. Congratulations! Super Job.

The Clarksburg Branch partners with other area organizations at various events to spread the word about Lions and how "WE SERVE" our communities of Damascus and Clarksburg.

"Together we can make it happen" all Lions working toward one goal.

We appreciate your help and support you have given for the past year.

DAMASCUS LIONS NIGHT OUT AT THE BALL GAME

By Lion Mary France Gosnell

Come and join your fellow Lions for a Night Out at the Keys Game on Tuesday, July 14 at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick. The game starts at 7 pm. Reserved Seat Tickets are \$8.00. Reservations need to be made by July 1 with Lion Tom Jackson or Lion Mary Frances. Make checks payable to Mary Frances Gosnell, as she is reserving the tickets.

The Keys are playing Kinston that evening. We will have our Damascus Lions name on the tickets and we will be announced as being in attendance.

You need to provide your own transportation. The food court offers hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, pizza, chicken and fries.

So bring your family and your friends. The Keys will know that the Damascus Lions are there.

Looking forward to a fun night at the ball game!

Remarks by Outgoing President

By IPP King Lion Eloise Woodfield

This has been a remarkable evening, as I am about to close my year as your President on July 1st, I would like to say we have had good times, not so good times, happy times and sad times. SAD TIMES were the passing of three great Lions, Lions Albert Warfield, Mark Sain, and Maurice "Butch" Purdum. These Lions were an asset to our club and we were honored to call them Lions of the Damascus Lions Club, each truly followed the Lions motto "We Serve."

GOOD TIMES were having Lions doing things together, helping with activities, events, social times and visitations to other clubs, exchanging ideas, and best of all sharing a laugh with fellow Lions, as we supported each other and with helping people less fortunate.

NOT SO GOOD TIMES were few, and best not remembered. An old saying is "remember the good times," and that is what I want to keep in my memory as I continue to serve as a Damascus Lion.

HAPPY TIMES were gaining eight new Lions this year; "wow" what a wonderful memory. These new Lions bring in new talents, support and fellowship to not just the members of Damascus/Clarksburg Lions, but to the surrounding communities, with bringing our service to all as Lions we serve. Also, the starting of the new Leo Club at Clarksburg High School with a total of 42 youth.



Lastly I would like to congratulate everyone here tonight for all they have done this past year. The slate of new officers inducted here tonight by PDG Mike Bleything are taking on a lot of responsibilities in the coming year. As I say farewell to being president of the best Lions club in District 22-C, with a grand total of 93

members who participated in numerous events and activities. Summing it up, this has been a fantastic year and we can be proud to say we accomplished and stand up to the Lions' motto "WE SERVE."

As King Lion I have had the opportunity to grow with receiving more knowledge of Lionism. I have gained experience with community outreach projects and the fellowship has been outstanding. All of these things have enriched my life. I say "THANK YOU!" and a "SPECIAL thank you" to my Partner in Life and my secretary, Gentleman Lion Tuck, for helping me with all the duties and ups and downs of being King Lion and just to be there when I needed someone to lean on. And now to close this chapter in my book of life, I will be going on with Leadership starting the position of District Zone Chairperson for the Governor and the new cabinet in the year 2009-2010. I can tell you that "Together we can make it happen and add" WE DID"



Thank you Lions, It was a good year.

Lions Flea Market

By Lion Jerry (Warfield) Mallack

As part of the *Celebrate Damascus Days*, the Damascus Lions Club will be hosting a **Flea Market** at the corner of Route 124 (Woodfield Rd.) and Route 108 (Main Street) on Saturday, July 11, 2009.

Come join us for a day full of family fun!

Space is limited; so please submit your form (on our website) early; postmarked no later than Tuesday, June 30, 2009. 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 area only.

All vendors are encouraged to open for business by 9:00 AM and stay until closing time 4:00PM. Tables and chairs NOT provided.

For those Lions who are unable to help with the running of the Flea Market, **please made a donation – any amount – for this is a fund raising activity.** Since it is not directly located next to the car show this year, attendance is off a bit, so any donation would be greatly appreciated. A check for the flea market fundraiser can be mailed to the club, mailed to me or given to me at a meeting before the July 11th event.

Cookies in Heaven?

An elderly man lay dying in his bed. In death's agony, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookies wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled down the stairs.

With labored breath, he leaned against the door-frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven: there, spread out upon waxed paper on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies. Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table, landing on his knees in a rumpled posture. His parched lips parted: the wondrous taste of the cookie was already in his mouth, seemingly bringing him back to life.

The aged and withered hand trembled on its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked with aspatula by his wife.

"Stay out of those," she said, "they're for the funeral."

Pictures from the picnic

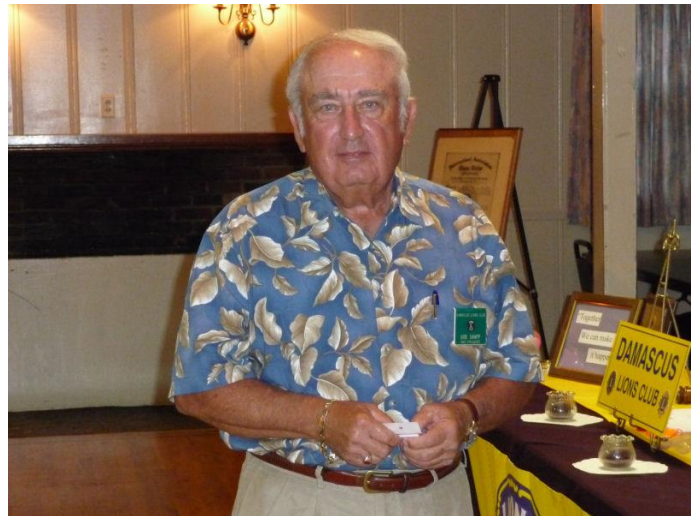
Our June 2nd meeting was held at the Hertels. Thanks Charlie and Tammy.



Lion's picnic at Charlie & Tammy Hertel's



Pictures from Installation Night



Installation night chairman Bob Snapp





SENIOR CENTER BIRTHDAY PARTY

By Lion Sue Suddath

On July 10th the Damascus Lions are having their July Birthday Party at the Damascus Senior Center for the attendees. They look forward to the Lions shenanigans and the honoring of all that have birthdays in July.

We will entertain with games and prizes and have a sing-a-long. We will also have refreshments for the guys and gals in attendance and the Senior Center Staff.

Lions are encouraged to come to the Senior Center at 12:30 to join in with the party and help. The attendees need a partner to help them sometimes.

We always have a great time!

Sixth Annual Lions Gold Tournament

By Lion John Warfield, Chairman

The annual golf tournament was held on June 8 at Beaver Creek Country Club. There were 113 golfers who participated. Nine club members played. We sold \$36 hole sponsorships at \$50 each. Eight club members purchased holes. Nine members helped the day of the tournament with registration, the 50/50 drawing, selling mulligans and monitoring holes. Special thanks go to Lions Rusty and Dee for furnishing numerous door prizes.

Our club realized a profit of \$6,712.00 from this event. If you played, bought a hole, furnished a door prize or helped in some other way, you had a hand in this successful fundraiser. Many thanks.



Good eats after a game of golf
Damascus Lion's golf Tournament 2009



Lion John & Lion Mike call out winners at 2009 Lion's Golf Tournament

CELEBRATE DAMASCUS PARADE

By KL Mary Frances Gosnell

The “8th Annual Celebrate Damascus Parade will be on Friday, July 10th When the Town of Damascus helps kick off the 14th Annual Celebrate Damascus event of Saturday, July 11th.”

And the Damascus Lions plan to have a float in the parade. We will need Lions to help decorate the float and to walk or ride in the parade greeting the crowds along the way. To participate in the Lions float in the parade, we will congregate in the High School parking lot by 6:30.

More information will be available at the July 7th meeting and via email in regard to the decorating process.