



The President's Message

WHEE - September was a nonstop Merry-Go-Round! Although it was busy days and weeks, the Damascus Lions all came together, took leadership roles and worked in rain and sunny days to tell our community it takes a village to make a good Lions Club. We are alive and well!



My Thanks and Appreciation goes to –

1. Those involved with the Damascus Community Fair -
 - All the Lions who assisted Lion Tess Gladhill with the Community Fair entries
 - Lion Lenora Kish heading up the Popcorn Booth
 - Lion Joy Schwab for the Promotional Display
 - All the Lions who assisted Lion Eloise Woodfield with Grandparent Day
2. Lion Ann Davis who attended the Hospice Caring Butterfly Release in honor of Hospice Caring 20 years of Service
3. Lion Wayne Marr, his Lion Day Managers and all Lions who stood out on White Cane Days
4. Lion Charlie Hertel, his parents and all Lions who assisted with the Blood Drive.
5. Lion Jerry Mallack who chaired the Damascus Heritage Day Booth and all the Lions who helped man the booth.
6. Lion Gary Rogers for recognizing and executing a Fund Raising effort.
7. Lion Joy Schwab and her Membership Committee for a very informative Prospective Member Night.

There are so many of you Lions who work continually behind the scenes, so silently and relentlessly to keep our club motivated and working throughout the community in the name of Lionism; so many of you whose work goes unnoticed. My hat and appreciation is extended to you. You are the backbone of our club. You are the perfect example of TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More - District Governor Bill's motto.

As we move into October, we will have had Basket Bingo and will be celebrating 63 years of service at our 64th Charter Night.

I encourage all of you to take the initiative to get Pancake Breakfast Tickets from Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath to sell, tell them that you can help with the Pancake Breakfast and what time and offer your help in

preparation of the breakfast on October 17. Oh, those pancakes and sausage!

A beautiful autumn is promised - Enjoy it!

And remember - ask your relatives and friend if they would like to know more about Lions, especially Damascus Lions!

2nd Annual Damascus Heritage Day – Sept. 20, 2009

By Lion Jerry Mallack

The Damascus Lions Club participated in the 2nd Annual Damascus Heritage Day that was held on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009.

The weather was beautiful, the various vendors delightful, the Turkey Shoot interesting, the music provided by local musicians was wonderful and loud, and the Lions that participated had a great time. I wish to thank Lion Tuck Woodfield for his assistance in setting up the tent for the Lion's display. I wish to thank Lions Marcia Holpuch; who should be recognized for being the "Greenest Lion" there by peddling her bike to the event, Lion Ann Davis, Lion Frank Burlas, Lion Joy Schwab and Lion Tom Jackson for their help and assistance with the Lions' booth. We had several people inquire into our service activities where upon we supplied brochures and membership information. The "Golden Lion Star" goes to Lion Ann Davis for her efforts in selling our "Papa John Fundraiser Cards"; she sold 10 through out the day and she also sold tickets for the upcoming Basket/Pottery Bingo. Well done Lion Ann! And I wish to thank KL Mary Frances and Lion Joy for putting together the information sheets and posters that were displayed in our booth. It looked great. I must add that a good time was had by all! Thanks again for those that came out and hung out and worked at the Lions Booth.



Lions Fran Burlas & Ann Davis
Damascus Heritage Day 2009

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 2 – Basket Bingo at the DVFD Activities Center
Oct. 6 – Charter Night; location TBA
Oct 13 – Board Meeting at the Recreation Center
Oct. 17 – Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UM Church
Oct 20 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church
Nov. 3 – Dinner Meeting- Business Appreciation Night at Wesley Grove UM Church
Nov 10 – Board Meeting at the Recreation Center
Nov 17 – Dinner Meeting - Spouse Night at Wesley Grove UM Church
Nov 20-21 – Holiday Giving Project; location TBD
Nov 23 – Blood Drive at DVFD Activities Center
Dec. 1 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UM Church
Dec. 4 – Senior Birthday Party at Senior Center
Dec. 8 – Board Meeting at the Recreation Center
Dec. 15 – Holiday Party at Damascus UM Church
Dec 16 – 19: Holiday Giving Project at Damascus UM Church

Birthdays

Lions:

Oct. 4 Barbara Barry
Oct. 8 Ray Molesworth
Oct. 11 Midge Tench
Oct. 15 Pattu Durairaj
Oct. 26 Christine Fletcher
Oct. 26 Lee Sellers
Oct. 28 Rodney Duvall
Oct. 30 Charles Stone

Partners-in-Service

Oct. 15 – Shannon Holpuch
Oct. 28 – Tom Kish

Anniversaries

Oct. 2 - Thelma and Lee Sellers
Oct. 3 – Peggy and Ray Sicotte
Oct. 12 - Tori and Matt Tomlinson
Oct. 25 – Marcia and Charlie Holpuch

Lion Joann Woodson Honored

Submitted by Lion Jerry Mallack

Lion Joann Woods was honored for her contributions to the community. The picture and write-up are from the Montgomery County website.



The Neal Potter Path of Achievement Awards honor County residents age 60 and over whose work and spirit have led to special accomplishments in personal and community endeavors. Pictured above at the 2008 Path of Achievement awards ceremony with County Executive Isiah Leggett are winners (l to r) Irene Spector, John G. Miers, Ruth Emerson, John Lopes, and Joann Woodson.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2009

King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. In attendance were Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie Stone, Ken Phillips, Mike Thornett, Tony Barry, Marcia Holpuch, Ray Molesworth, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Tess Gladhill, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Gary Rogers, Eloise Woodfield and Martin Carr.

Tom Jackson distributed the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved with a correction to the date for the Damascus Heritage Day to the 20th of September and the Montgomery Fair starting on the 14th of August.

Tony Barry, club treasurer, gave the club financial report. For the month of July most of the activity was for dues and meals with the club showing a net gain of \$493.40. The report was accepted as presented.

Mike Thornett, foundation treasurer, presented the foundation financial report. The report showed a net income of \$640 for the month however for the year the foundation is still running a deficit. It is expected that other fundraisers will cover this deficit later in the year. The report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

The proposed changes to the club by-laws were discussed and approved by the board. These changes will be forwarded to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their action and approval by the club membership.

The fleas market held at Celebrate Damascus was revisited. Tess Gladhill will follow-up on the flea market with the Celebrate Damascus Committee and report back to the board on their plans for next year. The effectiveness of the flea market as a fundraiser is still a question. Jerry Mallack will attend the next meeting of the Celebrate Damascus Committee. The club is still in need of a chairman for the flea market effort if it is continued next year.

Jerry Mallack has volunteered the chair the club effort at Damascus Heritage Day to be held at the Isaac Walton League. That effort will be an information and member recruitment booth.

Tony Barry reported that the new LED bulbs for the Christmas wreathes really provide an improvement to the look. He was given approval to order bulbs and make the changes. Funding for this effort was approved at a previous meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Kidney Foundation is looking for support at a fund raising walk. They are asking for walkers or a team of walkers to solicit donations. Marcia Holpuch will announce this effort at the next dinner meeting and provide the information to any one interested.

Del Mayhew has reported that the eyeglass collection box at the fire station (a retired mail box) is in need of some repairs. Marcia Holpuch volunteered Charlie Holpuch to check on these repairs with Del.

Joy Schwab, membership chairman, outlined plan for New Members Night and her plans for recruitment during the year. She is working closely with Bob Newlin in this effort.

Joy also presented to the board to resignation of Matt Alsante from the club. His resignation was accepted and will be reported resigning in good standing to Lions International.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary.

September Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Blood Coordinator

At the blood drive on September 21, we collected 81 units of blood, bringing our total for the year to date up 195 units. Thanks to all who helped – it is much appreciated!!!!

Our next drive is Oct. 22 at Damascus United Methodist Church from 1:00pm to 7:00pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Eye Glass Drop Boxes

By Lion Del Mayhew

There are 2 more drop boxes not listed last issue:

- Long & Foster Real Estate Co. – 9815 Main Street, Damascus
 - Sandy Spring Bank – 26250 Ridge Road, Damascus
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Fall 2009 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chairman

Thank you, all Lions who participated in our Fall 2009 White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,270.53. This collection will fund about 12 eye appointments and new

glasses for needy Damascus-area citizens. Twenty-nine Damascus Lions contributed to White Cane week this Fall. Please put "Lion" in front of every name in this article. I can't afford the fines.

Special Recognitions:

- The Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club Recognition goes to Warren and Joy Schwab. At the new Safeway on Friday evening, they collected \$127.94. Between the two, they know just about every person in Damascus; and that made the difference!
- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion is a split decision between Charlie Hertel and Sue Suddath.
 - Several Lions worked two shifts, but Charlie worked them back-to-back. Four continuous hours of White Cane is very hard to do. It takes both stamina and courage. Thanks, Charlie!
 - Sue Suddath had barely arrived for her White Cane duty at CVS on Saturday morning (right after completing her graveyard shift at her workplace), when a bee stung her on the hand. By the time the shift ended, her hand was very swollen and painful. Nevertheless, she completed her shift and collected a goodly sum in the process. That's courage, folks.

Here are the Damascus Lions who gave unselfishly of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): B. Barry, Burlas(2), Davidson, Davis, Gladhill, Gosnell(2), C. Hertel(2), Hibbard(2), C. Holpuch, M. Holpuch, Jackson(2), Mallack, Molesworth, D. Reichmeider, R. Reichmeider, Rogers, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, Stanley, Ch. Stone, Suddath, Tench, Thornett, Washington. Special thanks go to our reliable Managers of the Day: Bill Mahylis, Ken Phillips, and Del Mayhew...and to our meticulous Money Counters: Del Mayhew, George Hibbard, and Tom Jackson.

Do you have any special stories about unusual occurrences during White Cane Week? Please provide them to me and I'll see that they get published.

I'm excited about the new Safeway store and the very Pro-Lion attitudes of the management there. Next Spring, we will try both entrances. As you can see, I caught one of them for a picture with Charlie Stone. Tom & Ray's and CVS also continuously support our Club without reservation. We should support them in kind. When in these Damascus establishments, please express your

gratitude to the management for allowing White Cane to do its work there. Thanks. -Wayne Marr



IPP Lion Eloise & Lion Tuck
Damascus Heritage Day

Grandparents Program

By IPP Lion Eloise Woodfield/Pictures by Lion Tuck Fair Historian

The Annual Grandparents Program held at Damascus Community Fair was centered around the TV Show, called Dancing with the Stars, The Master of Ceremony was fair Superintendent Eloise Woodfield, she asked lions to come help out with the program and be Stars for the

afternoon. Stars were introduced as Jitterbug Baby Tess Gladhill, Our Rumba Mama Ann Davis, and the Man about town was Dave Davidson, all danced with volunteers from the crowd and were awarded prizes. Judging the contest were the Popcorn Lady, Mary Frances Gosnell, Your Majesty Midge Tench and the Lovely lively woman, Gail Davidson. Each gave reasons about the couples dancing and were picked to receive first, second, and third in the contest.

Other Games were played such as how many items do you have from a list, one of the items asked for was a hundred dollar bill? Three of our grandparents had one.

A long time favorite, the old fashion cake walk was enjoyed by many, with six cup cakes given out to lucky winners.

Everyone that attended received a Book Mark Ruler, saying, given in memory of Buck and Ethel Gladhill, by Gladhill Bros. in Damascus.

This was the 17th annual Grandparents Day Recognition Program to honor this Special Day

Lions were wearing different hats in many places at the Damascus Community Fair, held each Sept.



Lion Lenora Kish's Grandson at Community Fair



Joke

Submitted by Marcia Holpuch

[Direct your groans toward her.]

A pastor who was badly overworked went to the local medical center and was able to have a clone made. The clone was like the pastor in every respect--except that the clone used extraordinarily foul language. The cloned pastor was exceptionally gifted in many other areas of pastoral work, but finally the complaints about the dirty language were too much. The pastor was not too sure how to get rid of the clone so that it wouldn't look like murder. The best thing, he decided, was to make the clone's death look like an accident. So the pastor lured the clone onto a bridge in the middle of the night and pushed the clone off the bridge.

Unfortunately there was a police officer who happened by at that very moment and arrested the pastor for making an obscene clone fall.

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

No matter how rainy, misty or miserable the weather may have been, you could still smell the popcorn popping from across the fair grounds of the Damascus Community Fair for 3 days. Vendors under the tent would be getting a bag of popcorn early in the AM as they caught that popcorn whiff floating under the tent. The school children came in rain coats and umbrellas to see the animals, chickens, ducks, geese and donkey as well as the indoor exhibits of flowers, baked goods, sewing, fruits and vegetables, woodworking, photography, art work, hand crafts, and educational books and booths. And the building was very well stocked with exhibits. All of these exhibitors were saying "Look world at what I can do"! And it is so important to these children, teens and adults to be recognized for their efforts.

The Lions will be presenting \$50 to the child and the teen for the most exhibits entered in the fair at Damascus Community Fair Banquet. The Lions also awarded \$50 Savings Bond for a winner in the Coloring Contest. And Lions gave fresh popcorn to the fair goers, while many Lions are involved with managing an activity of the fair or assisting with the fair in many ways.

It is a community effort directed by a Board of Directors who are active members of the Damascus area. The Damascus Community Fair is a non-profit organization continuing a tradition started by the Damascus High School FFA and then, the FFA Alumni saw it beneficial to continue this effort. It truly is an educational and healthy project especially for our youth of today.

Our Promotional Booth gathered 6 Prospective Lion names through signing up for a free give-away, had inquiries about the Blood Drive and collected used eye glasses as well. Thanks to all who helped with the Popcorn and Promotional Booth and in many other facets of the Damascus Community Fair.

Papa John Fund Raiser

By Lion Gary Rogers

Hi Fellow Lion's,

We are doing great with this fund raiser, selling these Papa John "fund raising" cards. If you can use more cards,

please ask and I'll get them to you. This fund raiser runs through the end of October.

Remember, you can sell them to people at your work, church, Realtors, and each card is good for a year no matter how many times it is used!

That's \$15 to our club and the buyer gets a years worth of discounts at any Papa John's in the area.

Call me, and for those who owe me money please send it in or let me know so I can mark it paid on the sheet.

All checks made to Damascus Lions club.

Thanks SOOOOO Much.

A Little Rural Humor

Submitted by Lion Marcia

A man owned a small farm in South Carolina. The South Carolina Wage & Hours Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him. "I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them", demanded the Agent.

"Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$400.00 a week plus free room and board. The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$300.00 per week plus free room and board. Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10.00 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of Jack Daniels every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to....the half-wit", says the Agent.

"That would be me," replied the farmer.