



The President's Message

My Grandmother would say, "As the Ole Fellows said" and she would quote an old saying. So I say, "Since it is too wet to plow, I think I will talk with the Lions!"



And that is what I enjoy – talking with each of you, keeping up on what is going on and how everyone is doing!

So here we go: My sincere appreciation goes to –

- Lion Bob Snapp for organizing a great 64th Charter Night for us. And also, to all of you who attended. I enjoyed it and thought we had a great evening.
- Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath for a great Fall Pancake Dinner. Also to all the Lions who assisted them on Friday and Saturday. It was another great time of working together.
- The Leos who helped with the Pancake Breakfast. It is always good to have some youthful, smiling faces to keep the momentum going.
- All the Lions who sponsored and filled baskets, who help set up of Thursday and all who helped on Friday. Was a great evening.
- Lion Gary Rogers for heading up the Papa Johns Fund Raising effort. He isn't finished yet!

My Sincere Congratulations to the Charter Night recipients -

- Lion Ann Davis who was awarded the Emerson Slacum Community Service Award
- Lions Shyue and Su Huang for being Lions of the Year
- Lion Tom Jackson for receiving the Lion of the Years Award
- Lion Ken King for receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship
- Lion Jack Peters for receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship
- Lion Walt Shipley's spouse, Pat, and his family for accepting posthumously a Melvin Jones Fellowship for Lion Walt.

All of whom are most deserving of being acknowledged for their years of service to Lionism.

I welcome our new member, Alice Denell, to the Damascus Lions Club. Alice is manager of the Sandy

Spring Bank in Damascus. Please give Alice a warm welcome into our club.

With the Holiday Season fast approaching, we will turn our thoughts to our Holiday Giving Project. Please look for a Time Table in this newsletter for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas projects

Again, I express a sincere THANK YOU to all of you for your support in our very busy September and October projects. It takes us all to make it happen and we do it very well!

Enjoy the autumn leaf raking!!!!

Charter Night Summary

By Lion Bob Snapp, Chair

The sixty-fourth Charter Night was held on Oct 6th at the Red Horse Restaurant, Frederick Maryland, with seventy-five Lions and guests in attendance.

Highlights of the celebration included District Governor Bill Thomas giving some inspirational words to all.

Several awards were given to worthy Lions who served our club well over the past years. Those receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship, giving them a lifetime membership, were Lions Ken King, Jack Peters and posthumously Walt Shipley.

For dedicated community service, Lion Ann Davis was presented the Emerson Slacum Award.

The Lion of the Year Award was given to the husband and wife team of Shyue and Su Huang for there dedicated zeal and enthusiastic Lionism.

The Lion of the Years presentation was awarded to Lion Tom Jackson for his many years of unselfish work for the club and the community.

In recognition of past Lions achievement, an award was given to Past District Governor Cal McMillion by Past District Governor Jim Belcher.

Also in attendance as Lions' guests were five widows of past club members. It was good seeing and sharing memories with those ladies.

Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all in attendance.

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Upcoming Events

- 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:

- Nov. 4 Mary Frances Gosnell
- Nov. 6 Tessie Gladhill
- Nov. 11 Tim Dissmeyer
- Nov. 11 Jennifer Warfield
- Nov. 12 Mike Thornett
- Nov. 17 Tammy Hertel
- Nov. 21 Matt Tomlinson
- Nov. 29 Peggy Stone

Partners-in-Service

- Nov. 4 Frann Peters
- Nov. 20 Karen Duplan
- Nov. 20 Helen Mahylis
- Nov. 21 Jonnie Jackson
- Nov. 22 Bill Poole
- Nov. 24 Naomi Marr

Anniversaries

- Nov. 22 Carol and Charles Stone
 - Nov. 28 Happy and Ken King
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Membership Korner

By Lions Joy, Bobbie, and Jerry

Welcome to Lion Alice Denell. She was inducted at our October 20th meeting.

Lions, let's keep trying to get more members by asking others to join. It's not hard, just ask. You may surprise yourself.

BASKET BINGO

By KL Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

Although ticket sales were a bit short from previous years, the bottom line shows that the players not only supported us with their attendance but with sharing their dollars as well. The evening was one that was kept in order by our favorite caller, Ronnie Watkins. The sales of extra games, Specials and Raffles were exceptional. Lion Warren treated the ticket holders with a free game for bringing in a pair of glasses. He collected 105 pairs. Lion Pattu would not let up until the last minute with the 50/50 bringing in a net of \$150. And Lions Bob and Rusty walked the floor selling other games. I could go on and on with Lions who helped either or both nights to make the evening go smoothly. The out pouring of help from Lions, family and friends was so much appreciated. I overheard the "Lion Gals" saying that they really appreciated not having to lug those heavy tables and chairs this year. Over half of the baskets were sponsored by Lions and all but two of the baskets were filled by Lions donations.

We sold 116 tickets, and awarded a total of 45 baskets or pottery during the evening. Our profit, although we didn't meet budget, will be \$ 4,000.

A huge vote of gratitude to all the Lions who participated in making this year's Basket Bingo a success.

It is events like this that brings the Lions together; to work together and to have fun together! Thank you!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2009

King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. In attendance were Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Marcia Holpuch, Barbara Barry, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Tess Gladhill, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab and Gary Rogers.

The minutes of the September board meeting were published in the October Lions Tale. All those present indicated that they had read the minutes and had no corrections or additions. The minutes were approved as published.

The club financial report was presented by Lion Tony Barry. A monthly income of \$2237.07 was reported and expenditures of \$1774.83. Most of the financial activity was for meals and dues. The year-to-date data shows a surplus of approximately \$1200. The report was approved as presented.

The foundation financial report was presented by Lion Marcia Holpuch. An income of \$1706 and expenses of \$145 were reported. To-date figures show a deficit of approximately \$4400. However most the fundraisers have not occurred and it is expected that budget will be maintained as the year progresses. The report was approved as presented.

In the secretary report, Lion Ken Phillips presented the status of club dues received to date. A number of members have not paid their dues. Sponsors will be contacted to remind members to get the dues in. Also, Ken read a letter from a family with a child who is legally blind and in need of a video magnifier to assist in reading. They were asking for financial assistance to purchase this equipment. The club has two of these units that were donated a few months ago. Lion Mary Frances will contact the family to arrange for the child to try the units we have to see if they would be sufficient.

King Lion Mary Frances announced that District 22-C was holding a seminar on membership development and retention and a leadership training retreat. Also, the Low Vision Research Center will hold a reception and tour. Any one wishing to attend these events can obtain additional information from Lion Mary Frances.

The membership committee submitted to new members to be approved by the board. Alice Denell was presented and approved. Cindy Rogers was presented to be an honorary member and she was also approved. Installation will be conducted on Oct 20th. Also, Lion

David Warfield was approved to convert from honorary status to active member status.

OLD BUSINESS

It is estimated that Basket Bingo will clear about \$4000.00 despite lower attendance this year. A final total will be reported at the next meeting.

Plans for the Pancake Breakfast are continuing. Lion Joy is still looking for additional help with set-up, serving and kitchen duties.

It was reported that Lion Bob Newlin and the By-Laws committee are still working on changes to the By-laws concerning the board-meeting quorum.

Lions Jerry Mallack and Mary Frances Gosnell attended a meeting of the Celebrate Damascus committee. Plans for next year are being work and the flea market will likely moved to the activity building grounds next year. Lion Tess Gladhill has volunteered to chair our efforts. It was pointed out that the parade might be cancelled due to safety concerns.

The new bulbs and bows for the holiday wreathes have been received. However Lion Tony Barry reported another problem for this effort. The County plans to replace the lampposts in town with taller posts sometime in the next two years. It is felt that they will be too high for us to put the wreaths on and would be up too high for them to be seen. Lion Tony is in contact with the county to see if any other alternatives are available.

Lion Tom Jackson reported that the new logos have been mounted on the signs at the entrances to town. One of the old signs will be given to Lion Tess to be mounted on Lion Buck's bell tower.

NEW BUSINESS

The student loan report was presented by Lion Mary Frances. There are 6 active loans that are being repaid and 5 dormant loans to students that are still in school. The total outstanding balance for these is \$34,065.17. The report was accepted as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary

HOLIDAY BASKETS

By KL Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

The Time Line for the Holiday Giving Project found elsewhere in this issue is subject to change. I would suggest checking the Damascus Lions Web site frequently for changes. And the reason for this unsettledness is that we are not scheduled to get our family names until Nov 6 at the

latest. We will have only a week to get in contact with the families or to find them, verify the info we need, and get it in format for the Nov. 17th meeting. It will be a crucial time!

The Damascus Lions have elected to take 30 families again this year. However, the Board gave the approval of serving up to 5 more if we need to. Faith Connections, Inc. formerly known as DELIA, will receive the approved family names from Montgomery County and are expecting approximately 300 compared to 250 last year. So we have pressure from both ends - the need is greater yet we expect the fund availability will be less. We will all strive to be prudent in our purchasing of clothing and foods and ask that you as Lions, who so unselfishly buy gifts for the children, do the same. Kohl's has agreed to give us 20% our purchases on our shopping spree.

Should you have any questions or would like to volunteer in some way, please contact Lion Mary Frances.

HOLIDAY BASKET 2009 TIME LINE

Thanksgiving Deliveries:

- Nov. 3 - Sign up sheets available at dinner meeting for sorting and Delivery Teams for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 19 - 3pm Pickup Food from Rocky Hill Middle School
- Nov. 20 - 2pm Pickup Food from Damascus High School
- Nov. 20 - 1pm Sort food and pack boxes at Damascus Motors
- Nov. 21 - 8am Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets from Damascus Motors to recipients

Christmas Deliveries:

- Nov. 17 - Children's names will be distributed for Lions to purchase a toy/gift for a child.
- Dec. 1 - Sign up sheets for duties and Delivery Teams for Christmas delivery
- Dec. 2 - Shopping Spree to purchase clothing for children
- Dec. 15 - Lions bring wrapped gifts that they purchased to the Holiday Party
- Dec. 16 - 12 Noon Pickup Food from John T. Baker Middle School
- Dec. 16 - 2 pm Pickup Food from NRC
- Dec. 16 - 2pm Move food to Damascus UM Church
- Dec. 16 - 8pm sort the food at Damascus UM Church
- Dec. 17 - Noon to 5pm - Pack and wrap at Damascus UM Church
- Dec. 18 - Noon to 5 pm Pack at Damascus UM Church

Dec. 19 - 8am Deliver Christmas Food and Gifts from Damascus UM Church to recipients

DAMASCUS LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE/CRAFT TABLE

By Lion Joy Schwab, Chair

The Fall Pancake Breakfast and Bake/Craft Table event was held Saturday, October 17, from 7-11am at Damascus United Methodist Church Dining Room. On Friday, October 16, Bob Newlin, George Hibbard, Bill Mahylis, Dave Davidson and Warren Schwab set up the Dining Room ready for Saturday morning. Carol Richards of Carol's Creations brought flowers for the tables.

Early Saturday morning the food and drinks were prepared. This included the pancakes, sausage, biscuits, creamed chipped beef, home fries, scrambled eggs, hot apples, orange juice, coffee and hot tea. Bake/Craft items arrived; we were ready. The ticket count of those served was 215. This was less than usual, but those who came enjoyed the food and time spent together. Those helping were Lions Barbara and Tony Barry, Fran Burlas, Ann Davis, Bernie Duplan, Chris Fletcher, Charlie and Tammy Hertel, Su Huang, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Jerry Mallak, Ray Molesworth, Bob Newlin, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Dee and Rusty Reichmeider, Warren Schwab, Bob Snapp, Roy Stanley, Midge Tench, Bobbie Warfield, Eloise and "Tuck" Woodfield; Volunteers David McReynolds and Stephanie Huang; Leos Silvia Argueta, Elizabeth Barry, Casey Brown, Natalie Dagher, Keith Dalven, Natalee and Roseryn Jarintra, Caitlin Jones and Joseph Rogers.

The Bake/Craft Table received donations from Ann Davis, Tess Gladhill, Mary Frances Gosnell, Irene Hardy, Viola Hibbard, Marcia Holpuch, Su Huang, Helen Mahylis, Jennifer Molesworth, Fran Peters, Sue Phillips, Carol Richards, and Joy Schwab. The profit was \$227.

Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath thank each and every one of you for your help. Reminder: There will be another one in March 2010. We hope you will be able to help.