



The President's Message

While you are dreaming of planting seeds, fertilizing the lawn, watching the first crocuses bloom, just remember as of this newsletter, Spring is not far away - just 18 days. **THINK SPRING!**

While at our last meeting I said that the groundhog didn't see his shadow, I think I must have had my hood over my head too far! In my lifetime in the Plateau of Maryland, I have seen the likes of this winter before but certainly not recently. But I do know that I have seen the wind cause more problems than it did this time. Snow drifts up to the telephone poles! The good thing is that we have all survived! Hope you had time for some good ole homemade soup, a good book and time with the family.



At the February 2nd meeting, we acknowledged and honored Charter First Lady Ruby Hyatt and our first lady member, Lion Helen Boyer for their support and work with the Damascus Lions. A donation in honor of First Lady Ruby was sent to the Laytonsville Elementary School for a project that "Miss" Ruby will help select. A donation in honor of Lion Helen Boyer was sent to the Women's Board of Montgomery General Hospital. Lion Helen is a Charter Member of the Board and instrumental in leading many of their projects.

Although our Board Meeting and second Dinner Meeting were cancelled and our activities were limited, we continued on in support of our members and community.

Associate Member Lion Rodney Duvall died on February 10. Our Lions participated in a Memorial Service for Lion Rodney. Thanks to all 18 of the Lions who came and stood in honor of our deceased member. The Damascus and Zephyrhills Lions supported the Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. in serving meals to the Duvall Family on Monday night and at the Tuesday Reception.

Partner-In-Service Martha Slacum died Feb 19. Martha was the widow of Charter Member Emerson Slacum.

Please keep both the Duvall and the Slacum families in your thoughts and prayers.

Welcome to new members, Cheryl Wyatt and Cindee Rogers! We look forward to working with these new Lions. Also, Welcome to new member, Lauren McCormick, Leo Advisor at Damascus High School.

We have many great projects and fundraising events coming up. I trust all of you will lend your support to help these events be successful ones.

Thank you for being a Lion, a Damascus Lion!

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

By KL Mary Frances Gosnell

We are truly fortunate to have Lion Bob Newlin induct two new members at the last meeting, namely, Cheryl Wyatt and Cindee Rogers. The "Hobo" never lets a chance go by that he doesn't "act" a bit! And this induction was no different. Welcome Lions and we look forward to working with you!

February 25, four Lions attended the Damascus High School Leo Meeting whereby their advisor, Lauren McCormick, was inducted into the Damascus Lions. There were 16 Leos present. Lion McCormick is unable to attend a Lions Meeting as she is in grad school part-time and her classes are on Tuesday nights. Thus, we found an alternative meeting to make her a member. Welcome, Lauren!



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Upcoming Events

Mar. 2: Dinner Meeting (Prospective Member Night) at Wesley Grove UMC
Mar. 9: Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros.
Mar. 15: Blood Drive at DVFD Activities Center
Mar. 16: Dinner Meeting (In-House Auction) at Wesley Grove UMC Church
Mar. 20: Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UMC Church
Apr. 6: Dinner Meeting (New Member Induction) at Wesley Grove UMC Church
Apr. 13: Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros.
Apr. 17: Big Band Dance at the American Legion
Apr. 20: Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC Church
Apr. 24: 22C Night at Greater Waldorf Jaycees Ctr
May 4: Youth Night at Damascus UMC Church
May 5-8: White Cane around town
May 11: Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros.
May 18: Dinner Meeting - Leo Officer Installation at Wesley Grove UMC Church
May 18-21: Multiple District Convention
Dover, Delaware

Birthdays

Lions:

Mar. 1 – Bobbie Warfield
Mar. 7 - Dave Davidson
Mar. 10 – George Hibbard
Mar. 13 – Leslee Poole
Mar. 24 – Gary Rogers
Mar. 28 - Jack Peters

Partners-in-Service

Mar. 19 - Sue Phillips

Anniversaries

Mar. 12 – Bobbie and John Warfield
Mar. 14 - Tom and Jonnie Jackson
Mar. 30 - Jack and Frann Peters

News about Members

ROSTER UPDATES

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STUDENT LOAN ARTICLE

By King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The article in the last Lions Tale in regard to Student Loans was sent and printed in error. The Student Loan Program has been closed for future lending, an action approved by the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February, 2010

The monthly board meeting for February 9, 2010 was canceled due to weather.

There was one item of business for the board during the month of February and it was handled by a vote via email messages. The board approved for honorary membership, Lauren McCormick, the LEO advisor at Damascus High School. She was inducted during a LEO meeting at the High School on February 24, 2010.

Submitted by

Lion Ken Phillips, Secretary

88 th Multiple District 22 Lions Convention-2010

By IPP Lion Eloise Woodfield

Its convention time again, pack your bags and make your reservations NOW!

When-May 18 -21st

Where- Dover Downs, Delaware

The convention theme this year is "Love, Hope and Friendship"

Reasons to attend: Meet and network with other lions, Attend enlightening seminars and sharing of ideas , Participate in the business of MD 22 and Sub districts in electing District Governors and VD Governors.

Enjoy a Fun time with Fellow lions

Interested lions contact IPP Lion Eloise for information on hotels, schedule and registration/ticket form. Clubs wanting to be seated together should mail all forms with checks in one envelope to the convention committee. Don't wait, the sooner the better. Sign up now....

Also remember to buy your 50/50 convention tickets, NOW,{see lion Eloise for tickets} for the grand drawing on May 21st. at the Victory Luncheon .DONATION \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 You don't need to attend the convention to purchase tickets for the grand drawing.

Big Band Dance

By Lion Carol Stone, Chair

The Damascus Lions Club's 2010 Big Band Dance is just around the corner. Be sure to mark Saturday,

April 17th on your calendar. Dinner and dance (on wood floor) will be held at the Damascus American Legion Post 171 on Lewis Drive in Damascus, MD. Music will be provided by Roland Cumberland and his outstanding Orchestra, featuring "The Swing Set" vocalists trio.

Social hour including full setups will start at 6:00 PM, with dinner at 6:45 PM, followed by dancing from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Dinner also included, will be prepared and served by Paul Black of Tom & Ray's in Damascus. The cost is \$80 per couple; \$40 for singles.

Reservations are needed no later than April 4, 2010. To reserve a specific table location and/or grouping, please call early. Make checks payable to Damascus Lions Club and mail to Lion Carol Stone (address and phone listed below).

All proceeds of the event or any additional donations to Damascus Lion's Club will go back to the community in the form of help for the needy, sick, blind and deaf, youth programs, college loans, scholarships, and blood drives to name a few.

We look forward to seeing you on April 17, 2010 at this special community event. Once again, Damascus Lion's Club thanks you for helping us to support our community.

In-house Auction

By Lion Marcia Holpuch, Chair

The in-house auction will be held Tuesday, March 16. Lion Marcia is challenging all Lions to gather up all our white elephants, services, gift certificates, skills – anything you have that someone else might pay for. Anything is acceptable. If you can carry it in, someone else can carry it out.. If it doesn't sell, you can buy it back and take it home.

Please email or tell Lion Marcia of your donation at the March 2 Lions Meeting.

And remember Lions, This is the only Fund Raiser for US, the Damascus Lions!

The proceeds are for the administrative expenses of the Club!

Bring your spouse, your friends, and your family. It promises to be a fun night!

Pancake Breakfast

By Lion Joy Schwab

LIONS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Damascus Lions spring pancake, sausage & scrambled egg breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, from 7am to 11am.

For Tickets, to Volunteer or for more information - contact Lion Joy Schwab 301-253-3294

BAKE/CRAFT TABLE NEEDS YOUR DONATION, COOKIES, CAKES, BREADS, CANDY & CRAFTS (Or cash if the cook/crafty person is on vacation).

Bring your items/donations for the Bake Table to Damascus UM Church on Friday, Mar. 19 between 1 and 2 pm or before 8:30AM on Saturday, Mar. 20

We need your help in the kitchen and dining room. 5:30 - 8:30 and 8:30 - 11:30 and for the clean-up shift following.

Don't forget to contact Lion Joy Schwab-301-253-3294 or Lion Sue Suddath 301-253-3434 to volunteer or to find out how you can help!

Bake Table proceeds are all profit – Proceeds from breakfast to benefit local community projects.

Tickets - Adults - \$8.00, Children 8 to 4 - \$3.00, Under 4 years old - free

Call Lion Joy 301-253-3294 today to volunteer to help!

CLARKSBURG CORNER

By Coordinator Lion Joann Woodson and Liaison Lion Eloise Woodfield

Snow, snow, and more snow for the lions at Clarksburg Branch. In February phones were ringing and many hours were spent to discuss Lion activities.

White Cane weekend is planned for the spring at Germantown Giant and two local businesses in the Clarksburg Historic District. All money collected adds to the White Cane total of the Parent club, Damascus lions. Sign up to help collect

Many eyeglasses were collected once again by lions Shyue and Su Huang. Eye boxes are located at local areas. Thanks to both of these lions for picking up and chairing this project. "Super Job!"

A wheelchair was on loan to a person at Cedarbrook community church from the Branch closet for two months. Thanks to Lion Joann Woodson

Relay for Life at Clarksburg is new this year. Call Lion Dale Ryan for details about helping with this event.

Think Spring.....

Joke

A group of 40 year old buddies discuss where they should meet for dinner. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gasthof zum Loewen restaurant because the waitresses there have low cut blouses.

10 years later, at 50 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gasthof zum Loewen because the food there is very good and the wine selection is good also.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gasthof zum Loewen because they can eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant is smoke free.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gasthof zum Loewen because the restaurant is wheel chair accessible and they even have an elevator.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gasthof zum Loewen because they have never been there before.