



The President's Message

Dear Fellow Lions,

It's hard to believe that it's September already. The kids are back in school and there's (finally) a hint of fall crispness in the air. It's like a new beginning at the last third of the year. I love the fall with the beautiful colors as the trees give up their leaves and prepare for the winter. Neither the air conditioning nor the heater need to be running! And it marks the start of the football season, too.



August was a busy month for us, just like every other month of the year. Thanks to all the Lions who helped with our projects at the Montgomery County Fair. Lions Gary Rogers & Charlie Hertel play our leading men for ice cream dipping and they really "scooped" the job up! Lions Joy & Mary Frances set up a great looking display featuring Damascus Lions in action at the membership & information table. Lion Gary's role at the district level made sure the space was all spiffed up and ready to go ~ and it sure did look great this year. Lion Charlie lined up plenty of help for our dipping day and there's just not enough space here to list all the club members & Leos who contributed to the fun, but you are all appreciated for your help. I hope you each got an ice cream pin to remember the special day. If you did not and you would like one, please see Lion Gary. He had the pins made in commemoration of our 30th year of ice cream bliss and they are \$3 each. Our second act at the fair starred that snazzy couple, Lions Rusty & Dee Reichmeider, at the Mobile Health Unit (eye bus) on Thursday. They lined up helpers to do vision and hearing screenings to any interested fair goers. They were joined by members of the Potomac Lions Club for part of the afternoon and had a great day of service and fellowship. Thanks again to all who helped and especially the leaders for coordinating these two important projects.

The American Red Cross classically runs low on blood supplies during the summer. It's been that way forever. I've been a blood donor since I was 18 ~ never mind how long that is ~ and every year the blood supply falls dangerously low as people go about their lives with travel and other activities during the summer months and donations drop. Our resident bloodhound, Lion Charlie Hertel, got a call from the Red Cross on Aug. 20th to do an extra blood drive on Aug. 27th. They told him that they expected to collect 300 units of blood. We have some of the

best blood drives around, but on a really great day, we generally collect just a little over 100 units. Now they've changed some of their procedures and they want everyone to have an appointment prior to the drive. In all honesty, we've had some reservations about such a policy. Nevertheless, always willing to help and do what he can, Lion Charlie secured the activity building for the 27th and the Red Cross said they'd take care of the rest. By Wednesday, the drive was loaded with appointments and they were considered "full" and would not be taking any walk-ins. Now granted, they said they'd give a Redskin ticket to all donors, and I'm not sure if that was the draw or what, but when I walked into the building at 10:30 I could not believe my eyes. The room was **packed** with donors and collection chairs and interview booths. Good thing there weren't any flies in the room because I'm pretty sure I just stood there with my mouth agape. "Holy Cow!" was the limit of my vocabulary. It was easily 3 times the set up of our normal blood drive. Lions Joy and Mary Frances gave away popcorn and membership information. I haven't heard the final collection number, but I have little doubt that they reached their goal of 300 units. They put out the call on Facebook and the drive was full before the information ever hit the Gazette on Wednesday. I personally have not jumped on the Facebook bandwagon, and again, whether it was the free Redskin ticket or the Facebook exposure, I couldn't tell you, but that was one "happening" blood drive. After I get this article submitted, I'll create a Facebook page for the club. If this is the kind of result it gets, we want some of it!! We will still be having our "regular" blood drive on Monday the 20th of September. Thanks to all the Lions who helped this event take place, get the room set up, and provide a Lions presence. And especially to Lion Charlie who went the extra mile ~ where there's never a traffic jam.

This month is chock-full of activity, too. We return to Wesley Grove UMC for our meetings tonight. This weekend is the Damascus Community Fair and if you are available on Thursday evening, let Lion Tess know you can help check in fair entries. Any time you can contribute will be appreciated. Even an hour is a great help. We will have the popcorn machine running and giving out free popcorn to all takers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, so see Lion Mary Frances to sign up for a time slot in the booth. Again, even just a little time is a great help. Ideally we should have 2 people in the booth at all times. If everyone put in an hour sometime over the weekend, then the booth would be fully staffed for the full event and [Continued on page 3.]

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Upcoming Events

Sept 7 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Sept 10-12 Damascus Community Fair DVFD Grounds
Sept 14 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Sept 15-18 White Cane – Various locations
Sept 20 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center
Sept 21 Dinner Meeting- Prospective Member Night @
Wesley Grove UM Church

Oct. 5 Charter Night; location TBA
Oct. 8 Basket Bingo @ DVFD Activities Center
Oct 12 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Oct 16 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM Church
Oct 19 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Birthdays

Lions:

Sept. 1 – Carol Stone
Sept. 5 – Rusty Reichmeider
Sept. 15 – Shyue Huang
Sept. 16 – Cheryl Wyatt
Sept. 18 – Mike Bowersox

Partners-in-Service

Sept. 14 Melissa Washington
Sept. 15 Kathy Thornett

Anniversaries

Sept. 5 – Barbara and Tony Barry
Sept. 8 - Del and Bonnie Mayhew
Sept. 9 – John and Shannon Holpuch
Sept. 20 - John and Melissa Washington
Sept. 23 - Bill and Helen Mahylis
Sept. 29 - Wayne and Naomi Marr

Roster Change

New cell number for KL Marcia: 240-380-9405

Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel; aka the “Little Dipper”

What a great year it was dipping ice cream at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair on Tuesday, August 17, 2010. The Damascus Lions Club, along with the Damascus High School Leos, the Baker MS and Rocky Hill MS Leos, and all the partners-in-service did an outstanding job. Tuesday was senior day at the fair and Damascus sold \$8,020.57 worth of ice cream.

Thank you to Lion Doug and Lion Gerta from Laytonsville who ran the ice cream parlor during the week in the pm shift and to our very own lion Gary for his am shift work, in running the parlor all week.

Also I would like to thank all the Lions who went to the dairy barn on Saturday mornings before the fair started and made the building look so nice. Thank you to the Lions Barry (Barbara & Tony) for stocking all the ice cream into the bins with me on Wednesday before the fair started.

I would like thank my wife, Lion Tammy, for giving instructions to all the young Leo volunteers all day behind the counter and for help run the ice cream parlor. And I would like to thank my family who are always involved in our club activities. I would also like to thank the Leo advisers and all their efforts bringing the kids to the ice cream parlor. Without them this would not have been the great success that it was. Our Damascus Lions Club members turned out in great show of support this year and I would like to thank all of them. It is so nice to just have people stop in and visit for the day, it means a lot!!!

I did some calculations and we had over 75 people come in and work in the ice cream booth that day. There were 450 man hours spent running the ice cream parlor. Our lions club will bring in \$1,667.00 for our single day at the fair. What a great job we all did. Thank you for your continued support.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2010

King Lion Marcia Holpuch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Lions Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Tom Jackson, Jack Peters, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Mary Frances Gosnell, Jerry Mallick, Tessie Gladhill, Martin Carr, Chris Fletcher, Midge Tench and Del Mayhew. The minutes of the July 2010 board meeting were published in the August "Lions Tale". With no exceptions or additions the minutes were approved as published. The club financial report for June was presented by Lion Tony Barry. The July 2010 financial reports were approved as presented.

The Club will participate in the Damascus Community Fair during the period of 9/10-11/2010. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell will coordinate the popcorn stand and Lion Joy Schwab will arrange for a display promoting Lionism and the Lions Club of Damascus. Lion Tess Gladhill requested assistance to register the fair entries.

The club received a \$250 donation in the memory of Lion Margaret Duvall from members of the Duvall family. Donations in memory of Lion Margaret were also received from Shirley and Trego Zimmerman, \$50; Zephyrhills Lions Club of Florida, \$250 and MMTA Maryland Movers Conference, \$100.

The board approved a donation of \$105 to Hospice Caring, Inc., "Wings of Caring" in memory of Lions Ken King, Rodney Duvall and Margaret Duvall. A donation of \$100 was also approved to assist the "Faith Connection" with furnishing school supplies to students in need.

The board clarified the recent change in meal prices. The price of a meal at the dinner meeting will be \$15.00 for any guest. This includes spouses and visiting Lions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by Lion Ray Molesworth

Secretary

President's Message Continued

no one would be burdened, so please, do what you can.

The meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, Sept. 14th at Gladhill Bros. Tractors. We thank Lion Tess for her generosity in offering the club a free meeting location. These are open meetings and all club members are welcome. If you have an idea for an activity for the club, a fundraising idea or just want to understand the "inner mechanism" better, feel free to join us.

The weekend of Sept. 15-18 is our fall White Cane collection. Lion Wayne Marr coordinates this event. White Cane funds support our vision projects. We help provide eye exams and glasses for those in our community that are having financial difficulty from children to the elderly. Your 2 hour shift collecting donations makes it possible for us to help many people throughout the year. Lion Wayne has met the challenge of securing locations for us to collect and needs your help in manning all the locations and times. Do what you can to help.

Our second meeting on the 21st is prospective member night. Prospective member night works best when we bring people. You know someone that you like enough to invite to this meeting. Give them an opportunity to see what Lions are and what we do. Extend an invitation to them and bring them to the meeting. They just might accept your offer. Call Lion Joy and let her know who you are bringing. Plus, we need to make sure we have enough food to feed them well. Guests at prospective member night do not pay for their meal ~ another incentive ~ you can invite them to a free dinner AND a chance to check out our great club.

Before you know it, it will be October, and the month starts out fast with our Charter Night celebration, Basket Bingo, and Pancake Breakfast all at the beginning of the month. Please get your reservations in for our 64th Charter Night ASAP. Lion Mary Frances will be looking for Bingo helpers for October 8th. If pancakes are your thing, see Lions Joy and Sue to help serve a yummy breakfast on the 16th. Talk up basket bingo with your friends and neighbors and start selling tickets now for both the bingo and pancakes. Bingo supports our scholarship program and is an important fundraising event for our club. And the more pancake tickets we sell, the more funds we have available to make a difference in our community.

I hope I haven't left anything out. We are such an active club and I do try to keep on top of everything that's going on. I have a couple of "housekeeping" items to hit here. Please check your home and cell phones and change my phone number to 240.380.9405. I have changed cell phones and I forget to check the old one on a regular basis. If you don't hear back from me, don't hesitate to call the house and leave a message. Trust me, you won't be a bother. I'll send an email message when I have our Facebook page set up. Don't forget to ask a friend to come to prospective member night on the 21st.

Yours in Service,

King Lion Marcia

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Have you ever attended the Damascus Community Fair? The fair is the best bargain in town. Why not come by and check it out on September 10, 11 and 12. This is the fair's 65th year. So you say, what makes it a must on your calendar? It is a free activity. You can bring the family, visit the Home Arts, garden and farm exhibits, check out the animals, enjoy the entertainment, watch the tractor pulls, get acquainted with the vendors and help the Lions meet and greet the fair goers while giving out free popcorn!

Yep, you got it, free popcorn. We keep that popper going for three solid days and the fair goers have become accustomed to looking forward to free popcorn while enjoying the fair.

The Lions Booth will be open from 9 am to 8 pm Friday and Saturday and 9 am – 3 pm on Sunday. We need Lions to help with the popcorn, talk to the fair goers and promote the Damascus Lions and their projects. We gained a new member from this effort last year and that Lion is getting ready to bring in one and maybe two more Lions for us! The three day OUTREACH is immeasurable!

Lion Tess Gladhill is the Entry Night Chairperson and she is looking for Lions who would like to help with entries on Thursday evening from 4 pm – 8 pm.

We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting tonight – so please take the opportunity to help the Lions with their booth for a couple of hours, perhaps support Lion Tess with her entries and visit the Damascus Community Fair for a while.

See you at the Damascus Community Fair.

BASKET BINGO

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 8-----

That is when the Damascus Lions will sponsor their annual Basket Bingo to benefit the V. Ray Simpson Scholarship Fund. According to the county permit application, we need to specify what project this activity will benefit, thus the Scholarship Fund.

Flyers are available for anyone to put up in and around town and anywhere you think we might benefit from it. I will send them via email.

Tickets are available for sale - Sure will be happy to consign a block of tickets for anyone to sell. Tickets are \$20.00 for 20 games and 4 specials and a FREE game for bringing a pair of used eye glasses or hearing aid for the Lion to use in Third World Countries. Best buy you will find at any bingo. The name of the game, as in any of our fund raisers, is to sell tickets. If we don't sell tickets, than we don't have the players. And then we don't make a profit. We must sell 100 tickets to make a profit. It is a real concern as to how well this fund raiser will do in today's economy. Last year, the ticket sales were off by 40% to the average of previous years. Let's bring the sales back up and increase our bottom line. We can do it!

We are looking for sponsors for baskets. The average price of a basket is \$65.00. Prices of the prize baskets range from \$49.00 to \$239.00 plus the fillers. All sponsors are printed in our program for the evening. Ask individuals or businesses out and around the community for sponsors. This is a good opportunity for a business or individual to make a donation as a sponsor, which is tax deductible, help fund the Scholarship as well as get some advertising. Any Lion can seek sponsors - Need to get the sponsors name and money to Lion Mary Frances by Sept. 27.

Lions and Partners-In-Service are needed Thursday night, Oct. 7, to set up and on Friday, Oct. 8, to work the bingo. Buy your partner a ticket and you can help on the floor. The DVFD will have food for sale during the evening. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Games start 7 pm.

Lion Mary Frances has tickets, flyers and the answers to your questions!



Lions- Dee and Rusty Reichmeider and Tuck Woodfield
Vision Screening at Montgomery Fair