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The President's Message

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.

If you want happiness for a month, get married.

If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime, help others.

- Chinese Proverb

Based on the proverb, Damascus Lions can expect happiness for a lifetime. There can be no doubt that we help others. October was a very busy month for us with activities going on every weekend but the last. We kicked off the month with our 64th Year Charter Night celebration with our guest speaker, District Governor Sandi Halterman. Congratulations go particularly to Lion Mike Thornett, recipient of the Emerson Slacum Community Service Award; Lion of the Year Honoree, Lion Gary Rogers; and Lion of the Years, Lion Ken Phillips. It is a difficult task to honor a single Lion in this club as so many are worthy! Thanks to the selection committees who were burdened with the job and finally settled on these three valued recipients.



Before the dust settled, we were on to Basket Bingo on Friday to raise funds for our scholarship program. Many Lions stepped up at the 11th hour to sponsor baskets and sell tickets and pushed us to our goal for the year. Many pairs of eyeglasses were collected that will be sent to the recycling center. Thanks to you all for your rally and support. Lions Mary Frances and Tess have this event down to a fine art with the organization and planning.

Pancake Breakfast was also a success thanks to the help of many. Club members turned out in quantity and worked the floor, minimizing the effect of the missing Leos. The bake table was well-appointed and saw great sales for the day and there was a steady stream of customers enjoying the great menu that went into production long before daybreak. Lions Joy & Sue join me in thanking the ticket sellers, cooks, servers, floor staff, bakery group, dishwashers, ticket-takers and clean up crew (did I get everyone?) for their help and cheery attitudes and making it another fun Lion activity.

Clean Up Damascus Day was provided a boost with Lions helping to staff the registration area. Thank you to those who signed up to help. Lion Carol Cook headed up a road crew for our club to add our contribution to the beautification of Damascus for the day. Route 27 looks so much better after the Damascus Lions go down the road. Thanks to all who showed up to help. An additional activity for the day was the ground-breaking ceremony held at the Recreation Center for the Skate Park. 3rd VP Lion Barbara Barry was our official representative, joined by County Council Chair Ike Leggett and one of our newest members, Lion Tom Didone, as well as past member Linda Panagoulas, Director of the Rec. Center, and organizers of Clean-Up Damascus Day, Sue and Mindy Miller. There is a photo on the Montgomery County government web site and the Gazette ran an article on the park as well.

So catch your breath and gear up for November. The pace is actually a bit slower, but not by a lot. We'll be participating in the Thanksgiving food distribution on the 20th. And we have a blood drive scheduled for Monday, November 22nd. Remember, there's a new process in place now to give blood. You need to sign up in advance with the Red Cross for a time slot. Christmas will be upon us before you know it and we'll be getting our children to shop for this month.

Once again, I hope I have included everything here you need to know and haven't left out something important. I am so proud of this club and the great work you do. Be involved and enjoy happiness for a lifetime.

Yours in Service,

King Lion Marcia

Blood Drive at St. Pauls.

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

We had a blood drive on Oct 10, 2010 at St Paul's Catholic Church, and collected 10 units of blood.

Our next Lions Club blood drive is on Monday Nov. 22nd. Remember we are looking for some help the day of the drive

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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. 22	Carol Cook
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
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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2010

King Lion Marcia Holpuch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Lions Bill Mahylis, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Tom Jackson, Gary Rogers, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Mike Thornett, Tess Gladhill, Martin Carr, Mary Frances Gosnell and Jack Peters. The minutes of the September 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 September 2010 was presented by Lion Tony Barry. The September 2010 financial report for the Damascus Lions Club Foundation was presented by Lion Mike Thornett. The financial reports were approved as presented. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell gave a report on the status of the Damascus Lions Club Student Loan Account. The club has an outstanding loan balance of \$34,620.

The club will participate in Clean-up Damascus Day on 10/23/2010. Lion Joy Schwab reported that Thomas Didone and Kenneth Cook have submitted their application to become members. The board voted to have the club pay the dues for all Leo Sponsors. The Club has also agreed to assist with collection of money to fund the Ryan Didone Memorial Skate Park that is being built by

Upcoming Events

Nov 2 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Nov 9 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Nov 16 Dinner Meeting - Spouse Night @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Nov 19-20 Holiday Giving Project @ TBD
Nov 22 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center
Dec 3 Senior Birthday Party @ Senior Center
Dec 7 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Dec 14 Holiday Party (note change of date) @ Damascus UM Church
Dec 15 - 18 Holiday Giving Project @ Damascus UM Church
Dec 21 Board Meeting (note change of date) @ Gladhill Bros.

volunteers next to the Damascus Community Center. The Board approved the purchase of a new Popcorn Machine. The cost of the machine will be limited to \$500. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell will make the arrangements for the purchase. Lion Gary Rogers has made arrangements for the club to sell Papa John's Pizza discount cards. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Lion Ray Molesworth, Secretary

BASKET BINGO

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

One more time the Damascus Lions have experienced a successful Basket Bingo supporting our Scholarship Program. The DVFD Activities Building on Friday Night, October 7, was a buzz of bingo players eager to get their game cards, find their assigned seat, tackle some good food from the Fireman and spend some money on the games of chance.

After all the shaking of the bushes for ticket sales and basket sponsors, we started Friday night with all expenses paid in full. So whatever was spent that evening was profit and that was a good feeling. That good feeling could only come from the selflessness of individual Lions who sponsored baskets, sold and bought tickets and rendered their time and energies on Thursday and Friday night. Thank you, Lions, so much for your support. Should anyone who sponsored a basket need a written receipt, please contact Lion Mary Frances. Letters and acknowledgement of sponsors/donations were mailed to non-Lions. Should you see Fireman Ronnie Watkins, thank him for being our bingo caller. And also, Fireman Mike Zeigler, thank him for taking care of our games of chance as well as helping with bingo winners on the floor. There were also other fireman who helped with setting up of the tables and chairs as well as putting the chairs away. They made it easy for us!

Lion Tess Gladhill filled the baskets with the help of Mary Kay and Tastefully Simple consultant's donations. Lions Su and Shye donated a basket of wine and accessories and Lions Rusty and Dee donated a wheelbarrow full of wine, autumn décor, cheeses and accessories which was a separate raffle. Partner-In-Service, Jennifer Molesworth, worked packaging the bingo game cards and Special cards as well as did all the mailing of the fliers.

We sold 130 tickets for our bingo, 22 Lions put in approximately 200 hours on the project and we earned a profit of \$4900. WOW, Can't believe it!

Thanks to all of you, Lions and Partners-in-service, for your support. You are the best!

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

The Damascus Lions have been in the Holiday Giving Project since its inception. In fact, it was the Damascus Lions who began the project in the early 1950s. The Lions collected used clothing and toys and gave food to families in the area that Lions were familiar with that needed assistance. It may have been one or two families at that time but it was a well received project. As time passed by, Damascus Help became involved and provided the nearly new clothing and purchased some clothing. The Lions would collect and purchase the food and deliver to the assigned families, sometimes upward to 60 families. Help started keeping a list of area families that were in need. Our Lion Members, Hilda and Ken Diggs, heralded Help in so many different ways. Upon Hilda's illness and around 1995, DELIA, Damascus Ecumenical Layman's Association, along with Help administered the program and at that point, the Lions took 30 families as we then needed to purchase the clothing and the toys ourselves.. And about 6 years ago we added Thanksgiving to our project. Thus, the plan we follow today went into effect. Today Faith Connections, Inc. administers this up-county project serving upward to 300 families. The families must apply for this assistance through the county. This is where Faith Connections get the names. With their program, families getting multiple deliveries of food and gifts are almost nonexistent. Great Program!

Elsewhere in this issue is a Time Line for the project. Assisting with the Holiday Giving Project this year is, Lions Chris Fletcher who does all the contacting of the families and profiling them, Bob Newlin, who coordinates the non-perishable food drives with the schools and Barbara Barry, who is my Co-Chairman.

Thanksgiving, we will deliver food only to our families. We are offering families a choice of meats this year so when the teams pick up the food to deliver, we will need to take a bit more time to make sure we have the correct meat for each family. Usually each family will have two boxes of food - enough for the Thanksgiving dinner, items for lunches, soups and another meal of pasta etc. We will purchase eggs, milk, butter, bread, potatoes, fruit, onions and the meat.

For Christmas, names of children will be distributed at the Nov. 16th meeting to Lions who would like to purchase a gift for a child. The guideline for the gift is a value of \$25.00. A Shopping Team will purchase an outfit

for each child spending approx. \$30 per child. We will also purchase a family gift. Again we will pack up to three food boxes for delivery along with the gifts for each family.

A family in the community bakes and donates homemade bread for Thanksgiving and cookies for Christmas for each family.

The Lions prefer to deliver our food and gifts to the respective families. It has become a part of experiencing the spirit of the Holidays for us. We encourage signing up to support the project. Should you have any questions, please direct them to Lion Barbara Barry or Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE/CRAFT TABLE

By Lion Joy Schwab

The Fall Pancake Breakfast and Bake/Craft Table event was held Saturday, October 16, 2010 in the Dining Room at Damascus United Methodist Church from 7-11 a.m. On Friday, October 15th the setup helpers made the Dining Room ready. Those, who helped, were Bob Newlin, George Hibbard, Bill Mahylis, Warren Schwab, Tom Jackson, Mary Frances Gosnell, and Joann Woodson.

Early Saturday morning the food and drinks were prepared. Bake Sale/Craft Table items were accepted. Helpers during the day were Lions Barbara and Tony Barry, Fran Burlas, Martin Carr, Ann Davis, Alice Denell, Bernie Duplan, Donna Feuillet, Chris Fletcher, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie and Tammy Hertel, George Hibbard, Su-Ling Huang, Charlie and Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Wayne Marr, Ray Molesworth, Bob Newlin, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Dee and Rusty Reichmeider, Gary Rogers, Joy and Warren Schwab, Lee Sellers, Bob Snapp, Roy Stanley, Carol and Charlie Stone, Sue Suddath, Midge Tench, Mike Thornett, Bobbie Warfield, John Washington, Eloise and "Tuck" Woodfield, Joann Woodson and Cheryl Wyatt. Leos from Middle and High Schools were Elizabeth Barry, Jonathan B (?), Chrissy Basvino, Amanda Clomar, Sarah Connor, Melanie Johnson, Makey Murdock, and (?) Pats. Other volunteers were Candice Hertel and David McReynolds. We served 278. After all bills are paid, we will announce the profit.

Special thanks to those who sold tickets.

The Bake/Craft Table received item donations from Lions and Partners in Service were Barbara Barry, Tess Gladhill, Mary Frances Gosnell, Irene Hardy, Candice Hertel, Marcia Holpuch, Tom & Jonnie Jackson, Helen

Mahylis, Ray & Jennifer Molesworth, and Jack & Frann Peters, Ken & Sue Phillips, Carol Richards of Carol's Creations, Gary Rogers, Joy Schwab and Bobbie Warfield. Bake/Craft Table profit was \$400.00. Maybe the best ever!

Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath thank you all for making this event a successful one. We hope we have remembered all those who helped. If not please let us know.

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIME LINE

Damascus Lions - 30-35 families

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Nov. 2		Sign up sheets for sorting and delivery Teams for Thanksgiving
Nov. 18	3:00 PM	Pick up food from Rocky Hill Middle School
Nov. 19	2:00 PM	Pick up food from Damascus High School
Nov. 19	1:00 PM	Sort food and pack boxes at Damascus Motors
Nov. 20	8:00 AM	Delivery Teams pick up food baskets at Damascus Motors and deliver them
Nov. 16		Children's names will be distributed for Lions to purchase a gift for a child
Dec. 7		Sign Up Sheets for duties and Delivery Teams for Christmas Delivery
Dec. 1		Shopping Spree to purchase clothing for children
Dec. 14		Lions bring wrapped gifts that they purchased to the Holiday Party
Dec. 15	12 Noon	Pick up food from John T. Baker Middle School
Dec. 15	2:00 PM	Pick up food from NRC
Dec. 15	2:00 PM	Move food to Damascus UM Church from Damascus Motors
Dec. 15	8:00 PM	Sort food at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 16	Noon to 5 pm	Teams Pack food for families and Wrap gifts at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 17	Noon to 5 pm	Teams Pack food for families
Dec. 18	8:00 AM	Delivery teams pick up food and gifts from Damascus UM Church and deliver to families