



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## The President's Message

An African proverb tells us, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

Working together. That's the Lion way. During this season of giving, we are quite busy working together and thankful to be in a place where we can help others. We will go far.



Last month, we delivered Thanksgiving meals to 30 families. And this month we will do it again, and then some, with Christmas gifts for all. Thanks to all the Lions who contributed to these two major projects. From the food collectors, sorters, packers and shoppers to the delivery teams and clean up crew, the donation collector and the donors, it takes a lot of hands to accomplish these tasks. Thanks, too, for taking the name of a child and getting their gift. To a family that is struggling during these times, your generosity helps make their holiday a better day. Our holiday basket coordinator, Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, along with her core team of "elves," spends the better part of November and December making sure we are ready to roll. Thank you all for your time and effort.

I recently received our report from LCOF on our eyeglass donations. Thru the end of November, we have collected over 500 pairs of glasses! Much thanks go to our eyeglass collection Lions, Shyue & Su Huang and Lion Del Mayhew who is our representative to LCOF and gets the donated glasses into the system. Your work brings sight to literally hundreds of people... think about it!

We continue our vision mission locally, with Lion Midge Tench screening requests for eye exams and glasses. The number of requests has increased this year and we are grateful for Midge's work in this area. It's not always easy to determine the level of need for such requests and Midge does an outstanding job. Thank you Lion Midge!

The Red Cross terminated our blood drive last month due to stink bugs. Yes, you read that right, there were too many stink bugs in the activity building for them to continue to collect blood. Living out here in "the country," it never occurred to me that there would be such a criteria, but there you have it. Fortunately, a mouse did

not run across the floor, too. Thank you, Lion Charlie Hertel for not injuring any of the Red Cross staff. Thank you to all the Lions who came and helped to set up and make the blood drive one of our top projects. New Lion Ken Cook will be our new face for the blood drives. Our next drive is scheduled for Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Day. Working together, we are not about to be derailed by stink bugs... or the Red Cross.

The weather has turned cold here on us and has slowed progress on the skate park. It is nearly done, with the surface material still to be installed on the equipment; we may see it open later this month. Keep your eyes peeled for the announcement on the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Our schedule for the month of December is not normal. We will have our regular dinner meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> at Wesley Grove, and then our Christmas party will be the following week on the 14<sup>th</sup> at Damascus United Methodist. The board meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Gladhill Bros. This change was made to facilitate the holiday delivery schedule. Please see the timeline for that project in the newsletter.

We accomplish so much together! May you also enjoy your holiday with family and friends this season. Be safe, stay warm and love with all your heart.

Yours in Service,

King Lion Marcia

## Lions Sweat Shirts

By Lion Barbara Berry, Chair

Lion Barbara Barry will take another order for Lions sweat shirts at the next dinner meeting. We offer purple or black sweat shirts for \$17, please specify size (S, M, L, XL, XXL).

## Attention Committee Chairmen

By Lion Tom Jackson, Chair

The annual meeting of the members of the Damascus Community Signs will be coming up shortly. The weeks assigned to the various organizations are determined at this meeting. In order to get as many weeks as possible for us, I need to know the dates of the events you want to advertise, such as the pancake breakfasts, the blood drives, and the White Cane Drives. Please get these dates to me by our regular board meeting in December. Thanks in advance.

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Dec. 17 - Tony Barry  
Dec. 20 - Ollie Gray  
Dec. 21 - Jack Poole  
Dec. 23 - Lea Hough  
Dec. 29 - Del Mayhew

Partners-in-Service:

(None known)

**Anniversaries**

(None known)

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**Some Pictures from the Thanksgiving Basket Activity**



More pictures on page 4 and see our web site.

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**Upcoming Events**

- 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 @ Gladhill Bros (note change of  
date)
- Jan. 4 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
- Jan. 11 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
- Jan. 17 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activity Center
- Jan. 18 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
- Feb. 1 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
- Feb. 7 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
- Feb. 15 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

**Birthdays**

Lions:

- Dec. 1 - Happy King
- Dec. 5 - Martin Carr
- Dec. 7 - Bernie Duplan
- Dec. 15 - Helen Boyer

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 9, 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, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Mike Thornett, Tess Gladhill, Martin Carr, Mary Frances Gosnell, Midge Tench, Jerry Mallack, Del Mayhew, Chris Fletcher and Jack Peters. The minutes of the October 2010 board meeting were published in the October "Lions Tale". With no exceptions or additions the minutes were approved as published. The club financial report for October 2010 was presented by Lion Tony Barry. The October 2010 financial report for the Damascus Lions Club Foundation was presented by Lion Mike Thornett. The financial reports were approved as presented.

The board voted to drop Lion Floyd Bean as a member because of non payment of dues and no participation in Lions Club activities. Lion Bean did not respond to letters from the club secretary or telephone calls. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell reported that the club will provide Thanksgiving baskets to 30 families. The board voted to make a donation of \$100 to the Linwood Center, Ellicott City, MD. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by Lion Ray Molesworth

### Secretary Christmas Giving Project

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

In this issue of the Lions Tale - you will find a Time Line for the Christmas Project. Children's names and gift ideas have been given out to Lions. I have a few remaining that have requested Gift Cards if anyone is interested in giving a gift card for a child. The shopping for clothes has happened - thanks to the shopper who did a superb job in selecting items for 90 children. The food has been ordered and we are on the way to packing up Christmas for our families.

A Sign-up Sheet will be available tonight for teams, food sorters, wrappers, and general help in making it happen. Please sign up for whenever you can help.

The gifts the Lions are purchasing for the children are to be returned at the December 14 Christmas Dinner Party. The gifts should be wrapped with the child's name on the outside. Thank you Lions for your generosity in making a child's Christmas a bit brighter.

I would hope to see most of you sometime during the week of preparation and delivery - December 15, 16, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>.

## HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIME LINE

Damascus Lions - 30-35 families

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
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

### November Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

We collected 30 units of blood at the Damascus Lions Club Blood Drive on November 22, 2010. The blood drive was only open for just over 2 hours and was shut down early for contamination. STINK BUGS!!!! The day's sun was a little warm. The building heat was turned on. We woke up a sleeping giant. One landed on a donor and the donor was fine. It was the ARC staff who was not good with the bugs. They lost it, scared to death!!! We had to turn all the donors away after 3 or so!!! What a shame!!!

I feel that the ARC made a mountain out of a mole hill. The schedule they gave me had holes all through it. It was not easy getting the blood drive started, people are still use to just walking in!!!!

Our next drive is scheduled for Monday January 17, 2011. This will be held at the Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept Activity Building.

We had our Mary Kay basket donated by Lion Marsha Holpuch. The value was about \$100.00 Thank You, Lion Marsha.

I would like to thank the Lions who came in and helped set up the hall – Lion Bill Mahylis and Lion Ken Phillips. I would also like to thank Lion John Washington for coming in and helping at the drive. I would like to thank Lion partner Sue Phillips for helping at the registrar table and Lion Ken for working in the canteen.

I would like to also thank my Mom and Dad for being involved with our blood drives. They show up around 11:00 AM and leave with me about 9:00 PM. Thank you!

This will be one of my most memorable blood drives!!!

### **Thanksgiving Delivery**

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

It was a sight to be seen when the Huang Box Truck backed into the storage area of Damascus Motors on Thursday afternoon. It was piled high with boxes of food collected by the Rocky Hill Middle School Leo Club - some 3776 items. What a haul! I understand the eighth graders received the reward for collecting the most cans. And then on Friday, just as several Lions had finished sorting food for the Thanksgiving delivery, in came that Box Truck again with another load - this time from DHS. Three service clubs at DHS joined their energies for another big collection. They placed a box in Safeway which was nicely done and I understand, stood at the gate of the football games collecting. What a great idea!

We selected a menu of foods to deliver for Thanksgiving from the canned goods, purchased peanut and jelly for each family as well as the perishables and a turkey. The Goldstein Family delivered their tastefully baked and trimmed pumpkin bread for each family. Rock Hill Orchard donated apples for each family as well.

From beginning to end, the Thanksgiving Project had 44 Lions, family and friends assisting with making it happen, burning about 185 hours and costing us \$ 1,367.00. We served 30 families all with children totaling 140 family members.

My THANKS goes out to all who participated - wherever you gave assistance from sorting food to packing boxes to delivering the food. All of which makes the project happen because Lions say “WE Serve!” Thanks to Lion Chris Fletcher for profiling all the families and Lion Bob Newlin for managing the Food Drives. Now to move onto to the next Holiday -----



More pictures on page 2.