



The President's Message

Dear Damascus Lions,

Let's hope that March comes in like a lamb and stays that way! Let's keep the "lion" activity to the club and out of the weather forecast. We have just passed our "slow" season for the club, and with the warming of the weather, our activities are warming up too.



This month we have several activities and rely on the power of the club to make them the "best ones yet." To start, we have our club auction at the March 15th meeting. Our auction provides the bulk of our administrative funding. By raising money at the auction, we are able to keep our dues low. So go through your "stuff" and pick some items to donate to the auction. Then come to the meeting with your honey and your money for a fun evening of auction action. Let me know as soon as you can what you are donating so that we can have a list for the meeting. Get donation forms at our web site at damascuslions.org

Next up is our spring Pancake Breakfast on March 19. We need your help to staff the kitchen and dining room. The bake table remains very popular (no wonder, with all the marvelous cooks in our midst) and needs to be fully stocked. Advance ticket sales insure us a profit, get some from Lion Joy and sell them to your friends and neighbors. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 4-8. Be sure to sign up for a shift to help out, too. Nothing starts your day out right like a good breakfast!!

Our last activity for March is the blood drive on the 28th. Lion Ken Cook will need your assistance for phone calls, room setup, donor check-in and the recovery area. Phone lists will be available at the meeting on the 15th. Sign up to be a donor at www.inova.org/bloodsaves. One donation can help up to 3 people – talk about multiplying yourself!!

The Nominating Committee has completed their work on a slate of officers for next year. Please be prepared to vote for your choices at our first meeting in April. Participation by the full membership makes our club one of the best places to invest your time in our community. Thanks for your continued support.

Yours in Service,
King Lion Marcia

TIME FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

The Damascus Lions Club Foundation has Scholarships available for graduating seniors from area High Schools.

The R. Vernon Simpson Scholarships began in 2000 awarding three \$500 Scholarships. R. Vernon Simpson was Vice Principal and teacher of Damascus High School and the John T. Baker Middle School is named after his father-in-law. Lion Ray (as we knew him in the Lions) was an energetic, creative and respected individual, whether he was at school or at the Lions or working for his church.

The R. Vernon Simpson Scholarship will be awarded to graduating seniors students of our area as selected from the applications submitted. The applications will be judged based on scholastic achievement, leadership, character, citizenship, school activities, work experience and community activities. The student must be in the upper 50% of the class and be attending an accredited college as a full-time student. The Board of Directors of the Damascus Lions Club will select the recipients. The scholarships awarded are for \$1000 each. Scholarship applications are due April 15, 2011.

Applications for the Scholarships can be obtained from the Damascus Lions web site www.damascuslions.org , Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, grangosnell1674@yahoo.com or at Damascus High School Career Center.

White Cane dates set!!

The spring White Cane days will take place from May 4th to 7th. Beat the rush and let Lion Wayne Marr know what location and time slot you would like to fill.

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Upcoming Events

Mar 1 – Dinner Mtg - Prospective Member Night @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Mar 8 – Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Mar 15 – Dinner Meeting - In-House Auction @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Mar 19 – Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM Church
Mar 28 – Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center
Apr 5 – Dinner Mtg – New Member Induction @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Apr 12 – Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Apr 16 – 22C Night @ Greater Waldorf Jaycees Ctr
Apr 19 – Dinner Mtg @ Wesley Grove UM Church
May 3 – Youth Night @ Damascus UM Church
May 4-7: White Cane at Various Town Locations
May 10 – Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
May 12 – 15: Multiple District 22 Convention @ Salisbury
May 17 – Dinner Mtg; Leo Officer Installation @ Wesley Grove UM Church
May 23 – Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center
Jun 6 – Golf Tournament @ Beaver Brook Country Club
Jun 7 – Family Picnic; location TBD
Jun 14 – Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Jun 21 – Installation Night @ Cracked Claw, Urbana
Jul 4 – 8: International Convention @ Seattle

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
Mar. 29 – John Holpuch

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

Roster Book Updates:

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2011

King Lion Marcia Holpuch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Lions Bill Mahylis, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Mike Thornett, Tess Gladhill, Martin Carr, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tom Jackson, Jerry Mallack Del Mayhew, Alice Denell and Jack Peters.

The minutes of the January 2011 board meeting were published in the February "Lions Tale". With no exceptions or additions the minutes were approved as published. The club financial report for January 2011 was presented by Lion Tony Barry.

The January 2011 financial report for the Damascus Lions Club Foundation was deferred and will be mailed to the board by Lion Mike Thornett. The club financial report was approved as presented.

The board approved a cash donation in the amount of \$100 be made to the USA Deaf Sports Federation on behalf of Lauren Benedict who is participating in the 2011 Deaflympics.

Lion Thornett reported that the 2011 golf tournament will be held at Glade Valley Golf Course on June 6, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by Lion Ray Molesworth

Secretary

January Blood Drive Report

By Lion Ken Cook, Chair

The January Blood Drive began a relationship with INOVA Blood Services of Sterling, Virginia and the assumption of blood drive duties by Lion Ken Cook. Despite a competing RED CROSS blood drive in Damascus, several days before, which resulted in 37 units; ours brought in 56. Many donors, who began lining up at 12:30, commented on the professionalism and speed with which the INOVA team serviced the donations and a willingness to donate again.

Thanks to all the volunteers who served this blood drive as callers, greeters, registrars, set up and at the membership table: Lions Cheryl Wyatt, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Mike Thornett, Ken Phillips, Leslee Poole, John Washington, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tammy Hertel, Virginia Hertel, Joy Schwab, Roy Stanley, Chris Fletcher.

Special thanks to Lion Charlie Hertel and King Lion Marcia Holpuch for helping with my first blood drive and,

to Lion Mike Thornett's wife, Kathy, who made brownies that were enjoyed by all.

Finally, I have spoken with a local business owner about putting up a flyer for our next blood drive and, he seems amenable to the idea. I will speak with him soon, about possibly providing food for our next drive.

The Winter Boots

(Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this)

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her reception class pupils put on his boots?

He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.' She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on.

She managed to keep her cool as, together, they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the correct feet. He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.' She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to.

Once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear 'em.'

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?'

He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.'

She will be eligible for parole in three years.

Golf in Heaven

A man who is an avid golfer finally gets a once-in-a-lifetime chance for an audience with the Pope. After standing in line for hours, he gets to the Pope and says, "Holiness, I have a question that only you can answer. You see, I love golf, and I feel a real need to know if there is a golf course in heaven. Can you tell me if there is?"

The Pope considers for a moment, and says, "I do not know the answer to your question, my son, but I will talk to God and get back to you." The next day the man is called

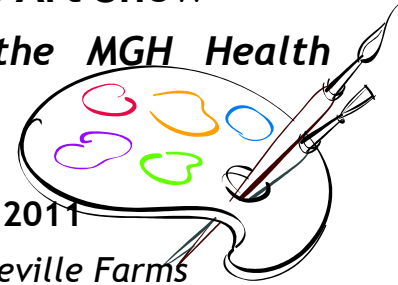
for another audience with the Pope to receive the answer to his question. He stands before the Pope, who says, "My son, I have some good news and some bad news in relation to your question. The good news is that heaven has the most fabulous golf course that you could imagine and is in eternally perfect shape."

"And what's the bad news?" asks the man.

"You tee-off tomorrow morning," the Pope replies.



The 6th Annual Art Show
Presented by the MGH Health Foundation



Sunday, March 20, 2011

At The Inn at Brookeville Farms

Open to all from 1pm to 4pm

All proceeds benefit the Montgomery General Hospital Oncology Program!

For more information on how you can become involved, please contact the MGH Health Foundation at 301-774-8777 or at healthfoundation@MontgomeryGeneral.com.