



The President's Message

The Lion's Heart for Service

I have been thinking about what the Lions Club is and what the organization means and stands for in our community.



Almost ten years ago, when I first joined the Inwood/Bunker Hill Lions Club, I did some research into the organization and found that service is why the Lions Club exists. Our mission statement declares that we are called to "create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation." Our founder Melvin Jones once commented, "You can't get very far until you do something for someone else." That statement told me that service not just what Lions do but who Lions are. Our motto, adopted in 1954 is simple and direct: "We Serve" was adopted. The Lions Club *Rewards for Service* Information Sheet on the website further clarifies our *Heart for Service*: "Lions club members do not serve others in order to receive financial rewards. ... There is perhaps no greater reward for a Lion's service than a simple "thank you," sincerely expressed."

It is a fact that to be a member of the Lions Club International, we must have a *Heart for Service*. I believe that human beings but especially Lions are created to serve. In the wild, lions are powerful and brave creatures. I remember watching the *Wizard of Oz* when I was a kid and watching the cowardly lion change when the Wizard gave him courage. And I also remember from the movie, *The Lion King*, lions have a courageous heart and lead the animal kingdom. These attributes of lions should be true of Lions Club members, too. It takes courage and determination to serve our community faithfully and effectively.

I believe the Lion's *Heart for Service* involves five things:

- H = Helping People in Need
- E = Encouraging Personal and Community Improvement

- A = Acquiring Leadership Skills (servant leadership)
- R = Respecting One Another (friendship & our code of ethics)
- T = Tackling Tough Problems (blindness, deafness, diabetes, drug abuse, disaster relief, community improvement, youth)

Our motto is true: *We Serve*. As I studied the Lions Club International web page those many years ago I found that, "For 85 years, whenever there is a need at home or around the world, Lions members are there to help—We Serve." I was amazed to learn that there were over 1.4 million Lions members in 190 countries serving in their communities. Wow! I was impressed! Lions really do serve!

We in the Damascus Lions Club are an important part of this world-wide service organization. I have experienced our *Heart for Service* in our community of Damascus and in Montgomery County. May we continue to help those in need, encourage personal and community development, acquire skills for servant leadership, respect one another as friends with high ethical standards, and tackle tough problems. As we begin our Fall season of meetings and service opportunities, may we ever enlarge and strengthen our hearts for service.

Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel

What a beautiful day to be a Damascus Lion and to be involved with ice cream dipping at the dairy barn.

A great time was had by all dipping ice cream at the Montgomery County agricultural fair on Tuesday, August 16, 2011. Everyone did an outstanding job. We all worked very hard. We had only 45 volunteers who worked over 250 hours. This again was a smaller work force from the previous year. We only had 14 Lions work this day. The rest of the work force was made up of the Rocky Hill Middle School Leos Club, the Damascus High School Leos Club, friends and family. Thank you so much!!! Lion Gary Rogers from the Damascus Club ran the ice cream parlor again this year. He did a great job. This will be his last year. He will be stepping down after 6 years of service. [Continued on page 4.]

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Upcoming Events

Sept 6 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC
Sept 9 – 11 Damascus Community Fair @ DVFD Grounds
Sept 13 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Sept 19 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center
Sept 20 Dinner Meeting- Prospective Member Night @ Wesley Grove UMC
Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 White Cane @ Various locations
Sept 30 Basket Bingo @ DVFD Activities Center
Oct 4 Charter Night @ TBA
Oct 11 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Oct 15 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UMC
Oct 18 Dinner Meeting@ Wesley Grove UMC
Oct 22 Damascus Clean-Up Day around Town
Nov 1 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC
Nov 8 Board Meeting – Gladhill Bros
Nov 15 Dinner Meeting - Spouse Night @ Wesley Grove UMC
Nov 18-19 Holiday Giving Project @ TBD
Nov 21 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center

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. 20 - John and Melissa Washington
Sept. 23 - Bill and Helen Mahylis
Sept. 29 - Wayne and Naomi Marr

Damascus White Cane Days: September 28 – Oct 01

By Lion Wayne Marr

Damascus Lions! Our next Damascus White Cane fundraiser occurs from Wednesday, September 28, 2011 through Saturday, Oct 1, 2011. These are not the dates that appeared in previous Lions Tales..... we had to adjust (again) to the very complex date requirements of the Safeway Public Affairs office.

Lions: this fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion for at least one two-hour shift. Last spring we had several unassigned shifts and our revenue suffered as a result. When the sign-up sheet reaches you tonight, please sign up for at least one shift; two, if you can. Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. There is only one sign-up sheet. Please keep it moving so that it reaches all Lions attending tonight. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this fundraiser over the years.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Aug. 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Vicki Dotterer at Gladhill Tractors. Lions in attendance were Dotterer, Gosnell, Denell, Tony and Barbara Barry, M. Holpuch, Jackson, Mayhew, Gladhill, J. Schwab, and Phillips.

Treasurers' reports:

The Club Treasury report was presented by Tony Barry. Approved as presented.

The Foundation Treasury report had been mailed to board members by Mike Thornett. Approved as mailed.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Gosnell reported on the following items:

- LCOF sent us a thank-you note for our donations to LCOF and to Preschool Vision Screening – Donations made February 2011
- We received a check from American Charity for \$96.22 from an anonymous donor through a payroll deduction.
- Hospice Care requested a donation for the Wings of Caring butterfly release. The club approved a donation of \$100.
- The District Advisory/Cabinet meeting will be held on August 20. To meet the Five Star Requirement, we need three Officers to attend. Mary Frances will make reservations.
- Camp Merrick needs a tractor, preferably a John Deere and lots of other things as well. Camp Merrick Marcia has a list of items needed.

Old Business:

Lion Gosnell needs help in stamping 2000 popcorn bags with the Lions emblem. Lion Holpuch noted that our Cub Scout troop has requested that we task them to help us in some way. She suggested that this would make a nice project for them. She will contact the troop leaders.

Lion Gladhill requested that anyone who could help register entries to the Damascus Community fair please help on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 4 to 8pm. It is not necessary to stay the entire time. Any length of time will be of great assistance.

Lion Dee Reichmeider requested help with manning the Mobile Health Unit (sight and hearing testing) at the County Fair on Thursday, Aug. 18. It is not necessary, but it is helpful, to be trained in operating the devices. A

training session is slated for Thursday, Aug. 11 at the fair grounds.

Lion B. Barry moved that we donate \$250 to Faith Connections for back to school supplies. Motion passed.

The Family Night Out at the Keys game was well attended with 43 witnessing an exciting winning game.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Secretary

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 9, 10 & 11. This is the fair's 66th year. So you say, what makes it a must on your calendar? It is a free event. 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 have a new popcorn machine this year and we hope that it can keep up with the demand a bit better. 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. We permeate the grounds and fair goers follow the scent.

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 project. We have new members as a result of the fair and our outreach project. 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.

Damascus Lions Basket Bingo Fund Raiser

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 30---The Damascus Lions will sponsor their 14th 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.

The first bingo was in 2000 and throughout the past 12 years, we have profited \$70,000 for the Foundation. The Scholarships that have been awarded since 2000 total \$35,500. We also funded the Student Loan program during that period of time in the amount of \$37,000. The loan program is no longer extending loans but continues to receive payments; thus, at present, an average income of \$3,000 to the Foundation annually.

I encourage all members to assist with this project in some manner. The attendance and profits have been waning in the past few years due to the economical turndown. How can you help?? -

- Flyers are available for anyone to put up in and around town and anywhere you think we may benefit from it. I will send them via email or have them available at the meetings.
- 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 each Lion would sell/buy two tickets, are profits will soar!!!
- You can sponsor a basket. 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 Scholarships 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. 15,
- Lions and Partners-In-Service are needed Thursday night, Sept. 29 to set up and on Friday,

Sept. 30 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, we must all get behind our fund raisers to make them happen and worthy of our efforts!

Visitations!

By Lion Barbara Barry

As one of the requirements for the 5-star award, the Damascus Lions Club must complete 65 visitations this year! If you are planning on being out of town, why not incorporate a Lions visit in to your travels? They are informative, social and usually good food (of course not as good as Wesley Grove!) Or, maybe you would be willing to just visit another local Lions club. If you do, please let me know so I can keep tally of all of our visits. I can give you a list of clubs, their meeting times and meeting places at our next meeting.

Ice Cream Dipping [Continued]

There are a few other people I would like to thank for making the ice cream dipping go smoothly: Lions Tony and Barbara Barry for stocking the freezers on Thursday night, along with their son, John; past Lion, Marvin Myers, for all his help.

It was a record year all around. The clubs combined collected over \$60,000 and we collected \$9,000 on our day. It was especially nice to see some of our members just come and hang out that day.

It is estimated that our lions club will bring in some where around \$1,900.00 for our single day at the fair. What a great job we all did!!! Thank you for your continued support and your large portions.

Mark on your calendars Tuesday, August 14, 2012 this is next years ice cream dipping.

SEE YOU THERE!!!