



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## Annual Golf Tournament

By Lion Bob Snapp, Co-chair

Spring time means cutting grass, flower and vegetable gardens and to the Lions, our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held again at the Glade Valley Golf Club, Walkersville, MD, on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am with a shotgun start. This is a beautiful setting in the valley with the Catoctin Mountains in the background, a short 1/2 hour drive from Damascus.

Once again, we are looking for players, hole sponsors, door prize donations and volunteers to help on tournament day.

The player's fee of \$80 (no increase from last year) includes the green fee, cart, range balls, buffet luncheon, 2 beverages and prizes. Also available will be a putting contest, the ever popular "Circle of Fun Hole," 50/50 and mulligans.

For more information, contact co-chairman Lion Bob Snapp, co-chairman Mike Thornett or honorary chairman Lion John Warfield

## Lions Camp Merrick Brick Update

By Lion Marcia Holpuch, Lions Camp Merrick Representative

As you may recall, there was a fundraising project at Lions Camp Merrick called "Buy A Brick." Through a series of changes, the project kind of fell apart. Well, a great effort by Lion Phil Gordon has gotten this project back on track. At the LCM Advisory meeting in April, we were given a list of all the installed bricks at the camp. Many of them do not have a club name associated with them. If you bought a brick and do not see your brick listed below, please let me know and I can check the list for your brick inscription. LCM will gladly install any brick that was sponsored but not laid. I was able to identify the following bricks from our club:

- Damascus Lions Club (2 bricks)
- Jennifer Hyde, Damascus Lions, We Serve
- Carol Stone, Damascus Lions, We Serve
- Charles Stone, Damascus Lions, We Serve
- In Memory of Lion Charles E. Seabold
- In Memory of Lion H. Kenneth Gosnell
- In Memory of PDG J Leonard Mullinix

So if your brick is missing, let me know and we'll get it taken care of!

## White Canes

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Yes, we start tomorrow! See the current sign-up sheet see on page 6 for a reminder of your shift dates and times. Lions: this fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion for at least one two-hour shift. As you can, we have several shifts un-Lioned at this time. Every shift not assigned is about \$50 in collections lost. If you are able, please sign up tonight for a shift on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. I couldn't be here at the meeting tonight, but Lion Ken Phillips will be glad to sign you up! Please see him right now! Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this fundraiser over the years.

<b>OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013</b>	
President	Lion John Washington
1st Vice President	Lion Barbara Barry
2nd Vice President	Lion Alice Denell
3rd Vice President	Lion Bernie Duplan
Secretary	Lion Carol Stone
Assistant Secretary	Lion Sue Suddath
Foundation Treasurer	Lion Mary Frances Gosnell
Club Treasurer	Lion Tony Barry
Tail Twister	Lion Charlie Hertel
Assistant Tale Twister	Lion Tom Jackson
Lion Tamer	Lion Martin Carr
Assistant Lion Tamer	Lion Warren Schwab
Chaplain	Lion Lee Sellers
1 Year Directors 2012-2013	Lion Gary Rogers
	Lion Tess Gladhill
	Lion Ken Phillips
2 Year Directors 2012-2014	Lion Tom Jackson
	Lion Patricia McKenzie
	Lion Joy Schwab
Permanent Director	PDG Lion Jim Belcher
Membership Director - 1 yr	Lion Chris Fletcher
Membership V. Direct'r - 2yr	Lion Bobbie Warfield
Membership Member - 3 yr	Lion Marcia Holpuch
Immediate Past President	Lion Vicki Dotterer
The Slate was presented for approval at the April 3rd Membership Meeting and was approved by a majority vote.	

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### Upcoming Events

May 1 Youth Night @ Damascus UM Church  
May 2-5 White Canes @ Various Town Locations  
May 8 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
May 9-12 Multiple District Convention @ Salisbury  
Convention Center  
May 15 Dinner Meeting & Leo Officer Installation @  
Wesley Grove UM Church  
May 21 Blood Drive @ DVFD Activities Center  
June 4 Golf Tournament @ Glade Valley Golf Course  
June 5 Family Picnic @ TBA  
June 12 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
June 19 Installation Night @ TBD  
June 22-26 International Convention in Busan, Korea

### Birthdays

#### Lions

May 9 – Warren Schwab  
May 13 – Jerry Mallack  
May 16 – Joseph Hutchinson  
May 19 – Wayne Marr  
May 21 – Su Huang  
May 24 – John Washington  
May 26 – Sue Suddath  
May 26 – Joann Woodson  
May 27 – Nick Holpuch  
May 27 – Ronnie Poland

#### Partners-in-Service

May 23 - Marcia Allen  
May 24 - Kay Newlin  
May 25 - Mary Belcher

#### Anniversaries

May 2 - Charlie and Tammy Hertel  
May 16 - Lenora and Tom Kish  
May 22 - Marcia and Tony Allen  
May 24 – Leslee and Bill Poole

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### News about Members

Welcome to our newest member: Kathryn A. "Katie" Dougherty sponsored by John Holpuch. Katie has helped deliver the Holiday Baskets for several years and with Highway Cleanup.

For your roster books:

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Assistant State's Attorney for Prince George's County

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

April 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Vicki Dotterer at 7:05 pm. Lions in attendance were Dotterer, B. Barry, T. Barry, Gosnell, Thornett, Jackson, Carr, Mayhew, Peters, J. Schwab, Phillips, Gladhill and Holpuch.

The minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved as printed in the April Lions Tale.

Treasurer Reports were given by Lion Tony Barry, Club Report and Lion Mike Thornett, Foundation Report. The reports were approved as presented.

Correspondence included request Damascus Heritage Society Golf Tourney requesting a donation. It was approved to send \$50 to sponsor Goodie Bags; had a request for a \$25 for the Coloring contest at the Community Fair. This is a budgeted item.

Announcements – A former Lion Roger Buxton died and the club has been requested to have a Memorial Service. The members will adjourn the Board Meeting in time to do the Service at 8:15 at Montgomery UM Church tonight.

### **Committee Reports**

Marcia is looking for Lions to attend 22-C Night – the club pays for a table of ten.

Lion Joy Schwab, Membership Chairman, presented a new member application from Kathryn Dougherty. The Board approved the application.

Five Damascus Lions have registered for the Lions Convention, May 9 -12. Lion Marcia will have a Trading Pin Table and Lions Warren and Mary Frances will have a table for Damascus Lions – Cochlear Americas.

### **Old Business**

A phone call to LCIF revealed that we have \$881.00 that can be utilized for a MJF. Thus we need \$119 more to give a MJF for Installation Night. A motion was made and approved to send \$250 to LCIF for the One Shot Measles program. We, then, will be able to order a MJF.

The Damascus Library does not receive The Lions Magazine. Rather than order a subscription for the library, the Barrys and the Schwabs get two magazines and will take one to the Library.

The Secretary reported that 6 Lions have not paid their dues for Jan to July. Another notice will be mailed.

Napkins and place mats have been ordered and will be kept at Wesley Grove for dinner meetings.

The Club has met all requirements for the District Five Star program with the exception of membership. All were encouraged to seek out friend and neighbors for new members.

### **New Business**

Lion Tess gave a report on Celebrate Damascus. Plans are for a Train Show to take place on Saturday, July 14, at the DVFD Activities Center. This should help draw a crowd for the Flea Market. The parade will be July 13.

At the Zone Meeting, it was decided that the area Lions Club do an extra White Cane or fund raiser to raise money for eye glass requests in the Gaithersburg area. The Board approved a \$300 donation to be sent to Montgomery Central-Derwood Lions who are the coordinator for the Zone.

Suggested we send the \$600 budgeted to Lions Camp Merrick.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Mary Frances Gosnell, Secretary

### **Preschool Vision Screening**

By Lion Bill Mahylis

Damascus Lions club members performed vision screening tests at Damascus United Methodist Preschool on April 12 and 13. 48 out 49 children tested passed the screening test. The participating Lions were Dennis Babb, Alice Denell, Bill Mahylis, Jerry Mallack, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Julie Sain, and Midge Tench. All of the Lions enjoyed interacting with the children. The children seemed to also enjoy it except for one child who was very shy and did not want to participate. The Lions will be testing preschool children at Montgomery United Methodist's Preschool April 30 through May 4. The school has 140 children to be tested.

## 22-C Night Fun

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

Wow! What a great evening at 22-C Night this year. Lions Tuck & Eloise, Lions Warren & Joy, King Lion Vicki, Lions Tony & Barbara, Lion Mary Frances and Lion Marcia attended as representatives of Damascus. Lion Charlie Holpuch was also at the event, but he was working to support the Honors Band and was not able to enjoy dinner with the rest of us. The Honors Band gave an amazing performance including 2 very memorable pieces, one a piece in memory of the victims of Columbine and the other a very fun piece of snippets from 33 very popular and well known tunes. It was a blast looking around the room and watching the smiles and head nods as each new snippet was played.

Following the concert, scholarships were awarded. Two scholarships of \$1000 each went to Damascus students and one scholarship of \$1,500 went to a Clarksburg musician. We were well represented in the band!



The Keynote Speaker and special guest was James Cavallaro, International Director from Springfield, PA. He reminded us of our goals and accomplishments and urged us to remember to ask others to join us.

The evening wrapped up at a very reasonable 9:30, making the drive back from Waldorf not so bad. The customary rain that falls on 22-C Night was even cooperative and fell during dinner!



The selection for the Humanitarian Award this year went to Dr. Patricia Fegan, President and CEO of Special Olympics Maryland. She reminded us of the close ties between the Lions and Special Olympics and the wonderful work and opportunities that have been created since Eunice Kennedy began the organization in the 1960's.



## **READ THIS!! [Scam Alert]**

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

This could be the most important article you read! When this first happened to us, I was surprised, but now I have learned about others and feel absolutely compelled to pass on this warning to you. You are a kind, compassionate person and would want to do what you could to help. That, my friend, is the weakness they prey on. Our story goes like this...

Charlie & I have been married for over 30 years. I had never met his Great Aunt Gladys and he hadn't seen her since before we got married. She lives in Illinois, not far from where we grew up. While visiting over the holidays, we stopped to see his cousin and she suggested we go visit her mom. We had a wonderful afternoon chatting and sharing stories with a sharp, articulate 92 year old delight. It was certainly one of the highlights of our trip. A couple of weeks later, I got a call from Charlie's cousin asking where Charlie was. "Well, he's at work, or at least he should be," I replied. "Why do you ask?" His cousin then went on to explain that his mom had gotten a call from a fellow claiming to be Charlie and needed \$2,500 to post bail to get out of jail in Chicago, and could she help out? Fortunately, cousin Nick walked in while Aunt Gladys was on the phone and the fellow hung up when Nick got on the line. Of course, Aunt Gladys wanted to help. She's that kind of nice lady. And she made Nick call to make sure Charlie was okay. This time, Charlie was not in jail. The whole incident took us by surprise as Charlie and Aunt Gladys do not share a last name and we had no information on our phones, or in email about her. We were truly perplexed how someone could have made such a connection between them.

Since then, I have heard of 2 others that have gotten calls like this. One from our very own "Mom Hardy," mother of Lion Mary Frances. Like Aunt Gladys, she got a call from a young man claiming to be her great-grandson and needing some money to help him out of a situation. Quite timely, Lion Mary Frances happened to arrive just in time to prevent Mom Hardy from sharing her fortune.

My warning is this... Your dear nephew, grandson, great-grandson, may get in trouble from time to time. And you may, in fact, be called upon to help out in a time of need, but if your phone rings and everything is "urgent" and needs to be done "right away," don't play that game! Your next phone call should NOT be to your bank! Make a different phone call to verify the story, call another family member, find out if it's real. The caller may urge you to "not tell my parents," but honestly, if it's true, they're going to find out anyhow. Better to make parents mad than to throw away your money. In both of the stories I have shared here, the amount of money was not a fortune, but not pocket change, either. Better to make a call and make sure the need is real and the person in need is really one of your dear ones than to give your money away to a stranger. It is possible that the caller does not immediately identify himself, but says something like, "don't you recognize me?" and when you say a name, that's who they instantly become ~ at YOUR suggestion!!

I hope you will remember these stories and share them among your friends. If it keeps even one person from falling victim to this scam, it is so worth it. And if you have \$2,500 that you don't need, I am standing at the front of the receiving line!

## Spring 2012 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days Schedule!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
<b>Wednesday May 2</b>  Manager: Ken Phillips	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Mike Thornett
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Charlie Hertel
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Ann Davis & Fran Burlas
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Tess Gladhill
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Carol & Ken Cook
<b>Thursday May 3</b>  Manager: Bill Mahylis	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Julie Sain
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Barbara Barry
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Ann Davis & Fran Burlas
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Tom Jackson
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
<b>Friday May 4</b>  Manager: Del Mayhew	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Alice Denell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Bill Mahylis
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Eloise & Tuck Woodfield
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Bob Snapp
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	John Washington
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
<b>Saturday May 5</b>  Manager: Wayne Marr	6:45am - 8:45am	Red Rooster	Charlie & Marcia Holpuch
	7:00am - 9:00am	Tom & Ray's	Gary Rogers
	8:15am - 10:15am	CVS	Sue Suddath
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway East	Carol Stone
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway West	Charlie Stone
	8:45am - 10:45am	Red Rooster	
	9:00am - 11:00am	Tom & Ray's	
	10:15am - 12:15pm	CVS	
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway East	
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway West	
11:00am - 1:00pm	Tom & Ray's		