

# **DAMASCUS LION'S TALE**



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# The President's Message

The lazy hazy days of summer are here! Not for the Damascus Lions Club!

First I would like to thank IPP Vicki Dotterer for the great job she did. Just remember Lion Vicki, IPP doesn't mean you get to sit back and smell the roses. Well you can if you want. I would also like to thank all the Lions who have accepted to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year.

That being said, we have a lot of work ahead of us. We currently are running a deficit of more than \$11,000. We need new fund raisers and new ideas to help get out of the red and into the black. We can do it.

The July schedule has no meeting planned for the 3rd. Lion Tess needs our help on July 12th with marking off spaces for the Flea Market and again on the 14th to help at the Flea Market.

Lion Joy Schwab needs volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast on the 13th at 1pm to set up and Saturday the 14th from 5:30am to 10am.

We have booked the 17th for Damascus Lions Night Out at the Keys game. Tickets are \$10 each or 5 for \$50. Please contact Lion Tess if you would like to go.

The temp's are hot but the Damascus Lions are hotter! Let's get started on another great year!

Yours in Service, KL John

#### **2012 Golf Tournament**

By Lion Bob Snapp, Co-chair

Early Monday morning, June 4, preparations were well under way to have the Damascus Lions 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley Golf Course, Walkersville, MD.

We had another beautiful day in the Glade Valley area. To hear the cry of "Fore" and "I got a birdie on that hole" was the rule of the day. And, of course, the most frequent phrase was "I want to use my mulligan."

We had 59 men and 13 women players for a total of 72 golfers. This year we had a smaller group than previous years. We had 27 hole sponsors and we truly thank them for their generous donations. Without hole sponsors, we couldn't have a tournament.

After play, a buffet lunch was provided and then many door prizes were given along with the winners being recognized with cash awards.

Thanks for our 7 Lions that played and we want to especially thank our volunteers who assisted: Lions Tony and Barbara Barry, Alice Denell, Bobbie Warfield, Warren and Joy Schwab, and Patsy McKenzie. Other volunteers included Julie Meyers, Mary McKenzie, Tom, Trevor and Joel Musser, and Susan Weddle.

Our net profit as of this time is \$4141.40.

We wish to thank the Lions and the community for supporting this successful day!

Co- chairmen Bob Snapp and Mike Thornett Honorary Chairman John Warfield.

# YEARS OF SERVICE TABS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Secretary Lion Mary Frances Gosnell presented the entire membership with Years of Service Tabs to wear with the Lions membership pin. The tabs are for 100% attendance and are in surplus on hand. International does not have available Years of Service tabs. Milestone tabs were presented to Lions Lee Sellers, 54 years; Bob Snapp and Jim Belcher 42 years; John Warfield, 36 years; Jack Peters, 30 years. The following are Lions who have every five year anniversaries thereafter - Tom Jackson, 25 years; Ray Sicotte, 15 years; Tess Gladhill and Charlie Holpuch, 10 years; Roy Stanley, Lea Hough, John Holpuch and Nick Holpuch, 5 years. Lions, who were not present at Installation Night, will have their tabs included in the New Year packet to be mailed July 1 Also, the tabs that you have or thereabouts. received previously, can be returned to the Secretary to be recycled for another year.

### Lion's Tale

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# **Upcoming Events**

- Jul 3 No Meeting
- Jul 5 Senior Birthday Party at Damascus Senior Center
- Jul 10 Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros.
- Jul 13 Celebrate Damascus Parade: Meet at High School
- Jul 14 Celebrate Damascus Flea Market at at DVFD Grounds
- Jul 14 Celebrate Damascus Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UM Church
- Jul 17 Family Night Out at the Keys Game: Keys Stadium Frederick
- Aug 7 Dinner Meeting at Montgomery U.M. Church
- Aug 14 Ice Cream Dipping at Montgomery County Fair
- Aug 21 Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros
- Aug 23 Sight & Hearing Testing- LCOF Bus at Montgomery County Fair

# **Birthdays**

#### Lions:

July 4 - Rick Kendal

July 6 - Jim Belcher

July 13 - Joy Schwab

July 14 - Mike Payne

July 18 - Bob Snapp

July 24 - Ken Phillips

July 30 - Tony Allen

# Partners-in-Service

July 6 - Vi Hibbard

July 8 - Peggy Sicotte

#### **Anniversaries**

July 1 - Jennifer and Ray Molesworth

July 6 - Ray and Frances Walton

July 20 - Dee and Rusty Reichmeider

If your birthday, spouse's birthday or anniversary is not listed, it's because I don't have your information. Please shoot me an email at wtjackson@alumni.unc.edu so I can

correct it.

#### **News about Members**

You will be receiving your new roster book soon. Please review your entry and forward me any corrections so I can publish them here.

And there's already one correction: Mary Frances' email shout be: mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

# HYATT AWARD PRESENTED

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The 2012 Hyatt Award was presented at Installation Night to Lion Jack Peters, a Lion of 30 years of service to the Damascus Community. Lion Jack has worked on the Medical Loan Equipment Committee (previously Health and Welfare Committee) for 29 years. He has served on the Board in many capacities, was Tail twister and Lion Tamer as well as chaired the Carnival Committee back some years ago. Lion Jack has interfaced with many dire situations with the placement of medical equipment in homes of those in need and has made many good friends for himself as well as the Damascus Lions. Lion Jack has indeed portrayed the motto of Lionism, "WE SERVE." Congratulations, Lion Jack! Lion Bill presented Lion Marcia with a letter from LCIF and a plaque!

Congratulations, Lion Maria!

# **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** June 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Vicki Dotterer at 7:10pm. Lions in attendance were Dotterer, B. Barry, Gosnell, Jackson, Peters, Schwab, Phillips, Gladhill, Charlie Stone, Carr, Washington, McKenzie and Holpuch.

The minutes of the May Board Meeting were approved as printed in the June Lions Tale. Treasurer Reports were given by Lion Barbara Barry, Club Report and Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Foundation Report. The reports were approved as presented.

#### Correspondence

Letter of Gratitude from Thor Teams, Inc. and Cedar Grove Elementary School for being recipients of Youth Recognition Night Awards, Acknowledgement of donation sent to Washington Ear and a letter of thanks from Fiona Chatman for assistance with eye exams and glasses. A bill was received from Carol's Creations for the Memorial Bouquet at the American Legion. Budgeted item.

Secretary Gosnell made a report that Lion Lee Sellers has been ill during the last 6 months as well as his spouse. He has prepaid his meals and has attended 3 of the 11 meetings. She recommended that we refund Lion Lee for the 8 meetings that he was unable to attend. Motion approved.

# **Committee Reports**

Lion Joy Schwab, Membership Chairman, presented a report for the year of the membership. We have had one death, three resignations, two dropped for nonpayment of dues and attendance and two new members. She received resignations emails from Kym Ails and Theresa Sluger, DHS Leo Advisors, and one Lion has not paid dues for one year. The Board voted to accept the resignations and to drop the non-paying member. It was noted Pattu Durairaj has moved to Leisure World and will be transferring his membership to the Leisure World Club. The year will end with a membership of 85.

Lion Tess Gladhill, Celebrate Damascus Flea Market Chairman, stated that rental spaces for the Flea Market are slow coming in. She urged everyone to pass the word along and perhaps think of renting a space for themselves. Lion Tess plans to mark off spaces on Thursday, July 12 at 6 pm and needs help. Will need help on Saturday, July 1, at 6 am to bring in vendors and to set up the Lions Booth. Will need several Lions to man the booth on Saturday.

Also need donations to sell. Marcia has In-House auction leftovers to bring.

Lion John Washington is sending in the application for the Lions to be in the parade on Friday night, July 13. Need Lions to ride to wagon and to walk to pass out candy. Meet at the DHS parking lot next to Weis at 6 pm.

Lion Joy Schwab is planning for a Lions Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 14 for the Celebrate Damascus celebration. Need help to set up on Friday at 1 pm and to get food ready, help at 5 AM to start cooking and set up kitchen, and help from 7 to 10 to serve. She noted we must clean up fast as another group is serving lunch in the same location. Will have a bake table with Grab and Go items.

#### **Business Items**

President Elect John Washington handed out a draft of the next 6 months Activities Schedule. Several items need to be verified and confirmed before the final printing. Lions were assigned to make these contacts.

PE John noted that there will not be any membership meetings in July. Celebrate Damascus activities and the Family Night Out at the Keys, July 17, will take place of our meetings. Lion Tess is getting tickets for the Family Night Out at the Keys Game. PE asked the Secretary to put out an email to the membership notifying all of the July activities.

The tabled Foundation Budget for 2012-13 was again brought to the table for approval. Much discussion surrounded the deficit budget. Fund Raising ideas were brought forward with the thought that they could not be approved until there was a buy-in from the membership. The membership needs to take responsibility for making a fund raiser successful. The budget was put to vote with 10 approving it as presented and 3 opposing.

Meals and the pricing thereof were brought to the Board. Lion Gosnell has been in discussion with Terri Sherwood at Wesley Grove UM Church in regard to the guarantee and pricing going forward. A spreadsheet reflected the average attendance for 2011-12 at a membership dinner meeting was 35 with the highest attendance being 41. This does not include guests, visitors or spouses. 2011-12 guarantee was 50 @ \$12. Terri suggested lowering the guarantee to 45 and the price per meal would be \$13.50. Thus our budgeted meal cost would not increase. The Board approved this proposal. Beginning July 2012, the price for Prepay Meals will be \$13.50 and at the door \$15.00.

Installation Night will be June 19 at the Damascus UM Church. All preparations are on schedule.

King Lion Vicki expressed her gratitude to the Board for their input, their sharing, their attendance and their patience. She enjoyed working with everyone.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted Mary Frances Gosnell Secretary

#### **BAKE TABLE AT CELEBRATE DAMASCUS**

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

We will have a Bake Table at the Lions Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 14. We are focusing on small items that people can munch on while strolling the town enjoying the activities of Celebrate Damascus.

Whole cakes continue to be a good selling item. We can sell them by the slice. Cookies and bars are good, package them 6 to a bag. Cupcakes can be sold in a bag as well as candy. The Bake Table will be open from 7 am to 10 am. You can bring your items Friday afternoon between 1-2 or early Saturday morning.

Any questions, contact Lion Mary Frances. mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

# Celebrate Damascus Pancake Breakfast

By Lion Joy Schwab

During Damascus Days Celebration, Damascus Lions will serve Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday July 14. We will set up on the 13th in the Dining Room about 1 p.m. In the kitchen we will cook the potatoes and chop the onions for home Fries. If you can help with this, do come and spend as much time as you can. On Saturday morning we will gather at 5:30 a.m. to have food ready to start serving at 7 a.m. Many of you have volunteered already, great. We could use more. Email Joy -schw35@aol.com or call 301- 253-3294.

Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath

#### **Lions Flea Market at Celebrate Damascus**

By Lion Tessie Gladhill, Chair

Celebrate Damascus is fast approaching. For anyone who does not have enough to do on Thursday, Friday or Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 13th or 14<sup>th</sup>, come on out to the Damascus Fireman's Activity Center on

Lewis Drive on Thursday evening at 6pm to help mark off flea market spaces.

If you cannot make it then, how about on Friday to be in the parade? Line up time is at 6pm at Damascus High School Our Lions will be on a hay wagon pulled by a tractor or you can walk the parade route and hand out candy. Then stay after the parade for food prepared by the fire department volunteers and a fantastic fireworks display at the end of the parade route.

Still not able to make it, how about Saturday to help with the flea market? Set up is from 6-9 am or work at the Lions flea market booth from any time between 9 to 4. Cleanup is from 4-5 pm. Come on out and help & stay as little or as long as you would like.

Do not feel like any of these things or just want to do something for fun after all the work remember to join us on Tuesday July 17th for the Frederick Keys ballgame. See me for tickets and more information.

# A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP YOU CAN GIVE.

#### **Blood Drive**

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

There will be a blood drive in association with Celebrate Damascus. The INOVA Mobile Unit will be at the DVFD Activity Center parking lot on Sat., July 14 from 9-2. INOVA personal are handling the entire process. There will be a table inside the building to sign people up, but the rest of the process will be handled in the Mobile Unit itself.

Anyone who can give blood is encouraged to do so. We need to collect as many units as possible to keep this activity going.