



The President's Message

On November 16th, the Damascus Lions Club lost a great lion. Lion Lee Sellers was a lion for 53 years. On the 19th, the Damascus Lions came out in a show of respect for Lion Lee. Lions Ken Phillips, Mary Frances and Bob Newlin shared wonderful stories about Lion Lee. Lion Lee Sellers will be greatly missed.

November was a busy month for our club. Lion Wayne Marr and his WC gang did a stellar job in collecting over \$1,700 for White Cane. Great job, Lion Wayne and crew. Thanks to the hard work of Lion Mary Frances and her group for getting the Thanksgiving Baskets out to everyone. Now Lion Mary Frances doesn't get too long to rest on her laurels because the Christmas Baskets are coming up December 20th. Thank you Lion Mary Frances for everything you do. Lion Tony picked a great day for putting up the Christmas wreaths. Let's just hope it's as nice when we take them down. Great job Lion Tony and fellow lions!

Our Christmas party is coming up on the 18th. This year it is on a Tuesday night. Everyone should dress in Christmas casual attire. There will be the gift exchange and Santa! The rest is being worked out as this goes to press. Please RSVP to Lion Joy by the 10th with a head count. The bodies can be counted later.

Yours in Lionism

KLJ

Fall 2012 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr

Thank you, all Lions who participated in our Fall 2012 White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,722.24 (pure profit!). That's pretty close to the \$1,785.70 we collected last Spring. Our November collections alone will fund about 17 eye appointments and new glasses for needy Damascus-area citizens. Thirty-one dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections during a cold and breezy week. As is often the case, several big-hearted Lions worked multiple shifts to help us fill our schedule. I'm sorry that the evening shifts at Tom and Ray's failed to generate the needed traffic; we will probably eliminate these shifts next Spring. Please think the word: "Lion" in front of every name in this article..... if you fail in that regard, you must voluntarily turn yourself in to Lion Tamer Charlie and pay substantial fines!

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THANKSGIVING TURKEY TROT

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Thirty-four Lions and 6 Boy Scouts from Troop 445 assisted with the preparation and the Turkey TROT. Thanksgiving food was delivered to 27 families the Saturday before Thanksgiving by 9 teams of – oops, not turkeys – Lions. The teams came in early Saturday, partook of some buns and coffee, loaded their vehicles and were on the road before 9 AM. It was a chilly morn that required a nice warm coat and some gloves. But all were a happy gobbling group!

Lion Chris Fletcher had contacted all the families telling them that the Lions would be delivering Thanksgiving dinner. Each team also notified their families of the delivery. Lion Bob Newlin was in contact with the schools and set up the Food Drives for nonperishables. Bob and his team of truckers and loaders gathered the food on Thursday and Friday. The school food drives collected approximately 2500 items. All the food was not used for Thanksgiving and is stored at Hyatt Building and Supply until Christmas.

The sorting and packing team was busy for 3 ½ hours on Friday in the basement of Hyatt's. You could see ten or more Lions chirping around sorting food and then packing it for the 27 families. These Lions worked nonstop. All the family boxes were neatly placed on a team pallet. Saturday morning, Hyatt's able bodied employ brought the pallets out one by one for the teams to pick up in their parking lot.

The perishables and turkeys were packed that AM for each team. The teams had the challenge of loading their three boxes for each family, keeping them straight and then delivering them to their respective families. And so they trotted off! By 9:30 half of the teams had reported back and were finished.

The project enabled 27 families to have a nice turkey dinner, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunches as well as soups and then another dinner of pasta and sauce. Fresh fruit and fresh squash were also included. Nicely packaged pumpkin bread loaves prepared and donated by the Goldstein family topped the delivery. The project consumed 160 hours of 34 Lions and 6 Boy Scouts time and costed the Lions Club \$ 1286.

Great Job Lions! Thank you to all for your support. We again have served our community via a Turkey Trot!!!

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Mother Bear pokes her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, "For Pete's sake, how many times do I have to go through this with you idiots? I HAVEN'T MADE THE DANGED PORRIDGE YET!"

Upcoming Events

Dec TBD Senior Birthday Party @ Damascus Senior Center
Dec 4 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC Church
Dec 11 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Dec 18 Holiday Party @ Damascus UMC Church
Dec 20-22 Holiday Giving Project @ Damascus UMC

The Three Bears (updated)

A far more accurate account of the events of that fateful morning ...

Baby Bear goes downstairs, sits in his small chair at the table. He looks into his small bowl. It is empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?" he squeaks.

Father Bear arrives at the big table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl and it is also empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?" he roars.

Birthdays

Lions:

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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2012.

Attendees: John Washington, Carol Stone, Bernie Duplan, Barbara Barry, Tony Barry, Tom Jackson, Mary Francis Gosnell, Tess Gladhill, Joy Schwab, Warren Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Marcia Holpuch

Treasurer's Reports:

Budget report: incoming \$2,217.22; expenses \$4,037.67; no issues reported; approved

Foundation report: Review of Budget and Checking Account reconciliation report for month of September, 2012. Check for \$216 was given by Joy to Mary Frances for pancake breakfast. Mary Frances checking on a \$200.00 deposit with unknown source. approved.

Secretaries report:

Second notice to be send out to members who have yet to submit July – December Dues.

Board confirmation no need to mail Lion's Tale to members that show up to meeting.

Board minutes: No amendments - approved

Holiday Baskets:

Background: New family on Woodfield Rd. from Honduras or El Salvadore is living with a second family. Does not speak English; dealing with an interpreter. 4 adults & 3 children total. Received name through Faith Connections. Family has no clothes, no warm clothes.

Question: Would we consider getting clothes for 4 adults. Checked into thrift shop – cost might be \$20/adult. Could bring used clothes in to next Tuesday's Lion's meeting. It is cold, clothes are needed before Christmas

35 yr: Large	34/22
Medium	
XL	40/32
Small	1 pant size

Answer: Provide as separate gift from Lion's club rather than as part of Holiday giving.

Holiday Baskets

Bob Newlin has been in touch with Food pickup people. Leo's from Baker, Damascus, and Rocky Hill have been notified. Mrs. Goldteins broke her leg, but her family is helping out, she is the baker of the pumpkin bread.

- Thurs at 3pm pick-up at Rocky Hill ES
- Butlers is donating the Apples

- Mary Frances purchased the Oranges from Laytonsville.
- Regarding coupons, Mary Frances struck a deal with Safeway and saved over \$100.
- This was exceptionally good since only 1 Turkey could be purchase at the sale price.

On Tuesday, Lion's will hear more about the Stocking Stuffer list (hats, gloves and mittens)

Tammy Hertel is collecting toys from some store that is going out of business.

New Business:

White Cane collected \$1,723.00

Lenora Kish has fallen and is in long term care. She is in Lorian.

Sam Hashemi (Perri), Region 1 Zone 1 Chair from Potomac Lions Club proposes a district convoy of pick-up trucks to fill up gas for towns hit by Sandy in NJ. A tanker is another option. After considerable discussion, Damascus does not feel it is a good idea for several good reasons. King Lion John will send a message back to Sam to let him know the safety regards. Damascus feels there must be other ways to help, such as contact the Food Pantry in New Jersey. Brooklyn has provided flashlights and blankets.

Damascus board approved a donation of \$250 from unplanned requests to LCIF for Hurricane Sandy relief.

Fundraisers:

King Lion John brought up Honey Baked Ham store as a fundraiser. 15% to come back to Lion's. Marcia to look into it further and report back next meeting as a possibility for Easter.

Martin Carr has started a cell phone collection. See Martin to donate unneeded cell phones.

Medical Equipment

Need Strong guys to help deliver and pick up beds

Old Business:

Community Fair - Other than the Humidity on Friday and the Heavy Rain and Tornado warning on Saturday, 2,000 bags of popcorn were given out. Health Inspector came Saturday and asked to have Hand Washing Station moved closer by. When school buses came on Friday, we were told no food from outside sources to kids. All in all, it was a good event and 5-7 people inquired about membership. Additionally, there was an inquiry about a wheelchair, and an inquiry about the next Blood Drive.

Cake Auction is a big fundraiser for the Community Fair as is the Silent Auction. Sam expressed that Potomac does Silent Auctions as well to raise funds.

We are in need of a publicity Chair.

New business:

Tony received confirmation regarding billing for 3 Leo's Clubs, Damascus, Baker and Rocky Hill.

President of Leo Club Johnathan Bjordan was crowned King of the Fair, he provided considerable help with Ice Cream Dipping and is a good community service kid.

Sue Suddath had a stroke and is home and doing better.

(White Canes cont.)

Special Recognitions

Three Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club recognitions go to:

- **Barbara Barry**, who collected \$130.41 at Safeway on Friday evening;
- **Ronnie Poland**, who collected \$107.10 at Safeway on Saturday morning; and
- **Martin Carr**, who collected \$106.10 at Safeway on Wednesday evening.

The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to Lion **Fran Burlas**, who unselfishly volunteered for three shifts so that we could maximize the revenue of this important Damascus Lions fundraiser.

Here are the stupendous Damascus Lions who gave unselfishly of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): B. Barry, Burlas(3), Carr, Dotterer, Duplan, Fletcher, Gladhill(2), Gosnell, C. Hertel, T. Hertel, Hibbard(2), Jackson(2), M. Holpuch(2), Mahylis, Mallack, Molesworth, Peters(2), Poland, R. Reichmeider, D. Reichmeider, Rogers, Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Suddath, Tench, and Wyatt. As always, special thanks go to our reliable Managers of the Day: Bill Mahylis, Ken Phillips, and Del Mayhew...and to our ever-meticulous Money Counters: George Hibbard, Del Mayhew, Tom Jackson, and Vi Hibbard).

Once again, our retail store friends at CVS, Safeway, Tom & Ray's, & Red Rooster have not wavered in their support for White Cane. When patronizing their establishments, please express your gratitude to the management for allowing White Cane Lions to do our work at their storefronts. Thanks.



Christmas Giving Project

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Coordinator

Now onto the Christmas part of our Holiday Giving Project.

A timeline is printed on page 6 for the Christmas project.

The clothing shopping was done on Wednesday, November 28 by 5 Lions and Partners-in-Service. All went very smoothly with Kohl's being generous.

At the December 4 dinner meeting, a sign-up sheet will be available for all to volunteer to help with the Christmas Project. I will strive to assign the same families to the same teams for the Christmas Delivery.

For the Christmas food boxes, each team will be responsible for packing the food into their own boxes. This is different from Thanksgiving. Should you be unable to pack your food, please let me know. I should have Lions or Leos that can do that for us.

At the Holiday Party on December 20 at the Damascus UM Church, Lions are to bring the stocking stuffer items that they chose at the November Meeting. Also, we are asking Lions to bring socks and mittens/gloves for children and adults for a Mitten Tree. We will include these items with our gifts as well.

The Tradesmen Motorcycle Run brought in more than 75 items which have been inventoried and packed for each child in a family along with cash. We will use this money for baby gifts and teenage gifts.

Give me a call or email me with any questions or concerns – mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIME LINE

Damascus Lions Serving 30 area families

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Nov. 3		Tradesmen MC Jingle Bell Blues Toy Run & Concert
Nov. 6		Sign up sheets for sorting and delivery Teams for Thanksgiving
Nov. 15	3:00 PM	Pick up food from Rocky Hill Middle School
Nov. 16	2:00 PM	Pick up food from Damascus High School
Nov. 16	1:00 PM	Sort food and pack boxes at Hyatt B & S
Nov. 17	8:00 AM	Delivery Teams pick up food baskets at and deliver them
Nov. 20		Give out Stocking Item List for Lions to purchase Shopping Spree @ Germantown Kohls to purchase clothing for children
Nov. 28	1:00 PM	Sign Up Sheets for duties and Delivery Teams for Christmas Delivery
Dec. 4		
Dec. 18		For the Christmas Party, Lions bring Stockings and mittens
Dec. 19	12 Noon	Pick up food from John T. Baker Middle School
Dec. 19	2:00 PM	Pick up food from NRC
Dec. 19	2:00 PM	Move food to Damascus UM Church
Dec. 19	8:00 PM	Sort food at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 20	Noon to 5 pm	Teams Pack food for families and Wrap gifts at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 21	Noon to 5 pm	Teams Pack food for families
Dec. 22	8:00 AM	Delivery teams pick up food and gifts from Damascus UM Church and deliver to families