



## The President's Message

Happy New Year!

The Damascus Lions Club had a busy December. With putting up the Christmas wreaths in town lead by Lion Tony to the Senior Birthday Party and then the Holiday Party and the Holiday Giving Project. Who had time to do Christmas shopping. Thank goodness for Amazon. The Holiday Party was well attended and it was good to that see District Gov. Don Beeson and his wife finally made it after a stop at Wesley Grove UM. Thanks to Lion's Joy and Marsha for their help in putting it all together. Thanks to Lion Charlie Holpuch for keeping things moving with the gift giving. A BIG thanks to Santa (Lion Gary Rogers) and the Wesley Grove UM Choir.



Sam Hashemi

I might add that New Year's resolutions are not made to be broken. Let ours be to be kind, caring and thoughtful to others. Let's spread the word about Lionism and how we help the community of Damascus.

Your in Lionism,

**KL John**

## Christmas Giving Project

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

Santa and his elves never cease to amaze me with their givings and their doings!

The jolly guy in the red suit can stir the anxieties in the young as well as the older. By the time the jolly, ole guy visited the members during the Holiday Dinner Party, he had inspired all to get involved – Christmas was coming. And so it was – Wednesday witnessed a record turnout to sort the nonperishables. Thursday witnessed an efficient wrapping team with no fuss nor mess – just got the job done. Thanks to Partners-In-Service Bonnie Mayhew and Jennifer Molesworth and Prospective Member Barbara Devine who wrapped all the clothing and packaged them. Great job! And Team members who came to pack their family boxes offered to help with many other jobs. Upon opening shop on Friday, we witnessed a room was full of bags of toys - how Santa got them there I don't know and it wasn't on a motorcycle either - but thanks to some family members for the help.

Lion Mary Frances always amazes everyone with the energy she puts into the Holiday Giving Project. From start to finish, she was there every step of the way. Thank you, Lion Mary

I would like to share with you a message I received from Lion Sam Hashemi, region 1 Zone Chair.

Today, I received an email from a friend who lives in overseas and is an exercises coach. The summary of the email was "older people do not exercise" and wanted my input about exercise and communicate it in public. I thought to share my email with you while setting your New Year resolution. This is the content of my email:

*I can summarize it in the following phrase "we chose how we want to live".*

*The irony of life is we do not have assurance that we will live the next moment. In the mean time we may live for years to come. Therefore, we live moment by moment in the mean time we plan to live forever. This philosophy will bring us to the next question. Do we want to enjoy this precious life or live in agony or pain. Being healthy makes our life enjoyable. Exercise help us to be healthy (healthy mind is in healthy body). But it is not enough. We need to compliment it with proper eating, drinking, breathing, sleeping and thinking. I will let you find out more about the latter topics. When we decide what we want from life, we determine our goal, we devote ourselves to the goal and have discipline to achieve it.*

I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

With warm regards,



**Santa makes a delivery**

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Apr 2 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Apr 9 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.

Apr 16 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Apr 26 22C Night @ Greater Waldorf Jaycees Ctr

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### Upcoming Events

Feb 5 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Feb 12 Board Meeting: LOCATION TBA

Feb 19 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Mar 5 Dinner Meeting - Prospective Member Night @ Wesley Grove UM Church

Mar 8 Blood Drive @ Mountain View Community Church in Urbana

Mar 9 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM Church

Mar 12 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros

Mar 16,17 NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo @ DC Convention Center

Mar 19 Dinner Meeting - In-House Auction @ Wesley Grove UM Church

## Birthdays

### Lions:

- Jan. 6 – Bob Newlin
- Jan. 13 – Bob Williams
- Jan. 19 – Fran Burlas
- Jan. 20 – Dee Reichmeider
- Jan. 23 – Katie Dougherty
- Jan. 26 – Ray Walton
- Jan. 29 – Benjamin Lewis

### Partners-in-Service:

None known

## Anniversaries

None known

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## News about Members

Peggy Sicotte is ill and in the hospital.

### Ruminations:

If an alien landed on earth, what do you think would be the most difficult thing to explain about our culture? I think it would be that we carry around a device in our pocket that gives us access to all the knowledge of human kind and we use it to look at pictures of cats and dogs and to argue with strangers.

I wake up every day thinking I'll do something for the good of humankind and a voice in my head goes "hahaha, good one." So the voice and I have a good laugh and go sit on the sofa, watch TV and drink beer.

I'm starting to think that I will never be old enough to know better.

To this day, the kid who used to bully me at school still takes my lunch money. On the plus side, he makes really good McDonald burgers.



## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

December 11, 2012

Attendees: John Washington, Rev. Vicki Dotterer, Carol Stone, Bernie Duplan, Barbara Barry, Tony Barry, Martin Carr, Tom Jackson, Mary Francis Gosnell, Tess Gladhill, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Marcia Holpuch, Ken Phillips

### **Club Treasury Report:**

Budget report reviewed

- Total income \$559.19
- Total expenses \$1,265.00
- Net income -705.51
- Current bank balance \$4,547.60

Nothing out of the ordinary. Dues a little behind on amount paid - approved

### **Foundation Treasury report:**

Review of Budget and Checking Account reconciliation report for month of November, 2012.

Income:

- Received another \$216 for pancake breakfast.
- Checking interest \$2.14
- Student Loan Interest \$9.96
- Student Loan Principal \$2612.35
- White Cane \$1723.24
- Holiday giving fund \$1,451.00

Total Income \$6014.69

Expenses

- 100 stamps for Holiday Stamps
- \$170.30 for eye glasses and exams
- \$35.00 for unplanned requests
- \$250.00 for Melvin Jones LCIF for Hurricane Sandy donation
- \$1286.71 for Holiday giving project

Total expenses \$2687.01; Net Income \$3,327.68 - approved

### **Secretaries report:**

Final notice will be sent out to members who have yet to submit July – December dues along with invite to Holiday Party.

For members without email who have not paid dues, letters will go out in mail and calls will be made to invite members to Holiday Party.

Received \$100.00 from David and Andrea Wray as donation to Lion's Club in honor of Lee Sellers

Received tax extension notice – Mary Frances will provide to Mike Thornett

Schedule for January – June 2013 completed – need golf tournament

Note 22C is on April 26, 2012

Dues Statement for January – June 2013 completed and will be sent prior to next board meeting.

Square Dance fund raiser idea to be presented by Secretary at next board meeting.

Wesley Grove Church Choir will be entertainment at Holiday Party

Joy needs count of attendees; members should let Joy know.

### **Board minutes:**

No amendments to December board minutes

### **Holiday Baskets:**

\$15.00 gift certificates rather than Ham.

Teams scheduled; boxes ready to be packed 5pm Dec 20, 21

Deliveries scheduled for Saturday, Dec 22, 2012

Toys and items are ready

Gloves, hats and socks to be collected on tree at Holiday Party

### **Fundraisers:**

Secretary brought up Square Dance fund raiser idea more details to be presented at next board meeting.

Still checking further into Honey Baked Ham's for Easter

Martin Carr still collecting phone collection

Candles, Golf gift cards and Spring bulbs also up for consideration

### **Lee Sellers –**

\$250.00 given to 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist church from Lion's members in honor of Lee

\$100.00 given to Lion's Club in honor of Lee Sellers by David and Andrea Wray

### **Medical Equipment**

Need Strong guys to help deliver and pick up beds

### **New Business**

Ken Phillips mentioned that the niece of JoAnne True who is in a wheelchair at Wesley Grove is asking for a Leader Dog. Several lions will look further into this

Ken made a second recommendation that members by Carry-Out meals from Wesley Grove. Since we are guaranteed 45 dinners and we don't always have 45, members could request a carry out box for a spouse or other member who can't come. The club could purchase the containers and charge \$15.00. Secretary Carol will bring it up to Terry Sherwood of Wesley Grove.

### **Flowers for Christmas and Elderly**

John Warfield, Ruby Hyatt, Joy King, Thelma Sellers, Helen Boyer, Jim Belcher & Bob Newlin's wife Kay will receive poinsettias. Poinsettias could be purchased at Safeway at approximately 2 for \$5.00. Will be taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Stone, Secretary

### **Multiple District Convention**

Information about the Multiple District Convention has been posted on the website

### **Christmas deliveries, continued.**

In the afternoon, Leos arrived and started packing items into the boxes and making things look Christmassy. Later in the afternoon during a snow squall, a "sleigh" stopped by the door, doors and trunk open to display a load of beautifully decorated boxes of cookies - the Goldstein Family had arrived in fashion! All was in place and organized by the close of the day. Saturday morn was a scurry of teams greeting each other, getting their coffee, loading their "sleighs" and announcing "And away we go!" All the deliveries were made within an hour, the unused foods were delivered to the Help Food Closet and we were ready to close up shop. As the teams returned we heard that the mother whose twin 6 year olds were receiving the two bicycles had sent the children with their grandmother. She wanted to hide the bikes until Christmas morning. She was so excited. And another mother asked that the gifts be put in her car. She wanted to keep them for Christmas morning for her children. Santa greeted several families on his run and a member of one community ran him down and gave him a donation towards the project. You just read a description of a lair of Lions, family

members and friends making Christmas happen! What at team!

You may recall that it was the Damascus Lions Club who started this project some 60 plus years ago. They gave used clothing and foods to a few families that they knew were in need. The project has grown over the years and has become more sophisticated in a good way. But don't let us Lions forget, it was our forefathers who had this idea that there are neighbors in our community who need support and that they can depend on the Lions being there for them. We don't know the circumstances of their need but we do it from the heart. We Serve!

Thanks to all of you, your family members, your neighbors and friends for your support with such a great and rewarding project!

Donations – Toothbrushes and Toothpaste from Schoeb D.D.S., Cookies from the Goldstein Family, Dinner rolls from Huang Distributing, Toys from Tradesmen Motorcycle Club, Stocking Stuffers from the Lion members and Rozanne Tedder, Gloves and hats from Lion members, Rocky Hill Middle School, John T. Baker Middle School and Damascus High School and Nuclear Regulatory Agency all had food drives and apples from Butlers Orchard, candy from Lions, boxes from David Stone

