



The President's Message

KL John asked me to rerun his farewell column from his previous tenure as president:

Gone fishing:



DAMASCUS DAYS LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

By Lion Joy Schwab, Chair

We will be hosting a pancake Breakfast on July 13, 2013, from 7 - 10 a.m. in the Damascus United Methodist Church Dining Hall as part of Damascus Days.

Volunteers are needed!!!! We need help on Friday, July 12, to set up the dining hall and prepare the food. On Saturday, July 13, we need the usual support: Kitchen, Dining Hall, Ticket sales, Clean up.

Note: We need to be out of the Kitchen by 11:00, the UMW and UMM will be serving Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A sign-up sheet will be at the June dinner meetings.

Call us, Lion Joy 301-253-3294 or Lion Sue 301-253-3434, with questions, or volunteering.

Thanks!

Installation Night

Our sixty-eighth Installation Night will be held at the Golden Bull restaurant in Gaithersburg on June 18, our next meeting. The social hour with a cash bar starts at 6PM with a buffet dinner at 6:45.

The dinner menu includes roast sirloin beef with ajus and horseradish sauce, seafood Newburg with shrimp, crab and scallops over rice pilaf, breast of chicken chardonnay, garden salad, oven roasted red skin potatoes, green beans in garlic butter, seasonal vegetable medley, rolls, butter, hot and cold beverages and chocolate mousse for dessert.

If you haven't already done so, get your payment into banquet chairman Lion Bob Snapp by June 13.

It's \$30 per person. Nothing was collected with the dues to pay for this.

Flea Market

Again this year, in addition to selling flea market spots, we Lions will be having our own booth. So start

collecting all those ~~useless~~ valuable items around your home for our booth: those things you bought at the auction you no longer want, those things you should have donated to the auction but forgot, and those things you bought that you're now wondering "why?" You can either bring them up to the booth the morning of the event, or drop them off at Gladhill Brothers beforehand.

Keys Game

We will not be having a dinner meeting the first Tuesday in July (July 2). Instead we'll be attending the Frederick Keys game that evening. Lion Tess will be announcing the details soon, but mark you calendar.

Are You Interested??

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

Following our presentation by Mr. Barkley of the Montgomery County School Board, I had conversations with his staff questioning how we might be able to help the students in our area in a very active way. As I've discovered, there is something we can do. And it's also a project that fits neatly into the International President's theme this year of Literacy. The focus on Literacy with the Lions is now a project with a ten year span. Rather than trying to invent something new, we can partner with the school system on an existing program that needs volunteers.

This program helps second-graders with their reading skills. The program is conducted at Cedar Grove Elementary School in our service area. It is also available at other schools downcounty. There is required training to participate in the program where you will be paired up with a second grader to sit with them and read for 1/2 hour each week.

What we need to know now is if you would be interested in participating in this program. If we have at least 4 volunteers, they will come up here to train us. Training will be in August to prepare us to begin with the program when school starts in September. Otherwise, training sessions are held in Rockville. If you would like to be included in the training or have any questions about the program, please contact Marcia at 301.253.6240 or email at holpuch@verizon.net. At this time, we want to know if you are even interested in being a part of the program. We aren't going to hold you to it, but we need to know if this is something we want to do.

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Upcoming Events

June 3 Golf Tournament @ Glade Valley Golf Course
June 4 Picnic at Damascus UMC Pavilion
June 11 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
June 18 Induction Ceremony at Golden Bull, Gaithersburg
July 2 – Keys Game
July 9 – Board meeting @ Gladhill Bros
July 12 – 13 Damascus Days
July 16 – Pot luck dinner – DUMC Pavilion
Aug 6 – Dinner at Montgomery Methodist
Aug 13 – Ice Cream Dipping
Aug 20 – Board meeting @ Gladhill Bros

Birthdays

Lions:

June 2 - Ann Davis
June 7 - Lenora Kish
June 16 – Charlie Hertel
June 17 – Jenn Hyde
June 20 - Tucky Woodfield
June 25 – Gary Bellison
June 28 - Eloise Woodfield

Partners-in-Service

June 3 – Jay Mallack
June 9 – Tori Tomlinson
June 19 - Bonnie Mayhew

Anniversaries

June 6 - Sue and Ken Phillips
June 8 - Kay and Bob Newlin
June 14 - Sue and Jack Poole
June 26 – Cindee and Gary Rogers

News about Members

At the May Board meeting, three new members were approved as affiliate members. Here is the roster book information for them:

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2013

Attendees: Tess Gladhill, Carol Stone, John Washington, Mary Frances Gosnell, Patricia McKenzie, Marcia Holpuch, Joy Schwab, Ken Phillips, Tom Jackson, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Charlie Stone

Previous board minutes accepted

Treasurer's report

Nothing out of line - Approved

Foundation Report

Nothing out of line - Approved

Secretary's Report:

Received several thank you's

- Camp Merrick for \$600.00 donation
- Run for Life for donation

Received 2nd letter from Kay Boughan about banners in town "Damascus is a community that cares." Mary Frances Gosnell has been in touch w/ Kay who is awaiting upgrade approval. Asking for Lion's to be funnel for funds for town cryer welcome banners

Received approval from State of Maryland for Club through 12-31-2013

Received application from Lion's International re: Leo Clubs

Damascus has 3 Leo clubs

Jill Green – Damascus

Mary Crowel – Rocky Hill

Baker's Club is currently non-functional: no adviser can be found since stipends have been cut.

Received letter from Eloise Woodfield - \$25.00 approved donation for Damascus Fair Coloring Contest

Leadership training

Leadership Mar 13 – 16, 2013 (Barbara and Carol attended). Lions approved to pay \$100 toward registration for each Lion

Convention May 13 – 16 2013 (Mary Frances, Carol, Martin, Marsha, Joy, Warren, Eloise and Tuck attended). Lions will pay some stipend based on attendance. Marsha convinced PDG Paul Hawkins to wear a speedo into the ocean after gaining \$1668.25 in donations for Camp Merrick.

Tess Gladhill reported there were 3 weeks until Celebrate Damascus and the Lions' flea market. Fireworks have been paid for. Lion's will do pancake breakfast

The theme is "The Great Outdoors" – Lions will be hunting for new members

Frederick Keys

Tickets are available for adults and kids

Tuesday, July 2 before the 4th

Charlie Stone reported that he has 3 new members that will be inducted into the club on Installation night.

Carol also has a perspective member that will come to the picnic

Books and Children – literacy program for next 10 years

Marsha Holpuch reported that Cedar Grove has 2nd graders that we could read to; Rockville would be willing to train; need 5 volunteers for training session in Damascus

Tuba City Backpacks – brought up by Jerry Mallack. School supplies needed for Navaho reservation

Several Lion's said they were disappointed in Youth Night. Perhaps, more money should be given for scholarships rather than for youth projects when representatives don't show up.

Joy reported that we should have gone as a group to support the Memorial Day event at the Legion

New Budget approved if we limit stipends to \$100/member.

Multiple District Convention

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

Everyone should attend at least one of our Multiple District conventions. It's a great place to meet new people with similar interests, trade ideas, and boost your Lion spirit. It doesn't cost very much, and when you toss a couple of fun roommates into the mix it just makes for a good time.

It is also the place where we vote for our new District officers and any by-law changes. Each club gets one vote for every 10 club members. This year, for the first year in many, we had a full delegation of voting members. Attending this convention were Lions Joy & Warren Schwab, Lion Carol Stone, Lion Martin Carr, Lions Eloise & Tuck Woodfield, Lion Mary Frances Gosnell and Lion Marcia Holpuch.

The District Governor for the 2013-14 year is Lion Dee Hawkins of Olney. DG-Elect Dee has attended and worked at our pancake breakfasts, so she is a familiar face. The 1st VDG for next year is Lion Kelly Randolph from the South Gate-Clinton Club. And the 2nd VDG is Lion Mike Bigler of the Takoma Park club. Each candidate has a hospitality area during the convention where you can munch and chat and learn more about each of them.

During the course of the year, I had heard that District 22-C was a 100% Leader Dog district. I thought that was real nice. It means that every club in our district made a donation to the Leader Dog program during the year. Lions Julie Thomas and Connie Burick have been steadfast ambassadors for the Leader Dogs in our district for quite some time. What I learned at this convention was that District 22-C is the ONLY 100% Leader Dog district... in the World!! Wow!! That puts it in a whole new light, doesn't it? Sometimes, you should pat yourself on the back, and this is one of those times.

There are several interesting seminars held at convention that you can attend. Some of the topics offered this year were Emergency in your Community, Eyeglasses, LVRF, Membership, Leader Dogs, the Youth Foundation, the Lions Code of Ethics, and Certified Guiding Lions. There was also a Necrology Service where we paid our respects to those Lions throughout the Multiple that had passed away during the year.

As one of the best districts in Lionism, we have been privileged to host the International President at our convention for the past several years (that I know of) and are also on the calendar for the next 2 years. It really is a big deal to have the International President at your district

convention. One of the events held is an early morning Q & A session with the IP. It is always a highlight of the convention as it's an opportunity to ask a question of the President and get a real feel for him as a person.

Another activity that takes place at convention is the recognition of outstanding Lions. Admittedly, it's pretty easy to kind of zone out during that portion of the program. It is a Multiple District convention, so our district is only 20% of the attendees, and there's way more people that you don't know than the ones that you do. But when a familiar name rings out over the microphone, you do a double-take and sit a little higher in your chair and even crane to see. One of our past members received such a recognition from the International President for his work in his district by starting 5 new Leo Clubs. Lion George Bolling, now of the Thurmont Lions Club in District 22-W received such an award. He had come to the convention by some coercion and without Mary as they had some pretty important graduations to attend also. So he didn't stick around long, but it sure was nice to see him get the recognition he was due.

The food at the convention this year was outstanding. Much, much better than anticipated. It was served promptly, prepared properly, and downright tasty. Except for the Schwabs who had to leave early, our little entourage also had 100% participation in the golf tournament this year. Okay, it was a putt-putt golf tournament, but it was fun. Everyone got at least one hole-in-one, so we were all winners.

The convention next year is scheduled for May 12-15 and will be held in Ocean City again. That will be the last time the convention will be at Ocean City for a while. 2015 will be in Dover, then Hagerstown, the Gettysburg. So if you need advance notice, here it is. As we ramp up for our 100th Anniversary year, each convention should just get better than the one before. You should be there next year!!