



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## The President's Message

Hello Lions!

Well the summer flew by as expected. The Barry Family went on a several fun vacations, Italy, the beach and Disney! Lion Tony and I actually attended a District 22C Advisory Meeting on the day we returned from Orlando - we arrived at BWI airport, hopped in our car and drove to Temple Hills. It was a long day but the meeting was worth it.



Before our Disney trip I was able to work at the Lions Ice Cream Bar on Friday night. I was sad to miss the Damascus Lions Club's ice cream dipping day, Tuesday. I always have fun on ice cream day. (I bet Lion Charlie Hertel and Lion Gary Rogers do not call it "fun"). I can't wait to hear the final reports from ice cream; they say it was the best year ever. A special thanks goes out to all of you for your help.

I also want to thank our Lions for helping out with the Mobil Health Unit (the "eye bus"); Lions Ken, Julie and Bill and a bonus helper, Helen Mahylis on Monday and on Thursday Lions Chris, Sandy, Marcia, Del, Mary Frances and Joann helped out.

September 3 is our first meeting back "home" at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church. I hope every Lion wears their Lion's polo shirt (a solid black or white shirt will suffice if you do not have a polo) so we can gather outside Wesley Grove for a group photo.

We are quickly approaching the Damascus Community Fair on September 6, 7 & 8. There will be plenty of events for Lions to attend from popping popcorn to taking entries and even making our own ice cream! More details and sign-up sheets to follow at our next meeting.

On Saturday, September 28 we are planning to do a preschool vision screening at McDonalds. We need to advertise at our local stores, banks, recreation center, preschools and day cares, etc. etc. If you can help out with this event please let Secretary Ken or myself know. This will be a great opportunity to provide the community with a valuable service while spreading the word of Lions.

Some people truly believe that the Damascus Lions Club is like their second family, I know I do. Please remind your fellow Lions of upcoming meetings and events. Also keep some of us in your prayers. Remember to Appreciate, Believe in and especially Care for our fellow Lions. Tail Twister Charlie and I have a new little "twist" starting in September so bring your dollars to the meeting – you will like this, I promise.

Have a great rest of the summer!

KL Barbara

## Community Fair

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, head corn popper

### POPPIN' AT THE DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR THIS WEEK

**Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – Damascus Community Fair.**

The Damascus Lions are listed on the daily schedule in the fair book as - **9:00 AM - Until**

**Free popcorn (Damascus Lions Club)**

Our name is in print for all who have a Fair Book to see – now we need to take advantage of the opportunity. So Lions, this is our opportunity to meet the community, to tell them of our good works, answer their questions and to offer them a free bag of popcorn. What better way to promote our club in our own community. Membership Chairman, Chris Fletcher, wants to see us bring in 2 or more new members from our efforts.

During the hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Lions Booth, that is located in the Poll Barn on the DVFD Activity grounds, will need to be manned. Can you help? Give a few hours? The popcorn machine needs to be manned at all times. The popcorn needs to be bagged! And it needs a smiling face upon handing it out. Wear your hat, vest or shirt. Just something to identify ourselves as Lions.

We need help on-

Friday, Sept. 6 from 9 AM – 11 AM and 3 PM - 8:30  
 Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9 AM – 8:30 PM,  
 Sunday, Sept. 8 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

A Sign-up sheet will be available at the Sept. 3 meeting and will be for 3 hour shifts.

Contact Lion Mary Frances for more info or to sign-up to help. [mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com](mailto:mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com)

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### Upcoming Events

Sep 3 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
Sep 10 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros  
Sep 6-8- Damascus Community Fair @ DVFD  
Grounds  
Sep 17 -Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
Oct. 1 Charter Night @ TBD  
Oct 8 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Tractor  
Oct 14 Blood Drive @ Damascus Library  
Oct 15 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
Oct. 19 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM Church  
Nov. 5 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
Nov 6 – 9 White Cane @ various locations  
Nov 12 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Tractor  
Nov 19 Dinner Meeting - Spouse Night @ Wesley  
Grove UM Church  
Nov 22 – 23 Holiday Giving Project @ TBD

### Birthdays

#### Lions:

Sept. 1 – Carol Stone  
Sept 10 – Suresh Malhotra  
Sept. 16 – Cheryl Wyatt

#### Partners-in-Service

Sept. 14 Melissa Washington  
Sept. 15 Kathy Thornett

### Anniversaries

Sept. 5 – Barbara and Tony Barry  
Sept. 8 - Del and Bonnie Mayhew  
Sept. 20 - John and Melissa Washington  
Sept. 23 - Bill and Helen Mahylis  
Sept. 29 - Wayne and Naomi Marr

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### 2nd Grade Readers

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

Training for the reading program with 2nd graders at Cedar Grove Elementary School will be held this month. Please contact Lion Marcia if you are interested in participating in this program.

### LCI Training is now offered online!

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

LCI is now offering training on a variety of topics in online sessions. Go to the LCI website ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)) and type WEBINARS in the search box in the upper right corner. The first item listed will take you to the page of webinar offerings where you can review the schedule and topics of upcoming sessions. This month the topic is Managing Service Projects and is targeted to all Lions. It's great to have this option for training and exposure to Lions from other areas. These webinars are free and can help us all to be better Lions.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

8-20-13

King Lion Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:05. In attendance were Lions Barbara Barry, Tessie Gladhill, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Mary Frances Gosnell, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Del Mayhew, Mike Thornett, Marcia Holpuch and Chris Fletcher.

The minutes of the July meeting as published in the Lions Tale were reviewed and approved as published.

Lion Tony presented the financial report for the Club treasury. After discussion, the report was approved as presented. The following is a summary; a detailed report is available in the club records.

|          | July    | Year to date | YTD Budget |
|----------|---------|--------------|------------|
| Income   | 3012.15 | 3012.15      | 2025.10    |
| Expenses | 2359.46 | 2356.46      | 2024.78    |

Lion Mary Frances presented the financial report for the Foundation. After discussion, the report was approved as presented. The following is a summary; a detailed report is available in the club records.

|          | July    | Year to date | YTD Budget |
|----------|---------|--------------|------------|
| Income   | 1887.77 | 1887.77      | 1259.17    |
| Expenses | 4675.08 | 4675.08      | 1619.58    |

Lion Ken gave the secretary's report. The dues continue coming in with about 25 still outstanding. Another notice will be sent out in August. There were "thank you" notes from scholarship recipients Andrew Dallas and Cassie Lowell and notes from the Children's Inn of NIH and the secretary of the Damascus 4-H Club thanking the club for our donations. Also a note from Lion Midge Tench thanking the membership for their support during her recovery was read.

Secretary Ken reported that LCI has increased the fee for sponsorship of a LEO club to \$100.00. This prompted a discussion of the LEO clubs that we sponsor. King Lion Barbara is going to check at Damascus High School to determine the activities of the LEO club. It was pointed out that the club at Baker has been inactive for some time. The school system does not have any funds to support the club. Lion Mike Thornett was going to look into the situation and there will be an attempt to identify a volunteer to be an advisor to the club and help organize it. It was noted that the volunteer does not have to be a teacher at the school.

## Old Business

There was no one in the meeting to present details of the Ice Cream dipping efforts at the County Fair, however it was pointed out that the turnout of Lions was low for this year but there were more than enough help from students. There was a discussion of instituting a size or age limit on the volunteers since there were some that were too small to help with the dipping.

Vision screening at the fair was reported to be successful. The club manned preschool screening on Monday and 10 children were screened. On Thursday, the club supported the mobile health unit with vision and audio screening, serving 25 citizens during our shift.

Lion Joy reported on the pancake breakfast served during Celebrate Damascus Day. Joy pointed out that we need to adhere to the health rules more closely in the future at these events. It was suggested that those working the breakfasts be given some training on the rules before the next breakfast.

A letter of resignation from Lions Dee and Rusty Reichmeider was presented and a vote to accept their letter was taken. Secretary Ken will report Dee and Rusty resigning in good standing.

A few months ago Lion Tammy Hertel presented a request from a booster organization at the high school to purchase a banner for the fence on the athletic field. This request was brought up again and it was decided that it would not be a good advertisement for the club.

The preschool vision screening at McDonald's was revisited and plans are continuing. The tentative date will be September 28. Lion Tessie Gladhill will coordinate with McDonald's and Lion Ken Phillips will check on the availability of the vision cameras.

## New Business

LCOF is replacing the Mobile Health Unit with a trailer and truck to tow it. A LCI grant has been approved with the stipulation that LCOF matches these funds. LCOF has suggested that each club donate \$30.00 per member to help with these matching funds. The board voted to donate \$1000.00 to this effort and challenge the membership to donate to match these funds to bring our support to near the suggested contribution.

District 22-C awards luncheon will be held on August 24. Lion Marcia will represent to club at this event.

There will be an attempt to organize an Ice Cream freezing team for the community fair contest. Also all supplies are on hand for the popcorn popping at the fair.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell presented a report on the student loan program. The outstanding balance was reported to be \$9394.71. Since the loan program was discontinued some time ago, the funds remaining in the program will be available for other use. Lion Mike Thornett will organize a committee to develop options for use of these funds.

King Lion Barbara adjourned the meeting at 8:53.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Ken Phillips

### **Club Supports Health Care Unit with Preschool Vision Screening**

By Ken Phillips, chair

On August 12, the club served a day with the Mobile Health Unit at the Montgomery Fair. Lions Bill Mahylis, Julie Sain, and Ken Phillips along with partner in service Helen Mahylis manned the preschool vision screening service and screened 10 children.

During the shift from 10:00 to 12:30, tests were conducted to check depth perception, lazy eye, and other vision problems for children too young to read a normal eye chart. If a problem is evident, they are referred to an eye doctor. These tests are done with an instrument that uses a laser to measure the characteristics of the eye and indicates possible eye abnormalities. It is emphasized that these tests are screenings and not a substitute for a professional eye exam.

### **August Blood Drive**

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

Our first blood drive with INOVA collected 27 units on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at Mountain View Community Church.

The second blood drive with INOVA collected 23 units on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Damascus Library. We had 2 shifts at the registration table: Lion Sandy Hill worked the first shift and Lion Jerry Mallack worked the second shift. Thank you for your support.

Also I would like to thank Lion Tom Jackson and Lion Jerry Mallack for sitting with our INOVA account rep Sandi the two Mondays before the drive at the Damascus Safeway to sign up donors for the 19<sup>th</sup> blood drive.

Our next blood drive is scheduled with INOVA for October 14, 2013 at the Damascus Library.

### **Ice Cream Dipping**

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

It was a rainy morning for us again on Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2013. But remember it is senior day at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair and they were not going to miss out on all the freebees.

The Damascus Lions that came to help really stepped up and did a great job. I can't thank them enough for making it all work out. The Leo's clubs and partners in service did awesome even when their wrists were hurting they kept on dipping. Everyone did an outstanding job. We all worked very, very hard. We had over 60 volunteers who worked over 250 hours. I would like to thank Lion Gary Rogers from the Damascus Club. He ran the Ice Cream Parlor again this year in the morning. He did a great job.

There are a few other people I would like to Thank for making the Ice Cream Dipping go smoothly: Lions Tony and Barbara Barry for stocking the freezers on Wednesday night; Lion Christine Fletcher and Lion Barbara Devine for working the cash registers all day long. Lion Barbara also helped Lion Tammy with the Leo's and behind the counter dipping. I would like to personally thank all the Lions that came out and helped. If I didn't mention your name we still appreciated all your help. Thank you Jonathon, the past Leo president, for helping.

It was a record year again. The clubs combined collected over \$75,000 and we collected over \$8,000 on our day. It is estimated that our Lions Club will bring in somewhere around \$2,400.00 for our single day at the fair. What a great job we all did!!! Thank you.

Mark on your calendars for Tuesday August 12, 2014, next year's Ice Cream Dipping. See you there!!

### **Mobile Health Unit at MoCo Fair**

By Lion Marcia Holpuch, Chair

Six Lions answered the call to help staff the Mobile Health Unit on Thursday at the Fair. Lions Del Mayhew, Sandy Gill, Joanne Woodson, Mary Frances Gosnell, and Chris Fletcher were on hand to perform glaucoma, vision and hearing screenings to fair goers. The early shift was slow but things picked up as the day went along. About 30 screenings were done by day's end. Thanks to these Lions who were willing to serve.