



The President's Message

Hello Lions!

October is here! It's my favorite time of the year because the leaves are changing, the weather is cooler and the Damascus Lions celebrate our Charter night! It is very early this year, October 1 at the best place in Frederick, Dutch's Daughter. Did you sign up for a crab cake?? I am looking forward to our speaker, District Governor Dee Hawkins.



The Damascus Community Fair was a huge success for the Lions Club. We were mentioned in the Gazette for our famous bags of popcorn and for winning the ice cream churning contest! I hope everyone sampled our unique lemon blueberry ice cream, Lion Marcia's family's secret recipe!

At our September 17 meeting Lion Marcia presented the District 22C 100% Secretary's Award to Lion Carol Stone and the Damascus Lions Club won the District 22C 5 Star award again. We are an amazing club and these awards are just a small sample of what we can do together for our community.

On Saturday October 5 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.

Break out your Halloween costumes because on October 15 we will dress up for an early Halloween party! Last year Lion Tony and I were Fred and Wilma Flintstone. It's lots of fun so plan on dressing up for the next meeting. I may even hand out some candy.

I hope you are enjoying the Tail Twister's new "twist", Happy Dollars. Bring a dollar to each meeting and give it to the Tail Twister to celebrate something that has made you happy.

I know the Damascus Lions provides many services for our community. As the holidays approach us, we need to prepare for our many holiday service projects. We need to think of our community members and those who are less

fortunate than we are. We also need to constantly think of our own members- to 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.

Enjoy this beautiful weather!

KL Barbara

POPPIN' AT FAIR SETS A RECORD

By Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

The aroma of popcorn filtered through the Damascus Community Fair the weekend of Sept. 6-8. A record of 2100 plus bags of popcorn were given to fairgoers as they enjoyed their visit to the fair. We did not have any school tours this year which is usually another 300 or so. Popcorn was not the only thing the 20 Lions who worked 125 hours at the Lions Membership/Popcorn Booth did. Lions fielded information concerning –

- How can I donate medical equipment?
- Where are the eye glass collection boxes around town?
- Will come to the Pancake Breakfast, glad to know the date?
- I will mark my calendar for the next blood drive.
- What do you do with youth?
- Is there a charge to borrow medical equipment?
- General inquires about when and where we meet

Membership Chair Chris Fletcher created a pictorial display of events the Lions are involved in. Lots of people took the time to peruse it and offer some comments.

We gathered entries for a drawing for a Longaberger Apple Pot Basket. The person whose winning ticket was drawn is a newcomer to Damascus and is interested in learning more about Lions as 12 other people who entered the drawing indicated. We displayed a Blood Drive Calendar, Pancake Breakfast flyer, Medical Equipment availability list along with crutches, our banner, an eye glass box which was overflowing with glasses, Lions Mints and we sold two boxes as well as the booth was decorated in Autumn décor.

A vote of gratitude goes out to the Lions who worked at the booth: K. Phillips, C. and C. Stone, J. and W. Schwab, C. Fletcher, J. Woodson, B. Devine,

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 1 Charter Night @ Dutch's Daughter
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
Dec. 3 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Dec. ? Senior Birthday Party @ Senior Center
Dec. 10 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Tractor
Dec. 17 Holiday Party @ Damascus UM Church
Dec 19 – 21 Holiday Giving Project @ Damascus
UM Church
Dec 23 Blood Drive @ Damascus Library

Birthdays

Lions:

Oct. 1 Donna Feuillet
Oct. 4 Barbara Barry
Oct. 8 Ray Molesworth
Oct. 11 Midge Tench
Oct. 26 Chris Fletcher
Oct. 30 Charlie Stone

Partners-in-Service

Oct. 28 – Tom Kish

Anniversaries

Oct. 3 – Peggy and Ray Sicotte
Oct. 12 - Tori and Matt Tomlinson
Oct. 25 – Marcia and Charlie Holpuch
Oct. 30 – Carol and Ken Cook

News about Members

Popcorn – continued

J. Washington, R. Molesworth, F. Burlas, C. and K. Cook, W. Ward, S. Suddath, J. Mallack, W. Marr, T. Jackson, M. Holpuch, and C. Hertel. Should you have helped with the popcorn and your name does not appear above, please let me know. Everyone needs to get credit for a job well done. All the Lions did a great job in whatever capacity they chose to work. We just didn't have much idle time. And we now have a few seasoned popcorn machine operators.

With the above results from the weekend, I am convinced that Damascus knows there is a Lions Club in town who is interested in serving our community.

As a note of reference, the popcorn machine is owned by the Damascus Lions, the popcorn and bags are purchased by the club and Lion Wayne Marr stores all the equipment and supplies. It has not been our policy to not loan out the equipment unless a "popcorn seasoned" Lion can go with it and then it must be approved by the Board.

Gladhill Tractor

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

9/10/13

King Lion Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:02. In attendance were Lions Barbara Barry, Carol Stone, Tessie Gladhill, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Mary Frances Gosnell, Martin Carr, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Mike Thornett and Marcia Holpuch.

The minutes of the August 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.

	August	Year to date	YTD Budget
Income	2598.05	4050.28	2025.18
Expenses	2161.63	4049.80	2025.02

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.

	August	Year to date	YTD Budget
Income	206.48	1681.29	2535.00
Expenses	631.17	5306.25	3239.17

Lion Ken gave the secretary's report. The dues have come in for a few more members with another notice sent out. The secretary will ask sponsors to call members with outstanding dues.

A report was made on our activities during the Damascus Community Fair. The popcorn booth did a booming business giving out over 2100 bags of popcorn. There seemed to be a lot of interest in our activities and there were 12 inquiries about becoming a Lion. Some were more appropriate for other clubs but several may be good leads for our club. Lion Tessie reported that she had a lot of help from Lions for exhibit processing. The ice creaming freezing team reported winning the contest thanks to Lion Marcia's secret recipe for our ice cream in Lions colors (lemon and blue berry) and maybe some beginner's luck with the cranking. The judges praised the texture and taste of the ice cream.

Old Business

At the last board meeting there was a discussion of the vitality of the LEO clubs at Damascus High School and Baker Middle School. King Lion Barbara reported that she has been looking into the organization of the club at

the High School. Lion Tony brought up a question about the bill for the LEO club annual fee that we pay for each LEO club sponsored. Since the club at Baker Middle School has been dormant for a year or two he questioned paying for that club. After discussion, it was decided that we would pay for the club and make one last effort to reconstitute the club at Baker with either a volunteer from Baker or someone from outside the school.

The preschool vision screening at McDonald's was revisited and plans are continuing. Since the cameras are not going to be available for the September 28 date, October 5 is being considered. Lion Tessie Gladhill will continue to coordinate with McDonald's and Lion Ken Phillips will check on scheduling the vision cameras.

Lion Mike Thornett reported on progress of developing ideas for use of the funds that are available from the student loan program. Mike pointed out the school system has identified a significant number of students who are living at or below the poverty level in the Damascus area. Mike is forming a committee to look at several ideas that the club may be able implement to help these students. Some of the suggestions were transportation needs, computer access and textbooks. These efforts are continuing.

New Business

District Governor Dee Hawkins ask if we would like to be the sponsor for a new Gaithersburg club. It was pointed out during the discussion that LCI is going to send in a team to recruit members to form the nucleus for the new club and that our effort would be a mentoring role to see that they get off to a good start. Examples of our efforts would be helping with their first White Cane, helping organize a fundraiser, or guide them in conducting meetings. The board agreed to accept this request.

District 22-C awards luncheon was held on August 24. Lion Marcia represented the club at this event and will announce our awards at the next dinner meeting.

Lion Carol Stone is coordinating the Peace Poster Contest efforts for the club this year. She plans to work with Baker Middle School and Rocky Hill Middle School to encourage participation.

King Lion Barbara adjourned the meeting at 8:37.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Ken Phillips

Ice Cream Churning at the Damascus Fair

By Lion Ken Phillips

At the Damascus Community Fair, the ice cream freezing team had a rousing good time cranking our club to victory. Lions Marcia Holpuch, Barbara Barry, Tony Barry, Patricia McKenzie, Wayne Marr and Ken Phillips each took a turn on the crank and produced ice cream that the judges ruled the best in taste and texture. Lion Marcia modified a secret family recipe to make our signature flavor of lemon and blue berry. With either beginner's luck or great skill, the team completed the freezing process in about 25 minutes with just the right mix of taste and creamy smooth frozen delight. A blue ribbon will go on our banner and \$20.00 went into the foundation treasury.



Clarksburg Schoolhouse

By Lion Eloise Woodfield

Each year the Clarksburg School house is commemorated. This year five Lions helped at this annual event, Lions Fran, Chris, Joann, Eloise and Tuck. Lion Dale Ryan helped to plan activities.

The Kingsley one room school celebrated 120 years. My mom attended the school as a student and has returned each year for it starting in 2007. Mom is the oldest student and is 94. We all enjoy her stories of the past. We received this memo of thanks from Andrew Simmons.

Hello Eloise. We just wanted to thank you and your husband for all the help with the event at the schoolhouse this past weekend. We were very happy with the turnout and the event success overall. If you could let all the volunteers from the Historical Society and Lions Club know that we are thankful for their

help, we would greatly appreciate it! Thanks so much and have a wonderful day.

Andrew Simmons

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October Blood Drives

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

We have two upcoming blood drives. Our first drive is at Mt. View Community Church in Urbana on Friday, Oct. 11, 13 2 -7 pm.

The second drive is our regular INOVA Blood Drive at the Damascus Library on Oct. 14.

Lions, this is a critical drive for us. Since we split with the Red Cross, donations have dropped precipitously. We used to get 75 to 100 units per drive. Now we are struggling to get 15. We need donors. We no longer have the call lists so it is difficult to get the word out to the community. If you know any people who might be willing to donate, please ask them to support our drive. Or if you can donate yourself, please do so. If we continue to have such low turnout, we are in danger of being dropped by INOVA.

Additionally, there is a Red Cross Blood Drive at DUMC. This drive is Thurs, Oct. 3 from 1- 7 pm in the DUMC dining hall.

Fall White Cane Days: November 6-9, 2013

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Hello, Lions. White Cane days are just one month away. On page 6, you will find the sign-up sheet as it stands currently. There are many unassigned shifts at this time. As you know, this fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion. Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult.

Please review the sign-up sheet in this Lions Tale and then email or call me with your preferred shift(s): waynemarr@aol.com or 301-237-3034. Or, you can inform Lion Ken Phillips on Charter Night and he will let me know. Unfortunately, I am out of town on Charter Night this year.

Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years.

JSSA HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here is another opportunity to serve the community, if you have any interest. We received the following request from the JSSA Hospice:

Do you want to help people during their most challenging days? Do you want to make a real difference in the life of a patient or family by volunteering your time and compassion? JSSA (Jewish Social Service Agency), a non-sectarian community agency, is seeking volunteers over the age of 18 to help enhance the quality of life of individuals and families facing life-threatening or terminal illness.

JSSA offers specialized training for prospective volunteers for its Hospice and Transitions programs. Following the training, volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 2 hours a week visiting patients in the Hospice and Transitions programs who live in their own homes or in facilities in Montgomery County. Volunteers provide companionship and emotional support, respite for caregivers, and practical assistance with errands and transportation. We have found it beneficial for individuals to wait one year following the death of a loved one before becoming a volunteer with JSSA Hospice and Transitions.

The next 20-hour training course is scheduled for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday October 20, 21 and 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at JSSA's Montrose office at 6123 Montrose Road, Rockville. Applications and interviews will be required for those interested in the volunteer training. No walk-ins accepted. For more information and to sign up for the course, please contact Amy Kaufman Goott, Manager of Volunteer Services for JSSA Hospice and Transitions at 301-816-2650, agoott@jssa.org, no later than 5 days prior to the start of the course.

Fall 2013 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday Nov 6 Manager: Ken Phillips	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Fran Burlas
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Julie Sain
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Mike Thornett
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Tom Jackson
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
Thursday Nov 7 Manager: Tom Jackson	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Fran Burlas
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Martin Carr
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Barbara Barry
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
Friday Nov 8 Manager: Del Mayhew	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Jerry Mallack
Saturday Nov 9 Manager: Wayne Marr	7:00am - 9:00am	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	7:15am - 9:15am	Red Rooster	
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway East	Carol Stone
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway West	Charlie Stone
	8:45am - 10:45am	CVS	Sue Suddath
	9:00am - 11:00am	Tom & Ray's	
	9:15am - 11:15am	Red Rooster	Marcia Holpuch
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway East	Chris Fletcher
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway West	Ronnie Poland
	10:45am - 12:45pm	CVS	
	11:00am - 1:00pm	Tom & Ray's	