



The President's Message

Hello Lions!

I can't believe it's November already – 2013 is almost over. The weather is also very fall like with frost in the garden and on my windshield!



Charter night was a big success. We had 48 people in attendance including our speaker, District Governor Dee Hawkins and her “arm candy” husband PDG Paul. IPP John Washington awarded the Emerson Slacum Award to Lion Midge Tench. Her son, Bill, was there to receive it on her behalf. We were able to speak to Lion Midge on the phone and she was as chipper as ever teasing Lion John about being too cheap to buy a crab cake! IPP John made an excellent choice when deciding who to give the service award to.

On Saturday October 5 a few Lions attempted to do a preschool vision screening at McDonalds. We were seated in the front of McDonalds near the registers. It was too bright and too loud for the cameras. Unfortunately we had quite a few children show up but we were not able to get a good reading. I was outside in the Lion costume (it was a warm morning) trying to get more business. We have decided to reschedule our preschool vision screening to Dec. 7 at Gladhill's. We will compete with Santa that day.

I was pleased to see many Lions dress up for Halloween in costumes on our October 15 meeting. We had some western people, Goldie Hawn, laundry, a witch, Brain Burger Zombie, two jack-o-lanterns, and two Leopards! It was a fun night and our guest speaker Paul Layer gave us an informative talk on the Montgomery County speed cameras from a citizen's point of view.

There is a change in the holiday baskets this year. Faith Connections, an organization that serves upper Montgomery County will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner to families who live in the 20872 zip code area. We will not be delivering Thanksgiving baskets to families this year. If you'd like to help out with the dinner let me know and I can direct you to the people in charge of it. This change does not affect Christmas baskets. We will still collect from the local canned food drives, sort food and make food boxes. Lions will shop for clothes for the local children and the motorcycle club will still donate toys. More information will be coming out soon.

We had another successful pancake breakfast on Saturday October 19. Many people showed up to enjoy our famous hot meal. I believe the bake table also did well. It definitely had plenty of baked goods and other goodies to sell. It was great seeing Lions Bobbie & John Warfield also enjoying the breakfast.

It was very difficult to say good bye to one of our own, Lion Bill Mahylis. The Lions showed up in strength to offer condolences to Lion Bill's family. Thank you.

This time of year reminds me of how important family and friends are in our lives. When you see a fellow Lion show them how you Appreciate, Believe in and especially Care for them.

Enjoy this cool weather! KL Barbara

Blood Committee Report

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Past Chair

We had one good Blood Drive in October at the Damascus UM Church on Thursday, October 3rd, 2013. We collected 39 good units of blood with the American Red Cross. Thank You to our associate Cathy Heinbaugh for all the hard work with her blood drives.

Let me give you an update with the Damascus Lions Blood Drives. We lost our INOVA Blood Chairman, Sandy. She resigned under the pressure to collect more units of blood. This has hurt our program because they did not replace her right away. Her boss tried to pick up the slack in her absence. A drive was still scheduled for Monday October 14 at the Damascus Library 3:00 pm. As the Lions arrived to work that afternoon, a notice was on the door of the library that the building was closed as the staff was doing training off site. The drive needed to be canceled. We had a drive scheduled with INOVA for Monday December 23. I have canceled this also due to the fact that I have once again stepped down as the Damascus Lions Blood Coordinator. The drives at my church, Mt. View, are also on hold due to the loss of Sandy.

The Lions are looking for a new Blood Coordinator to run the drives. It has been simplified. I can help whoever is interested get started. INOVA does so much. We just need to meet a quota of 25 donors signed up to give blood for the blood mobile to come out. Donors need to commit to a time slot for this to happen. Walk-ins do not count toward the quota anymore!!!

Please contact me if you're interested and want more info.....

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Upcoming Events

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

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

Birthdays

Lions:

Nov. 4	Mary Frances Gosnell
Nov. 6	Tessie Gladhill
Nov. 6	Ivan Waldorf
Nov. 11	Jennifer Warfield
Nov. 12	Mike Thornett
Nov. 17	Tammy Hertel
Nov. 21	Matt Tomlinson
Nov. 22	Carol Cook
Nov. 29	Peggy Stone

Partners-in-Service

Nov. 4	Frann Peters
Nov. 20	Karen Duplan
Nov. 21	Jonnie Jackson
Nov. 24	Naomi Marr

Anniversaries

Nov. 22	Carol and Charles Stone
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Fall White Cane Days: November 6-9, 2013

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Hello, Lions. Our White Cane fundraiser is THIS WEEK! Yikes! We start tomorrow, Wednesday, November 6 and go through Saturday, November 9. Elsewhere in this Lions Tale you will find the sign-up sheet as it stands currently.

Those of you who have yet to sign up: There still are several unassigned shifts (gray shaded in the schedule on page 4). Help! 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 right now and see me tonight to sign up for a shift. Gladhill Tractor

For those Lions who have already signed up, please review the schedule in this Lions Tale and be reminded of your shift date, time and place. Please wear one or two items to identify yourself as a Damascus Lion: hat, vest, name tag, whatever. Please be on time for your shift. Your Manager of the Day will meet you there. If you have any concerns, don't hesitate to call my cell: 301-237-3034.

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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2013

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

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

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.

<u>August</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	1308.65	6918.96	6075.46
Expenses	1533.00	6054.09	6074.82

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.

<u>August</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	170.45	1651.74	3500.00
Expenses	1000.00	6232.01	4500.00

Lion Ken gave the secretary's report. A few additional dues payments came in and several more are still outstanding. A donation of \$20.00 was received for a medical equipment loan.

Old Business

The annual Wilmer Eye Institute tour and luncheon will be held on November 2nd and Lions Carol Stone, Charlie Stone and King Lion Barbara will be attending.

The preschool vision screening at McDonald's was held on October 5. However the area was too brightly lit and too noisy to do the screening. Lion Tessie Gladhill suggested we try to set up a screening when Gladhill Tractor holds their visit Santa event on December 7, 2013. Plans will be made to schedule a screening at that event. In addition, plans are being made to have a training session with the vision equipment at our regular dinner meeting on the 15th of October.

The efforts to establish a new club in Gaithersburg are continuing. A representative from Lions International is in the area working to recruit members talking to business owners and residents of Gaithersburg. There will be an

organizational meeting on October 10, 2013 for interested individuals to hear about forming a club. Lion Marcia ask that our membership be notified of the meeting and encourage them to invite friends and acquaintances to attend. In addition, help is needed to assist at the meeting.

Lion Carol Stone reported she is working with Lion Cheryl Wyatt to coordinate participation in the Peace Poster Contest at Baker and Rocky Hill Middle Schools. The plan is to have the posters done in time for judging at the November board meeting. The discussion on this subject included replacing Lion Mary Kroll as LEO advisor at Rocky Hill. It is believed that a candidate is interested in taking the position. King Lion Barbara is going to follow up on this.

New Business

A check sent to Damascus Heritage Society was returned since the program it was intended for was completely covered by another donor. The money was returned to the Foundation treasury.

The Thanksgiving food program has been changed this year by Faith Connections the organization that coordinates the program. We will not be collecting and distributing food this year but instead will donate money to help fund a Thanksgiving dinner at area churches. Therefore food collection, sorting and delivery will not be necessary this year. A motion was made and approved to donate \$1000.00 to this program. The Christmas giving efforts will remain the same as last year.

Lion Wayne Marr will assume the duties of chairman of the sight/eye glasses committee from Lion Midge Tench. Wayne will forward a report to the board through Lion VP Carol Stone each month.

The discussion on the sight committee has again demonstrated the need for committee chairs to put their duties in writing for those taking those duties in the future.

Lion Rahul Suthar has produced a Quick Response code which takes a smart phone to the club website and it was demonstrated by Lion Tom Jackson. It was suggested that Lion Rahul attend a dinner meeting to discuss how this technology might be helpful to the club.

Jill Green, who is working with the LEO club at Damascus High School, asked for \$350.00 to buy 50 shirts for the club. Since this would be good PR for the LEO's the funds were approved.

King Lion Barbara adjourned the meeting at 8:38.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Ken Phillips

Fall 2013 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday Nov 6 Manager: Del Mayhew	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	Mary Frances Gosnell
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab, Donna Feuillet
Thursday Nov 7 Manager: Tom Jackson	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Fran Burlas
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Eloise & Tuck Woodfield
	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	Ann Davis
Friday Nov 8 Manager: Ken Phillips	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
	9:00am - 11:30am	Liberty Gas	Ronnie Poland & JoAnn Woodson
	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Julie Sain
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Bob Snapp
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	John Washington
Saturday Nov 9 Manager: Wayne Marr	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
	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	Gary Rogerts
	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	

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and we have some changes to the project.

Faith Connections, Inc. works with Montgomery County Government to coordinate the Holiday Giving Program for the greater Damascus-Clarksburg area. The Holiday Giving Project provides needy families with a Thanksgiving meal, Christmas/Holiday food and gifts. Faith Connections manages the distribution of food and gifts for our area. In recent years, over 300 families have been assisted in the area by the generosity of the community, churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals.

This year, the families living in the Clarksburg and Damascus zip codes will be invited to attend a Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the Greenridge Baptist and Redeemer Lutheran Churches. ***The dinner will take the place of the delivered Thanksgiving food baskets for these areas, providing a welcoming family Thanksgiving Celebration.*** Families in the 20882 zip code will receive a food basket or a gift card for Thanksgiving.

Therefore, the Damascus Lions will not be doing the Thanksgiving packing and delivery. The Damascus Lions Board of Directors voted to send a monetary donation to

Faith Connections for the Thanksgiving meal. Any Lion who wishes to help with the dinner or donate food for the dinner may contact Jill Ochs at jill@faithconnections.org

In this issue of the Lions Tale, a Time Line is published for the Lions Holiday Giving Project. We expect to get the names of the thirty families early in November that our club will serve. Please note that we have the opportunity to donate gloves, mittens and hats for children and adults and to purchase items to fill the Christmas Stockings for each family. The gloves and hats should be brought to the Holiday Party on Dec. 17 when we will trim a tree with them. A list for stocking fillers and the quantity needed will be available at the November 20 meeting. Should you not be able to attend that meeting and would like to donate stocking fillers, contact Lion Mary Frances at mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club has again organized a Jingle Bell Blues Toy Run and Concert on November. They will be at the Greene Turtle in Mt. Airy at 3 AM for the concert which will be by the Let There Be Rock School, Columbia.

Happy Thanksgiving!

CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIME LINE

Damascus Lions		Serving 30 area families
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Nov.2	11 am - 5 pm	Tradesmen's MC Jingle Bell Toy Run and Concert
Nov. 19		Give out Stocking Filler item list at Lions Meeting for Lions to purchase
Nov. 20	1 p.m.	Shopping Spree at Kohl's in Germantown for children's clothing Sign Up Sheet to be distributed at the meeting for duties and Delivery Teams for
Dec. 3		Christmas Delivery
Dec. 17		Bring stockings and mittens for children and adults to the Lions Holiday Party
Dec. 18	12 noon	Pickup foods from the schools. Lion Bob Newlin will coordinate food drive pick-up
Dec. 18	8:00 PM	Sort food at Damascus U M Church
Dec. 19	Noon to 5 pm	Teams pack food boxes for families and Wrap clothing at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 20	Noon to 5 pm	Teams pack food boxes for families - Lions pack up all other items for delivery Delivery Teams pick up food and gifts for their assigned families from Damascus UM
Dec. 21	8:00 AM	Church and deliver to the families
Dec. 21	9:30 - 10 am	Clean up and move surplus food to Help Food Closet