



The President's Message

Happy Winter
Damascus Lions!

Are you all enjoying this cold weather? The teacher in me hopes the ground hog sees his shadow on February 2, I'm still hoping for some more snow days!




January was a pretty slow month. We had one dinner meeting and one board meeting. About 8 Damascus Lions attended the NBC 4 Health Fitness Expo on January 11. Secretary Ken Phillips and I attended our zone meeting on Jan 31 in Laytonsville. I was sad to cancel our January 21 dinner meeting. It makes me feel so out of touch with all of you. Hopefully we will be back in full swing in February.

March will be here soon. Don't forget about our in house auction. Start planning (or creating) your items to sell. This is our biggest club fund raiser and it keeps our dues to a minimum. See Lion Marcia with auction ideas or items.

If you have any ideas for guest speakers please share them with me or Lion Marcia. Perhaps there is a topic of concern you would love to hear more about at a Lions meeting.

Even though it's cold and we're stuck inside don't forget about the Damascus Lions club - Please remember to Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your fellow Lions.

Happy Valentine's Day 

Community Signs

By Lion Tom Jackson, Chair

The organizations that participate in the community sign held its annual meeting on Jan. 25. We Lions got weeks to allocate our events: the pancake breakfasts will be advertised the weeks of March 9-15 and October 12-18; the golf tournament the weeks of April 27 – May 3 and again May 11-17; and DUMC blood drives May 11-17 and September 14-20.

January 11 – NBC 4 Health

By KL Barbara Barry

It was a gloomy Saturday Morning as 8 brave Damascus Lions woke up early to endure the long Metro Ride down to the Washington DC Convention Center to do their time at the Lions Mobile Health unit. Several Lions were trained on vision screening, preschool screening, hearing screening and glaucoma screening. Lion Charlie Hertel walked the convention floor dressed as the Lion with his lovely escort, King Lion herself, Barbara Barry.

It was a tough task keeping the hungry Lion from devouring the NBC 4 Peacock and The Children's Hospital Teddy Bear. The Lion was able to keep busy greeting many children and having his picture taken with all of the visitors. King Lion was able to enjoy many of the exhibits, sample some of the foods and even win a T-shirt or two! Back at the Mobile Health Unit the Damascus Lions club performed many vision and hearing screenings.

When our shift was over and our relief, the Leisure World Lions Club, arrived and were trained, we were on our way back on the Metro heading towards Shady Grove. It was a successful day and I want to personally thank those who went, Tony Barry, Ken Cook, Barbara Devine, Charlie (The Lion) & Tammy Hertel, Wayne Marr, and Woody Ward.

DUMC Blood Drive

By Cathy Heeibaugh

The blood drive that we Lions sponsor was Jan 23 from 1 – 6:30. We had 32 people sign-in, and collected 29 units of blood. Unfortunately, this drive was overbooked so we were not able to accept walk-ins. A fair number of people left because they weren't willing to wait and see if they could be squeezed into the schedule.

I always estimate volunteer hours, and we had 29 hours. It is pretty typical for us to have volunteer hours come close to the total number of units of blood. It gives me an appreciation for how precious each pint of blood is.

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Birthdays

Lions:

Feb. 6 – Julie Sain
 Feb. 16 – Ruth Johnson
 Feb. 21 - Ray Sicotte
 Feb. 24 – Jolly Somaiya

Partners-in-Service

Feb. 10 - Sue Poole
 Feb. 23 - Gail Davidson

Anniversaries

Feb. 17 - Kathy and Mike Thornett
 Feb. 20 - Mary and Jim Belcher

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2014

King Lion Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:06. In attendance were Lions Barbara Barry, Carol Stone, Tessie Gladhill, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Mary Frances Gosnell, Joy Schwab, Patricia McKenzie, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew and Mike Thornett.

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

Lion Tony presented the November 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>November</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	716.62	9595.20	10,125.81
Expenses	1265.00	9997.89	10,124.86

Lion Mary Frances presented the November 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>November</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	2649.39	8975.78	6295.83
Expenses	1250.00	8545.25	8097.92

Lion Tony also presented the December 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>December</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	896.12	10,491.32	12,150.98

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 4 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UM Church
- 11 Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros.
- 18 Dinner Meeting - Spouse Night Wesley Grove UM Church

MARCH

- 4 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC
- 11 Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros
- 15 Pancake Breakfast - Damascus UM Church
- 18 Dinner Meeting and In-House Auction - Wesley Grove UM Church

Expenses 1533.25 11,530.94 12,149.88

Lion Mary Frances also presented the December 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.

	December	Year to date	YTD Budget
Income	3752.65	12,778.43	7555.00
Expenses	4166.03	12,711.28	9717.50

The secretary reported on two letters of thanks received by the club during the past month. The first was from PDG Jim Belcher thanks the club for the flowers sent to he and Mary during the holidays. The second was from Greenridge Baptist Church and the Clarksburg Community Assistance Network for the donation the club made toward their holiday assistance program.

The secretary brought before the board several members that are now three payments behind in their dues. After discussion, three members were exempt from any action for now due to extenuating circumstances. For the others, it was decided that a letter be sent to those members stating that if no action is taken by the end of January that they would be dropped from club membership due to non-payment of dues.

Committee Reports

It is time for the Youth Night Committee to start work on this year's event. There was some dissatisfaction express about how Youth Night has gone the last couple of years and the board would like to see some changes made to how the event is conducted. Lion Cheryl Wyatt is need of some help on her committee since most of the committee has left the club. KL Barbara will ask for volunteers at the next dinner meeting.

Lion Mike Thornett reported that his committee that is looking for an avenue for using the remaining student loans funds has not been able to meet recently. Mike did report on an attempt at a fundraiser over the holidays at the Damascus Rec. Center involving a concession stand during an annual basketball tournament, however he could not get permission. Since the tournament was not very well attended, maybe it would not have been very profitable anyway. Mike is looking into a "Casino Night" fundraiser similar to one run by the New Market Lions Club. Mike is working with Whisky Creek Golf Course and talking to the New Market Club.

Blood drive status was discussed. There is nothing new with that effort.

KL Barbara reminded the board that she is still looking for "How to" write-ups from committee chairpersons.

Old Business

A new LEO advisor at Rocky Hill Middle School has been identified however that person cannot make it to our dinner meetings. The induction may have to be done at the school. This has been done in the past.

KL Barbara is planning to recognize Lion Mary Kroll for her work with The LEO club for several years. In addition, the secretary will send her a letter inviting her to become a regular member of the club.

The Joe Corbi Pizza drive netted about \$700.00.

The teacher at Damascus High School with the autistic child has raised about \$1000.00 toward the \$7500.00 for a companion dog. The LEO club at DHS has asked permission to use the \$360.00 we provided them for T-shirts to be used toward the dog. (They were able to obtain their shirts though other means.) That was approved. The board voted and approved a \$1000.00 donation to be paid to the supplier of the dog if and when the remaining money is raised.

New Business

A Baker Middle School student, Jacob Wood, has won the essay contest for District 22C and Multiple District 22. District 22C gave a monetary award and MD22 awarded him \$100.00. The board voted to give him an award of \$50.00 and invite him to a dinner meeting so he can be recognized for his efforts.

A resignation letter has been received from Lions Tucky and Eloise Woodfield. The board voted to accept their resignation.

Lion Tess reported that Damascus Days will be changing with some of the activities moving to different parts of town. More will be known after the next meeting of the planning board.

The NBC4 Health and Fitness Fair went well with 8 members helping at the Fair. The "Lion" had a fun day.

King Lion Barbara adjourned the meeting at 8:57.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Ken Phillips

Lions Camp Merrick News

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

There are great changes taking place at Lions Camp Merrick! Last year the camp operated at the break-even point. This is wonderful news after operating at a loss for many years. The Waldorf Lions Foundation (owner of the property where Camp Merrick operates) and Camp Director Heidi Fick have been instrumental in implementing good business practices and expense saving measures. The camp now "closes" for the winter, resulting in substantial savings in utility costs. Take a look at the new website at <http://www.lionscampmerrick.org/> for a peek at the camp now. Our donations to the camp are more important than ever to help provide a memorable experience to deaf, blind & diabetic children in our area.

One way you can help support the camp is to attend the LCM Gala. This is the major fundraiser for the camp. This year, the Gala will be held on Friday, February 14th at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center. The Jaycees have been wonderful champions of the camp and actually donate the food and staff for this event so that more of the proceeds can be directed to the children who need it. This year's Gala is dubbed "Champaign & Comedy Night" and features an open bar (yes, you read that right) and a comedian along with a delicious dinner of beef tenderloin and shrimp with twice-baked potatoes. A silent auction will also be held. Pick your favorite Waldorf hotel and make a night of it. What better way to spend Valentine's Day? Tickets are \$75 each ~ see Lion Marcia if you would like to attend. Head-count for dinner is due on Friday, Feb. 7. They are also accepting silent auction items. If you have something to donate and will not be attending, let Lion Marcia know and she'll get your item into the auction. Tickets to the Gala count as an LCM donation from our club, so grab your sweetie and take a couple of friends with you!

In other big LCM news is the sewer system. All permits have been received and the contractor secured. At present we are waiting for the state to approve the contract and for the weather to dry up. This new system will eliminate a 'boggy' condition at the camp as well as provide accommodation to erect a new building on the property. The ADA has expressed interest in helping with a building fund, but we were unable to proceed without adequate sewage capacity. It is anticipated that the new system will be completed before camp begins this summer.

If you've never been to the camp, located at the tip of Southern Maryland along the Potomac River, you are missing out on one of the District's best kept secrets. To

make your visit worthwhile, consider attending this year's camp 'opening' the weekend of April 5-6. Opening up the cabins, cleaning, painting, maintenance and 'un-winterizing' activities will be taking place and you are welcome to spend the weekend at the camp. Meals are provided in exchange for your elbow grease. While you're there, you can look for the bricks that have been bought in the name of various Damascus Lions. The buy-a-brick program is back on track and another order of bricks will be made this spring.

The Unstoppable Virus

If You haven't been affected by this e-mail virus... Lucky YOU!!

Even the most advanced programs from Norton and McAfee can't stop the affects of this one. It appears that most affected were born prior to 1960!!

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail!
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND"
8. Causes you to hit "SEND" when you should "DELETE."



IT'S CALLED **"C-NILE VIRUS"**