



The President's Message

Happy April 1st and Happy Spring!

As I am typing this (Sunday at 3 pm) it is SNOWING! Even the teacher has had enough of snow. In case you haven't heard yet, King Lion and First Husband have chickens (chicks). They are a month old and we just moved them to the garage- now I'm a nervous hen worrying her babies might be too cold.



Saturday, March 29, six Damascus Lions attended the 22C Advisory Meeting, this time it was close to home at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. I want to thank those who attended, Treasurer Tony, Secretary Ken, Membership Chair Chris, 22C Honors Band Marcia and Charlie Holpuch. Our next District event will be officer training on May 17 – if you are an incoming officer, mark your calendar!

Our March pancake breakfast appeared to be a huge success from my vantage point. I was able to do some Lion networking and I filled many committees for next year. I will continue to bring my committee signup sheets to the next few meetings so feel free to put your name down for many committees. We still need to find a chair person for Blood Drives, Highway Cleanup and Publicity.

In April we have our District's 22C Night. This night honors our district Governor, Dee Hawkins. That evening will also honor one of our own, our Dream Maker Lion Joy. If you'd like to attend see Lions Marcia or Charlie Holpuch. We also have our 2 regular dinner meetings in April. I have an exciting meeting planned for April 1st. My guest speakers are a Montgomery County Public School Vision teacher and a visually impaired student of mine. Plus we will have our essay contest winner, Jacob Wood read his essay. I am also planning on presenting a check to Rob Hyman, the Damascus High School teacher who asked for our support to help purchase his autistic son a service dog.

A few events to keep in mind, we have White Cane in May and our Golf Tournament in June. I know there are plenty of ways to help out with each event. We will celebrate our youth night on May 20 at DUMC. The following "meeting" will be our annual picnic – any

suggestions for a venue? Our Installation night will be June 17 at the Golden Bull in Gaithersburg.

Like I always say, keep your fellow Lions in your thoughts and prayers. If you haven't seen a member at a meeting in a while, give them a call. One of the best parts about being a Lion is fellowship. So please Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your Lion family.

Take Care!

KL Barbara

Auction Results

By Lion Marcia Holpuch, Chair

Here it is - your "insider trading" hot investment tip. Put everything you have in jelly, cake and fudge futures! Those would be the items that garnered larger bids this year over last year. Overall, everything about the auction was down this year. Fewer donations, fewer attendees, and less revenue. The final tally for the night came to \$2,414. This is more than \$500 under budget and \$1,000 less than last year.

"Mom Hardy's" jellies are still highly coveted and went for up to \$40 a jar – more than doubling last year's bids. And Lion Gary's fudge met a similar fate, going for \$18.50/pound. Baked goods each went for \$20 and up. Maybe next year we'll just have a jelly, cake & fudge auction.

When you miss the auction, you miss some fun stuff. Like Lion Carol wanting her item so much she kept outbidding herself. Or Lion Patricia bidding hard to get back the item she donated to the auction – it was for a gift to her sister so it made sense if you knew why she was doing it. [Special note to IPP John: I tried to get you a real nice and special Christmas mug for the traditional bid of \$5, but "they" would not let me do that this year – I'm so sorry!!!]

A great big Lion Roar to the following Lions who made donations to the auction: King Lion Barbara & First Man Tony, John Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Jerry Mallack, Mary Frances Gosnell, Cheryl Wyatt, Ken Phillips, Ray Molesworth, Gary Rogers, Del Mayhew, Julie Sain, Chris Fletcher, Charlie Hertel, Martin Carr, Warren & Joy Schwab,

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Upcoming Events

APRIL

- 1 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC
- 8 Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros.
- 12 22C Night - Greater Waldorf Jaycees Ctr
- 15 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC

MAY

- 6 Youth Night - Damascus UMC
- 7-10 White Cane - Various Town Locations
- 12 - 15 Multiple District Convention Ocean City, MD
- 13 Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros.
- 20 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC

JUNE

- 3 Family Picnic TBD
- 9 Golf Tournament Glade Valley Golf Course
- 10 Board Meeting Gladhill Bros.
- 17 Installation Night TBD

Birthdays

Lions:

- Apr. 7 - Marcia Holpuch
- Apr. 7 - John Warfield
- Apr. 8 - Cindee Rogers
- Apr. 12 - Alice Denell
- Apr. 18 - Tom Jackson
- Apr. 27 - Barbara Devine

Partners-in-Service

- Apr. 11 - Jennifer Molesworth

Anniversaries

- Apr. 12 - Peggy and David Stone
- Apr. 17 - Jerry and Jay Mallack

News about the Club

Joy Schwab has a new email address:
joyschw35@verizon.net

A Great Reason to Smile

Do you shop online? If so, here's a painless way to help the club with fundraising. Amazon has a new charitable program. Instead of going to www.amazon.com to do your purchasing, go to smile.amazon.com and use your regular Amazon login. You will be prompted to enter a charitable organization - search for Damascus Lions Foundation and pick that one. Once you've chosen your organization, you just shop like usual. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the Foundation.

Share this with your friends and family and let Amazon toss a few coins in our coffer. It's only 5 cents for every 10 dollars, but it will really add up over time. The price you pay to Amazon is the same whether you use AmazonSmile or the regular Amazon. The only difference is that the Club will receive a donation when you use Smile. So next time you need to make an online Amazon purchase, remember to Smile!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2014

King Lion Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:06. In attendance were Lions Barbara Barry, Tessie Gladhill, Ken Phillips, Tony Barry, Martin Carr, Patricia McKenzie, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Mike Thornett, Marcia Holpuch, Vicki Dotterer and Cheryl Wyatt.

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

Lion Tony presented the January 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.

| | February Year to date | YTD Budget |
|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Income | 2299.62 15,871.57 | 16,201 32 |
| Expenses | 3,839.89 15,977.95 | 16,199.92 |

In the absence of Lion Mary Frances, there was no report from the Foundation Treasurer.

The secretary reported a thank you note from the 22-C Honors Band Program for our donation that was made last month. Also a request for convention delegates and a notice of the Advisory Board meeting were reported and our representative names are due during March.

A letter from the American Legion Post 171 asking for support of their basket bingo that will be held on March 22. The Board voted to donate \$100.00.

The secretary reported one additional member with delinquent dues. A final letter will be mailed with a deadline of March 31 for a response.

Committee Reports

The pancake breakfast committee reported preparations would begin on Friday with set-up and food preparation.

Lion Marcia reported that 3 spaces are available at our 22-C night table. Our dream maker and guest may take two of those. An email will be sent requesting other members sign up to attend.

The club dream maker will be selected at our next dinner meeting.

Lion Cheryl reported on the preparations for youth night and the discussion centered on how to get more participation by the youth of the community. Since this Lions year is focused on literacy, it was suggested that we ask for projects that will emphasize literacy and that the

projects should involve the students as much as possible. Lion Cheryl will send out a letter requesting proposals be submitted.

King Lion Barbara will contact the Golden Bull for installation night.

Lion Mike Thornett reported on a committee that is looking into some new fund-raisers for the club. Mike is still working on plans for a casino night fundraiser to be held in the fall. The funds from this event will support a new program to help college students in the area who needs assistance with school expenses.

The constitution and by-laws committee distributed a revised copy of the club constitution to the board members for review. After that review, the document will be distributed to the membership and a vote will be taken at a future dinner meeting.

New Business

King Lion Barbara suggested that the club make a donation to Ken Jones, the speaker at the last dinner meeting. Ken designs and builds controllers for video games for wounded service personal. A motion was made and seconded to make a \$250.00 to Ken. The motion passed.

King Lion Barbara adjourned the meeting at 9:08.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Ken Phillips

Auction Results (cont.)

Marcia Holpuch, George Hibbard, Charlie Holpuch, Patricia McKenzie, and Mike Thornett. Those same Lions plus Wayne Marr, Tess Gladhill, Ann Davis and Carol Stone attended the auction and walked away with the goods. Lion Wayne wasn't really there, but he sent in his bids by proxy, so we're counting him! Additional cash contributions were made by Lions Ann Davis, Chris Fletcher, Joy & Warren Schwab and Gary Rogers. And special thanks to our auctioneer, Lion Charlie, who should apply for a patent for that look over the glasses.

If you have any ideas about how to make the auction better, or if the auction has become old and stale and we need to raise administrative revenues in another way, please share them and let's get things back on track. Meanwhile, start setting aside your white elephants for next year.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

2013 - 2014

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PP - V Dotterer, M Holpuch, MF Gosnell, G Rogers

4-Mar-14