



The President's Message

March 2015

Greetings Damascus Lions!

The weather is still so cold but the schools have used up their snow days so hurry up warm weather!



meal. As always remember to Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your fellow Lions.

Happy March!

KL Barbara

Time for Scholarship Applications

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Damascus Lions Club Foundation has Scholarships available for graduating students living in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster.

The R. Vernon Simpson Scholarships began in 2000 awarding three \$500 Scholarships. R. Vernon Simpson was Vice Principal and teacher of Damascus High School and the John T. Baker Middle School is named after his father-in-law. Lion Ray (as we knew him in the Lions) was an energetic, creative and respected individual, whether he was at school or at the Lions or working for his church.

Since its inception, the Simpson scholarships have been awarded in the aggregate of \$ 49,500. And the Damascus Lions have assisted fifty students via this Scholarship Program.

The R. Vernon Simpson Scholarship will be awarded to graduating students living in our school cluster as selected from the applications submitted. The applications will be judged based on community service, leadership, character, scholastic achievement, school activities and work experience. The student must be in the upper 50% of the class and be attending an accredited college as a full-time student. A student may not be a dependent of a Lions member family. The Board of Directors of the Damascus Lions Club will select the recipients. The scholarships awarded are for \$1500 each. Scholarship applications are due April 10, 2015.

Applications for the Scholarships can be obtained from the Damascus Lions web site www.damascuslions.org or at the Career Center of the Damascus and Clarksburg High Schools or Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

As spring starts the Lions come out of hibernation and move into another busy year. First we start off with our election of officers. The actual election will be in April, but this month we will be picking new officers for next year. See any of the past presidents, Lions John or Marcia if you wish to hold an office or if you wish to be removed from an office. Also now is a good time to think about what committees you would like to be on for next year.

Make sure to attend our March 3 meeting. Our guest speaker will be Brindisi Chen who is running for 2VDG. I'm sure she'll be quite entertaining.

The second meeting of the month is our in house auction on March 17. This is a great time to do a little spring cleaning and donate anything you no longer want or need. Maybe you would like to do a little cooking instead. Homemade goodies (cakes, pies, cookies, candy, jams & jellies) all bring in the big bucks at our auction. Perhaps you'd rather just visit your favorite "spirits" store. Those spirited gifts probably sell the best. Don't forget we love to buy tickets to sporting events, weekends at the beach, limo services, the use of a truck, etc. See Lion Marcia with your list of donations.

On March 21 we have our pancake breakfast. Most of us typically participate in this big fundraiser. We have our favorite task and we all do it well. Lion Joy will definitely need help during the week preparing for this event. See Lion Joy if you can help out. Also don't forget to sell Pancake Breakfast tickets and to tell your friends and neighbors to attend. We always serve the best food. I love the potatoes!

Maybe now that it is warming up we will see more Lions at our meetings. Remember to contact those we don't see often and remind them of our events and perhaps offer them a ride to a meeting. I'm sure some of them would appreciate a card or a visit or even a home cooked

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Upcoming Events

- Mar 3** Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UM Church
Mar 10 Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros.
Mar 17 Dinner Meeting – In-House Auction - Wesley Grove UM Church
Mar 21 Pancake Breakfast - DUMC
Apr 7 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UM Church
Apr 14 Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros.
Apr 18 District 22-C Night Dinner – Luau at Waldorf Jaycees (Lion Charlie Holpuch)
Apr 21 Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UM Church
Damascus UM Church

Birthdays

Lions:

Mar. 1 – Bobbie Warfield
Mar. 4 – Woody Ward
Mar. 7 - Dave Davidson
Mar. 10 – George Hibbard
Mar. 24 – Gary Rogers
Mar. 28 - Jack Peters
Mar. 29 – John Holpuch

Partners-in-Service

Mar. 19 - Sue Phillips

Anniversaries

Mar. 12 – Bobbie and John Warfield
Mar. 14 - Tom and Jonnie Jackson
Mar. 30 - Jack and Frann Peters

Joke for the Week

The Guard Dog

John's new job had him working really late. He decides to get his wife a watchdog. He goes to the pet store and asks for a doberman.

The employee said, "If its a guard dog you want I have a dog just for you." The man walks to the back of the store to get a dog and comes back with a little poodle.

John says, "This small thing, a watch dog? You're kidding, right?"

The employee says, "No, this dog is special; he knows karate."

"Karate? I don't believe it," John says.

The employee puts the dog down and says, "Karate the sign." And he points to a sign advertising dog food. The dog runs up and rips the sign to shreds. John is amazed at this.

The employee then says, "Karate the chair." And he points to a chair in the corner. The dog runs up and rips the chair to shreds. By now John is convinced. "I'll take him," he says.

When he gets home he surprises his wife and she yells out, "This little thing, a watch dog? No way." John says, "But this dog knows karate."

"Karate," she yells. "Karate, my butt!"

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The BOD minutes were unavailable in time for inclusion in this edition. They will be distributed separately.

Multiple 22 Convention

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ATTENDING THE MULTIPLE 22 93rd LIONS CONVENTION?

The Multiple 22 Convention will be held May 18 – 21 at Dover Downs, Delaware this year. This is the 93rd Convention for our Multiple Districts. The theme this year is “Strengthen The Pride”!

At the convention you have the unique opportunity to meet and network with other Lions. Learn how they serve their communities and how they raise funds to do so adequately. Enlightening sessions are available to attend to help us be more informed of Lions and their work in our District, our Multiple District and our World.

With the convention at the Dover Downs location means one stop, one park and everything will happen in one location; that is unless you want to venture out into Dover and the surrounding Delaware areas.

Damascus Lions Club can have up to 7 delegates and more alternate delegates to represent our club at the Convention. Voting this year will be more important than it has been for several years. We have two candidates vying for Second Vice District Governor. Your spouse and/or friend may attend as well.

Now is the time to consider attending. We need to have our Delegate names to the Convention Committee by April 1. I have the registration package and will have them available at the membership dinner meetings.

