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The President's Message

Damascus Lions Club History Moment

On November 10, 2016 a Blood Drive was held. It was well attended. While I was visiting with the donors with water and snacks, I met Mrs. Broom. I introduced myself telling her I was a Damascus Lion. She shared a story of her Kelly family. In the early 1960's the family was told that her brother had a serious blood disorder. After two years of treatment, he died. A bill was received. They didn't have that kind of money. The Damascus Lions arranged a Blood Drive to reimburse the hospital. They collected enough units for the Hospital. Mrs. Broom shared that her family would always be grateful for what Lions did for her family! She gives blood every time she can.

Damascus Lions serving the community a long time ago.

King Lion Joy !

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Blood Drive – November 10

Thanks to all of our donors and volunteers that made this drive so successful. Despite a slow on-line sign-up, we had a great drive. The blood drive was very well staffed, and the drive flowed smoothly. We collected 35 units (27 whole blood and 8 units of double reds). I estimated 22 hours of volunteer time for this drive.

Well done!!! And thank you all very much!!!

The 2017 drives are tentatively scheduled for Jan 26, May 18, Aug. 24 and Nov 9.

Thank You

Lion Charlie Hertel

Fall White Cane Days: November 2 - 5

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! We raised \$2,080.44 last month during our Fall White Cane fundraiser. Twenty-seven dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections over thirty-four two-hour shifts. That's fewer Lions and fewer shifts than in the past, but we still managed an outstanding haul. We averaged \$64.42 per shift, which is excellent. Thursday was our best day, but every day was important. **Every one of our participating Damascus Lions is to be commended for their contribution.** Absolutely every shift was important to our total collections. Please visualize the word "Lion" in front of each name in this article. Otherwise, in order to pay the fines, I would have to return to the workforce as a window washer.

As always, special thanks go to our White Cane committee members who served as Managers of the Day and/or Money Counters: Ken Phillips, Del Mayhew, Tom Jackson, George Hibbard, and Vi Hibbard (Lion Spouse!).

Special Recognitions:

- Six **Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club** recognitions go to:

- **Warren & Joy Schwab**, who collected \$131.98 at Safeway on Thursday afternoon;
- **Julie Sain**, who collected \$121.03 at Safeway on Saturday morning;
- **Bobbie Warfield**, who collected \$111.69 at Safeway on Saturday morning;
- **Bob Newlin**, who collected \$107.03 at Safeway on Friday afternoon;
- **Del Mayhew**, who collected \$101.58 at Safeway on Wednesday afternoon; and
- **Martin Carr**, who collected \$101.52 at Safeway on Thursday evening.

- The **Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion** goes to **Tess Gladhill**. Tess worked her White Cane shift at CVS on Wednesday. Then on Thursday at 5:45, Tess happened to need to shop at CVS. She saw Tom Jackson completing his shift and asked who was replacing him. When Tom told her that the next shift had no one assigned, she volunteered to work the shift on the spot! That's a courageous Lion!

Special Notes:

- New Lions Jenny Redifer-Allen and Dustin Fain worked White Cane shifts for the first time in their lives. Kudos to these new Lions.
- Our Red Rooster shifts have not done as well in recent years. This Fall was no exception. For our next White Cane fundraiser, I think we should drop these two shifts and then add a couple of noontime Safeway shifts to replace them.

Total Participants:

Here is the total list of Damascus Lions who gave of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): B. Barry, Carr, Fain, Fletcher(3!), Gill, Gladhill(2), Gosnell, C. Hertel(2!), Hibbard(2!), M. Holpuch(2!), Howerton, Jackson(2!), Mallack, Mayhew, Molesworth, Newlin, Peters, Poland(2!), Redifer-Allen(2!), Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, Suddath, Thornett, Warfield, Washington.

Lion Wayne Marr

Holiday Wreaths – November 25

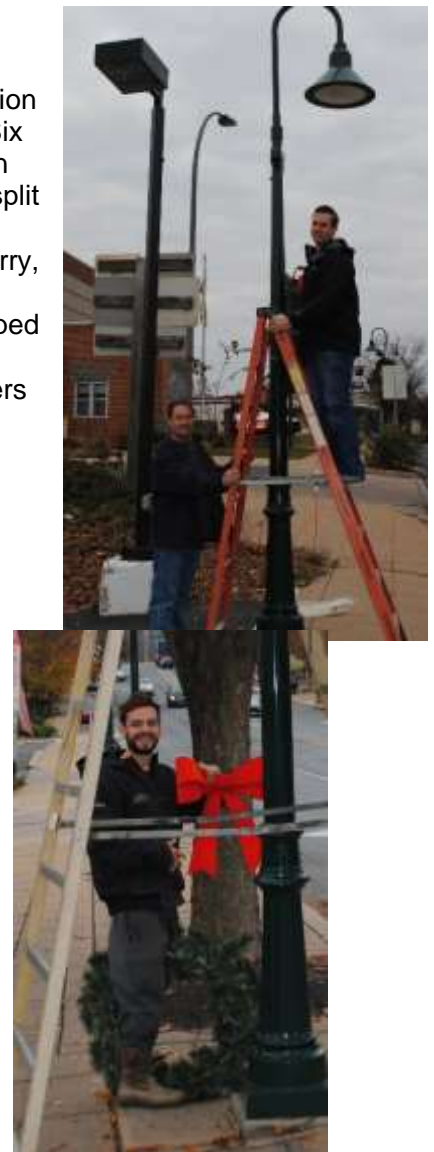
On Friday Nov 25, 2016 the Lions club of Damascus continued a 26 year tradition by hanging the Christmas wreaths on the lamp posts throughout Damascus. Six lions and four friends of Lions gathered at the Damascus McDonalds at 9am on Friday morning and after a brief “how to” clinic given by Lion Tony Barry, they split up into 4 teams and began hanging the wreaths.

The hard work of Lions Del Mayhew, Tony Barry, Ray Molesworth, Barbara Barry, Wayne Marr and Jenny Redifer made short work of the 40 lamp posts and the team had completed the project by 10:00am. The friends of the Lions who helped were John Barry, Ryan Muse, CJ Muise and Nick Doan.

A special word of thanks to Lion Charlie Hertel who loaned his three step ladders to the Lions club for the execution of the project.

The Lions will take the Christmas wreaths down in early January.

Lion Tony Barry



UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIME

The Holiday Basket Project is well underway with 30 families consisting of 67 children and 64 adults on our list. The Tradesmen Motorcycle Toy Run produced a tremendous amount of quality toys, enough for each child to have three different items. The toys are all sorted into Family bags. The shopping of clothes for the children has been done and now to do the wrapping. So the project is on schedule and moving along.

Lions Roy and Bob will be out collecting from area businesses for the benefit of our project. They will also pass “Albert’s Jar” at Lions dinner meetings in an effort to fund the project. Letters were not send to each of you Lions this year to ask for your financial assistance; However, I would like to tell you that your donation is encouraged. Should you not be in a position to work with us on a regular basis, your support of this project will be in serving our community. Last year the actual cost to the Lions was \$ 3,700 for the project. You may send your donation to PO Box 267, Damascus, MD 20872.

We have a change to announce –

HOLIDAY BASKET PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE AT GLADHILL BROTHERS JOHN DEERE SHOW ROOM

The change was due to the concern of several in regard to the climate in the DVFD basement. So all activities will take place amongst the John Deere merchandise while the business will continue to open for their customers for normal business hours. We will be the added attraction! We ask that you park your vehicles in the parking lot away from the building (up the hill). Upon loading for deliveries, we will bring our vehicles closer several at a time.

The timeline going forward

Week of December 5 - Teams will receive their assigned families and information

6 – Lions bring mittens, hats, gloves, scarfs and socks for the children and adults

14 – Food Drive Collection heralded by Bob Newlin and his elves

The remainder of the project will be at Gladhill's Tractor Showroom, Route 27

14 – 6:30 - sort canned goods

15 – Noon to 7 pm - Teams pack boxes and wrappers wrap clothes for children

16 – Noon to 5 pm - Teams pack boxes & put finishing touches to project

17 – 8 am to 10:30 Enjoy coffee and buns, load sleighs and deliver to families.

Pack up surplus canned foods and deliver to HELP closet. Clean up!

Time to Celebrate

December Birthdays:

Neville Levi	12/5
Helen Boyer	12/15
Tony Barry	12/17
Jack Poole	12/21
Del Mayhew	12/29
Carol Cook	11/22

Partners in Service

Joe Wyatt (Cheryl)	12/20
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December Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Events

December 6- Dinner Meeting/

Wesley Grove UM Church- Bring hats, mittens, gloves

December 13- Board Meeting

Gladhill Bros

December 14 - P ick-up Non-perishable foods

December 14 – 6:30 PM Sort non-perishable foods

December 15 & 16– Pack boxes, wrap gifts

December 17 - Deliver food and gifts

December 20- Holiday Party/Damascus UM Church



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November Board Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by King Lion Joy Schwab at 7:00. Attending were KL Joy Schwab, Lions Warren Schwab, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Ray Molesworth, Marcia Holpuch, Martin Carr, Julie Sain, Patricia McKenzie, and Tess Gladhill.

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

Treasurer's Reports

After some discussion, the Club and Foundation Reports were approved.

For October	Income	Expense	Net
Club Treasury	1448.17	2690.21	-2242.04
Foundation	2797.61	100.00	2697.61

Secretary Report

A letter from Clearspring Elementary School requesting help with a computer purchase was received. The school board has removed the computer lab from the school and there is a need for a computer to assist some challenged students. The request was for \$265.00 to purchase an Apple Chromebook. It was agreed that the club would purchase the computer and present it as a part of youth night. The motion was approved.

A letter was received from Springfield Hospital requesting a donation. It was moved and approved to decline this request.

A thank you letter was received for LCIF for a donation of \$100.00.

A resignation letters were received from Lion Lenora Kish and lion Jerry Mallack. Their resignations were accepted and will be removed in good standing.

Nine members still have outstanding dues. There will be some visits, phone calls made and letters sent to resolve these issues.

Committee Reports

White Cane drive netted \$2080.44 during the fall session. There will be an attempt to coordinate the spring drive with the paper shredding and a clothing collection drive for the church gift shop.

Visitation efforts are going well.

There will be a blood drive sponsored by the club and run by the Damascus UMC on the 10th of November. The holiday giving program is getting in high gear. The club has not received the family names yet but we are expecting 30 family names. Again this year we will only be doing basket deliveries for Christmas since the Thanksgiving dinner will continue. Attendance at that dinner has not been very good and the board opted to support Damascus HELP this year. They have been supporting those who have opted out of the dinner. The holiday wreathes will be installed on 25th of November if the weather is good.

Old Business

The LEO Club at Clarksburg will be re-chartered. Lion Marcia is working this effort and has identified a sponsor. With many LEOs from the Middle School, it is expected that this effort will be very successful. The Fire Department annual banquet will be held on the 12th of November. King Lion Joy and Lion Warren will attend.

New Business

The Christmas meeting/party will be held at Damascus UMC on 20th of December. King Lion is arranging entertainment for after dinner and there will not be a gift exchange this year.

The contact in the club to receive any legal papers is the resident agent. In the past the district has handled this role. Lion Patricia has volunteered to handle this function for the club.

Lion Tom asked that members submit information of volunteer work outside of the club so that it can be reported to the District and International.

The membership committee is working with two prospective members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Jackson