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The President's Message

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to each Lion, who was a part of last year's activities and events. It was a successful one. We served many in our Community.

2017 is here. We starting off with a Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church Hall on the 3rd of January. I hope you will be there. We have a busy year coming up. Be a part of it, so we can continue to SERVE our community.

King Lion Joy !

The Super Bowl – Feb 5

So..... My brother has 2 tickets for the 2017 Super Bowl, both Box Seats. He paid \$3700 for each ticket. He didn't realize when he bought the tickets that the game would be on the same day as his wedding – so now he can't go. If you are interested and would like to go in his place, it's at the First Community Church, in Atlanta, GA at 4 pm. Her name is Tiffany, she is 5'3", about 110 pounds, great cook, good looking, and makes \$120,000 a year. She will be the one in the white dress.

Lion Tom Jackson

DECEMBER EVENTS

Pre School Vision Screening- Dec 3

As Lion Tess Gladhill's elves prepared for Santa's arrival at Gladhill Tractor, the Lions were preparing for vision screening of preschool children. A new banner to announce our presence, a lion in costume and encouragement from the other lions were not enough to attract a big crowd but we were able to screen 9 children with all passing the screener's criteria. Lions Julie Sain, Wayne Marr, Chris Fletcher, Barbara Barry (in costume), Tony Barry and Ken Phillips helped during some part of the 3-hour period. Not a big day for screening but it was a good show of support to the community by the club. Thanks to all that helped.

Thank You - Lion Ken Phillips



HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIME

LET NOT RAIN, SNOW OR ICE -----

Lions are strong hearted, determined and focused 'til a project is completed! Yep, let not rain, snow and ice keep them from finding a way to make it happen – When an obstacle presents itself, Lions are flexible and find the strength, the drive and the will to make it happen. And that is exactly how the Holiday Basket Project 2016 went!

While the Lion Elves were working to get everything ready for the sleigh ride, some were monitoring the weather seriously. A storm was on its way and the Lions were in no humor to let it be a stumbling block for making their annual Christmas Delivery to 30 families. Teams, all 28 of the team members, emerged upon Santa's Shop on Friday afternoon, loaded and delivered to the 30 families before the storm hit. One team elected to deliver on Saturday afternoon. WE were finished by 8:30 PM. All happened without the hitch to the sleigh failing and not having to call Rudolph to the rescue! And WE, all the Lion elves, were safely home when the nasty ice and snow arrived Saturday morning!

Santa's Shop this year took on a new look – All the work was done in Gladhill Brothers Showroom while Gladhill's continued to be open for business. One customer came in and asked what was going on? Gary Hilton told them that business had gotten so bad that Gladhill's decided to go into the grocery business!!!! The new venue worked very well. Gladhill employees got involved, stayed after hours and helped with the whole project. They pulled out all kinds of equipment to help make the project easier and comfortable. A BIG SHOUT of THANK YOU to an outstanding staff at Gladhill Brothers!

Lion Bob Newlin had food drives from NRC Employees, Damascus High School, Baker Middle School, Clarksburg High School and Rocky Hill Middle School. We estimated about 5000-6000 items. Eagle Components donated the boxes, Damascus Dental donated toothbrushes for each family member and Butlers Orchard donated apples, turnips, acorn squash and cider. Goldstein Family again donated their beautifully decorated packages of 4 dozen cookies for each family, Safeway donated a \$50 Gift Certificate towards groceries and an employee of Safeway donated the candy canes. The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club donated several hundred quality toys for the children. The Lions donated hats, gloves, mittens, scarfs and socks for the families. The Lions purchased towels for each family as well as an outfit for each child and a \$30 Kohls Gift Card for the teenagers. The Lions purchased \$30 Safeway Gift Cards for each family for their perishables and meats. There were several Lions and Partners-in-Service that worked with the project from beginning to end – You know who you are - Thank You for being an integral and dependable elf in the Holiday Basket Project! WE put the project together and delivered in record time.

WE served 30 families consisting of 67 children and teenagers and 61 adults in the Damascus and Clarksburg area. The WE I have been using consisted of 32 Lions, 5 partners-in-service and family members, 19 friends of Lions and the members and friends of the Tradesmen Motorcycle Club plus the 17 employees of Gladhill Brothers. WE clocked approximately 300 hours. The actual expense to the Lions was \$3350. Looking at the whole project, the value is over \$10,000. Well Done Lions, Lion families and friends! WE have served our community again this holiday season. THANKS to all of the WE'S for your time, energies, resources and willingness in helping to make the Holiday Season for our community members a bit more tolerable!

As one little child said to Lion Barbara upon the family receiving their delivery – MERRY, MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Upcoming Events:

NBC 4 Health Expo – Jan 7

Lion Chris Fletcher needs volunteers to attend the NBC 4 Health Expo in DC on Saturday, January 7. Lions usually meet at Damascus High School parking lot around 7 am and take a metro ride to the convention center. Once you are there several Lions perform eye screenings while others escort the Lion around to all of the exhibits. It is always a busy but fun day and you may end the day with lunch at Red, Hot and Blue! Contact Lion Chris if you can attend.

Time to Celebrate

January Birthdays:

Bob Newlin	1/6
Bob Williams	1/13
Fran Burlas	1/19
Katie Holpuch	1/23
Ben Lewis	1/29

Partners in Service

None

January Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Events

January 3- Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church

January 7 – NBC 4 Health Expo/ for more information contact Lion Chris Fletcher at ChrisWFletcher@verizon.net

January 10- Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

January 14 – Melvin Jones Lunch

January 17- Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church



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December Board Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes – 12/13/16

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Joy Schwab at 7:05. 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, John Washington, George Hibbard, Barbara Barry and Tess Gladhill.

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

Treasurer's Reports

The Club and Foundation Reports were reviewed and approved.

For November	Income	Expense	Net
Club Treasury	791.42	1491.88	-700.46
Foundation	5050.71	1793.20	3257.51

Secretary Report

Thank you notes were received from the following:

- Damascus HELP for our donation of \$500.00
- Clearspring Elementary School for the computer the club purchased for them. The note included a thank you from every student that uses the computer.
- Damascus Volunteer Fire Department for our donation.

A request was received from Damascus High School PTSA for a donation to the post PROM party. The request was forwarded to Lion Mike Thornett as it is a part of the student recognition program.

A request was received from Hospice for a donation. A motion was made and approved to donate \$100.00.

Committee Reports

The Audit committee submitted a report on the Foundation Finances with a recommendation that a limit be placed on how long an outstanding check will be carried in the banking records. After discussion, the board placed a limit of six months on these checks with the understanding if they do later clear they will be returned to the account records. The audit was accepted and approved.

The Holiday Basket program is coming together with all the scheduled activities. The weather may be a problem for delivery on Saturday. A decision will be made on Thursday for possible alternate delivery schedule.

The fund raising committee reported that the Chipotle fundraiser netted \$250.00 including a donation from the King Lion. It was estimated that about 40 customers participated and it was suggested that if we do another of these that it would not be opposite a Redskin game.

Old Business

The holiday wreathes have been hung and are looking good. There have be several comments on social media thanking the club for the decorations.

Lion Julie reported that she purchased a banner for Preschool Vision Screening thinking that if had been approved previously by the board. The members were not sure if that was true so a motion to reimburse Julie was made and approved. In addition, a motion was made to charge the Lion Tamer to be custodian of all the activity banners. That motion as approved,

The dictionary project is still on hold awaiting approval and support of the school board. It was suggested that KL Joy work directly with the school principals to complete this project. She will try that approach.

Lion Sue Suddath conducted a Christmas party for the Senior Center. She had help from Lions George Hibbard and Mary Frances Gosnell. It was well attended.

The secretary reported that there are still 8 members with delinquent dues accounts. After discussion, it was decided to provide one more chance for these members to clear their accounts before they are dropped as "not in good standing".

The Christmas meeting/party will be held on the 20th of December and KL Joy needs a count of attendees for food preparation. In addition, a motion was made to cover the non-members that help with the basket deliveries. That motion was approved and it was agreed that this would be a foundation expense since it is a community support activity.

New Business

Lion Tom Jackson, our representative on the community sign committee, ask that committee chairs submit their needs for sign space. As always, he will do his best to get our needs met.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Jackson