



The President's Message

As if life is not busy enough, then Springtime comes along with all the clean-up both inside and outside as well as the continued lawn maintenance. And that is the way it is with the Lions Club, we are continually looking for new and better ways of doing things. Thanks to many of our members, the Damascus Lions has definitely made a difference in community over the years.



And so, our appreciation goes out to –

- Lions Carol and Charlie Stone for planning, organizing and bringing a great Big Band Dance to fruition. It was an elegant evening with three of our newest Lions volunteering their time. Although it is not a huge fund raiser, the ambiance of the evening says it all.
- Lion Tuck Woodfield for arranging the 22-C Night reservations. A great evening of connecting with other clubs and honoring our Most Valuable Player, Lion Ken Phillips.
- Lion John Holpuch and family for organizing the Highway Cleanup. It truly makes a difference upon driving south on Route 27 and witnessing what a great service was done by the Lions Highway GANG!
- Lion Joy Schwab and sponsors on coordinating another new member Induction and meeting our membership goal.

Welcome new members – Lion Heather Geehreg, Advisor of John T. Baker Middle School Leo Club, Lion Carol Cook, Lion Donna Feuilett and Lion Ruthie Johnson, representing

Damascus Community Bank. I trust all Lions will make these and other new Lions welcome, give them guidance and get them involved. Lions Heather and Carol have already volunteered. Way to go Lions!

The calendar reflects lots of Lions activities that we can all become involved with in the next two months. Just remember, being out in the community makes the Lions very visible. “We Serve” is the name of the game!

Thanks to all of you for what you do for Lionism and the Damascus Community.

RELAY FOR LIFE

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Damascus Relay for Life will be held Saturday, May 8 at the Damascus Vol. Fire Co Activity Grounds on Lewis Drive. Lion Bernie Duplan is organizing this event and needs your help at 1 to set up the booth. The Opening Ceremony starts at 2 pm. Sign up with Lion Bernie to help at the booth for an hour or so.

The Clarksburg Relay For Life will be held Saturday, May 22. Lion Dale Ryan will be organizing this event and also needs your help. At both Relay for Life events, the Damascus Lions will be handing out free snacks and water to the walkers. The Clarksburg Leo Club will have a team and are looking for donations to meet the required amount for a team to walk the track. Contact Rachel Word, President of CHS Leo Club to donate.

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Help the cause to find a cure for cancer!

DAMASCUS LIONS FAMILY PICNIC

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Family Picnic will be Tuesday, June 1 at the Wesley Grove United Methodist Church Pavilion, weather permitting or in the dining room otherwise. The meats, drinks and paper goods will be provided. Each Lion is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. The picnic will begin at 6:45PM. I need an RSVP of how many of your family will be attending by May 24. I will have a sign-up sheet at the May 18 meeting.

The entertainment for the evening will be DAMASCUS LIONS HAVE TALENT! Yep, you got it; the Lions are going to entertain. So sign up to do your thing – join ranks with other Lions for your performance - practice your latest jokes – get out that old Sax - practice your jig - and let's have a fun evening. Prizes await the participants! Sign up may be done at the following email address – mgosnelldamsacuslions@gmail.com

I know there are many talents that we have not uncovered. Now is the time to let them shine!

King Lion Mary Frances

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Birthdays

Lions

May 9 – Warren Schwab
May 13 – Jerry Mallack
May 16 – Joseph Hutchinson
May 19 – Wayne Marr
May 21 – Su Huang
May 24 – John Washington
May 25 – Ronald Brouillard
May 26 – Sue Suddath
May 26 – Joann Woodson
May 27 – Nick Holpuch
May 27 – Ronnie Poland

Partners-in-Service

May 23 - Marcia Allen
May 24 - Kay Newlin
May 25 - Mary Belcher

Anniversaries

May 2 - Charlie and Tammy Hertel
May 16 - Lenora and Tom Kish
May 22 - Marcia and Tony Allen
May 24 – Leslee and Bill Poole
May 25 – Lea and Dennis Hough

Upcoming Events

May 4: Youth Night at Damascus UM Church
May 5-8: White Cane around town
May 11: Board Meeting at Gladhill Bros.
May 18: Dinner Meeting - Leo Officer Installation at
Wesley Grove UM Church
May 18-21: Multiple District Convention
Dover, Delaware

June 1 – Family Picnic; Location TBD
June 7 – Blood Drive; DVFD Activities Center
June 8 – Board Meeting; Gladhill Bros.
June 14 – Golf Tournament; Beaver Brook Country Club
June 15 – Installation Night; Location TBD
June 28/July 2 – International Convention; Sydney,
Australia

News about Members

Please add the information about our new members to
your roster books:

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2010

King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. In attendance were Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Charlie Stone, Mike Thornett, Tony Barry, Marcia Holpuch, Barbara Barry, Tom Jackson, Martin Carr, Tess Gladhill, Bill Mahylis, Warren Schwab and Joy Schwab.

The minutes of the March board meeting were published in the April Lions Tale. With no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as published.

The club financial report for March was presented by Lion Tony Barry. The report showed a net income of over \$1823. This activity was primarily due to the club auction and payment of meals. The year-to-date data show a deficit of approximately \$1568. During discussions of the report it was pointed out that we will be losing approximately \$1500 on meals this year with the guarantee to the church and low attendance at the meetings. King Lion elect Marcia will study billing options for next year and present them to the board next month. The reports were approved as presented.

The foundation financial reports were given by Lion Mike Thornett. March showed an income of \$3981 and expenses of \$1707 were reported. To-date figures show the foundation has a deficit of \$702. The report was approved as presented.

The in-house auction committee reported that the auction went over budget this year and that all buyers paid their bill before leaving the meeting. A great job this year.

The pancake breakfast committee reported another successful breakfast. There was some discussion of holding just one breakfast next year since the fall breakfast seems to not be as popular. The committee will report back to the board later.

The membership committee reported that with the new members recently installed our membership is at 92. That is down 2 from last year but three losses were due to death and do not count against our count for the District. District records will show a gain of one.

The Big Band Dance has struggled above the break-even point. Even though it will not make much money for the club, it will be a community activity that a lot of people look forward to and is worthwhile.

The club will have 12 members attending 22-C night to celebrate DG Bill Thomas' successful year for District 22-C.

May 4th will be Youth Night for the club to honor the youth of the community. Lion Ray Molesworth will not be

able to direct that meeting and King Lion Mary Frances is taking over. She may be calling on others to help out.

Relay for Life events will be held at the Fire Department Activities Center on May 8th and at Clarksburg High School on May 22nd. The Clarksburg LEO club will be forming a team to walk at Clarksburg. The board approved \$200.00 to be spent for snacks and water to be passed out by the Club and Branch during these events.

White Cane will be held in May and membership brochures will be provided in the buckets to be given to anyone who expresses an interest in the Lion Club.

May 18th will be LEO officer installation night for our 4 active LEO clubs. Certificates will be provided to the incoming officers.

The Celebrate Damascus committee has been working to plan that event for July 9th and 10th. Lion Tess Gladhill reported that there are no issues at the present time. Funding for the fireworks display is the primary focus. Fund raisers will be held and donations will be requested. The board approved a donation of \$500.00 to be forwarded to the Fire Department for firework fund. The club will have an information booth and a flea market booth for anyone that wants to donate items to be sold in the booth.

The community Fair will be held Sept 10,11 and 12. The club will have an information booth and will provide free popcorn to the patrons of the fair. The Board approved \$500.00 for popcorn supplies and an ad in the Fair booklet.

The scholarship committee has 8 applications and is evaluating them. One application was from a student who does not attend either Damascus or Clarksburg, however the student does live in the area. Since the announcement in the Gazette did not include a restriction to students in those schools, the board approved the committee to consider this application. The committee was approved to consider up to 5 scholarships for next year.

At no cost to the club, we will be sponsoring an exchange student on a trip to Hungary. A student from the National Cathedral School has the financial support needed for the trip but was in need of a sponsoring organization. Lion Marcia volunteered our club. There is going to be an attempt to connect the student with a Lions Club in Hungary and some pins and/or banners will be supplied for exchange. The student will report back to our club on the trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary.

OFFICERS - LION YEAR 2010-2011

President	Marcia Holpuch
1st Vice President	Jerry Mallack
2nd Vice President	Midge Tench
3rd Vice President	Barbara Barry
Secretary	Ray Molesworth
Assistant Secretary	Sue Suddath
Foundation Treasurer	Michael Thornett
Club Treasurer	Tony Barry
Tail Twister	Charlie Hertel
Assistant Tail Twister	Thomas Jackson
Lion Tamer	Martin Carr
Assistant Lion Tamer	Bernie Duplan
Chaplain	Lee Sellers
1 Year Directors	Tess Gladhill Warren Schwab Bill Mahylis
2 Year Directors	Del Mayhew Jack Peters Alice Denell
Membership Chairman	Joy Schwab
Assistant	Chris Fletcher
Assistant	Bobbie Warfield
Permanent Director	James Belcher
Immediate Past President	Mary Frances Gosnell
Historian	Joy Schwab

CLARKSBURG BRANCH

Acting Coordinator	Joann Woodson
Liaison	Eloise Woodfield

WELCOME TO OUR YOUTH!

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Students, Scouts, Cubs, 4-Hers, Leos, Band Members, Seniors and Teachers and Parents - Thank you for coming to the Damascus Lions Youth Recognition Night. The Lions are anxious to meet each of you and hear of your projects you have planned. Thank you for sharing your projects with the Lions. We wish you much success in the planning and implementation of your activity. Should you have great results, the Lions would love for you to share them with us. Visit our web site and tell us about it - www.damascuslions.org

Big Band Dance 2010

By Lion Charlie Stone

The Lions' Big Band Dance was held on April 17, 2010. The Damascus Lions once again provided the community with a great night of the Big Band sounds! This was another successful event for the Damascus Lions in service to the community.

We had a good turnout for only our second year at the American Legion Hall. The weather was most cooperative in providing excellent temperatures for eating, socializing, and of course, dancing. The food was superb and the crowd was dynamic.

In much anticipated form, Mr. Roland Cumberland, the band director at 91 years of age, brought us a marvelous performance. The band was magnificent! And the singers, as always were at their best! Everyone had a great evening as the time flew by!! It was the kind of night that makes you unable to wait until next year.

Our success was the result of hard work by many Damascus Lions who deserve a warm round of applause for serving the community at the Big Band event of 2010.

Special thanks go out to...

- Roland Cumberland and the Swing Set Trio
- Paul Black of Tom & Rays
- Sam of the American Legion
- Lion Mike Thornett for writing and depositing the checks, and managing receipts
- Lion Cindee Rogers for managing the Damascus Lion's Club Web site
- King Lion Mary Frances for writing the Frederick News Post Article
- King Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Lion Jerry Warfield, and Lion George Hibbard for their donations
- Dale and Jewel Oliff for their donation
- For helping with set-up: Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie Hertel, Tammy Hertel, Jennifer Warfield, Bill Mahylis, Tom Jackson, Warren Schwab, Marcia Holpuch, Carol Stone, and Charlie Stone.
- For reservations and registrations: Carol Stone, Mary Frances Gosnell, and Charlie Stone.
- For helping serve drinks at the bar: Barbara Barry, Heather Geehrens, Steve Geehrens, Jennifer Warfield, Carol Cook, and Kenneth Cook
- For operating the 50/50: Alice Denell.
- For helping with Lions tear-down and Legion set-up: Charlie Holpuch, Marcia Holpuch, Jennifer Warfield, Charlie Hertel, Tammy Hertel, Carol Cook, Kenneth Cook, Alice Denell, Carol Stone, Charles Stone; and Legionnaire Sam.

Thank you all for making a difference. It's great to be a Lion!



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2009-2010
By Lions Joy Schwab, Bobbie Warfield, and Jerry Mallack

The Membership Committee for 2009-2010 welcomes new members Carol Cook, Alice Denell, Donna Feuillet, Heather Geehreg, Ruth Johnson, Lauren McCormick, Cindee Rogers, and Cheryl Wyatt.

They join all of us in working to gain more members in the new Lions year.