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## **The President's Message**

As you are all probably aware, The Lions Club suffered a great loss with the passing of Immediate Past District Governor Carl Vettel. He had been a member of the Bowie Lions Club serving in many leadership positions in the club as well as on the District level. As reported at our last meeting, the parents of Lions Camp Merrick director, Heidi Fick, were in a serious accident. We haven't gotten an update on their condition. Lion Jenny Allen was hospitalized in Florida with pneumonia. She was able to return home the day after Thanksgiving. She is still very weak and recovering at home. Please keep these Lions and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

At our first meeting of November, Lion Charlie Hertel presented the club with a check from the Montgomery County AgFair for the ice cream dipping. (see page 6) Our speaker for the meeting was Cindy McGrew with Operation Second Chance and we presented her with a donation (see page 6). The following Saturday, Lion Mary Frances and I attended the Annual Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Banquet where I presented them with a donation for their support of the Lions Club and the Damascus community. During the second meeting of month, Lion Tammy introduced the winners of the Peace Poster Contest. We presented 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards. Lion Charlie reported on another successful blood drive. Have you seen the holiday wreaths that were put up by Lion Tony and his crew around town? The Holiday Basket Program is well on its way; The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club have delivered their toys, the families have all been called, and we have had our shopping spree at Kohl's. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Did you get enough to eat and did you see enough football, after which, did you go shopping for all those great early Black Friday deals? We have several upcoming events in December. On Saturday, December 1, we have Preschool Vision Screening at Gladhill's when Santa comes to visit. The

date of Senior Center Birthday & Holiday party has been changed to Tuesday, December 4 at 12:30pm. Later that evening, bring your hats, gloves and mittens for the holiday baskets to the dinner meeting. If you haven't signed up for a delivery team, there will be team sign-up sheets at the meeting. Let's not forget about Albert's jar. On Wednesday, December 5, we have been asked to join Wesley Grove UMC in their tree lighting ceremony at 6:30. Our Holiday Party will be on December 18 at Wesley Grove. We will again be having a gift exchange. If you haven't already done so, bring any hats, gloves and mittens. And then we are in the full swing of the Holiday Baskets. Please see the time line in last month's Lions Tale. Keep in mind that the NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo will be held on January 12 – 13. The Damascus Lions usually help out on the Saturday morning of the event. Peace, comfort and happiness to you and yours throughout the Christmas season. Please stay safe and healthy.

King Lion Chris

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Blood Drive - November 8

We had a blood drive at DUMC on Thursday November 8th, 2018. We collected 35 units of blood with the American Red Cross.

I would like to thank partner in service Cathy Heinbaugh for all of her time and effort for this blood drive, along with all her terrific support staff. Thank you to our Lions, Warren and Joy Schwab who always support this drive. Also to anybody in our Lions Club or partner in service who found their way to give blood:) Our next blood drive is on Thursday February 7th, 2019. See you there!!

Lion Charlie Hertel

### Holiday Wreaths – Nov 23

Damascus Lights Up On Black Friday! On Friday Nov 23, 2018 the Lions club of Damascus continued a 28 year tradition by hanging the Christmas wreaths on the lamp posts throughout Damascus. Five lions and Three 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 temperature was hovering around 22 degrees but the hard work of Lions Wayne Marr, Joe Howerton, Tony Barry, Ray Molesworth, and Barbara Barry, made Thank You Lions, Partners-In-Service, Families and Friends! Happy Holidays,

short work of the 40 lamp posts and the team had completed the project by 10:30am. The friends of the Lions who helped were Ryan Muse, CJ Muise and Nick Doan. Thank you to my daughters, Victoria and Elizabeth who helped earlier in the morning by distributing the wreaths and bows to each lamp post. 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



(Not pictured: Lion Joe Howerton, Lion Barbara Barry, Victoria Barry)

## Upcoming Events:

### Holiday Baskets

"Tis the Season and the Lions Holiday Basket Project is well underway! The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club have delivered many awesome toys for the Children. Our King Lion has profiled all the families, and the shoppers have made some great purchases of clothes for the children. And each Lion has had the opportunity to take a child(s) name and purchase warm weather items for them. The Leos and students of area schools and employees of NRC are busy gathering non-perishable foods and several businesses have made donations of goods as well as monetary for the project. Have you signed up to help? We need more teams for delivery and sorting! This is our opportunity to help in some small way so that these families can have a better holiday and know that, we the Lions, CARE and SERVE!

Mary Frances Gosnell  
(See timeline on page 4)

## Peace Poster Contest

We had about 50 contestants for our peace poster contest and we picked three winners. They are Anya Bhashin, 1<sup>st</sup> place winner. Emily Tran, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner and Sneha Nivarthi, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner all from Rocky Hill MS. They all attended the Lions Club meeting on November 20 and were each awarded a check for participation. At the dinner they learned more about what Lions Club does and were very appreciative that they won. First place winner will go on to be entered into the international competition and we will know in late February who that winner is.

Lion Tammy Hertel



1<sup>st</sup> Place Poster and Winner Anya Bhashin



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner Emily Tran



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner Sneha Nivarthi





## HOLIDAY BASKET TIMELINE 2018

*Holiday Giving Project will take place at  
Gladhill Brothers*

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| 12/4/2018                  | Complete Team Sign ups  |
| 12/12/2018                 | Team Assignments distribution complete, Teams contact families        |
| 12/18/2018                 | Lions Holiday Party bring hats, gloves, mittens, socks                |
| 12/19/2018                 | Pick-up Non-perishable foods from Schools and NRC - Bob Newlin Leader |
| 6:30 PM                    | Sort non-perishable foods at Gladhill Bros.                           |
| 12/20/2018 Noon - 7 pm     | Teams Pack boxes - Packaging apples etc.                              |
| 12/21/2018 Noon - 5 pm     | Teams Pack boxes, Do final packing up of family toys and clothes      |
| 12/22/2018 8 am - 10:30 am | Deliver food and gifts to 30 families                                 |
|                            | Excess foods to HELP  |
|                            | Clean-up  |
|                            | Merry Christmas!  |

### Time to Celebrate

#### December Birthdays:

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Martin Carr | 12/5  |
| Helen Boyer | 12/15 |
| Tony Barry  | 12/17 |
| Del Mayhew  | 12/29 |

#### Partners in Service

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Tom Sain (Julie) | 12/12 |
|------------------|-------|

#### December Anniversaries:

None

### Upcoming Events

**December 4** – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove  
United Methodist Church

**December 4-** Senior Party, 12:30 pm Damascus  
Senior Center for more information contact Lion  
Sue Suddath

**December 11** - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

**December 18** – Holiday Party , Wesley Grove United  
Methodist Church

**December 19 – 22** –Holiday Baskets



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## November Board Minutes

### Damascus Lions Club ~Board of Directors Meeting ~13 November 2018~Gladhill Bros.

| Board Members:                  |   |                           |   |                        |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| C. Fletcher, President          | X | Del Mayhew, Club Treas.   | X | B. Barry, Dir.         | X |
| P. McKenzie, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP | X | C. Hertel, Tail Twister   |   | J. Redifer-Allen, Dir. |   |
| C. Stone, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP    |   | T. Barry, Asst. T-Twister |   | T. Jackson, Dir.       |   |
| W. Marr, 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP     |   | M. Carr, Tamer            | X | T. Gladhill, Dir.      | X |
| M. Holpuch, Secretary           | X | W. Schwab, Asst. Tamer    |   | J. Howerton, Dir.      | X |
| S. Suddath, Asst. Sec.          |   | G. Hibbard, Chaplain      |   | J. Schwab, Dir.        |   |
| M.F. Gosnell, Fdn. Treas.       | X | J. Sain, Membership       |   | J. Washington, IPP     |   |

Also in attendance: Mike Thornett as Auditor

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by KL Chris Fletcher.

Lion Del moved to amend the minutes from the October meeting to indicate that the correct amount for the Reserve should be \$170. Then the minutes were approved as amended.

#### Treasurers Reports:

Financial statements were presented by their corresponding treasurers and approved with the following summary balances for the month ending October 31, 2018:

|                              | Club   | Foundation |
|------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Income                       | 943    | 5,191      |
| Expenses                     | 2,405  | 1,549      |
| Net                          | 1,462- | 3,642      |
| Reserve for 75 <sup>th</sup> | 7      |            |

Lion Mike Thornett spoke on the audit and tax filing for the Foundation. An extension was submitted to allow time to work on outstanding issues regarding student loans. Lion Del has mailed the required postcard to the IRS for the club.

**Youth Night:** Lion Mike requested that the Youth Night program be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> May meeting in order to accommodate school principal's schedules to allow them to attend. There was agreement to this change and plans will proceed for the meeting to be held at Wesley Grove.

**Peace Poster:** Discussion to determine prize brackets for peace poster winners resulted in the following amounts for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place winners: \$50-30-20, making the total \$100 to the foundation. Winners were selected by paper ballot.

#### Secretary report:

- There are still 2 unpaid members for July. Collection efforts will continue.
- Thank you notes were shared and acknowledgment of a donation of \$100 for hospital equipment.

#### Committee Reports:

- **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The committee has started meeting and determined that the celebration should be held in the fall of 2021 when we complete our 75<sup>th</sup> year of service. It will be our 76<sup>th</sup> Charter Night celebration. A location is being sought with the expectation of attendance around 100. There are no cost estimates at this time, but Lion Mary Frances reported that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration cost around \$5,000. Lion Del estimated that the fund that is currently being generated will have approximately \$4,500 by the time of the observance at the current membership level. Lion Barbara Barry moved that we transfer \$2,000 from the current cash funds to the reserve for the celebration. Motion carried. Additional fund raisers may be needed in the coming months to increase available funding.
- **Holiday Giving:** Lion Chris has reached all the families to get information on the children. Cards will be handed out at the next meeting to gather appropriate winter weather gear for them. There will be sign up sheets at the next dinner meeting and the detailed timeline will be published in the Lions Tale. Toys were delivered to Gladhill's by The Tradesmen Motorcycle gang. They have again gone above expectations and there are multiple bicycles and toys galore. Lion Mary Frances will again invite them to our meeting in January on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Community Fair:** Collections at the fair were designated to be donated to Lions Saving Kids Sight and the total collected was \$37. Lion Mary Frances moved that the foundation supplement that amount and we send \$100 for that program. Motion approved.

- **Senior Center Party:** The senior center has changed the date (without checking with us) and it may have been moved to Wed., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation on the date will be obtained and communicated to the club members.

#### Old Business:

- There was no old business.

#### New Business:

- KL Chris has become aware of a situation at Baker MS where the Home Economics teacher is buying baking supplies out of her pocket for her class. This issue was brought to her by Joann Leatherman who has asked if the Lions could help out. Discussion followed regarding how many teachers purchase classroom supplies personally and perhaps something could be done with Damascus HELP or another avenue to find a donor for the Home Ec program as we could be inundated with similar requests from virtually every classroom in our service area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Holpuch, Secretary



*Guest speaker Cindy McGrew with Operation Second Chance receives a donation*



*Lion Charlie Hertel presents the Ice Cream dipping check to KL Chris*