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The President's Message

“WE SERVE”-Ice Cream!

Wow! What a month we just had. Oh yeah, it was just one day for the club, more for those who came to help paint and clean up. I'll not say too much about our day dipping ice cream, Charlie Hertel will later, other than we beat last year's sales by about \$1,000. All eight clubs together did \$54,368, this is not official yet, but we had the greatest bunch and most prepared dippers I've ever seen! I do wish to thank all who came to help before the Montgomery County Ag Fair opened. There were several from our club and other clubs and 4-Her's. My special thanks (at the risk of leaving someone out) goes to Lions Rusty Reichmeider, Shyue & Su Huang, Martin Carr (and friend), Charlie Hertel (w/father & daughter) Jerry Warfield, plus help from the Monocacy, Rockville, Laytonsville & Montgomery Central-Derwood clubs and some great help from the 4-H clubs, Mr. Brown of the Damascus 4-H and Mrs. Preuninger and her 2 daughters Pauline & Madeleine-Camille Preuninger. I can't thank you enough. The place looks great and really shined this year. The rest of you Lions please say a word of thanks when you see these people and let them know how proud our club is for their service. My SPECIAL thanks goes to our district Governor Lion Tedd Ladd Jr. and his lovely wife Ann for stopping by on Fri. afternoon, Aug. 17th, to visit with us!

Thanks also to all who helped with the Pre School Vision on Mon., 13th, and LCOF Bus on Thur., 16th. Our club really lives up to our motto “We Serve”.

Moving on... September is here. Another busy month (are we having FUN yet?) Yes, another FAIR, the Damascus Community Fair on the 7th, 8th & 9th. We could call this one our own. Our own “Tessie” Gladhill is President and we have the LCOF Bus and a booth to man and we're giving out popcorn, pens & brochures. Let's get behind Lion Mary Frances Gosnell and help. We could meet our goal of one new member a month right here! These are mostly local folks and when they see our happy, smiling faces they'll want to come and see what we are all about. Let us know when and where you can help.

We also have Lion Charlie's BLOOD drive on Mon. 10th, Lion Wayne Marr's WHITE CANE DAYS on the 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd. WOW! BASKET BINGO!! On the 28th w/ LION Mary Frances & Lion Tessie again. Do they ever stop? I hope not. The more who come out to serve, the bigger the smiles on our faces!

Then when we finish with September it's our 61st Anniversary at Dutch's Daughter on Oct. 2nd.

Well, I've got to end with this. One a month. Do we have yours yet?

Thanks to all, KLG

Damascus White Cane Days: September 19-22!

By Lion Wayne Marr

Damascus Lions! Our next Damascus White Cane fundraiser starts two weeks from tomorrow; Wednesday September 19 through Saturday September 22. This fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion for at least one two-hour shift. When the sign-up sheet reaches you, please contribute at least one shift; two, if you can. Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this fundraiser over the years.



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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 4 - Dinner meeting Wesley Grove UMC
- 7-9 - Community Fair DVFD Activities Bldg
- 10 - Blood Drive DVFD Activities Bldg
- 11 - Board meeting Rec Center
- 18 - Dinner meeting Wesley Grove UMC
- 19-22 - White Canes around Town
- 28 - Basket Bingo DVFD Building

OCTOBER

- 2 - Charter Night at Dutch's Daughter (Spouse Night)
- 9 - Board Meeting at Rec Center
- 13 - Road Clean-up (Ridge Road)
- 16 - Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
- 20 - Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UMC

NOVEMBER

- 6 - Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
- 13 - Board Meeting at Rec Center
- 16-17 - Thanksgiving baskets at Damascus Chevrolet
- 19 - Blood Drive
- 20 - Dinner Meeting (Spouse Night) at Wesley Grove UMC

Birthdays

Lions:

- Sept. 1 Carol Stone
- Sept. 5 Rusty Reichmeider
- Sept 15 Shyue Huang
- Sept. 18 Mike Bowersox

Partners-in-Service

- Sept. 14 Melissa Washington
- Sept. 15 Kathy Thornett

Anniversaries

- Sept. 5 - Barbara and Daniel Barry
- Sept. 6 - Albert and Kate Warfield
- Sept. 8 - Del and Bonnie Mayhew
- Sept. 20 - John and Melissa Washington
- Sept. 23 - Bill and Helen Mahylis
- Sept. 29 - Wayne and Naomi Marr

Celebrate Damascus Recap

By Lion Bill Cordell

This year's Celebrate Damascus Flea Market was held on Saturday July 14th. We could not have asked for a better day, sunny, in the 80's with low humidity. Just a perfect day.

Fifteen Lions participated in this year's event. Del Mayhew and Tom Jackson assisted me marking spaces for the vendors on Friday afternoon. Early Saturday morning Jerry Warfield assisted with registration and Bob Newlin, Ray Molesworth, Dave Davidson, John Washington, Tom Van Vliet, Ken Phillips and Mike Thornett assisted with locating the vendors and parking their cars. George Hibbard and Martin Carr were there for the 2nd shift to assist with traffic control and JoAnne Woodson and Charlie Stone handled the 3rd shift. Charlie stayed with me to clean up the facility afterwards. We had a total of 72 vendors which generated \$1410. Mary Francis was there with her popcorn machine and raised \$103. This makes the total raised for the event \$1513.

Thanks again to all the Lions that assisted me. If I missed anyone, I apologize. If any Lions would like to participate next year, please let me know. I am looking for one right hand person to assist with taking calls and e-mails. Basically, you would be tracking the vendor registration in Excel. If you are interested, please see me. This is a fun event. There is plenty to see and do once you are done with your shift.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 2007

Meeting at Montgomery United Methodist Church was called to order by King Lion Gary at 8:15 pm. Members in attendance were Gary Rogers, Eloise Woodfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie Stone, Ken Phillips, Sue Suddath, Mike Thornett, Bill Mahylis, Warren Schwab, Tucky Woodfield, Marcia Holpuch, Joy Schwab and Joann Woodson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the Lions Tale.

The Club Treasurer report was given by Bill Mahylis and discussed by the board. The report was accepted as presented. The report showed the club on budget with a balance of \$8449.34.

The Foundation Treasurer report was given by Mike Thornett. It was pointed out that there have not been any major fund raising activities in the new year so the report shows a large deficit, something that will resolve itself as the year progresses. The report was accepted as presented. The working account balance was reported to be \$19414.00.

KL Gary reminded the board that we are scheduled to review the meal costing plans in the next couple of months and ask the members to think about any changes they might want to propose.

It was brought to the board's attention that we have another scholarship request from a student that attends Wesley Grove UMC. If this application were to be approved it would mean an overrun of the budget. Charlie Stone volunteered to obtain additional information and bring it back to the board next month.

KL Gary highly recommends the leadership training that District 22-C offers and would like to see more of our membership take advantage of this training. This training will be announced to the club and members will be encouraged to sign-up for one or all of these sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 at the request of the minister of the Montgomery Church since he had to lock the doors of the church.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary.

DAMASCUS LIONS PAMPERED CHEF SHOW

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Pampered Chef Consultant, Karen Craig, rented a space at the Celebrate Damascus Flea Market. Karen's signage made it known that 10% of her sales for the day would go to the Damascus Lions. We received a check for \$30.40. In our conversation, she told us that the Lions could earn 20% of sales with a show of \$600.00. With the help of Partner-In-Service, Sue Phillips, and many Lions, we had a show totaling \$809.25 - Thus another \$160.90.

Lions, we earned more than enough for an eye exam and a pair of glasses for a worthy person in our community. And we did that with purchasing good things to use in our kitchens.

Thanks to all who helped make it happen. It was fun!

LIONS COTTON PIQUE GOLF SHIRTS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

I had a request to order Lion shirts like the first ones we had made. They are white with Damascus Lions and the Lions emblem on them. Cost is \$25.00. Ordered them in various sizes. See Lion Mary Frances if you would like to have a shirt - You will need it for the Damascus Community Fair Lions Booth, for White Cane, for the Blood Drive and for Basket Bingo! Don't be without one!

DAMASCUS LIONS AT THE COMMUNITY FAIR

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Damascus Community Fair is Friday, Saturday, Sunday - Sept 7, 8, 9. Lions, now is the time to let Damascus know that their Lions Club is well and roaring, and actively seeking community projects. We will have the booth inside the pole barn promoting membership, community projects and giving out free popcorn. We will also man the outside PA system for the fair. We need Lions to sign up. Sign up sheets will be on the tables at the Sept. 4 meeting.

We will have the LCOF Bus on site doing vision and hearing testing.

So we are giving a lot of services and things away for free for the fair goers.

We need Lions to sign up for a least one shift either in the bus or the booth or both. It is important that the Yellow/Blue/Purple be noticed. Just 4 hours of your time will be a great help and you will meet lots of friends and neighbors.

As an added note - for those of you who have not attended the fair, it is a free community event, a miniature of the county fair with no amusement rides - But plenty of entertainment inside and out. Animals, farm crops, vegetables, flowers, baked goods, sewing, wood working, photography, art, crafts, home arts are some of the exhibits you will enjoy. The Firemen have food most of the day with a platter being served from 6 - 7 Friday and Sat. night and Sunday afternoon. Pedal Tractor races for the kids, Garden Tractor races for the families, ice cream making contest, veggie race for kids - and the list goes on and on.

The Damascus Community Fair has been a community event for 62 years. So COME TO THE FAIR - SUPPORT YOUR LIONS - TAKE TIME OUT AND RELAX!

BASKET BINGO

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Mark your calendars for Friday, Sept. 28.

The Damascus Lions will sponsor their 8th Basket Bingo to benefit the Basil B. Burdette Student Loan Fund and the R. Vernon Simpson Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are available for sale - Will be happy to consign a block of tickets for anyone to sell. Tickets are \$18.00 for 20 games and 4 specials.

Flyers are available for anyone to put up in and around town and anywhere you think we might benefit from it.

We are looking for sponsors for baskets. The average price of a basket is \$65.00. Prices of the prize baskets range from \$49.00 to \$250.00 plus the fillers. Ask out in the community for sponsors. This is a good opportunity for a business to make a donation which is tax deductible, help fund the Scholarship and Student Loan Fund and get some advertising as well. Any Lion can seek sponsors - Need to get the sponsors name and money to Lion Mary Frances by Sept. 18,

Man Power is needed on Friday, Sept. 28 to work the bingo.

Buy your partner a ticket, and you can help on the floor. Lion Mary Frances has tickets, flyers and the answers to your questions!

September Blood Drive Coming up!

By Charlie Hertel, Blood Drive Coordinator

We collected 78 units of blood at our last drive on Monday June 4, 2007 for Lions year 07-08
Fitness 4 You collected 12 units on Friday June 8, 2007

This brings our yearly total to 90. Thank You to all who helped with this drive.(especially my parents)

Our next drive is Monday September 10, 2007

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

By Lion Jimmy Ross, LCIF Chairperson

I am happy to announce a new program of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

LCIF has affordable, high-quality hearing aids available to Lions clubs in the United States for low-income members of their communities. The two types of digital hearing aids from Rexton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200 per aid from the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP).

Ninety-five percent of individuals with hearing loss can be successfully treated with hearing aids yet 30 percent are unable to afford hearing aids. Seven million people in the U.S. cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. In 2005, the average cost of a

hearing aid was \$1,900, and most people need two hearing aids. Hearing is critical to communication, so when there is even a minimal loss, it affects all aspects of a person's life. For example, people with untreated hearing loss make an estimated 50% to 70% less in wages than their hearing peers.

The two types of aids offer Lions clubs the opportunity to help with almost any type of hearing loss. Reducing communication breakdown for one person creates a ripple effect that touches everyone in the community. And, based on feedback from the program so far, many clubs are revitalized and often recruit new members committed to the new service.

Please consider participating in this program. To learn more about Lions AHAP, please visit http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_gr_ahap.shtml or contact the office at 630-571-5466, ext. 615. The e-mail address is LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org.

Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chairman

What a great time it was dipping ice cream this year at the Montgomery County Fair on Tuesday, August 14, 2007. The Damascus and Clarksburg Lions Clubs along with the Damascus high Leos, Baker and Rocky Hill MS Leos and all other participants did an outstanding job again. We had over 80 volunteers who worked over 400 hours. Thank you!!!

KL Gary, who ran the ice cream parlor during the week, did an outstanding job. It was a record year, with a combined collection over \$50,000. KL Gary had the parlor looking mighty fine with a fresh coat of paint. Tuesday was senior day at the fair. It was great to see some of my old neighbors come in to get ice cream. Damascus sold approximately \$6,500.00 worth of ice cream and drinks, on their day alone.

I would to thank my daughter Candice and dad Ray, for going on Thursday evening before the fair started and stocking the ice cream into the bins; my family (always involved in our club activities); Lion Tammy, who stayed all day with me; Lions Leslie Poole, Barbara Barry and Mike Thornett; and especially the Leos clubs - without them this would not have been a success.

Our Damascus Lions Club members turned out in great show of support this year. It is estimated that our Lions Club will bring in around \$1,500.00 for our day at the fair. What a great job we all did. Thank you for your continued support.

Mark on your calendars - Tuesday August 12, 2008 is next year's ice cream dipping day. See ya there.