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The President's Message

APRIL 1st. (no fooling)

Hi Fellow Lions. Was that a great Auction or what? Thanks to Al Burdette for helping us make it through. It's been a good month for the Damascus Lions Club and I wish to thank all of you for putting up with me and my sour moods. Sorry! It was good to see such a great turnout for the auction and thanks to our newest member Lion Bernard Duplane and his lovely bride and the 2 TVs they gave to auction. It really helps!



As you read this our section of Route 27 should be a little cleaner. Thanks to all and Lion Charlie Hertel for bring a few new pickers. Thank you Holpuch Brothers, Lions Nick & John.

If you are reading this during our April 1st. meeting (pay attention), you'll see that we are trying out our coming Lion President, V.P. Eloise. Thank you so much for letting me get a little R & R in Florida. After my son's nine month stay in the hospital, started last March 11th, 2007, and near fatal weight loss, he's now back to near normal health. Then as we planed a trip a tree thinks I needed a couple of sky-lights in my house. Well, plywood and tarp will have to do until a home repair team gets it together. They should start April 8th and be done in 2-3 weeks. We'll see. I'll have an update on our April 15th meeting.

Let's support our fellow nominees for our upcoming officers' election. We don't want to leave anyone out who wants to serve. Please let us know.

Thanks ever so much for all the work put in by the heads of the "Pancake Breakfast". Where would we be without the extra money made by this? Great job Lions Sue, Joy and all who helped!

Don't forget this busy month of April. Please make all of our newest members welcome and let's honor Lion Lee Sellers at our 22-C all star Social! If you're not going there, the same night, April 19th, is the "BIG BAND DANCE". Do you have a table? See Lion Carol Stone.

Well, the sun is shinning, time to start our gardens, and let's plan for a great spring!

To Damascus Lions one and all I say,

Thanks, KLG

Pancake Breakfast

By Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath

The Spring Pancake Breakfast and Bake/Craft Table was held Saturday, March 1, in the DUMC dining room. Set-up crews worked Thursday and Friday to put up tables, prepare food and ready the dining room. Carol Richards of Carol's Creations donated the flowers for the centerpieces and the Bake/Craft Table. At 5:00am Saturday kitchen helpers arrived for cooking and serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, chipped beef with biscuits, home fries, hot apples, orange juice, coffee, etc. The Bake/Craft Table was filled with goodies and craft items. Others soon arrived: table waiters, ticket sellers, ticket takers, etc. Breakfast was served from 7 to 11am. 307 ticket holders were served. The profit for breakfast was \$2399.65 and the Bake/Craft Table added \$437.25. And finally, the clean-up crews left the kitchen and dining hall spotless.

We thank all who helped:

Lions: Barbara Berry, Martin Carr, Bill Cordell, Dave Davidson, Ken Diggs, Mary Frances Gosnell, George Hibbard, Charlie and Marcia Holpuch, Su Huang, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Ray Molesworth, Bob Newlin, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Warren Schwab, Lee Sellers, Roy Stanley, Carol and Charlie Stone, Tom Van Vliet, Jerry Warfield, John Washington, Eloise and Tuck Woodfield and Joann Woodson.

Leos: Tom Aries, Elizabeth Berry, Sara Bleistein, Michael and Pam Burch, Ben and Jon Constantinides, Natalie and Stephanie Curran, Keith Hansen, Remie Hessay, Paul and Rachel Lim, Sara Marin, and Kathleen Peacock.

Volunteers: Connor and Mark Dantzler.



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Upcoming Events

- Apr. 1 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC (6:45)
 - Apr. 8 – Board Meeting at the Rec. Center (7:00)
 - Apr. 9–12: White Canes
 - Apr. 15 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC (6:45)
 - Apr 18–20 – Clarksburg White Canes
 - Apr. 19 – 22C Social at Waldorf Jaycees
 - May 6 – Dinner Meeting (Youth Night) at Damascus UMC (6:45)
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Birthdays

Lions:

- Apr. 4 - Mark Sain
- Apr. 5 - Marcia Holpuch
- Apr. 7 - John Warfield
- Apr. 10 – Floyd Bean
- Apr. 18 - Tom Jackson
- Apr 25 – Ken Mackay
- Apr. 29 - Bill Mahylis

Partners-in-Service

- Apr. 11 - Jennifer Molesworth
- Apr. 22 - Ruby Purdum

Anniversaries

- Apr. 6 - Carol and Tim Dissmeyer
- Apr. 7 - Patty and Walt Shipley
- Apr. 12 - Margaret and David Stone

News about Members

Change of email address for Lion Charlie Stone:

Charles.stone@nih.hhs.gov

Big Band Dance

By Lion Carol Stone

The date for the Big Band Dance is approaching fast. The date of this very enjoyable event is April 19, 2008 at the Damascus Fire Hall on Lewis Drive from 6pm – 11pm.

For your dancing and listening pleasure, Roland Cumberland and his Orchestra will be returning. Dinner will once again be prepared for our dining pleasure.

Many thanks go out to Lion Charlie Stone for preparing the flyers from the examples we had from last year. Many thanks to Dove Tail for printing 210 letters, 225 color flyers. And of course thanks to Bob Newlin for in years past providing the mailing labels, the seating layout and other items needed for the dance. Let's not to forget, Lion Mike Thornett for paying the bills, our Lion's Secretary, Ken Phillips for providing Lion's envelopes, for all of you who posted flyers and Lion Charlie Stone for helping me stuff the envelopes to mail out.

All should have received a letter and flyer either via regular mail or email for the Big Band Dance by now. If you did not receive a letter or a flyer, and you would like to receive one or make a reservation to go, please contact Lion Carol Stone at 301-827-1561 (day), 301-947-8719 (eve).

As for any Lion's event, there are a few more items that need to be done such as reservations, table arrangements, food and centerpiece ordering, and this should keep Lion Carol busy up until April 19th. Just a reminder, Lion Carol will need a few key helpers to assist with table setup on the morning of the event. If you could set aside some time that would be great. Look for sign up sheets at upcoming meetings.

Oh, one more thing. Be sure to contact Lion Carol about reserving your seating for a great and very entertaining evening out.

March Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel

The Lions and the Red Cross had a joint blood drive on March 17, 2008. This was our last blood drive for the 2007-2008 year. We collected 101 units of blood, putting our yearly total at 532 units of blood collected.

Thank You to all the great Lions of Damascus for your continued support. And thank You to all of the others that helped me, including my family. This is my 11th year running blood drives in Damascus for the Lions Club.

The scheduled blood drives for the year 2008-2009 are June 16, Sept.8, Nov. 24 and Jan. 19. The drives for March and June of '09 are not scheduled yet.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Vice President Eloise Woodfield called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present were Eloise Woodfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie Stone, Sue Suddath, Mike Thornett, Bill Mahylis, Martin Carr, Del Mayhew, Tucky Woodfield, Jerry Warfield, Marcia Holpuch, Roy Stanley and Ken Phillips. The minutes from the December Board Meeting were approved as published in the February Lions Tale.

The Club financial report was presented by Bill Mahylis. The report showed that the club is operating within budget with both income and expenses below projections. However, it was pointed out that since attendance at the dinner meetings has been down the cost of dinner will soon outpace income. An evaluation of dinner costs and pricing will be addressed at a future board meeting. The report was accepted as presented.

The Foundation Financial report was presented by Mike Thornett. The report showed the Foundation running with a net income of about \$2000.00 and well within budget. Most obligations have been met and with the golf tournament a remaining fund raiser, the foundation in good condition. The report was accepted as presented.

The board approved the purchase of a new club banner for displaying our award patches.

Charlie Doherty of Damascus High School outlined plans for a trip by the school band in April. It will be a 3 day trip with about 120 students traveling by bus. The cost is about \$530.00 per student and they have 7 or 8 students that cannot afford the cost. A request for financial help was made. After discussion, the board approved a donation of \$1000.00 toward the trip including the budgeted donation to the band for youth night.

The board approved a \$25.00 donation toward the annual gift to the District Governor.

For youth night, the Damascus United Methodist Church will be charging \$12.00 for the meals. After discussion, it was decided to keep the cost for members at \$10.00 but charge \$12.00 for guests.

Several donation requests were discussed and approved. Clarksburg Historical Society will receive \$100.00 for Clarksburg Days, and the Damascus Community Fair will receive \$25.00 for a prize in the coloring contest. The club will also place an ad in the fair booklet for \$100.00.

A request from the Clarksburg High School for the club to sponsor an after-prom breakfast this spring was received. They were thinking a Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. However after a discussion of how much support would be required and what facilities would be available at the Germantown Recreation Center, it was decided that the club could do a continental breakfast for the students. The cost and required support will be determined as the plans are completed. Funding for this event would come from the unplanned youth activities budget item.

A report on the Big Band Dance was given. Reservations are really lagging this year with only about 70 so far. It is estimated that the "break even" number is around 120. A decision on whether to go ahead with the event will be made soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary

White Cane Days Are Next Week: April 9-12!

By Lion Wayne Marr

Damascus Lions! Our next Damascus White Cane fundraiser starts one week from tomorrow; Wednesday Apr 9 through Saturday April 12. This fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion for at least one two-hour shift. Here is the current sign-up sheet. Note that we have five shifts unassigned at this time; four of them at Red Rooster. What's up with that? Red Rooster is a great place to solicit donations and the customers there contribute greatly to our White Cane program.

Please review the sign-up sheet and tell me tonight how you can help with those five shifts. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this fundraiser over the years. The schedule is on Page 4.

LIONS MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION NIGHT

By Lion Charlie Stone

Our April 15, 2008 meeting agenda will include the induction of new members. On March 27, 2008 the Clarksburg Branch Club inducted two members: Patricia McKenzie and Jim Cox. Welcome Lions Patricia and Jim. Our goal for the 5-star award is 5 new members by mid-April; we need three more. Now's the time to contact those prospective members "who are still thinking about it." The next Board meeting is April 8, 2008. We need the prospective membership applications and entrance fee (\$25) for the Board to review and approve. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Charlie Stone.

Clarksburg News

By Lion Eloise Woodfield

The Clarksburg Branch would like to welcome two new members, Lions Patricia McKensie and Jim Cox, sponsored by Lion Eloise Woodfield. On March 27 both were inducted by Region I Chair, Lion Tuck Woodfield.

The dates for Clarksburg White Cane Days are April 18 – 20. Locations are Clarksburg stores and Giant in Germantown. Call if you can help, 301-3807 or 301-916 3899

CHS Post Prom Breakfast is being hosted by Clarksburg Branch members on Apr. 26 midnight til April 27 5am. This is a great way to help keep our youth safe, we need your help! to serve and setup and clean up at the Germantown Recreation Center. Contact Lions Tuck and Eloise Woodfield.

The LCOF bus will be at Clarksburg Day on Sat June 7. All Lions are asked to sign up to help from 10am til 4pm. This is a good way to promote the lions in Clarksburg and the Damascus communities. The Clarksburg Day Event location is being held at the Clarksburg High School.

White Cane Schedule

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday April 09 Manager: Ken Phillips	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Mary Frances Gosnell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Lee Sellers
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Tom Van Vliet
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Martin Carr
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
Thursday April 10 Manager: Bill Mahylis	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Mary Frances Gosnell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Dave Davidson
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Anne Davis & Fran Burlas
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Jerry Warfield
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
Friday April 11 Manager: Del Mayhew NEW SHIFTS!!	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Bill Mahylis
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Tom Van Vliet
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Eloise & Tuck Woodfield
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	John Washington
	5:30am - 7:30am	Red Rooster	
	7:30am - 9:30am	Red Rooster	
	11:15am - 1:15pm	Red Rooster	
Saturday April 12 Manager: Wayne Marr	7:00am - 9:00am	Tom & Ray's	Ann Davis & Fran Burlas
	7:15am - 9:15am	Red Rooster	Marcia Holpuch
	8:15am - 10:15am	CVS	George Hibbard
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway East	Charlie & Carol Stone
	9:00am - 11:00am	Tom & Ray's	Charlie Hertel
	9:15am - 11:15am	Red Rooster	Gary Rogers
	10:15am -	CVS	
	10:30am -	Safeway East	Jim Belcher & Mary
	11:00am - 1:00pm	Tom & Ray's	Midge Tench
	11:15am - 1:15pm	Red Rooster	

Auction Action

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

We held our annual administrative auction on the 18th. This auction funds our administrative costs for the club, keeping our dues down. We thank our auctioneer, Alan Burdette, for providing a fun and entertaining evening. About 40 Lions made donations of goods & services for the auction and we had 33 bidders. The most expensive item sold was a weekend at Lion Mike Thornett's Bethany Beach condo. It brought in a nice sum of \$275. Baked goods and "Mom Hardy's" jellies continue to be favorites. Our final tally for the auction this year is \$3,025.50.

22-C Night

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

This year we are honoring our Chaplain, Lion Lee Sellers at 22-C Night as the All-Star Lion from Damascus. Lion Lee was selected at our last meeting in recognition of his many years of service to both the club and the community. He will join the other All-Stars of District 22-C for recognition at the annual end of year District celebration on April 19th. It will be an evening of celebration and recognition. The 22-C Honors Band will provide musical entertainment for the evening and we will also be honoring the recipient of our Humanitarian Award, University of Maryland Basketball coach, Gary Williams. It will be an exciting evening for all! Congratulations, Lion Lee Sellers!!

