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The President's Message

Sounds of fireworks opened the Lion meeting on July 1st held at the Mont. UM Church. Lions made POP-POP-POP, BANG, BANG noises to bring in the new calendar year. A tasty meal was served and enjoyed by everyone. THANK YOU, Mont. UM Church for having us and providing a room to have our meeting.



Imm. Past President, Gary Rogers passed out gifts to the Lions to show his appreciation for his year as King Lion 2007-08

Dressed in RED, WHITE and BLUE, and wearing a crown of lights, the new President, King Lion Eloise reported that the Blood Drive Chairman, Lion Charlie Hertel, had 75 pints of blood collected at the Blood Drive. Great Job, Lion Charlie and helpers.

Lion David Warfield, "MR. DAMASCUS", attended and reminded us that CELEBRATE DAMASCUS was going to be coming up on July 11th and 12th. Lion Jerry Warfield and Lion Bill Cordell with a number of other Lions head up the Flea Market. It would once again be a GREAT, Successful Weekend for the Community of Damascus. Starting on Friday a parade lined the streets with 75 units participating. Lion Jim Cox donated his train for the Lions to ride on. Twenty Lions, Lions' grandkids and Leos helped to show how Lions serve. Walkers handed out about 3000 pieces of candy treats along the parade route where approximately 8000 people watched. A large banner was carried in front of the train of Lions saying "DAMASCUS LIONS," letting the people know that "we serve" the community. Our own Tony Berry, partner in service, was the highlight, dressed as the lion, and greeting the crowd of on-lookers as the train chugged by and tooted and whistled Hello. Many thanks to everyone.

Celebrate Damascus was enjoyed by the community with a blast of color on Friday evening. Fireworks were provided by Mr. and Mrs. David Warfield

Our program guest for the evening arrived, Hail to the Chief, President Abe Lincoln, portrayed by Bill Spritz of the Damascus Theater Group. Abe spoke to us giving some interesting antidotes and recited the Gettysburg Address. This also was the weekend event for the anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg on July 4th. Thanks go to Bill and his wife Charity for being with us.

With all the different jobs and duties Lions gave a total of 500 hours to serving the community.

On July 15th we met at the Damascus UM Church and enjoyed another delicious meal. Thanks for your help.

IPP Lion Gary Rogers asked for help with the ice cream dipping at Mont. Co. Fair on Tuesday Aug. 12th and LCOF bus co-chairman Lions Rusty and Dee are looking for volunteers to help with vision and hearing testing on Thursday Aug. 14. Sign up and call these committee people.

Lion Sue Suddath reminded us that on Friday July 18th, she and Lions George Hibbard, Ann Davis, and Mary Frances Gosnell would be having a party for the Damascus senior group. I attended this as King Lion and gave some background on what Lions are and how they can help..... It was a great program and everyone had a lot of FUN, Thanks Lions and keep up the good work,

I would like to say Welcome to our new member Lion Matthew Alsante and for Lions Midge Tench, Jerry Warfield and IPP Gary Rogers for bringing their guests.

The program for the evening was on the Mont. Co. Fair and 4H. Our guest speaker was Alganesh Piechocinski, Mo. Co. Extension Agent. She told us about how to be a part of the fair and how to help out. It was very informative and we say thanks for your time.

July 24th the Damascus Lions of the Clarksburg branch met to discuss plans for the coming year. The program for the evening was the wrap up of Clarksburg Day. Guests for the meeting were the members of the Clarksburg Historical Society Inc. Everyone sends Best Wishes to Lion Joann Woodson for a speedy recovery after having her recent knee surgery.

As you can tell its been a busy busy time and will continue to stay that way for a few month to come....so remember "We Serve", and my motto is...

"Together we can make it happen"

President, King Lion Eloise Woodfield

Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chairman

We collected 75 units of blood on June 30, 2008. This drive was rescheduled from June 16, 2008 due to the water main break that affected W.S.S.C.

Thank you to all who continue to do so much to support the Lions Club Blood Program. Our next drive is scheduled for September 8, 2008

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Upcoming Events

Aug. 5 – Dinner Meeting at Montgomery Church
Aug. 12 – Ice Cream Dipping Montgomery Co. Fair (no second meeting in August)
Aug. 14 – Lions Bus Screening
Aug. 19 – Board meeting at the Rec Center 7:00PM
Sept. 2 – Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
Sept. 8 – Blood Drive at DVFD Activity Bldg
Sept 16 – Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
Sept 24-27: White Canes
Sept 25 – Branch meeting at Cedar Brook Church (refreshments)
Sept 26 – Basket bingo at DVFD Activity Bldg

Next Lion's Tale

Due to my vacation, the next Lion's Tale won't be printed until the second meeting in September, which is the 16th. If I get the input in time, I'll send it for posting on the web site before the week of Sept. 8th.

Birthdays

Lions:

Aug. 21 - Charlie Holpuch
Aug. 25 - Patricia McKenzie
Aug. 26 - George Connell

Partners-in-Service

Aug. 2 - Kate Warfield
Aug. 6 - Margaret Duvall
Aug. 9 - Frances Walton
Aug. 19 - David Stone

Anniversaries

Aug. 9 - Eloise and Tuck Woodfield
Aug. 15 - Viola and George Hibbard
Aug. 28 - Gail and Dave Davidson
Aug. 31 - Joy and Warren Schwab

Pictures from the Parade



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

7/8/08

King Lion Eloise Woodfield called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Present were Lions Eloise Woodfield, Tuck Woodfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Philips, Bill Mahylis, Tom Jackson, Marcia Holpuch, and Jerry Warfield.

The minutes from the June Board Meeting were approved as published in the July Lions Tale.

Lion Bill Mahylis presented the Foundation Treasurer's report for Lion Mike Thornett. The report showed the Foundation is in great shape. After some discussion, the report was approved as presented.

Lion Bill presented the club treasurer's report. Income was higher than expenses for the year with a positive net of \$601. We have ample reserves in our account balance. After some discussion, the report was accepted as presented.

Business

Celebrate Damascus Parade will be Friday July 11. The Lions will be #39 and some will ride on the Back Yard Inflatables Train donated by Lion Jim Cox. Two (2) Lions will carry the banner with other walkers passing out candy. For July 12, Lion Jerry Warfield is ready to go with Flea Market and Lion Mary Frances will do popcorn at the promotional booth.

A local gentleman asked for some help with his serious sight problems. He has been diagnosed with R P, Retinitis Pigmentosa, a contrast sensitivity. He needs a CCTV Desktop Vidio Magnifier. The cost of the device is approximately \$3000. Due to lack of a quorum, King Lion Eloise scheduled a short board meeting to be held after our July 15 dinner meeting.

We want to welcome new member Matthew Alsante, who was approved by the Board and will be inducted into Lionism in the near future.

Lea Ann and Dennis Hough are moving and paid their dues to stay in good standing and plan to transfer membership at their location. Keep in touch, Lea & Dennis.

Ken Diggs has moved and dropped his membership; Bob Newlin has asked to be changed to Privileged Member and was approved. Not being able to attend meetings, Fran Burlas asked to have her status changed for a few months.

1st District 22-C Advisory Meeting will be August 2 at Leisure World.

Lions Marcia & Charlie Holpuch will represent Damascus at the District 22-C Awards Luncheon in Brandywine.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell read a Thank You from Lee Hertel and KL Eloise said the Lions had received a very nice thank you from Bree Fuleit for their scholarships.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Lion Thomas "Tuck" Woodfield,
Secretary

Special Session 7/15/2008

July 15, 2008 Damascus Lions Special Board meeting was held after dinner meeting. The vision problem of the Damascus Person with RP and need of a special device for him to see was brought up before the board. A full quorum was present, Lion Tom Jackson made motion to help with a \$1000 donation, Lion Joy Schwab seconded, Lion Bill Mahylis amended to \$1500. After some discussion, the motion was unanimously approved to help buy a CCTV by presenting a check of \$1500 to the company that sells the device, after the Gentleman has secured the other half of the funds to make the purchase.

Submitted by Lion Thomas "Tuck" Woodfield,
Secretary

A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office. The man said to the dentist, 'Doc, I'm in a hurry. I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anesthetic and just pull the tooth and be done with it. We have a 10:00 AM tee time at the best golf course in town and its 9:30 already. I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!'

The dentist thought to himself, my goodness, this is surely a very brave man asking to have his tooth pulled without using anything to kill the pain. So the dentist asked him, 'Which tooth is it, sir?'

The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth, honey, and show him."

Celebrate Damascus Days Flea Market

By Lion Bill Cordell and Lion Jerry Warfield, co-chairs.

Celebrate Damascus Days Flea Market was held Saturday, July 12th at the Damascus Chevrolet Garage with around 51 vendors participating, raising \$1,140.00 for the Damascus Lions Club Foundation.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell had a booth selling popcorn where she raised \$97.00 from the sale of popcorn during the day; great job. Sharing her booth was Membership Chair, Lion Gary Rogers, who handed out information on becoming a member of the Damascus Lions Club; and answering any questions to those interested in becoming a Lions; with two prospective members visiting our Club at the July 15th Dinner Meeting.

Lion Bill Cordell was chairman of event this year with the help of co-chair, Lion Jerry Warfield. Lions that helped worked the event were Lion Martin Carr, Lion Bill Cordell, Lion Dave Davidson, Lion Bernie Duplan, Lion Christine Fletcher, Lion George Hibbard, Lion Charlie Holpuch, Lion Marcia Holpuch, Lion Nick Holpuch, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Del Mayhew, Lion Ray Molesworth, Lion Jack Peters, Lion Ken Phillips, Lion Mike Thornett, Lion Tom Van Vliet, Lion John Warfield and Lion Jerry Warfield and 4 members of Lion Barbara Barry's DHS Leo's Club.

Many thanks for all the hard work put into making this fundraiser a success. For those that was unable to help this year, don't forget to put this event on your next year's calendar and plan to come out and have fun.

DAMASCUS LIONS AT THE COMMUNITY FAIR

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Friday, Saturday and Sunday – Sept. 5, 6 and 7, the Lions will be involved with the Damascus Community Fair from 9 am until 9 pm. We will have the LCOF bus on site and will have the booth in the pole barn promoting membership and free popcorn.

We are giving - Free Hearing tests, Free Eye testing, Free Pens, Free Popcorn plus free information about Lions. We also will be manning the outside PA system and Information Booth for the Fair.

So as you can see, we will be doing a lot of things. And some of our members are involved in the fair in other facets as well. There will be sign up sheets at the August 5th meeting for both the Bus and the Booth. Don't forget we need your signature on one of the sheets!

We should have three Lions at each site all the opening hours. That is going to take about 50 Lions to make it work using 2 and 4 hour shifts. In manning these shifts, we need to meet and greet the fair goers. Don't wait for them to approach us. We are there to offer them something – to let them know that Damascus Lions are actively ROARING to make things happen in and about our community. Wear your hats, shirts, vests and/or aprons. We want the Yellow/Blue/Purple to be noticed.

Should you have any thoughts or questions concerning the Damascus Community Fair Days, contact King Lion Eloise Woodfield, Lions Rusty and Dee Reichmeider – Health Bus, Lion Gary Rogers – Membership or Lion Mary Frances Gosnell – Popcorn..

SEE YOU AT THE LIONS BOOTH or BUS AT THE COMMUNITY FAIR!

DAMASCUS LIONS BASKET BINGO

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Mark your calendar for the Basket Bingo on Friday night, Sept. 26.

Looking for sponsors for baskets, Lions to buy and sell Tickets and Lions to work the night of the Bingo. More Information at the September Meetings.

Contact Lion Mary Frances for any questions.

Senior Birthday Party

