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The President's Message

Hi fellow Lions! It's here, the greatest gift giving time of the year in the greatest country in the world!

That's right, I said it, and it all began over two thousand years ago when GOD so loved the world, that He gave.....

That's what Lions are about, giving. Our motto is "We Serve". That's giving at its best. We finished November giving food to those who say they have a need or need some help to get through a tough time in their life. There may have been times when we all have been there. I remember my father saying how it was during the great depression. I've never figured out what was so great about it, but it did teach them to value life's little things such as a full stomach and clean cloths to wear. There were a few times growing up in West Virginia that we didn't have much and my parents were too proud to ask or take assistance.

Makes us wonder about today. We have a need if one of our TVs isn't HD ready, or the cable goes out and we can only get 4 channels, not 200. Kids don't ask for a game, they want a game player (\$300-\$400) for their room. The hot, must-have item last year was a Wii. How long did that last? Now we want "Serious Satiating Radio." No wait, we have an I-pod with 500 songs, or is it 5000? Dress up as Santa and give a group of kids a coloring book and they say, what? That's it? I digress, it's the happiest time of the year and we can serve by helping with the gifts and food baskets for Christmas.

If some of you feel left out, please call one of us and we'll find a place for you to serve (give). One thing you could give your King Lion would be to ask a friend or neighbor to come and visit with us and see what the Damascus Lions are all about. We still have time to get 12 new members. We'll have a BIG push on this after the New Year.

Also, I'm looking for a Lion who would like to work with Lion Bill Cordell and me starting after January, 2008, to learn the ropes and be ready to take over our part in "Damascus Days" this July. This person should be able to use, and have access to a computer. We work with the Damascus Chevrolet and Honorary Lion Dave Warfield. Line forms on my right. Great opportunity to learn hands on, then next year (2009) it's yours!

I'm sure you are looking forward to the Christmas party on December 18th [See page 4] and what little trinket

the king has for you, no wait, the king gives gifts? The KING of Kings gave us the best gift in his Son.

Amen, KL Gary

November Blood Drive

By Charlie Hertel, Damascus Lions Club Blood Coordinator

We had our 5th blood drive on Monday November 19, 2007 of the 07-08 year. The blood drive was held at the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Activity Building between 1:00 to 7:00PM. We collected 96 units of blood. This brings our total so far this year to 311. The American Red Cross collected double reds at this drive.

We continue to feed the ARC staff with KFC. Its numbers can be between 15 to 20 workers. This has seemed to make a very big difference. They first are very appreciative and they stay in the building and do not go out for food. This makes the ARC staff a better work force.

We had Mary Kay basket donated by Lion Marsha Holpuch. The value was somewhere around \$145 dollars. Our winner was donor Darlene Gangaloff. Thank You.

We also continued our theme of the holiday drive with Gift certificates from Kohl's and Home Depot.

These cards were raffled off to our blood donors 4 women won the Kohl's and 4 men won the Home Depot gift cards.

I would like to thank Safeway for always supplying the donuts. I would like to thank all the Lions Club members for all of the hard work that they do with the calls to prospective donors, set up in the morning and working the drive in the afternoon. We still have several donors that continue to give a unit of blood each time, Thank you. I would like to thank the Damascus Leos club for the continued support in the canteen. I would like to also thank my Mom and Dad for being involved with our blood drives. They show up around 11:00 am and leave with me about 9:00 pm. Mom also makes calls to prospective donors. Thank you!

We have a great community. Damascus is a special place. Thanks to all who continue to support our community blood drives.

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Upcoming Events

4 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
7 – Senior Center Party at the Damascus Senior Center
11 – Board Meeting at Rec Center
18 – Christmas Party (Spouse night) at Damascus UMC
19–22: Holiday Basket Project at Damascus UMC

Holiday Basket Schedule

Dec. 4 - Sign up sheets for duties and Delivery Teams for Christmas delivery
Dec. 18 - Lions bring wrapped gifts that they purchased to the Holiday Party
Dec. 19 – 12 Noon Pickup Food from John T. Baker Middle School
Dec. 19 – 2 pm: Pickup Food from NRC
Dec. 19 - 2pm: Move food to Damascus UM Church
Dec. 19 - 8pm: sort the food at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 20 - Noon to 5pm: Pack and wrap at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 21 - Noon to 5 pm Pack at Damascus UM Church
Dec. 22 - 8am Deliver Christmas Food and Gifts at Damascus UM Church

Birthdays

Lions:

Dec. 1 - Happy King
Dec. 5 - Martin Carr
Dec. 15 - Helen Boyer
Dec. 15 - Walt Shipley
Dec. 20 - Ollie Gray
Dec. 21 - Jack Poole
Dec. 23 – Lea Hough
Dec. 25 - Ken Diggs
Dec. 29 - Del Mayhew

Partners-in-Service:

Dec. 2 - Beth Brouillard
Dec. 17 - Dan Barry

Anniversaries

Dec. 7 - Ruby and Maurice Purdum
Dec. 18 - Margaret and Rodney Duvall

Roster Updates:

Joann Woodson's new phone:
301 916 3899

Chris Fletcher's new email address:
chriswfletcher@verizon.net

Picture from Thanksgiving Baskets

[Also see page 4]



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

King Lion Gary Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Gary Rogers, Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Sue Suddath, Mike Thornett, Bill Mahylis, Martin Carr, Del Mayhew, Jerry Warfield, Dale Ryan, Tom Jackson and Marcia Holpuch.

The minutes from the October Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as published in the November Lions Tale.

Bill Mahylis presented to Club Treasurer report. After some discussion the report was accepted as presented. The report showed income running slightly behind budget but expenditures also behind budget with a net of \$ 1509.00 for the year to date.

Mike Thornett presented the Foundation Treasurer report. The net for the year to date was shown to be \$3219.00, however there was some question about whether all of the expenses for the pancake breakfast are reflected in the report. Those numbers will be looked at next month. The report was accepted as presented.

The secretary's report included a listing of the outstanding dues. Eloise Woodfield will be checking on the branch members who have not paid and the sponsors will contact other members. It was voted to wave the dues for George Connell. Also during the secretary report the requirements for the 22-C Bull Thrower's Award were discussed and for the next meeting Ken Phillips will prepare a list of members with at least 10 years of service for consideration as possible nominees.

Tom Jackson presented a report on the Community Sign Committee. Since the committee meets in January to assign the sign usage for the year, Tom asked for a schedule for our events for the year. The schedule for the first six months will be published by then and an estimate for the rest of the year will be provided.

Sue Suddath reported that the club would sponsor the Senior Center Christmas party on December 7. Sue will be looking for help with that event.

It was voted to buy another awards banner for the club and a club banner for the Baker Leo Club if they do not have one. The Leo Club banner will be coordinated with Mike Thornett.

Preparations for the Big Band Dance were discussed. King Lion Gary will be checking with Carol Stone to determine the status of those plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary

Damascus Library Advisory Committee

Submitted by Kathleen Wiacek

The Damascus Library Advisory Committee (LAC) is looking for new members. The LAC advises the Damascus Library Manager on many issues, including policy matters, collections, special events, services, and facilities. The committee meets on the second Monday of every month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m. at the Damascus Library. The Damascus LAC is the voice of the community, operating on a grassroots level. The committee should be a diverse group representing all members of the community and advocate for the library at the local, county and state level. If you are interested in learning more about the Damascus LAC, please contact Committee Chair Pam Hosimer at 301-540-9136 or by e-mail at gatorbear2@verizon.net.

THANKSGIVING GIVING PROJECT

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Food and more food!!!

When we walked into the food storage area at Damascus Chevy on Friday, we couldn't believe what we saw. Stacks and stacks, piled high and deep, of nonperishable foods and all collected from Rocky Hill - some 2800 plus items. It was a sight to be seen. And then the "Haulers" brought in more food from Damascus High School. The students did a great job in their promoting the Food Drive.

We packed a Thanksgiving Dinner for 35 families; turkey, potatoes, onions, celery, pie crust and pie filling, peas, corn, string beans, cranberry sauce, sauerkraut, rolls, apples, soups, pasta, loaves of bread and pumpkin bread; even a roasting pan for the turkey.

Ten teams of Lions were anxious Saturday morning to get loaded and to make their deliveries. All the teams had packed and were on their way by 9:15. What a sight!

And to the best we can estimate - there were 32 Lions and 3 volunteers who made it happen in approximately 125 hours of work.

And so not only the students did a great job, but Lions you did a great job as well.

Thank you for taking time to the serve the Damascus Community.

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Ho! Ho! Ho!

We have been shopping for clothing. We have distributed the names of the children for the Lions to purchase a gift. We have a lot of nonperishable food already. Now to order the perishable foods and then Lions, it is up to you!

Sign-up Sheets will be on the tables at the Dec. 4 meeting for Delivery Teams, Sorting Food on Wednesday Night, Pick up Food from Baker Middle School, Wrap Gifts and pack Santa's bag and Clean Up!

Please give us what time you can spare.

The Time Line can be found elsewhere in this Lions Tale for the specific time and dates of the activitiDEC. Please keep it handy.

The gifts that the Lions are purchasing for a child need to be wrapped with the child's info card on the outside and brought to the Christmas Party on Dec. 18. How generous you all are!

On Saturday, December 22, we will have coffee and donuts for the delivery teams before they leave on their trek with food and packages. They will need a lot of energy for such a long trip!

Ho! Ho! Ho! - We are looking forward to serve the community again through the Christmas Giving Project!

Holiday Party

KING LION GARY

Cordially invites you and your spouse/guest to the

Damascus Lions Christmas Dinner Party

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

6:45 in the evening

Damascus U. M. Church

New Church Street, Damascus Maryland

Entertainment by the Damascus High School Jazz Band

Cost for Guest and for "pay as you go" Lions \$10.00

RSVP to Lion Joy Schwab 301-253-3294 or Lion Mary Frances grangosnell@prodigy.net by December 10

Don't forget to bring your gift for the child you selected for the Christmas Basket Giving Project!

More Pictures from Thanksgiving Baskets

