



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## The President's Message

Here we go heading into November. Leaves are falling and covering the ground with a carpet of mixed colors. Fall is here and time for inducting new members. We would like to welcome Lion Matt Alsante, sponsored by Lion Charlie Hertel and Lion Tony Barry, sponsored by Lion Barbara Barry, into the Damascus Lions Club. Both of these Lions will be a great addition to help with the Lion's motto "WE SERVE." My thanks to Zone Chairman Lion Bill Duce for doing the induction and telling us about the duties of a zone chair. We appreciate his help. Also on November 4<sup>th</sup> Membership chair IPP Lion Gary Rogers and the membership committee members, Lions Bobbie Warfield and Jerry Warfield did a skit as Principal, Teacher and student... a test was handed out to club members, and everyone passed...after taking the test every lion was qualified to bring in a new member. Thanks to the membership committee for this learning experience.



Saturday Nov 8th "My best man" Lion Tuck and I attended the Annual DVFD banquet, I presented a check donation from the lions club as President, and expressed how much we as lions appreciated the support and help that has been shown to us over the years. I would also like to mention that fellow Lions Rodney Duvall and Tess Gladhill were recognized and presented awards. It was a very enjoyable evening. {"By the way, if you don't know it, Lion Rodney is a real good dancer."}

Tuesday Nov 11th, I met with the Lion's Board and discussed past and upcoming activities. Thanks to Lion Linda Panagoulis, Director of the Damascus Recreation Center for providing the conference room for us to have our monthly meetings.

The second dinner meeting in Nov. was held on the 18th and the speaker was Heather Zeolla, she explained what Camp Merrick does and has to offer. Thanks to Heather, the Camp Merrick Administrator, for her visit to our club and giving us helpful information.

THANKSGIVING... a time to give THANKS: Lions Chris Fletcher and Jack Peters, portraying a Pilgrim and an Indian, gave out a feast of treats, as King Lion spelled out the meaning of Thanksgiving, starting with each letter of the word. On that evening, we had guests from Sandy Spring, Laurel, and Gaithersburg Lions Clubs making

visitations. Thank you lions for coming! We had a terrific attendance, all seats were filled and we added an extra table.

On Wednesday Nov. 19th the second Zone meeting was held, my thanks to Lions Mike Thornett, Joann Woodson, and Chris Fletcher for helping to cover this meeting and representing the Damascus and the Clarksburg Branch, another reason for my motto, "together we can make it happen"

It is with great sorrow that we lost a long time fellow Lion this month... Lion Albert Warfield. My prayers go out to his partner in service, Kate and family, he will be missed in many ways. "Lion Albert, you served us and the community well, we salute you...."

Moving on to Nov. 21st, Thanksgiving Baskets once again were filled and delivered to area families, thanks to Lion Mary Frances, a team of many Lions and donations of food. We provided a feast for approximately 30 families. Thank you Lion David Warfield for giving us space to store and pack these meals at Damascus Chevrolet.

Nov. 24th, it's time for another Blood Drive. Lion Charlie Hertel continues to do a super job, and all the support from everyone to make it work.

Nov. 27th Lion Tuck and I would like to wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving" and say thanks for all the support in the year 2008. We look forward to 2009.

On Nov. 28th we start seeing Christmas Wreaths up and down the streets of Damascus. Thanks to Lions helping and the leadership of Lion Tony Barry and Lion Barbara Barry, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas".

As we approach the Holiday season ahead, we will be busy doing lots of activities, I ask that you support your fellow Lions. Remember as Lions "We Serve".

Have a Merry Christmas, see you next year!

"Together we can make it happen"

President King Lion Eloise Woodfield

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The holy passion of friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money. – Mark Twain

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### Upcoming Events

Dec. 2 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC  
Dec. 9 – Board meeting Damascus Rec. Center  
Dec. 10 – Clarksburg Sr. Party 1pm Clarksburg Rec. Center  
Dec. 12 – Damascus Sr. Party 1pm Damascus Sr. Center  
Dec. 16 – Holiday Dinner Party/Damascus & Clarksburg Branch /TBA

Jan. 6 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC  
Jan. 13 – Board meeting at Damascus Rec. Center  
Jan. 19 – Blood Drive DVFD bldg  
Jan 20 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC  
Jan.22 – Branch meeting/Refreshments at Cederbrook Church

Feb. 3 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC  
Feb. 10 – Board Meeting at Damascus Rec. Center  
Feb. 17 – Dinner Meeting/Prospective Members  
Feb. 26 – Branch Meeting/Refreshments at Cederbrook Church.

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### Birthdays

#### Lions:

Dec. 1 - Happy King  
Dec. 5 - Martin Carr  
Dec. 7 – Bernie Duplan

Dec. 15 - Helen Boyer  
Dec. 15 - Walt Shipley  
Dec. 18 - Bob Dennis  
Dec. 20 - Ollie Gray  
Dec. 21 - Jack Poole  
Dec. 29 - Del Mayhew

#### Partners-in-Service:

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

### Anniversaries

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

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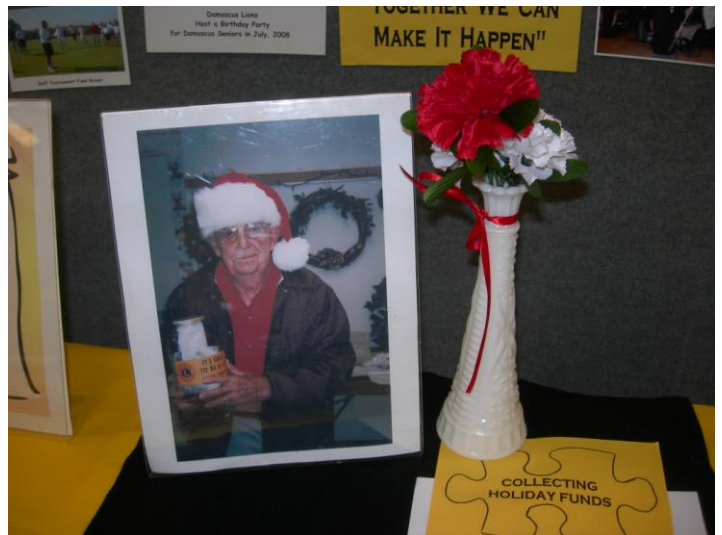
### News about Members

Lion Nick Holpuch has left for Air Force Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He is in the first group to experience the "New & Improved" 8.5 week training program. As many of you know, boot camp has many challenges, not the least of which may include a touch of homesickness. One of the best antidotes is a letter from home. So if you are so inclined, please drop him a note, or put him on your holiday card list to let him know how proud we are of him! This address is only valid through January 1st.

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### In Memoriam: Albert Warfield



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2008**

7:00pm – The board met with the following Lions in attendance: KL Eloise Woodfield, Sec. Lion Tuck Woodfield, Treas. Lion Mike Thornett, Treas. Lion Bill Mahylis, Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Lion Martin Carr, Lion Tom Jackson, Lion Marcia Holpuch

**Secretary’s report:** - It was clarified that \$8000 was loaned this year to students in the Student Loan Program. All other minutes were approved as printed in Lions Tale.

**Treasurer’s report:** Both the Foundation and Administration accounts are in order. Approved as read.

**Old business:** Two new members were inducted at last meeting. Welcome Lion Matt Alsante and Lion Tony Barry.

**New Business:** Zone meeting on Nov. 18 at Bauer Drive Community Center. Three Damascus Lions must attend. Zone Chairman Lion Bill Duce is requesting that other clubs assist another Lions Club to help pay for eye check-ups and new glasses. The consensus of the board was that we don’t agree with this concept, we need more information. Damascus has already used one half (1/2) of the money we have budgeted for this year for the Damascus community.

Thanksgiving baskets; Lion Mary Frances reported that all the families in need are being profiled. Good sign ups to help from the Lions.

Holiday Dinner; dinners were not prepaid with dues, KL and Lion Joy Schwab are negotiating the price with the Church cooks.

Celebrate Damascus; KL Eloise reported that Damascus Chevrolet is not hosting any Celebrate Damascus activities this year. Citizens are now in discussion on how to continue Celebration. No car show. Forty-five minutes of the lovely fireworks cost approx. \$6000. Everyone agrees it would be good to get other donors to provide fire works.

8:15pm – the meeting was adjourned.

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**THANKSGIVING GIVING PROJECT**

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

In twelve (12) hours from Thurs, Nov. 20 to Sat., Nov, 22, thirty-five (35) Lions had made up and delivered Thanksgiving Food to thirty (30) Families. In that twelve

hour time span, we clocked approximately 190 man hours to get the project done. And all of this was done when Ole Man Winter decided to blow some flurries our way and then to give us some frigid temps. Delivery Day was sunny and that was in line with what our delivery was all about!

The Food Drives from Rocky Hill Middle School and Damascus High School were managed by Lion Bob Newlin. Lion Bob reports that the collections were not as heavy as they have been in the past. The drives were used for Thanksgiving with the surplus stored for the Christmas deliveries.

The sorting and packing went well as the schools had sorted a lot of canned foods before packing. The food boxes donated by Peg Stone contained peas, string beans, corn, other beans, sweet potatoes, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, soups, pasta, fresh apples donated by Rock Hill Orchard, Martins dinner rolls, 2 loaves of bread, potatoes, celery, onions, Homemade pumpkin bread by the Goldsteins, pumpkin, pie crust and a turkey.

The ten teams, of 2 -3 Lions each, showed up ahead of schedule on Saturday, They were eager to get loaded and get on their way but not before partaking of a tailgate breakfast. By 9 AM, we were cleaned up and closing the Thanksgiving project for this year. Record time, I do believe!

The cost of the project is right at \$1,000.

Lions, you have made another mark on the Damascus Community in that 30 families had a turkey dinner for Thanksgiving.

Thank you for stepping up and saying, I want to be a part of this project!

As with all of our projects, many hands make light work and, as a club with many hands, the better “We Serve”! [See pictures on page 4.]

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**NVa Eye Glass Recycle Center**

By Lion Jerry Warfield

The Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center of Northern Virginia is having a work party on Saturday, December 13, from 10-2:00. Anyone interested in going to work cleaning, testing and packaging used eyeglasses, please meet at Baker Middle School no later than 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, December 13th and we will carpool.



### **Blood Drive**

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Blood Coordinator

We had our 5th blood drive on Monday November 24, 2008 of the 08-09 year. The blood drive was held at the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Activity Building between 1:00 to 7:00. We collected 87 units of blood, bringing our total so far this year to 342. 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 our Mary Kay basket donated by Lion Marsha Holpuch. The value was somewhere around \$85 dollars. Thank You. We had aprons to pass out from Paula Dean and 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 2 women won the Kohl's and 2 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. Thank you!

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

Our next blood drive is Sunday January 4, 2009 @ St. Paul's Catholic Church.

### **Christmas Giving Project**

By Lion Mary France Gosnell

Upon receiving this issue of the Lions Tale, we will be embarking upon the Christmas Giving Project. Please mark your calendars or post the following timeline where you can refer to it. Hopefully you will sign up tonight for various activities of the Christmas Project.

- Dec. 2 - Sign up sheets for duties and Delivery Teams for Christmas Project
- Dec. 3 - Shopping Spree to purchase clothing for children
- Dec. 16 - Lions bring wrapped gifts that they purchased for the children to the Holiday Party
- Dec. 17 - 12 Noon Pickup Food from John T. Baker Middle School – Bob Newlin Coordinator
- Dec. 17 - 2 pm Pickup Food from NRC- Bob Newlin Coordinator
- Dec. 17 - 2 pm Move food to Damascus UM Church – Bob Newlin Coordinator
- Dec. 17 - 8 PM sort the food at Damascus UM Church
- Dec. 18 - Noon to 5 pm: Teams pack family food boxes, wrap children's gifts at Damascus UM Church
- Dec. 19 - Noon to 5 pm Teams pack family food boxes at Damascus UM Church. Pack perishables
- Dec. 20 - 8 am Coffee and buns available prior to Delivery of Christmas Food and Gifts from Damascus UM Church to families.

Any questions, please contact Lion Mary Frances.