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The President's Message

Hi Fellow Lions,



First, let's look at the schedule of June events: we have a picnic, road clean up, Clarksburg Days (that's us too), blood drive and installation night. A busy month is ahead.

Since this is my last newsletter as King Lion, I took a few moments to read my last eleven Lions Tale newsletters. As I reviewed my past year I can honestly say if it wasn't for the greatest pride of Lions on the planet earth I could have lost my mind. Don't say it... I haven't yet! But when I became King Lion I was still an infant in Lionism and I will now leave you as a fatter, older, and more tired lion, although much wiser and thankful for all you've taught me. I really didn't deserve it and you didn't deserve me, but thank you great Damascus Lions. I apologize for the mistakes I've made and thank each of you for pointing them out. I mean it...really!

Let's see now... I had lofty goals when I started. Number one was "one a month." Remember that? I thought it would be easy for our club to add one new member a month. It wasn't easy, but my thanks for helping the King get the five star award. You did it!

My second goal was to have fun. I can say that I enjoyed myself...did you? I enjoyed the 'Leon' awards that I gave out and I changed the rules (my call) to include all members with a joke or whatever that added a spark to our meetings. I'm giving out the GRAND LION award and two runner-up awards on installation night (after I add up all your votes).

I might say, never volunteer to paint an ice cream barn unless you want to spend two to three weeks and do a lot of begging. But it was worth it, thanks to you. And yes, I'll be at the fair again this August 8-16. My shift will be 8 am to 4 pm daily and Lion Doug Sherwood will be doing the 4 pm to midnight shift. But in truth, the Lion's clubs will be doing the work and having all the fun. It's a great fundraiser (and by the way Shyue and Su - our sign needs a touch up). And let's plan on a great photo board to showcase the great Damascus/Clarksburg Lions.

On a more personal note... God allowed my son to go through a very trying nine months in the hospital. He's now nearly fully recovered. Also, two trees fell on our house - but we now have a new and better porch. And my truck quit on me. What can I say? It's old like me. But

we learned and lived through it all. Let's keep Lion Mark Sain and others going through trying times in our prayers.

I am happy to say that as you read this I am down 15 pounds and I hope to lose 10 more by ice-cream dipping time. So here's to seeing less of me and more of King Lion-to-be Eloise...wait that didn't come out right... you know what I mean. It's been fun!

Thanks ever so much I remain faithfully,

KLG

LION R. VERNON SIMPSON SCHOLARSHIPS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Damascus Lions awarded 4 Damascus High School Grads \$ 1000 scholarships at Damascus Lions Youth Night and announce them again at the Awards Night at Damascus High School.

The recipients were –

Bree A. Feuillet who plans to attend Shippensburg University and work towards a degree in Elementary Education.

Lee W. Hertel who will attend Salisbury University for a degree in Physical Education.

Hannah G. Henningsgaard who plans to attend University of Maryland pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Kathleen A. Peacock plans to attend University of Georgia pursuing a degree in the field of Advertising.

Congratulations to all the recipients. We wish them well in their future educational endeavors.

AWARDS NIGHT AT DHS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Kathleen Peacock, President of the Damascus Leo Club presented Greg Floberg, Executive Director of Camp Merrick, with a check for \$800 representing half of the proceeds from the Suma Wrestling Fund Raiser.

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Upcoming Events

June 7 – Road Clean-up
June 9 – Golf Tournament
June 10 – Board meeting at the Rec Center 7:00PM
June 16 – Blood Drive
June 17 – Installation Night

July 1 – Dinner meeting at Montgomery Church
July 8 – Board meeting at the Rec Center 7:00PM
July 15 – Dinner Meeting at TBD
July 24 – Clarksburg Branch Meeting at Cederbrook Church (Note: Branch meets every 4th Thurs)

Aug. 5 – Dinner Meeting at Montgomery Church
Aug. 12 – Ice Cream Dipping Montgomery Co. Fair (no second meeting in August)
Aug. 19 – Board meeting at the Rec Center 7:00PM

Birthdays

Lions:

June 2 - Ann Davis
June 7 - Lenora Kish
June 13 – Jim Cox
June 16 – Charlie Hertel
June 17 – Jenn Hyde
June 20 - Tuck Woodfield
June 25 – Gary Bellison
June 28 - Eloise Woodfield

Partners-in-Service

June 8 - Betty Van Vliet
June 9 – Tori Tomlinson
June 19 - Bonnie Mayhew
June 22 - Thelma Sellers
June 23 - Patty Shipley

Anniversaries

June 2 - Julie and Mark Sain
June 6 - Sue and Ken Phillips
June 8 - Kay and Bob Newlin
June 14 - Sue and Jack Poole
June 26 – Cindee and Gary Rogers

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

5/13/2008

King Lion Gary Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. Present were Gary Rogers, Eloise Woodfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Sue Suddath, Bill Mahylis, Del Mayhew, Tucky Woodfield, Jerry Warfield, Marcia Holpuch and Ken Phillips.

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

Bill Mahylis presented the Club Treasurer report. After some discussion the report was accepted as presented. Income was slightly higher than budget and expenditures are behind budget with a net of \$4381.00 for the year to date.

Bill Mahylis presented the Foundation financial report for Mike Thornett. Both Income and Expenses were reported to be within budget. However it was noted that the Big Band Dance shows a net loss for this year. The report was accepted as presented.

The secretary read a letter from Lion Bob Newlin. In that letter, Bob stated that he had been asked by Ann Brake to do whatever was necessary to resign her membership in the club. Ann has moved into a continuous care facility in Frederick and is no longer able to participate in the club activities. The board accepted Ann's resignation. In addition, Bob asked to be classified as a Privileged Member in the club. Due to his personal obligations he feels that he cannot fully participate in the club but will continue to provide his support whenever possible. The board agreed to grant the change in membership type.

Lion Eloise presented the article from *The Gazette* about the young boy that was hit by car in Clarksburg and asked if the board thought we should donate something to the family. After some discussion it was pointed out that there was no mechanism in place to handle contributions and several board members felt any actions on this matter should be tabled until more details are known. Lion Eloise will follow up and report back at the next board meeting.

Plans for Installation Night were discussed and it was agreed that this event should be held locally and would again be at the Recreation Center. The dinner will be catered by The Cozy Inn and will cost \$20.00 per person. All Lions and guests will be charged since installation night is not included in the meal assessment.

The first meeting in June will be the annual picnic and will be held at the Hertels, Lions Charlie and Tammy. For the members that pay for meals in advance, the cost of

this meeting is covered. For those that pay as they attend the cost will be the usual \$10.00.

For the parade during the Celebrate Damascus event, we will be riding on a train provided by Lion Jim Cox. The train will hold up to 18 people so we need a good number of Lions to fill the train and have a few to walk while passing out candy. Partner in Service Dan Barry has volunteered to wear the Lion Costume.

The Clarksburg Branch will have the LCOF bus for Clarksburg Day on June 7th and volunteers are need to help man the bus. Lion Eloise will be looking for help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary

RELAY FOR LIFE

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Damascus Relay For Life was held on May 3 at the Damascus High School Athletic Track. The Damascus Lions Club shared a booth with the American Cancer Society. It was an ideal situation as the Cancer Society set up a large booth so that we could both be under cover. There were 50 teams of walkers surrounding the track with their campsites set up for overnight sleeping and decorated with a theme. The top team, Dos Amigos, raised in excess of \$20,000. The first round of the walk was walked by cancer survivors. Upon completion of their walk they were greeted by the crowd with a standing ovation and a Brownie Troop handing out flowers to them. It was an emotional moment. The Damascus Lions was proud to be a participant in the Relay For Life. We gave free snacks, fruit and water to the walkers. Thanks to all who assisted with setting up and manning the booth.

The excess snacks and water were donated to the Lions Golf Tournament.

News about Members

New member information:

Bellison, Gary (H) 301-524-0378 Birthday – 06/25
7114 Collingsworth Place (W) 301-253-3331
Frederick, MD 21703 Business Owner
tobyvpi@yahoo.com

Cox, James "Jim" (H) 301-972-6470 Birthday – 06/13
13801 Lewisdale Road (W) 301-972-0939
Clarksburg, Maryland 20871 Owner - Business
jimcoxjr@backyardinflatables.com

Duplan, Bernard "Bernie" (H) 301-253-6341 Birthday – ???
(Karen)
25115 Tralee Court (W) 301-929-2253
Damascus, MD 20872

Hyde, Jennifer "Jenn" (H) 301-947-8719 Birthday – 06/17
5 Exodus Court
Gaithersburg, MD 20882 Student
jhyde6@montgomerycollege.edu

McKenzie, Patricia (H) Birthday – 08/25
26317 Ridge Road (W) 301-253-0552
Damascus, MD 20872 Lawyer
patricia.a.mckenzie@verizon.net

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(Edward)
27517 Mt. Radnor Drive (W) 301-253-4081
Damascus, MD 20872 Business Owner

Payne, Michael "Mike" (H) 240-421-0163 Birthday – 07/14
19305 Sherwood Greenway (W) 301-610-5015
Gaithersburg, MD 20879 Student
mpayne@wholesalersusainc.com

Warfield, Jennifer (H) 301-256-5690 Birthday – 11/11
25719 Woodfield Rd. (W)
Damascus, MD 20872 Student

Williams, Robert "Bob" (H) 301-253-5010 Birthday – 01/13
24901 Ridge Road (W) 301-253-2138
Damascus, MD 20872 Funeral Director & V.P.
molesworthfh@aol.com

A guy is driving around the back woods of Tennessee and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: Talking Dog for Sale

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there. You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says "So, what's your story?"

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA and they had me sworn into the toughest branch of the armed services ... The United States Marine Corps... You know one of their nicknames is "The Devil Dogs." In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders; because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running, but the jetting around really tired me out and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. So, I decided to settle down. I retired from the Corps (8 dog years is 56 Corps years) and signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in.

"I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar! He never did any of that crap. He was in the Navy!"