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The President's Message

Hey, have you fellow Lions seen our activity schedule for this month? The only one that looks busier is April. How will us Lions keep up? You're good, that's how. I'm so glad I, as KING, can count on you. THANKS!!



As you read this we've had our Pancake Breakfast, good huh? Next is our dinner meeting on the fourth and boy do we have an interesting guest speaker. Bet some of you didn't know all that was around the corner on Hawkins Creamery Road. Please make Foster & Theda feel welcome.

A very important board meeting is on the 11th. Don't miss it out; you may wonder what we're up to...

Blood drive on the 17th. and our GREAT fund raiser on the next spouse night, the 18th (auction), please get your items in as we will really need extra money this year, PAY ATTENTION NOW, with our attendance running 35 per meeting and we're paying for 55 dinners, we are short about \$200.00 per meeting. We need to get our heads out of the sand as we need to find a way to pay for the meals. Should we raise the price to \$15.00 per meal? I guess I have your attention now?

We have the Highway Clean-up on March 22nd, 8:00 am at McDonalds. Reminds me, where are the pickers? My amnesty still holds, please bring them back to myself or the Holpuchs so we can pick up the trash without having to wear out our backs. I know mine won't take much bending. If you have one and you were going to come and help that's great. Let us know and show up on the 22nd. We don't want to spend more money on more pickers. O.K., I've beat that horse enough.

About membership. Let's reach out to anyone who may have been active in another club or civic origination and now wants to serve

in the LARGEST service origination in the WORLD!! Be proud! Hint, starts with "R". I have pens, brochures & cards we can use to invite prospective members to a meeting. I'll have them at each meeting. Please help yourself. Take all you need and can use. Thanks.

Also, we can always make more honorary "LIONS". There's no limit here and we need 3 to bring us back to the beginning of this membership term. How about it Lion Eloise? Give your nomination to any board member.

Please get me your suggestions on how we're going to pay for our meals? Raise the price? Require each active member to pre-pay even if they don't come? Or better yet, let's get 55 to show up at each meeting to keep the \$10. price. You know that we are getting a GREAT deal here at a great price and the food and service is fantastic. If you've gone to visit other clubs you'll see that they pay \$12 to \$15 or more for less dinner than we get. The Church dinners are up to \$13/\$14 each and no better than we get twice a month.. If you can, get your ideas to me so I don't pass this problem on to the next President in 3 more short months.

As you can see, I'm rambling on as I'm wont to do. I guess I've got you stirred up now, I hope, and for those of you who'd like my head I'll leave you with a line from Lion Marsha's joke last month, "Get in Line."

Yours faithfully,

Lion President, (KING) Gary

Pancake Breakfast

The timing was wrong to get the Pancake Breakfast write-up into this edition. We'll have the story next month.

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Upcoming Events

Mar. 1 – Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UMC
Mar. 4 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
(6:45)
Mar. 11 – Board Meeting at the Rec. Center (7:00)
Mar. 17 – Blood Drive at DFVD Activities Bldg.
Mar. 18 – Dinner Meeting/Auction – Wesley Grove
(6:45)
Mar. 22 – Road clean-up; 8:00 at McDonalds
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. 19 – 22C Social at Waldorf Jaycees

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the newsletter, go to our website at
www.damascuslions.org.

Birthdays

Lions:

Mar. 1 – Bobbie Warfield
Mar. 7 - Dave Davidson
Mar. 10 – George Hibbard
Mar. 10 - Butch Purdum
Mar. 13 – Leslee Poole
Mar. 24 – Gary Rogers
Mar. 28 - Jack Peters

Partners-in-Service

Mar. 19 - Sue Phillips

Anniversaries

Mar. 12 – Bobbie and John Warfield
Mar. 14 - Tom and Jonnie Jackson
Mar. 17 - Tom and Betty Van Vliet
Mar. 30 - Jack and Frann Peters

A Poisonous Wife

A man goes to see his Rabbi.

"Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I
have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asks, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks,
"How can that be?"

The man then pleads, "I'm telling you I'm
certain she's poisoning me. What should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let
me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll
let you know."

The next day the Rabbi calls the man and
says, "Well, I spoke to your wife on the phone
yesterday for over three hours. You want my
advice?"

The man anxiously answers, "Yes."

"Take the poison," says the Rabbi.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

2/19/2008

Because of weather the board meeting on 2/12/2008 was canceled and a short meeting was held on 2/19/2008 during the dinner meeting. Board members present were Gary Rogers, Eloise Woodfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie Stone, Bill Mahylis, Mike Thornett, Del Mayhew, Tucky Woodfield, Jerry Warfield, Marcia Holpuch, Joy Schwab and Ken Phillips.

A motion was made to donate \$250.00 to Amanda Jones, the grand daughter of charter member Everett Jones. Amanda has volunteered with Kairos, a social justice organization in Nicaragua through Damascus United Methodist Church. She will be developing their web site, visiting rural communities, and helping at a children's camp. It was suggested that she try to make contact with a Lions Club in Nicaragua in an attempt for our club to set up a twinning relationship with that club. The motion carried.

It was proposed that the Club would again support the Damascus Community Fair with our popcorn booth and cover the expense to supply free popcorn. This effort is an excellent way to promote the club in the community and possibly attract new members. The motion passed.

A monetary donation to the Damascus High School band for a trip in the spring, which had been tabled at an earlier board meeting, was brought up but was again tabled until the next board meeting.

Submitted by
Ken Phillips, Secretary

Nominations for the Lion Year 2008-2009

Submitted by Lion Ken Phillips, Secretary

Below the nominations committee presents the slate of officers for the 2008-2009 Lion year. This slate will be presented during the meeting on March 4, 2008. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted during that meeting. If for any reasons a nominee cannot serve, the nominating committee can replace that person on the slate before the election. In addition, the committee can still fill the remaining vacancy on the slate. The election will be held during the meeting on April 1, 2008.

President – Eloise Woodfield

1st Vice President – Mary Frances Gosnell

2nd Vice President – Charles Stone

3rd Vice President

Secretary – Tucky Woodfield

Assistant Secretary – Sue Suddath

Foundation Treasurer – Michael Thornett

Club Treasurer – William Mahylis

Tail Twister – Warren Schwab

Assistant Tail Twister – Tom Jackson

Lion Tamer – Ken Phillips

Assistant Lion Tamer – Martin Carr

Chaplain – Lee Sellers

1 Year Directors – Jerry Warfield, Dale Ryan, Marcia Holpuch

2 Year Directors – Ray Molesworth, Roy Stanley, Tom Jackson

TIME FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Damascus Lions Club Foundation has Scholarships available for students of Damascus High School.

The R. Vernon Simpson Scholarships began in 2000 awarding three \$500 Scholarships. R. Vernon Simpson was Vice Principal and teacher of Damascus High School and the John T. Baker Middle School is named after his father-in-law. Lion Ray (as we knew him in the Lions) was an energetic, creative and respected individual, whether he was at school or at the Lions or working for his church.

The R. Vernon Simpson Scholarship will be awarded to seniors of Damascus High School as selected from the applications submitted. The applications will be judged based on scholastic achievement, leadership, character, citizenship, school activities, work experience and community activities. The student must be in the upper 50% of the class and be attending an accredited college as a full-time student. The Board of Directors of the Damascus Lions Club will select the recipients. The scholarships awarded are for \$1000 each. Scholarship applications are due April 20, 2008.

Applications for the Scholarships can be obtained from Lion Barbara Barry at DHS or Lion Mary Frances Gosnell – 301-829-1002 or at the High School Career Center Office.

DAMASCUS LIONS STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Damascus Lions Club offers Student Loans to graduates of Damascus High School and graduates of a Damascus Lion's family who are seeking education beyond High School.

The Basil B. Burdette Student Loan Fund began in 1980 by Damascus Motor Company in tribute to their loyal employee, Mr. Basil B. Burdette. Mr. Burdette was the bookkeeper (menial word for what he accomplished) for Damascus Motor Company as well as a Charter

member of the Damascus Lions Club. Mr. Burdette was the Lions Treasurer for years. Damascus Motor Company offered to pay Mr. Burdette's Lions dues and meals for him as he represented the company in the Lions Club but only for Mr. Burdette to say "No, Thank You!" Mr. Burdette was a proud man! Thus, the Basil B. Burdette Student Loan Fund began!

The Basil B. Burdette Student Loan Fund has placed loans totaling over \$100,000 to approximately 75 students reaching for High Education. All the loans over the past 28 years have been paid in full or are in an active status. Only one loan, in the amount of \$1500, was uncollectible.

The fund was not only initially funded by Damascus Motor Company but has been funded as late as in the early 1990's by Damascus Motors. The Damascus Lions have funded the Student Loan Fund several times also.

The Basil B. Burdette Student Loan Fund offers Student Loans in amounts of \$500 to \$2000 per year or an aggregate of \$8,000 to any one applicant depending upon the Lions budget and the number of applicants. The loans are approved by the Damascus Lions Club Board of Directors. Repayment of the loans will begin no later than 6 months after termination or completion of the student's education for which the loan was made for. The loan bears an interest rate of 3% per annum and the interest will start accruing upon the 6 month payment policy.

Applications are available from Lions Barbara Barry or Mary Frances Gosnell and are at the DHS Career Center. Applications are due May 1, 2008