

# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE

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## The President's Message

Greetings my fellow Lions! Two short, quick months left in this term and then you can turn KLG out to pasture. Wow, I'd like to say it's been fun, but I will say it's been a learning experience!

As you read this, a small (3) group of us are planning to go to the Multiple District 22- 86th Annual Convention in Dover, Delaware. You know if you don't go to the District 22 training camp or the conventions you really miss out on how much fun it really is. I'm not saying anymore, you just have to find out for yourself.



We've had a great April - take a look at the reports in this edition of the Lions Tale and be sure to check out our new slate of officers.

This month of May is oriented toward our youth. Youth Night is on the 6th and Leo's Night is on the 20th. Let's support them and our newest members. You know three of them (and the Holpuch brothers) bring our average age down to what...50? Great!!! Thank you so much.

Let's have a great picnic at Lion Charlie and Tammy Hertel's home on June 3rd. Thanks to Lion Charlie for the GREAT job he does with the blood drive. I think he deserves a "Lorenzo the Lion" award. I plan on awarding the "KING LION" at the picnic in June. I need your vote on who you think added the most fun, interest or just plain enjoyment to our club.

This summer will be packed with the Damascus Days, July Parade & Flea Market (see Lion Jerry) and don't forget Ice Cream at the Montgomery County AgFair in August. Yes, I'll be there. (Help me Lion Charlie - let's give BIG scoops of ice cream). More on that later...

As I write this, the Walk4Life hasn't happened yet, but thanks to Lion Mary Frances and thanks to all who helped. Also thanks to all who helped at the Clarksburg Branch Post Prom Party for Clarksburg High students. It was run very well and you can get more info from King Lion 2B Eloise.

Until June, I remain faithful to you Damascus Lions.  
KLG

## April 2008 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr

Thank you, all Lions who participated in our Spring White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,410.68. This collection will fund about 14 eye appointments and new glasses for needy Damascus-area citizens. Twenty-six storefront Lions worked twenty-eight shifts and averaged \$50.38 per shift. We had fewer Lions and, therefore, fewer shifts than in several years. Hence, we took in less funds than in a long while. But, on the bright side, it was not many years ago when we thought \$1,400 was a great White Cane fundraiser! With every person's name in this article, read "Lion" in front of it!

### Special Recognitions:

- The Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club Recognition goes to Warren and Joy Schwab:
  - \$147.29 (no checks!) is what they received on Thursday evening at Safeway. What was your secret, Warren and Joy?
- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes once again to all of our storefront Lions who did multiple shifts. Those Lions are: Fran Burlas, Ann Davis, Mary Frances Gosnell, George Hibbard, Marica Holpuch, Jack Peters, and Tom Van Vliet. Without these folks doing double-duty, we would have collected far less!

The following Lions gave unselfishly of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): J. Belcher, M. Belcher, Burlas(2), Carr, Davidson, Davis(2), Gosnell(2), C. Hertel, Hibbard (2), M. Holpuch(2), Mahylis, Molesworth, Peters(2), J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Sellers, Stanley, Ch. Stone, C. Stone, Suddath, Tench, Thornett, Van Vliet(2+), Jerry Warfield, E. Woodfield, T. Woodfield.

And a special thanks goes to the Weekday Managers, Money Counters, and Sign Putter-Uppers: Ken Phillips, Bill Mahylis, Del Mayhew, George Hibbard, Tom Jackson, and Tom Van Vliet.

See pictures on page 6.

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### Upcoming Events

May 3 – Dinner meeting at Damascus United Methodist Church 6:45PM – Youth Night

May 10 – Board meeting at the Rec Center 7:00PM

May 12-15 – Multiple District Convention in Virginia Beach

May 17 – Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church 6:45PM: DHS Leo Installation

June 3 – Picnic at the Hertel's; 6:45PM

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

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### Birthdays

#### Lions

May 9 – Warren Schwab

May 13 – Jerry Warfield

May 18 – Linda Pagnagoulis

May 19 – Wayne Marr

May 21 – Su Huang

May 24 – John Washington

May 25 – Ronald Brouillard

May 26 – Sue Suddath

May 26 – Joann Woodson

May 27 – Veronica Poland

#### Partners-in-Service

May 23 - Marcia Allen

May 24 - Kay Newlin

May 25 - Mary Belcher

#### Anniversaries

May 2 - Charlie and Tammy Hertel

May 16 - Lenora and Tom Kish

May 22 - Marcia and Tony Allen

May 24 – Leslee and Bill Poole

May 25 – Lea and Dennis Hough

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### Lions Golf Tournament

By Lions Mike Thornett and John Warfield, Co-Chairmen

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Damascus Lions Club Gold Tournament will be held at Beaver Creek Country Club on Monday June 9, 2008. The tournament will start at 9AM. Hopefully, the tournament will be as successful this year as the previous four years. This fundraiser has been a major contributor to our club budget for assisting the needy and less fortunate.

All of us know, profitable fundraisers do not just happen. For a gold tournament to be a success, club members who are golfers must play. Even if you are not a golfer, you can recruit friends and associates to play.

There are other ways to lend support. Sell hold sponsors! The cost is \$50 to sponsor a hole. This is a good way to advertise your business, remember a deceased loved one or simply to support the club.

We also need door prizes – the more prizes the better.

On tournament day, we need 10 or 12 Lions to keep the event running smoothly. Thanks to the loyal Lions who have helped in the past. We still need you.

## **Road Crew**

By John and Nick Holpuch, co-chairmen.

In spite of frigid temperatures, a crew of hardy Lions met on the March 29<sup>th</sup> to walk our piece of Rt. 27 and pick up debris. With Earth Day looming, it was a good time to get it done. The poison ivy isn't quite active yet, and it was easy pickin's to clean up the road. 8 bags of trash were collected by Lions Bill Mahylis, Martin Carr, Wayne Marr, Tom Jackson, Marcia Holpuch and the co-chairs, John & Nick Holpuch. Upon eyeballing us, new Lion Bernie Duplan joined in the fun. Thanks to all!!

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## **Clarksburg News**

By Lion Eloise Woodfield

Its been a busy time for Lions: new Lions being inducted, Lions collecting for White cane and Lions serving Breakfast for the Clarksburg High School Post Prom. "WOW." This is GREAT!

In March two new members joined the Clarksburg Branch club, "Welcome" Jim and Patricia. On April 18th and 19th White Canes at the Liberty Station, Clarksburg, Lions Ronnie, Joann and Eloise collected \$54.84 in just two hours, the next day Lions Chris and Ronnie collected \$36.60 in the morning. Lion Ann helped out on Sat., April 26, taking in \$30.00. Lions Su and Shyue again collected at Giant in Milestone Center on April 27 doing a double shift and collecting \$107.19 and along with a check and money from Forrest Oak Middle School for \$127.00; a total of \$254.19, making them the high collectors for White Canes for the Clarksburg Branch. In the afternoon Lions Eloise and Tuck from 1 'til 3 filled their buckets with \$204.77. A great job, Lions, making a grand total of \$580.40 from the branch Lions. THANKS, Lions. "We Serve."

On April 26, starting at 11pm, Lions prepared and served CHS students at the first Post Prom Breakfast from Midnight until 5am, Sunday April 27th. Lions took shifts helping serve, pizza, ice cream and a continental breakfast. This was a very rewarding experience and the attendance was terrific, a number of 300 students

Thanks to all Lions, from start to finish, that helped with this party, keeping our youth safe. Lions leaving were sleepy but everyone enjoyed this first time event: Lions Gary, Ken, Patricia, Mike, Marcia, Jerry, Su, Shue, Dave and Gail, along with co-chairs Lions Eloise and Tuck.

## **22-C Night**

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

Eleven Damascus Lions attended the District 22-C dinner this year. Our Shining Star, Lion Lee Sellers, and his partner Thelma were in attendance to be honored for his many years of dedication and service to the club and the community.

22-C Night is also a celebration of the service and accomplishments of the current District Governor, Ted Ladd, and his Cabinet. Just to make the night extra special, it was DG Ted's birthday, so the honors band played Happy Birthday as he entered the room.

The 22-C Honors Band also played several delightful numbers, including a medley of musical tunes, most of which were named very quickly by Lion Jerry Warfield. What a great group of talented young people! Lion Charlie Holpuch was there helping with the band.

Two of our Damascus High School students received scholarships this year. One went to Daniel Heinbaugh for \$1200 and a second scholarship was granted to Alex Mason for \$500. Damascus was well represented in the band with 13 performers – a new record!

University of Maryland basketball coach, Gary Williams, was the recipient of the District Humanitarian Award for his work off the court and in the community. As big fans of the coach, Lion Ray Molesworth and his partner Jennifer especially enjoyed that part of the program and a chance to speak with Coach Williams afterward.

The keynote speaker was International Director Kenneth Schwols of Loveland, CO. PP Lion Tuck & 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lion Eloise took some wonderful photos during the evening until their camera became "exhausted." King Lion Gary Rogers, Lion Mary Frances Gosnell and Lion Marcia Holpuch rounded out the list of attendees. It was a grand evening of celebration!

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

4/8/2008

King Lion Gary Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present were Gary Rogers, Eloise Woodfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie Stone, Martin Carr, Del Mayhew, Tucky Woodfield, Jerry Warfield, Marcia Holpuch, Lee Sellers, Dave Davidson and Ken Phillips.

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

Mike Thornett presented the Club Treasurer report for Bill Mahylis. After some discussion the report was accepted as presented. Income was slightly higher than budget and expenditures are behind budget with a net of \$4159.00 for the year to date.

Mike Thornett presented the financial report for the Foundation. Both Income and Expenses were reported to be within budget. The report was accepted as presented.

Club membership was reviewed to determine the club status for the end of April. It was agreed to drop Ken McKay due to lack of participation and non-payment of dues. Bill and Nancy Stone, branch members, have submitted an email of resignation and the board voted to accept those resignations. On the plus side, Mary Frances Gosnell presented three names for membership - Pat Miller, Gary Bellison, and Bob Williams. The board accepted these new members. Jerry Warfield presented an application for her daughter, Jennifer and the board accepted Jennifer for membership. Charlie Stone presented applications for Jennifer Hyde and Mike Payne. These were also accepted. With these new members, membership now stands at 90 members. During these discussions, the application fee was verified to be \$25.00.

It was proposed that the club support a post prom party for Clarksburg High School by providing a buffet breakfast at the party on April 26, 2008, to be held at the Germantown Recreation Center. This was approved with a budget of \$400.00. Support will be organized by Eloise Woodfield.

The Rotary Club of Damascus has turned in its charter. It was suggested that we invite the members to join the Lions Club and that we should look at the projects that they supported in the community to see if we would want to pick up on them. The program for supplying dictionaries to third grade students was specifically mentioned. Some board members will inquire about the Rotary programs and report back to the board in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary

## Membership Induction Night on April 15, 2008

By Lion Charlie Stone, Chairman

During our meeting on Tuesday April 15th Past District Governor Gary Burdette inducted (candle light service) the following five people in the Damascus Lions Club:

Lion Patricia Miller, sponsored by Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Lion Robert Williams, sponsored by Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Lion Gary Bellison, sponsored by Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Lion Jennifer Warfield, sponsored by Lion Jerry Warfield

Lion Michael Payne, sponsored by Lion Charlie Stone

Plus, Lion Bernie Duplan, transferred to our club from the Sandy Spring Lions Club.

PDG Gary said that inducting five people at one time was a record for him. We almost inducted six new members. Jennifer Hyde (sponsored by Lion Carol Stone) was planning to attend; however, she had to work. You will see her soon.

On March 27, 2008 at the Clarksburg Branch meeting, District 22-C Region 1 Chair Lion Tuck Woodfield inducted the following two people in the Damascus Lions Club Clarksburg Branch:

Lion Patricia McKenzie, sponsored by Lion Eloise Woodfield

Lion Jim Cox, sponsored by Lion Eloise Woodfield.

Congratulations to all new members of the Damascus Lions Club and their sponsors!

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## Big Band Dance

By Lion Carol Stone, Chairperson

On April 19, 2008, Lion's Club hosted 91 dancers at its yearly Big Band Dance event. The band lead by Roland Cumberland at age 88 was just as wonderful this year as it has been in previous years. It is my guess that playing and directing music must be great for longevity. What a band!!!

Although, this function is normally listed as a fundraiser, with only 91 in attendance this year, no additional funds were raised. There were a couple of folks, Mary Frances Gosnell and a couple by the name of Cliff and Jewel Oliff who gave checks as donations to Lion's club even though they weren't able to attend.

The break even point for this dance is to have at least 117 in attendance. With the attendance this year and Lion's Club may have lost funding, but if you walked around and spoke with those that were in attendance. All 91 of them want to have it again next year.

Many at the dance asked me why such low attendance. I said, "I don't know?"

Was it no alcohol, I don't know

Could it have been the conflict with Lion's 22-C night, I don't know

Was it the police function that night? I don't know

Was it because it was the start of Passover, I don't know

Is it the higher gas prices and oil costs, I don't know

Is it lack of interest, I don't know

I really can't tell you what it is that has caused the Lion's Big Band Dance numbers to drop continuously over the last 3 years, but I don't think any one of the above reasons is reason enough. All those that were participants at the dance are looking forward to the dance again next year, but I think Lion's Club as a whole needs to make a decision on whether or not we should have the Dance again next year.

Before any decision is made, I wanted to share a Thank you note that I received from a Mr. Herman C. Hoffman, Jr. who had called to say he would be unable to attend the dance due to sudden illness. When he called me, he said he had lost approx 15 lbs over the past weeks.

It reads,

Thank you so very much for your prayers for my recovery. You're most kind, and I do appreciate it very much.

I'm sure that the dance was a great success. Roland Cumberland has a very wonderful orchestra. I was wondering if the older gentleman who plays the sliding trombone is still playing. He must be in his late eighties or early nineties.

I've enclosed a prayer that I say for very special occasions. I thought you might just like a copy for yourself.

I'm hoping that we can be with you at next year's dance.

Sincerely Herman Hoffman

May God Bless you.

His prayer reads...

"O most Sacred Heart of Jesus. I have asked you for many favors, but plead for this one. Take it, place it in your open broken heart, and when the Eternal Father looks upon it covered with the coat of your most precious blood, He will not refuse it. It is not my prayer, but yours. O most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee. Let me think only of thee. Amen."

As Lion's, "We Serve" and we have served once again, through this Big Band Dance Event, whether for profit or not!

Thank you to all who assisted on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> for this great event. What a special time it was for all of those in our community and our surrounding communities that could attend.

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### **Don't Step on the Ducks** (Courtesy of Marcia Holpuch)

Three guys die together in an accident and go to heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, "We only have one rule here in heaven: Don't step on the ducks!"

So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first guy accidentally steps on one.

Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest woman he has ever seen. St. Peter chains them together and says, "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to the ugly woman!"

The next day, the second guy steps accidentally on a duck, and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing, and with him is another extremely ugly woman. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first guy.

The third guy has observed all this and not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly woman, is very, VERY careful where he steps. He manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, but one day St. Peter comes up to him with the most gorgeous woman he has ever laid eyes on: a very tall, tan, curvaceous, sexy blonde. St. Peter chains them together without saying a word.

The guy remarks, "I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?"

She says, "I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck!"



**Clarksburg Pictures**



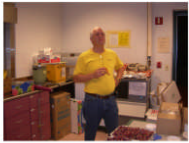
**New Lions**  
 Jim Cox  
 Patricia McKenzie

**Clarksburg High School  
 1st Post Prom Party**

**April 20, 2008  
 12:00am-5:00am**



**Damascus Lions  
 Clarksburg  
 Club Branch**



**center row 1st shift**

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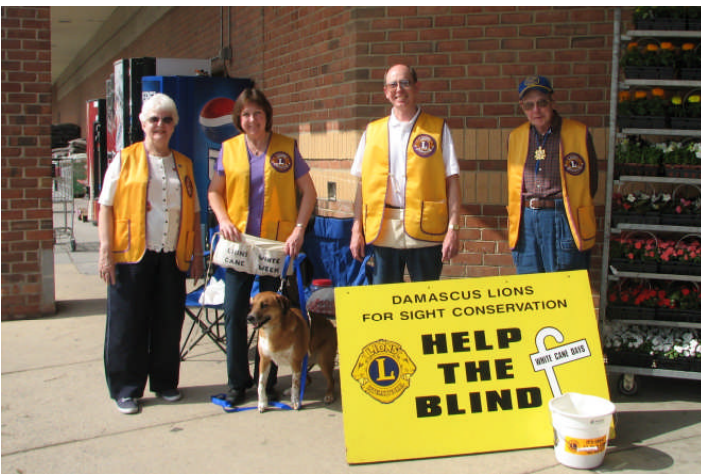


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**CHS Students  
 enjoy Party**

**White Canes**



**White Canes**

