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The President's Message

The month of "Thanks", let's count ours.

It's finally November and nice to see some cooler weather. We had a great October even if it was a little warmer than normal. The highway is cleaner than it was THANKS to the Holpuch bro.s "Lions Nick & John".

THANKS to Lion Bob Snapp & the Charter Night Committee, a great night!

THANKS to Lions Joy Schwab & Sue Suddath & all Pancake Helpers!

THANKS for all who turned out for "walk4hearing".

There are reports on the Pancake breakfast and Road Clean up. The weather co-operated for our part in the "walk4hearing" and the turnout was fantastic! Even our District Governor Ted Ladd & Lady Ann came and gave us a generous donation, as did several others. This is the second time this month DG Ted Ladd & Ann have visited us. THANKS.

This is the month we give THANKS for all we have as Americans and this great country we live in. I can truly say I am Thankful for all that has happened with the Damascus Lions Club this year so far. We have been blessed with help in all our fund raisers and with being able to help those in need. I am THANKFUL we can say "We Serve" and do it proudly!

We will be collecting food for the Thanksgiving baskets and there are some needy families out there.

THANKS to God for giving us all another month to serve and enjoy life where we have the freedom to do so.!

THANKS for our health!

Oh, and THANKS to Lion Charlie for the great view of the "Streaker"

THANKS, KLG

Pancake Breakfast

By Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath

The Fall Pancake Breakfast was held Saturday, October 20th from 7 - 11a.m. at the Damascus United Methodist Church. On Friday, October 19th the Set-Up crew made ready the Dining Room. Saturday started at 5:30 a.m. with the preparations of the food - pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, biscuit, home fries, hot apples, orange juice, coffee and etc. The Bake Table received items to be sold. The Breakfast started at 7 a.m.

continuing until 11 a.m. Then came clean-up. It was a long day for those who helped. Breakfast was served to 271. (137 purchased tickets at the door and 134 were sold ahead). We estimate that we will turn a profit of approximately \$1,300. Not all bills have come in, and some Lions have not yet turned in their money.

Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath thank all of those who helped.

Lions: Barbara Barry, Jim and Mary Belcher, Fran Burlas, Dave Davidson, Ann Davis, Ken Diggs, Pattu Durairaj, Chris Fletcher, Charlie Hertel, George Hibbard, Charlie and Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Bill Mahylis, Wayne Marr, Ray Molesworth, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Ronny Poland, Rusty and Dee Reichmeider, Gary Rogers, Dale Ryan, Warren Schwab, Lee Sellers, Bob Snapp, Roy Stanley, Charlie and Carol Stone, Midge Tench, Tom Van Vliet, John Washington, Tucky Woodfield, and Joann Woodson. Thanks to all those who contributed to the Bake Table and those who sold tickets. Special Thanks to Mark Sain, who sold the most tickets.

Leos: Elizabeth and Victoria Barry, Nick Desauliners, Bree Feuillet, Semeon Kotov, Chloe Maczka, David Reeves, Taylor Smith, Brian Wiacek, Chakarie Wooton, and Sandra _____.

Others: Mary Emma Linthicum, Mickey Cochran, Barbara and Susan Hilton, Reichmeider grandson, David McReynolds, Schwab grandchildren, Ashley and Chad Malcolm.

See pictures below and on pages 3 and 4.



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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

6 – Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
13 - Board Meeting at Rec Center
16-17 – Thanksgiving baskets at Damascus Chevrolet
19 – Blood Drive
20 – Dinner Meeting (Spouse Night) at Wesley Grove UMC

DECEMBER

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

Birthdays

Lions:

Nov. 4 Mary Frances Gosnell
Nov. 6 Tessie Gladhill
Nov. 11 Tim Dissmeyer
Nov. 12 Mike Thornett
Nov. 17 Tammy Hertel
Nov. 21 Matt Tomlinson
Nov. 29 Peggy Stone

Partners-in-Service

Nov. 4 Frann Peters

Nov. 12 Mary Bolling
Nov. 20 Helen Mahylis
Nov. 21 Jonnie Jackson
Nov. 22 Bill Poole
Nov. 24 Naomi Marr

Anniversaries

Nov. 22 Carol and Charles Stone
Nov. 28 Happy and Ken King

ROARING DAMASCUS LIONS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Captain of
1way4Gran2hear

Between Pavilion B and C you could clearly see a group of Yellow Hats, Yellow Vests and a bit of purple mingled in - Couldn't miss them, they were bright! There were 10 of them!

They had come to support the Walk4Hearing at the Damascus Regional Park on Sunday, October 28. And at the Sweepstakes end of the walk, there was another one with his car laden with water bottles for the walkers. The Roaring Lions were among approximately 150 supporters of the Walk4Hearing who had come to the park. It was a Beautiful, Crisp Autumn Day and a perfect one for a Walk thru Magruder Valley.

You could hear the Roaring Lions growling as they added the sums of money that the walkers had raised and they were excited as the numbers grew to \$ 1,431.50. And then they had to find the 1way4Gran2hear Team and see how they were competing with the locals. Catching up they were and fast! The Roaring Lions were amongst 22 other teams of which have raised \$39,457.50 to date.

Upon returning from the Walk, who should appear but our own District Governor Ted Ladd and First Lady Ann to support our efforts. He was genuinely interested in the thrust for awareness and advocacy of the Hearing Loss World since Lionism's focus is Sight and Hearing. Look for his picture with some of the team in the C-News!

For the Walkers, the Pledgers and the Volunteers from the Damascus Lions - And Lion Marcia who led the Lions in this effort - Thank you for being a part of our first Walk4Hearing event in the National Capital Area. The more we can do to educate and advocate the hearing world of the hearing loss plight will be of great help in the coming years as we see more and more people with hearing loss reaching out in an effort to receive help.

Thanks again - You are the Best!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

King Lion Gary Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. Present were Gary Rogers, Eloise Woodfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie Stone, Ken Phillips, Mike Thornett, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Del Mayhew, Tucky Woodfield, Jerry Warfield, Dale Ryan, and Marcia Holpuch.

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

Club Treasurer Bill Mahylis presented the Club financial report. The report showed the club income and expenses to be within budget to date. The report was accepted as presented.

Foundation Treasurer Mike Thornett presented the Foundation Financial report. The report showed income to be below budget to date; however, most fundraisers have not occurred and the deficit is expected. With the additional student loan approved by the board last month, the overall budget shows a deficit to date. It is expected that this deficit will be covered as more income is generated as the year goes on. The report was accepted as presented.

During the financial report, Mike reported that he was working with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center to have the club listed as a non-profit organization that can approve student service hours. This will simplify the process for the students that help in our activities.

Our donation to the Honors Band of \$350.00 and our budgeted support for Camp Merrick of \$600.00 will be sent this month. Camp Merrick has some immediate needs and our early support will be much appreciated.

The road clean up and Pancake Breakfast are coming up soon. Plans are well underway for both and both will need support of our membership.

The board approved a \$150.00 donation to support a Damascus High School student who will be attending a festival in Peru that is sponsored by a Lions Club there. She will attend a club meeting in November to report on her trip and experiences.

Lion Mary Frances reported on the final count for Basket Bingo. The club supported the event with approximately 250 hours preparing, organizing and conducting the activity. Bingo night earned \$6802.57 for the foundation. Well over budget for the event.

Holiday Baskets are fast approaching. We have signed up for 30 families and work will be starting soon for that. We will be doing both Thanksgiving and Christmas again this year. Next dinner meeting will be the kickoff for these activities.

The Hearing Loss Association of America is sponsoring a "Walk4Hearing" for the National Capitol Area at Damascus Regional Park on October 28 at 9:00 AM. Lion Mary Frances is organizing a team from the Frederick Chapter of HLAA and challenged the club to do the same. Lion Marcia Holpuch volunteered to be the captain of the club team and will recruit walkers and support from the club. A goal of \$500.00 was set.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary

The Road Gang

By Nick Holpuch

Our last road crew clean up was a great success, we ended up filling about six bags with litter and trash from our section of Route 27. With only six people participating it took us about two and a half hours to complete our section. We could use more support for future clean ups so we can finish more quickly as the temperatures continue to drop as we near the holidays.

A big thanks goes out to the Lions who participated: Charlie Hertel, Jerry Warfield, Gary Rogers, Bill Mahylis, and the Holpuch brothers.

Pancake Breakfast Pictures





Joke

Submitted By Lion Marcia

A blonde calls her boyfriend and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" he asks. The blonde says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her boyfriend decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then" he said with a deep sigh,

(Are you ready?)

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

HOLIDAY BASKET TIME

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Holiday Basket Committee is gearing up for the Thanksgiving Basket Project to be delivered on Saturday, Nov. 17. We have 35 families with approximately 125 family members to whom we will deliver. We need Lions to sign up for Delivery Teams, to sort and pack on Friday, Nov. 16 and to help clean up. The Thanksgiving Project will take place at the Damascus Chevrolet Parts Dept. and in the Employee Room. Lion Bob Newlin is looking for trucks and able bodies to pick up the nonperishable foods from the schools. Please refer to the Time Table Schedule in this Lions Tales issue for times and places of the project. Looking forward to a great Holiday Season in serving our community again. Any questions or comments, email Lion Mary Frances at grangosnell@prodigy.net or call Lion Ronnie Poland at 301-972-3952 or King Lion Gary at 301-414-7470 – cell 301-980-6071.