



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## The President's Message

"What a GREAT report on White Cane Days", Thank you Chairman, Lion Wayne Marr and your teams for making this happen, Fantastic Job everyone.....check out the results in the October issue.



Sixty-two years of Lionism was celebrated by the Damascus Lions Club at Dutch's Daughter on October 7th. It was an evening of recognition. My congratulations to Lion Tess Gladhill for receiving the Emerson Slacum, Community service Award, Lion Jerry Warfield for Lion of the Year, and to Lion Charlie Hertel, the Lion of the Years and a new {special chocolate award}. Lion's pins were presented to Lion Bob Snapp and Lion Ray Molesworth from the collection of one of our past Lions, Lion Ollie Watkins, by the club President, given by Mrs. Ollie Watkins to Eloise as a gift in memory of her husband. The evening was enjoyed by Lions, Guests, and Partners-in-Service. The speaker for this elegant affair was Mo. Co. Council President, Mike Knapp. He offered his help to the communities of Clarksburg and Damascus with any concerns now and in the future. My Thanks to Mike for coming and supporting the Lions. I would also like to say Thanks to Lion Bob Snapp for making the arrangements for Charter Night and to the Committee for all the help they gave to me.

Another Blood Drive was held on Oct. 9th at DUMC reported Lion Charles Hertel. We recorded 33 units. Let's keep adding them up.

Recently Lion Tuck, my Best Man, and I attended the Damascus Community Fair Banquet. As Lion President, I gave out two \$50 awards donated by the Lions for the child and teen having the most entries at the fair. The winner of the child award was Kathy Gingrich and the teen was Danielle Green. Our congratulations to these young people for their hard work.

Think of the Pancake Breakfast and we think of Lions Joy Schwab and Sue Suddath..... and all the workers that support them. I repeat, "Lions together, we can make it happen", Many many Thanks. The Bake/Craft table was again a great success, donations were given and every item was sold, thank you Lions Fran Burlas and Ann Davis for helping your King Lion make this happen.

A NEW activity took place this fall season, Our Leo's offered make a scarecrow, face painting, and balloons to visitors under the pavilion at the breakfast. All donations were given to the Lions Club. This was fun and a nice experience for the community, Thanks for your help Leos, "way to go"!

Sunday Oct. 19th Lions participated in another first time Event, The Damascus Heritage Festival. Damascus Lions had a booth with displays, promoting lions and membership. Lion Tuck and I would like to say Thanks to Lions IPP Gary Rogers, Jerry Warfield, Ann Davis and Chris Fletcher for attending and being there to show our importance to the community. As Lions "WE SERVE"

Monday Oct 20th, we had a tremendous tragedy in our community, five of our DHS students were in an auto accident. Four were seriously injured and one fatality. We stop for a moment of silent prayer to remember these students and their families.....

This brings us to our Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove Church Hall on Oct. 21st; another good meal was served by willing workers. This was a time to celebrate the upcoming Halloweeeeeeeen, holiday. Eighteen dressed in costume and paraded around the room. Prizes, Trick or Treats were handed out to all attending. We had a total of 53; let's keep going up each meeting and break a record. The speaker for the evening was a visit from Eloise "Sarah Palin" Woodfield. Her words were, "I wanted to be the President of the Damascus Lions Club, because "I can see Damascus from my house". Getting down to business, Lion Sue Suddath talked about Peace Posters that some of the students had done and had them displayed around the room. Wonderful work, Thanks, Lion Sue for your efforts with this project.

Oct 21st, an exciting trip for Lions Dave Davidson, Tuck, and myself, as we attend the ribbon cutting for the new eyeglass recycling center opening at Melwood. We also turned in eye glasses and hearing aids, at LCOF, making for a GRAND total of 4,320 pairs of glasses and 4 hearing aids from Lions of the Damascus Club and Clarksburg Branch. "Let's double this before the end of the year!" Thanks to everyone.

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### Upcoming Events

Nov. 4 – Dinner meeting/Prospective Member Night at Wesley Grove UMC  
Nov. 11 – Board Meeting at Damascus Rec. Center  
Nov. 18 – Dinner meeting/Spouse Night at Wesley Grove UMC  
Nov. 24 – Red Cross Blood Drive  
Dec. 2 – Dinner meeting/Prospective Member Night at Wesley Grove UMC  
Dec. 9 – Board Meeting at Damascus Rec. Center  
Dec. 10 – Senior Party at the Senior Center  
Dec. 17 – Holiday Dinner Party

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### Joke

The Mother Superior was re-decorating her room at the convent. Two nuns are ordered to paint a room in the convent, and the last instruction of the Mother Superior is that they must not get even a drop of paint on their habits.

After conferring about this for a while, the two nuns decide to lock the door of the room, strip off their habits, and paint naked. In the middle of the project, there comes a knock at the door. “Who is it?” calls one of the nuns.

“Blind man,” replies a voice from the other side of the door. The two nuns look at each other and shrug; both deciding that no harm can come from letting a blind man into the room, they open the door.

“Very nice figures, sisters,” says the man, “where do you want the blinds?”

### Birthdays

#### Lions:

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

#### Partners-in-Service

Nov. 4 Frann Peters  
Nov. 20 Karen Duplan  
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

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### Pictures from Lions Events

See more pictures on pages 5 and 6.



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Oct 14, 2008

Lions in attendance were: Mary Frances Gosnell, King Lion Eloise Woodfield, Mike Thornett, Secretary Thomas Woodfield, Martin Carr, Ken Phillips, Bill Mahylis, Sue Suddath, Ray Molesworth, Marcia Holpuch

**Minutes from Sept.**- approved

**Treasurer - Club** - income above expenses

**Foundation** - Good shape, donations down from last year - Approximately \$30,000 given out to needs in community and \$ 30,000 in student loans 2007-2008

Reports approved.

**Old Business** - Basket Bingo \$5000 net - 70 less players than last year, 125 players who enjoyed playing bingo, King Tut & other pull offs, 38 Lions (250) hours and several friends worked to make it happen. We had 3 Club visitations who played.

White Cane received \$1376

Charter Night- 60 attendees

**New Business** - Holiday Baskets - Names available Nov. 1st

LCOF - 600 Glasses to N. Va. in June not counted by Dist 22-C, will get corrected.

Student Loan Report - Outstanding student loans \$32,523.59. 5 active loans being paid back, 7 dormant - still in school, approved

Walk 4 Hearing -Sun Oct 26, Lions asked to support Lion Mary Frances Gosnell's "1 Way 4 Gran 2 Hear". Damascus Lions will walk with this group

"K Nine Partners for Life" - Motion to donate \$250 to group to help get a service dog for local youth in need - approved

"Leader Dog" Received letter that bench, at Leader Dog campus, in place in memory of Lion Kenny Gosnell

Damascus Theater Co, - donate full page advertisement for Musical \$85.00 approved

Damascus Heritage Day - Lions will participate & promote Damascus Lions 62 years of serving the community and membership

MD -22 LVR - Sat Nov. 1st open house , "Back to the Future" All Lions welcome

Submitted by Secretary, Lion Thomas "Tuck" Woodfield

## President's Message (cont.)

Oct 25th, a wet, wet day, but that didn't stop Lions and Clarksburg Historical Soc. Members. We all worked together and displayed flyers on how Lions serve and talked about the history of the area showing some old time tools used for farming at the Pumpkin Feast, held in Clarksburg to support the youth of "Life is Good" Program. Thanks to all for braving the terrible weather to help.

Oct 26th, O what a beautiful morning, as we arrived to support the Walk 4 Hearing Event. The rain storms and wind had moved out and it was a Sunny Sunday. A crowd of around two hundred walked the 5K distances at Damascus Regional Park, raising money to help with hearing . THANKS to Lions and friends for supporting this important event. Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Tuck, and Eloise Woodfield handed out water to walkers at end of the half way trail, greeted and wished them well as they made it to the finish line.

Not much more for the month of October, we are just about at the end, but don't forget to set your clocks, Its Fall Back, yes we gain an hour, so make good use of it.... Nov. 4th, don't forget to VOTE!

"I am President, Lion Eloise Woodfield, and I approve this message"

Happy Halloween, Lions and remember.....

"Together we can make it happen"

President, King Lion Eloise Woodfield

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## Pancake Breakfast Report

By Lion Joy Schwab, Co-chair

The Fall Pancake, Sausage, Scrambled Egg Breakfast was held October 18, 2008 from 7a.m. - 11 a.m. at Damascus United Methodist Church Dining Hall. Set up was completed on October 17th with Lions Dave Davidson, Joann Woodson, Warren and Joy Schwab, Tuck and Eloise Woodfield helping.

Saturday started at 5 a.m. with preparation of food and beverages - pancakes, sausage, biscuit for chipped beef, home fries, scrambled eggs, and hot apples, coffee, orange juice, tea, etc. We served 267.

The Bake Table had goodies and crafts ready for sale. (Profit - \$281.60) Donations were made by Helen Boyer, Tess Gladhill, Mary Frances Gosnell, Sue Hilton, Tom and Jonnie Jackson, Bill and Helen Mahylis, Pat McKenzie, Jack and Frann Peters, Carol Richards, Joy and Warren Schwab, Kathy Thornett, Tom and Betty Van Vliet, Eloise and Tuck Woodfield. The Baker MS did face-painting and



scare-crow making outside under the pavilion. (Profit - \$53.00)

Lion Joy and Lion Sue thank all, who helped with this event: LIONS Barbara Barry, Fran Burlas, Martin Carr, Ann Davis, Dave Davidson, Bernie Duplan, Chris Fletcher, Charlie and Tammy Hertel, George Hibbard, Su Ling Huang, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Ray Molesworth, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Dee and Rusty Reichmeider, Gary Rogers, Warren Schwab, Bob Snapp, Roy Stanley, Tom Van Vliet, John Washington, Eloise and Tuck Woodfield, and Joann Woodson. LEOS - Damascus, Silvia Argueta, Elizabeth Barry, Victoria Barry, Keith Hanson, Caitlin Jones, Jessica Kirksey, Suchada Sarintra, and Brian Wiacek. - Clarksburg, Stephanie Huang. - Baker MS, Ariana Aguilar, Emma Aversen, Natalie Dagher, Angelica DeLeon, Breanna McCarty, Raquel and Sophia Sandoval, and Monica Urrutia.

Total Profit is not available until all bills are paid.



**Pancake Breakfast, Bake/Craft Table  
LEO Scarecrow making  
Autumn 2008**

## **WALK4HEARING**

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

It was a nice warm, sunny day on Oct. 26th for the National Capital Area Walk4Hearing at the Damascus Regional Park. Approximately 130 walkers and volunteers

enjoyed the nice Autumn Day through Magruder Valley. There were 16 teams in the Walk collecting \$34,326 as of this writing. Our goal was \$50,000. Again, I think we are seeing a sign of the times! Nationwide, the Walk4Hearing walks have raised over \$700,000.

My team, 1Way4Gran2Hear, collected \$500. My sincere thank you goes to all the Lions who made a contribution to the Walk for my team and the Frederick Chapter of Hearing Loss Association of America and for King Lion Eloise and Tuck Woodfield for taking time to come and participate. Half of the amount the three teams from the Frederick Chapter raised will be returned to our Chapter to use for hearing loss education, hearing support groups and to increase awareness about the causes and consequences of hearing loss.



Everyone is welcome to attend HLAA meetings whether hearing impaired or not. We will need to become more aware of people with hearing loss, how to handle it for ourselves and our friends and what to do about it - as going forward the Baby Boomers will experience hearing loss more than any other generation.

Thanks for your support!



## HOLIDAY BASKETS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

'Tis that time of the year again to begin our Holiday Basket Project for Thanksgiving and Christmas. As usual, we have many different jobs that need the participation of the Lions. Elsewhere in this Lions Tale issue you will find a Time Line for the next two months.

At the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Bob Newlin needs Lions to sign-up for picking up and hauling the food from the schools that had Food Drives. We also need Lions to sign up to be on a Delivery Team, (we will need 10 of them) and to help sort and pack the baskets. Lion David of Damascus Chevy is again making space to store the food and to prepare the baskets for Thanksgiving.

As of this writing the family names have not been distributed but we are expecting 30 families to be on our list. So check the Time Line and mark your calendars to help us when and where you can.

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### HOLIDAY BASKET 2008 TIME LINE

Nov. 4 - Sign up sheets available at dinner meeting for sorting and Delivery Teams  
Nov. 20 - 3 pm Pickup Food from Rocky Hill Middle School  
Nov. 21 - 2 pm Pickup Food from Damascus High School  
Nov. 21 - 1 pm Sort food and pack boxes at Damascus Chevy  
Nov. 22 - 8 am Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets from Damascus Chevy

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Nov. 18 - Children's names will be distributed for Lions to purchase a toy/gift for a child.  
Dec. 3 - Shopping Spree to purchase clothing for children  
Dec. 2 - Sign up sheets for duties and Delivery Teams for Christmas delivery  
Dec. 16 - Lions bring wrapped gifts that they purchased to the Holiday Party  
Dec. 17 - 12 Noon Pickup Food from John T. Baker Middle School  
Dec. 17 - 2 pm Pickup Food from NRC  
Dec. 17 - 2 pm Move food to Damascus UM Church  
Dec. 17 - 8 PM sort the food at Damascus UM Church  
Dec. 18 - Noon to 5 pm Pack and wrap at Damascus UM Church  
Dec. 19 - Noon to 5 pm Pack at Damascus UM Church  
Dec. 20 - 8 am Deliver Christmas Food and Gifts at Damascus UM Church



**Damascus Heritage Day Oct 19**

**Lions promotion & membership  
Clarksburg Pumpkin Festival  
Oct 25**



**New 22-C Eye Glass Recycle Center Ribbon Cutting Oct 22**





