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The President's Message

"We Serve" September is over! It was a very busy month, one of our busiest for projects and time spent by our members. A great big THANKS to each Lion who had a part in helping the Great Damascus Lions Club look good as you always do. My special thanks to all who came to the Damascus Community Fair on September 7th, 8th & 9th. It was fun, we gave out popcorn and talked to a lot of nice people from our area. Some who would make nice LIONS.

Then the blood drive. My arm's still sore! Black & blue, I didn't give up the blood easy. Lion Charlie Hertel thanks each of you for a job well done and the number of units we collected. My special thanks to Lion Charlie's parents who work at every drive. We could all take a lesson. Five times a year.

Lion Wayne Marr and the White Cane Crew had a plentiful 4 days collecting for the community. We Give!

You know, we had 6 visitors last meeting. King Lion sure hopes you made them feel very welcome and they'll go back and tell all what a great club we have. We need to get out and visit other clubs also.

And how about the end of September? Lion Mary Frances & Basket Bingo. One of our best ever. The FUN never stops and we raised a good amount for all our worthy projects.

October is here and we start with a great meal at Dutch's Daughter (did you bring your date?) As we enter our 62nd year - that's right, we are 61 years old and a couple of you can remember our first year. Do you know who they are?

October also has the Highway Crew led by the Holpuch brothers cleaning up on the 13th. & Pancake Breakfast on October 20th. Let's support each other as much as we can and don't forget our regular meetings on the 1st. and 3rd Tuesdays.

Oh yes, "One-A-Month"! How are you doing? I need your help here. Please push our club to everyone you know. Lions need to be a strong, growing club. There's so much we can do for our community if we stay strong and healthy.

The Hearing Loss Association of America would really like your participation on October 28th at the Damascus Recreation Park in Kings Valley Road for the Walk4Hearing. Wear a T-shirt (if you buy one) or our

Lions Vest/Hats & get pledges to support this great cause. Remember, we do collect hearing aids as well as eye glasses so keep them coming in.

Have a great fall, I mean autumn; I don't want you to fall, and be a Proud Lion wherever you go!

Thanks, KLG

September 2007 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chairman

Thank you, all Lions who participated in or donated to our Fall White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,735.46. This collection will fund about 17 eye appointments and new glasses for needy Damascus-area citizens. Thirty-one storefront Lions worked thirty-two shifts and averaged \$54.23 per shift. 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 Mary Belcher:
 - \$132.41 is what she received on Saturday morning at Safeway East
- A close runner up was George Hibbard
 - \$96.45 is what he received on Saturday morning at CVS
- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to all of our storefront Lions who did double shifts. Those Lions are: Fran Burlas, Ann Davis, Mary Frances Gosnell, Bill Mahylis, Jack Peters, and Tom Van Vliet. Without these folks doing double-duty, we would have collected about \$275 less!

The following Lions gave unselfishly of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): Barry, J. Belcher, M. Belcher, Brake, Burlas (2), Carr, Davidson, Davis (2), Duvall, Gosnell (2), C. Hertel, Hibbard, M. Holpuch, Jackson, Mahylis (2), Molesworth, Peters(2), R. Reichmeider, D. Reichmeider, Rogers, J. Schwab, Sellers, Snapp, Stanley, Suddath, Van Vliet(2), J. Warfield, B. Warfield, Washington, E. Woodfield, T. Woodfield.

And special thanks go to the Weekday Managers and the Money Counters: Ken Phillips, Bill Mahylis, Del Mayhew (2), George Hibbard, Tom Van Vliet, and Tom Jackson.

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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 2 – Charter Night at Dutch's Daughter (Spouse Night)
- 9 – Board Meeting at Rec Center
- 13 – Road Clean-up (Ridge Road)
- 16 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
- 20 – Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UMC

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:

- Oct. 4 Barbara Barry
- Oct. 8 Ray Molesworth
- Oct. 11 Midge Tench
- Oct. 15 Pattu Durairaj
- Oct. 26 Christine Fletcher
- Oct. 26 Lee Sellers
- Oct. 28 Rodney Duvall
- Oct. 30 Charles Stone

Partners-in-Service

- Oct. 28 Tom Kish

Anniversaries

- Oct. 2 - Thelma and Lee Sellers
- Oct. 3 – Peggy and Ray Sicotte
- Oct. 12 - Tori and Matt Tomlinson
- Oct. 25 – Marcia and Charlie Holpuch

News about Members

There is a phone number change for Joann Woodson: 301-916-3899.

Football Quotes

"At Georgia Southern, we don't cheat. That costs money and we don't have any." Erik Russell/Georgia Southern.

"After you retire, there's only one big event left....and I ain't ready for that." Bobby Bowden / Florida State

"Lads, you're not to miss practice unless your parents died or you died." Frank Leahy / Notre Dame

"I never graduated from Iowa, but I was only there for two terms - Truman's and Eisenhower's." Alex Karras / Iowa

"I could have been a Rhodes Scholar, except for my grades." Duffy Daugherty / Michigan State

"Gentlemen, it is better to have died a small boy than to fumble this football" John Heisman

"I've found that prayers work best when you have big players." Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

King Lion Gary Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Present were Gary Rogers, Eloise Woodfield, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie Stone, Ken Phillips, Mike Thornett, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Martin Carr, Del Mayhew, Tucky Woodfield, Jerry Warfield, Dale Ryan, Marcia Holpuch and Dave Davidson.

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

Mike Thornett presented the treasurer report for the foundation. The report showed expenditures to be about \$7000 greater than income to date. However, the outlay for student loans and scholarships comes early in the year before the fundraising has begun causing the deficit. With a correction on the balance sheet for dormant student loans, the report was accepted.

In the absence of Bill Mahylis, Mike also presented the club financial report. With income from dues and meals, the club finances are about \$2000 ahead of budget. The club financial report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

KL Gary asked for any old business to come before the board. Joy Schwab reported that she talked with Ruby Hyatt and that Ruby would like to institute a Hyatt Award to replace the Gladhill-Hyatt Award that was discontinued with Buck Gladhill's passing. Joy will work with Ruby to establish this Award and have it ready for Installation Night in the spring.

Warren Schwab presented a problem he was having with the Mint sales at various businesses in the area. It seems that the mints are not being paid for at one establishment in town. Warren was going to discuss the problem with the owner and if it cannot be resolved he will remove the mints from that business.

Mary Frances reported that our booth at the Community Fair was a big success. There were about 165 hours of service provided by the club. Through the drawing for a free basket, we had 12 people indicate an interest in learning more about Lionism and club membership. A lot of club information was provided and over 1600 bags of popcorn were given out.

New Business

Under new business, Mary Frances presented the Student Loan Report. During the year, \$6000 of loans was

extended and \$2690.35 was repaid. The total outstanding loan balance of \$33,271.45 was reported. Mary Frances also reported that she had an additional application for a student loan. This student, Kevin Scott, is a sophomore at Florida Atlantic University, a graduate of Damascus High and attends church at Wesley Grove. After some discussion, it was decided to go over budget for the foundation and approve this application.

A donation was received from the Pampered Chef vendor who had a booth at the Flea Market in July. This donation was a percentage of her sales at the Flea Market and a subsequent order places with her later. The exact amount was not available at the meeting.

KL Gary reported that one of our wheel chairs is now in California and no longer needed. He recommended that it be donated to a local Lions Club there. Gary also asked the board members to provide new ideas for a club brochure, which he wants to print soon.

One last bit of old business was an ad in the program for the Theater Group's production this year. Mike Thornett agreed to work with the group to get the ad ready.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Submitted by Ken Phillips, Secretary.

Blood Drive

By Lion Charlie Hertel

The Blood Drive on Monday, September 10, was very successful: We collected 113 units, from the 131 people that come through the door. There was also a "Fitness 4 You" blood drive on Friday 9/14/07. At that drive an additional 12 units were collected; giving us a total of 125 units. So far this year (2 drives) our total is 215 units of blood.

Our next drive is on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the DVFD Activity Building. The "Fitness 4 You" drive is on Friday November 23.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped. We could not achieve this success without you.

DAMASCUS LIONS PLANTING SEEDS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Damascus Community Fair was alive with lions - Damascus Lions that is! Some were Officials of the fair while others were volunteers. And then the aroma of freshly popped corn drew the people to the Lions in the Pole Barn.

There were a lot of other animals there also - and yes, the donkey was there but was very quiet.

Also had the "King Lions Best Report at a Meeting" Lion with us for the weekend.

We had the corner of the Pole Barn decked with Lion regalia, banners, pictures, Holiday Wreath and food basket with gifts. Blood Drive posters, Medical equipment, a Longaberger Basket to giveaway, Membership Information Trifolds, other signage about Lions activities, and, of course, popcorn! The King Lion gave away pens and Lions magnets with the Football schedule attached.

We planted a lot of seeds in talking with fair goers. Those who talked to those folks need to follow up on their leads and give those names to Membership Chair, Charlie Stone. And we have already been asked if we will do it next year!

Here are a few statistics about the weekend -

- Three (3) people asked about the Blood Drive and said they would come,
- Had twelve (12) people who signed up to receive the free basket say that they would like to know more about Lions and the lady who won, was one of them.
- Had at least 3 other good prospects for membership
- Received \$6.76 in donations.
- 21 Lions and 2 family members spent an estimated 165 hours at the fair in three days.
- Sold Bingo Tickets and got sponsors
- Used 100 pounds of popcorn.
- Had 200 students on school tours who took popcorn back to school with them.
- Gave away approx. 1600 bags of popcorn.

Thanks to all who helped and worked long hours. And to those who were to work the LCOF Health Unit and kept their schedule and gave their time to the Membership and Popcorn effort, we thank you as well. An effort like this is what makes Damascus that Special Place that "We Serve"!



The Lions' Fair Booth

Ways to mess with other people's minds

- 1 At Lunch Time, Sit in Your Parked Car with Sunglasses on and point a Hair Dryer At Passing Cars. See How Quickly They Slow Down.
- 2 Put Decaf In The Coffee Maker For 3 Weeks. Once Everyone has Gotten Over Their Caffeine Addictions, Switch to Espresso.
- 3 In The Memo Field Of All Your Checks, Write "For Smuggling Diamonds"
- 4 Finish All Your sentences With "In Accordance With the Prophecy."
- 5 As Often As Possible, Skip Rather Than Walk.
- 6 Order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat, with a serious face.
- 7 Specify That Your Drive-through Order Is "To Go."
- 8 Put Mosquito Netting around Your Work Area and Play tropical Sounds All Day.
- 9 When The Money Comes Out The ATM, Scream "I Won! I Won!"
- 10 When Leaving the Zoo, Start Running towards the Parking lot, Yelling "Run For Your Lives, They're Loose!!"