



DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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The President's Message

September was a spectacular month! It was an honor to have with us on Sept. 2, 2008, our District 22-C Governor, Lion Paul Hawkins and First Lady, Lion Dee, also the VDG Lion William "Bill" Thomas and Lion Julie. We were given words of encouragement from each of them and enjoyed having them as our guests. I look forward to working with them this year as President, King Lion. To quote DG Lion Paul, "BELIEVE IT". DG likes to serve the community.....on Sept 5, 6, and 7, we served the community. Many Lions helped with the Damascus Community Fair. Lions worked at the popcorn booth, the membership display, and the MHU {bus}. Bags of free popcorn were handed out; we invited people interested in Lions to join our Club, and screened and tested thirty fair goers for vision and hearing. We had a good attendance on Friday, a cool and pleasant evening. Sat. was wet and windy, a total washout for outdoor activities due to the tropical storm "Hanna".... But Sunday was a dry SUNNY Day, so, we squeezed two days into one and got it done. THANKS to everyone that took part in this community event.



Also, at our dinner meeting we had two surprise guests arrive, they were, Lion Barbara Barry dressed as a student, going back to school and her Partner-in-Service, Daniel as Jonnie Appleseed, wearing a pan on his head. Both passed out apples. Giving a message that when comparing apples to Lions, they are alike, they come in all SHAPES, SIZE, and COLORS, and spreading the seeds, they will grow. So, plant some seeds in your neighborhood and build the Club membership. Thank you, Lion Barbara and Daniel for a fun time.

Now on a more serious note, we presented a check to Rex Martin to help him with his vision, this will enable him to purchase a machine to use for helping him to have a better quality of life at work and at home." What a great way to express our motto "WE SERVE", THANKS LIONS," Together we can make it happen".

More things to come before September is over. On Sept. 16, we had the Gene Walker family share their personal story about how Lions and the Wilmer Low Vision Institute helped them to correct Rachel's sight problems. I was touched by this experience and proud to say "I am a Lion".

Recognition was announced by Lion Charlie Hertel that he had represented us at a recent annual meeting of The American Red Cross; he was given a beautiful framed certificate for the Club and his great work with Blood Drives over the years. "CONGRATULATIONS". Our Blood Drive date was Sept. 22, "You all come". {By the way, I heard, Lion Charlie did it again and collected 112 pints of blood.}

As you have been reading, we as Lions are "Doing good", doing what Lions do. "WE SERVE". This has been a month of helping others. We will continue to do that, this is all very rewarding.

The first Zone meeting was held by Zone Chair Lion Bill Duce. I was asked to give a report on plans for the coming year's activities. Thank you, Lions Tuck and Bernie Duplan, for attending this with me and being there to represent the Damascus Lions Club.

I recall Lion Albert Warfield called bingo years ago at the Damascus carnival "the old corn game", our Basket Bingo was held on Sept. 26th, it was a success once again, organized by Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

No we aren't finished yet! The Clarksburg Branch Lions helped to sponsor the event called "Lessons from the Past", this event was held in Little Bennett Park at he Kingsley one room school. Students attended from the 1920's. I am proud to say "Lion Kenneth King was one of them... everyone had a chance to experience what a day in school was like and enjoyed this community social time together.

Going into October, we are looking forward to celebrating the 62nd CHARTER NIGHT of the DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB, hope to see you there!

"Together we can make it happen"....

President, King Lion Eloise Woodfield

WALK4HEARING

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Walk4Hearing will be Sunday, October 26 at the Damascus Regional Park starting at 10 AM. Anyone interested in walking, forming a team or pledging monies, please contact Lion Mary Frances.

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 7 – Charter Night at Dutch’s Daughter
- Oct. 15 – Board Meeting at Damascus Rec. Center
- Oct. 18 – Pancake Breakfast at Damascus UMC
- Oct. 21 – Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC
- Oct. 23 – Branch Meeting at Cedar Brook Church
- 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

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
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BASKET BINGO

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

After seeing the delight and surprise on the faces of the winners when they are presented a nice basket filled and overflowing with nice gifts upon yelling BINGO, you know the toil and efforts that went into the project were worthwhile.

Thirty-eight Lions participated in the project by helping Thursday and Friday night, donating baskets, being sponsors of baskets, buying a ticket and/or donating items to fill the baskets. The Damascus Leos participated as well. There were 10 family and friends who supported by helping on Thursday and Friday night and a Partner-in-service, Jennifer Molesworth, who had helped with a lot of the administrative work. We had 127 people who purchased tickets to play for a chance to win 30 different baskets with a street value of over \$5000. Another 30 baskets were awarded to the winners of the “other” games. Ronnie Watkins, DVFD member, did an excellent job of calling and announcing for the night and another 7 fireman cooked and served food for the attendees.

We collected 143 pairs of glasses by awarding a free game card for those that brought them and one set of hearing aids.

Now that the statistics have been stated, the actual ticket sales were down about 70 tickets in comparison to other years. However, those attending supported the evening well. Businesses around town that supported the project were Damascus Chevrolet, Molesworth-Williams, PA, Red Rooster, Damascus Community Bank, Moxley Paving, Up-County Realty, K W Miller, Inc. Stadler Construction, Rhodes Construction, Inc., Tom and Rays’ Restaurant, Main Street Service Center, Ben Lewis, Inc., Meijer Enterprises, Inc., CHTel, Inc., Electrical Solutions, Inc., Montgomery County Sanitation, Key Sanitation, and PNC Bank. Should you go into any of these businesses, please make a special effort to thank them for their support.

As usual, the Damascus Lions came forth in many ways to make this project a success. My sincere thanks to all Lions, Partner-In-Service, family and friends that helped in so many different ways. It takes all of us to see a great project come to fruition. The bottom line is yet to be determined, however, I can say we will meet budget!

Thanks again, my Fellow Lions!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2008

The meeting was opened by King Lion Eloise Woodfield at 7pm. In attendance were Lions- VP Mary Frances Gosnell, Secretary Thomas Woodfield, VP Charlie Stone, Treasurer Bill Mahylis, Lions - Marcia Holpuch, Ken Phillips, Tom Jackson, Treasurer Mike Thornett, Ray Molesworth, Jerry Warfield, IPP Gary Rogers, Dale Ryan.

Minutes of August were approved.

Treasurers' reports - in good shape, some dues need to be paid, second notices to go out. Foundation in great shape.... Approved

Old Business... - Heritage Society approved for \$1000 donation. Damascus Lions now a charter member of Heritage Society.

New Business... - Lion Mary Frances reported Basket Bingo needs all of the Lion's help we can get.

- Sept 26, 2008. Damascus Community fair gave out 1300 bags of popcorn, 100 hours of community service by Lions.

- Lion Gary reported 5 possible new Lions - will be called.

- LCOF MHU {bus} 28 visitors were screened over weekend, 26 hearing and 27 vision - 4 referred. Discussion was held on concerns about the condition of the MHU.

- Holiday Baskets - will apply for 30 families, same as last year, Thanksgiving and Christmas

- Charter Night, Past Lion's widows are invited

7:50 pm adjourned

Submitted by Lion Tucky Woodfield, Secretary.

Fall 2008 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chairman



citizens. Twenty-eight storefront Lions worked twenty-eight shifts and averaged \$48.78 per shift.

Thank you, all Lions who participated in our Fall 2008 White Cane fundraiser. We raised \$1,364.12 during the four days of September 24-27. This collection will fund about 13 eye appointments and new glasses for needy Damascus-area

Special Recognitions:

- The Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club Recognition goes to Jerry Warfield:
 - \$103.58 (no checks!) is what she received on Thursday evening at Safeway. This shift is always a good one to get!



- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to our three Day-Managers: Ken Phillips (Wed.), Bill Mahylis (Thur.), and Del Mayhew (Fri.). They have been doing this work twice a year for many years, and they do it very well. You give up your entire day to be White Cane Day-Manager. That is a substantial sacrifice!

The following Lions gave unselfishly of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses):



Burlas (2), Carr, Davis (2), Duplan, Gladhill, Gosnell (2), C. Hertel, Hibbard (2), M. Holpuch, Jackson, Mahylis, Molesworth, Peters, D. Reichmeider, R. Reichmeider, Rogers, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, Ch. Stone, C. Stone, Suddath, Tench, Thornett, Van Vliet (2), Bobbie Warfield, John Warfield, Jerry Warfield. Special thanks also go to the venerable money counters: Del Mayhew, George Hibbard, Tom Jackson, and Tom Van Vliet.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Holiday Basket Project is fast approaching, Look at the Lions Activity Calendar for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dates and mark you calendars accordingly. More info in upcoming meetings.

"Lessons From the Past"
Branch Lions & Clarksburg Historical Society
Sept 27, 2008



**Damascus Lions
 Blood Drive &
 Membership Display
 Sept 22, 2008**



All donors received a T-shirt from the American Red Cross. Thank You. I would like to thank Safeway for always supplying the donuts valued at \$25.00. Thank You.

I would like to thank all the Lions Club members for all of the hard work. It is proven if we make the phone calls it seems to increase the units of blood we collect. Thanks to the Lions in our club who still continue to give a unit of blood each time and to the DHS Leo's Club for their help in the canteen.

I would like to thank King Lion Eloise and Lion Tuck for setting up the Lions marketing display board. This seems to be working. We have gotten some new members from this, Thank You. I would like to also thank my Mom and Dad for being involved with our blood drives. They show up around 10:00 AM and leave with me about 9:00 PM. Mom also makes calls to prospective donors. Thank you!

We have a great community. Damascus is a special place. Thanks to all who continue to support our community blood drives.

Blood Drive News

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chairman

Congratulations!! Our club received an award for community service from the American Red Cross this past month.

We had (2) two blood drives in the month of September. Our first blood drive was at the D.V.F.D. Activity Building. We collected 112 units of blood. The second drive was at St. Paul's Catholic Church. We collected 33 units of blood. This was the first drive ever held at the church. It was a great success!! This puts our yearly total at 220 so far. Thank You!!!. Our next drive is scheduled for Thursday October 9, 2008. This will be held at the Damascus United Methodist Church.

We continue to feed the ARC staff. Its numbers can be between 15 to 20 workers. This has seemed to make a very big difference. They first are very appreciative and they stay in the building and do not go out for food. This makes the ARC staff a better work force.

We had our Mary Kay basket donated by Lion Marsha Holpuch. The value was about \$100.00 Thank You.

All donors got signed up in a raffle to win a pair of Washington Redskins tickets to possibly 3 upcoming games.