



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## The President's Message

Hello Lions!

I can't believe it's November already – 2014 is almost over. The weather is also very fall like with most of the leaves on the ground and the much cooler temperatures.



Charter night was a big success. We had 53 people in attendance including our speaker, District Governor Kelley Randolph and many other "Big Wigs" from the district. I was so excited to award the Emerson Slacum Award to Lion Julie Sain and I was equally excited to learn of the recipients for Lion of the Year, Sue Suddath and Lion of the Years, Mike Thornett.

I was pleased to see many Lions dress up for Halloween in costumes on our October 21 meeting. We had many costumes including a bag lady, a biker, "Sandy" from Greece, several witches, a bee and a bee keeper, a priest, a flower, and a tree! It was a fun night and our guest speaker Jan McHenry gave us an informative talk on the Montgomery County Library System.

Thanksgiving for the community will be the same as last year with Faith Connections hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner to families who live in the 20872 zip code area. We will not be delivering Thanksgiving baskets to families again this year. If you'd like to help out with the dinner let me know and I can direct you to the people in charge of it. Hopefully the schools will come through with canned food drives, making our Christmas baskets plentiful. We will shop for clothes for the local children and the motorcycle club will still donate toys. More information will be coming out soon.

We had another successful pancake breakfast on Saturday October 18. Many people showed up to enjoy our famous hot meal. I believe the bake table also did well. It definitely had plenty of baked goods and other goodies to sell.

It's White Cane time of the year again. Please remember to fulfil your shift this week. If you can take on another shift see Lion Wayne. Remember when you are standing out there soliciting money to tell the people that all monies raised from White Cane go back to the

community in the form of eye services. Many times people have personally thanked me for our vision support.

This time of year reminds me of how important family and friends are in our lives. When you see a fellow Lion show them how you Appreciate, Believe in and especially Care for them.

Enjoy this cool weather! KL Barbara

## HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

The Holiday Season is fast approaching!

Again this year, the Damascus Lions will make a monetary donation to Faith Connections, Inc. for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The families living in the Clarksburg and Damascus zip codes will be invited to attend a Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the Greenridge Baptist and Redeemer Lutheran Churches. *The dinner will take the place of the delivered Thanksgiving food baskets for these areas, providing a welcoming family Thanksgiving Celebration.* Families in the 20882 zip code will receive a food basket or a gift card for Thanksgiving. Any Lion who wishes to help with the dinner or donate food for the dinner may do so by contacting Jill Ochs at [jill@faithconnections.org](mailto:jill@faithconnections.org)

Faith Connections, Inc. works with Montgomery County Government to coordinate the Holiday Giving Program for the greater Damascus-Clarksburg area. The Holiday Giving Project provides needy families with a Thanksgiving meal, Christmas/Holiday food and gifts. Faith Connections manages the distribution of food and gifts for our area with the assistance of churches, service organizations, schools and volunteers. In recent years, over 300 families have been assisted in the area by the generosity of the community, churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals.

On page 2, a Time Line is published for the Lions Holiday Giving Project. We expect to get the names of the thirty families mid-November that our club will serve. Please note that we have the opportunity to donate gloves, mittens and hats for children and adults and to purchase items to fill the Christmas Stockings for each family. The gloves and hats should be brought to the Holiday Party on Dec. 16 when we will trim a tree with them. A list for stocking fillers and the quantity needed will be available

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### Upcoming Events

**Nov 4** Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
**Nov 5-8** White Cane Around Town (Lion Wayne Marr)  
**Nov 11** Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
**Nov 18** Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
**Dec 2** Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
**Dec 5** Senior Birthday Party @ Sr Center (Sue Suddath)  
**Dec 9** Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
**Dec 16** Holiday Party – Spouse Night Damascus UM Church  
**Dec 17 - 20** Holiday Giving Project @Damascus UM Church

### Birthdays

#### Lions:

Nov. 4	Mary Frances Gosnell
Nov. 6	Tessie Gladhill
Nov. 6	Ivan Waldorf
Nov. 11	Jennifer Warfield
Nov. 12	Mike Thornett
Nov. 17	Tammy Hertel
Nov. 22	Carol Cook

#### Partners-in-Service

Nov. 4	Frann Peters
Nov. 10	Jessica Holpuch
Nov. 20	Karen Duplan
Nov. 21	Jonnie Jackson
Nov. 24	Naomi Marr

### Anniversaries

Nov. 22	Carol and Charles Stone
Nov. 24	Becky and Tom Ferleman

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### HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIMELINE

Dec. 2 Sign-up Sheet to volunteer for Delivery Teams and other duties.  
Dec. 2 Distribution of list of items needed to fill stockings that Lions can donate  
Dec. 3 Shop for children's clothes  
Dec. 16 Bring Mittens, stockings and hats for children to Holiday Party  
Dec. 16 Pickup foods from the schools. Lion Bob Newline will coordinate  
Dec. 17 7:30 pm - Sort canned goods at Damascus U M Church  
Dec. 18 1-5 pm Teams pack food boxes for families  
Wrap Children's clothing at Damascus U M Church  
Dec. 19 1-5 pm Teams pack food boxes for families  
Lions pack up all other items for delivery at Damascus U M Church  
Dec. 20 8 am Delivery Teams pack food boxes into their sleighs at Damascus U M Church and deliver to families  
Dec. 20 9:30 am Clean up and move surplus food to Help Food Closet

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Oct 14, 2014

### Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

**Those in attendance** – Barbara, Tony, Pasty, Tom, Julie, Martin, Mike, Tess, Joy, Warren, Mary Frances, Del, Ray M. (13)\*\* NO Marcia

**Minutes** from Sept: approved

**Treasurer's reports** – both club and foundation approved, no changes – Bank did not refund club \$15 for going under \$1500 minimum – they say they will credit us

Club: total income 1257.12, expenses 2764.64

Foundation: total income 880.40, expenses 621.99

We looked at Skate Park, Bench fund and cleanup Damascus monies – we are just holding tank for them, can't spend them however those in charge of Bench fund and cleanup Damascus are gone – money will sit dormant forever – Pasty knows some one on committee, she talk to them. We need to talk to Tom Didone about skate park money – High Way Clean up we lost the sign after Bethesda Church Road and before High School - no one in charge of committee

### Secretary's report- given by Tess then later by Mary Frances

Missing 7 people dues

Thank you from Sarah Arnold for comm fair coloring contest Barnes & Nobel gift card

\$220 check from Bob Evans for autism awareness – I assumed it is for Hyman dog, Autumn – I emailed him and his response was “This must be from the fundraiser Jill and the Leos did last year for us did Autumn. Jill has been trying to get the check from them for months.” – I asked him for “proof”

We are now a part of smile.amazon

We received a letter from Hero Dogs in Brookville thanking for support and asking for more money – we moved to send them \$100

### Committee Reports:

Pancake – meet Friday if you wish to help – Joy missing a few key people, we need staffing for Yard sale run by Julie, be there at 7 am, some of us volunteered to take shifts- I emailed Leo sponsors looking for Leos

Holiday Baskets – we moved to donate \$1000 to faith connections for the Thanksgiving meal, we are taking 30 families for Christmas as it is “business as usual”

### Old Business:

No status of Baker termination without Marcia

No status of By Laws

Peace Poster has been delivered to Carol Stone

I mentioned the Damascus Comm Fair banquet and how our recipient (child most entries) was not present so I invited them to Club meeting Tuesday Oct 21

### New Business:

Relay for Life May 9 – club would like to help out in some way

Friends of Library- asking for single membership \$15, Family \$25 – Mike knows someone there, and will talk to them (maybe they will present)

Julie Sain asked how she'd like to donate her \$50 for winning Emerson Slacum – donated it to Damascus Help

Adjourned 8:09

Minutes prepared by KL Barbara in Marcia's absence (...thanks, KL!!!)

### Holiday Baskets

at the December 2 meeting. Should you not be able to attend that meeting and would like to donate stocking fillers, contact Lion Mary Frances at [mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com](mailto:mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com)

The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club again organized a Jingle Bell Blues Toy Run and Concert held on November 1. The toys collected by the riders of the Jingle Bell Blues Run was enough to fill two pick-up trucks. It was an awesome collection!

Happy Thanksgiving!

### Fall White Cane Days: Nov 5-8, 2014

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Hello, Lions. Our Fall White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, November 5 and runs through Saturday November 8. That would be starting TOMORROW, if you are reading this on meeting night, November 4. In this Lions Tale, you will find the sign-up sheet as it stands currently. Please refer to this to be reminded of your upcoming White Cane shift(s).

There still are several unassigned shifts, as you can see from the sign-up sheet. If you are not already signed up to help, please see me at meeting night, or email me at [waynemarr@aol.com](mailto:waynemarr@aol.com) or call my cell: 301-237-3034.

Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser.

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
<b>Wednesday Nov 5</b> Manager:  Ken Phillips	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Sandy Gill
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Tom Jackson
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Tess Gladhill
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Tammy Hertel
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
<b>Thursday Nov 6</b> Manager: Tom Jackson	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Jack Peters
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Mike Thornett
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Ann Davis
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Woody Ward
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Julie Sain
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Barbara Barry
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Martin Carr
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Jerry Mallack
<b>Friday Nov 7</b> Manager: Del Mayhew	7:30am - 9:30 am	Whipp's Garage	Chris Fletcher
	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Tom Jackson
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Fran Burlas
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Wood Ward
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Snapp
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	John Washington
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Tom Ferleman
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Becky Ferleman
<b>Saturday Nov 8</b> Manager: Wayne Marr	7:00am - 9:00am	Red Rooster	Charlie & Marcia Holpuch
	8:15am - 10:15am	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway East	Carol Stone
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway West	Charlie Stone
	8:45am - 10:45am	CVS	Sue Suddath
	9:00am - 11:00am	Red Rooster	
	10:15am - 12:15pm	Tom & Ray's	Gary Rogers
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway East	
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway West	
	10:45am - 12:45pm	CVS	