



# Monty's Roar

The Newsletter of the Montgomery Central Derwood Lions

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December 2009

## The Roar Heard Round our Community

By Jeff Robertshaw

The last four months have seen the Montgomery Central Derwood Lions Club working like "busy beavers", (no pun intended) May 25th saw our Derwood Lions Club celebrate Memorial Day by marching in the annual National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. This event was witnessed by well over 300,000 people. Lionism was on display in person and on national television as Lions from all over the area accompanied by our beautiful float said emphatically "Lions Serve".

On Saturday, August 15, Lions conducted a Mobile Eye Screening at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds. Well over a hundred people had their eyes checked for vision problems. The following Monday, children between 1-5 years old also had their eyes examined in what we called "Pre-School Vision Testing." Lions finished off August on the "cool" side by ice cream dipping at the county fair. Despite a rainy few days each Lions club received \$1772.00.

Lions and our youth clubs, viz. Shady Grove Middle School Leos and Magruder High School Leos, marched in the Gaithersburg Labor Day Parade on September 7. The spectators greeted our Lions' efforts with enthusiasm.

We next participated in Gaithersburg's Olde Towne Days. The weather was pleasant as thousands listened to music from various countries and tasted delicious ethnic foods. Our Derwood Lions rolled out the red carpet for District Governor Bill Thomas on September 22 who visited us and brought us a challenging message, i.e. "by ourselves we can do little but working together we can do much." September 27 featured our "Big Band" and picnic at Paul Hassler's lovely home.

Despite unsettling economical times White Cane collected over \$800.00 dollars during the weekend of October 24-25. People open their hearts and pocketbooks when the cause is just and right. Our Citrus Fruit and Nuts Sales went over the top once again. We ordered approximately 216 cases of citrus. Delivery is expected around the 3rd or 4th of December. Our annual Canned Food Drive was an enormous success. All canned foods collected by our enthusiastic Leos and Derwood Lions will benefit Saint Martin's Pantry. Several hundred needy families show up each Monday for bags of food. Another canned food drive is scheduled for December 12 and 13.

In the past few years the Montgomery Central Derwood Lions Club has provided food for needy Montgomery County families before Thanksgiving and the religious holidays. We will continue this practice.

Entertainment books are available for sale. These books provide discounts for the hungry buyer. They sell for \$30.00 a book. CVS sells the same book for \$35.00. Ours is a "Steal." They make fine holiday gifts. Please support our fund-raising efforts.

Derwood Lions understand the importance of visiting other clubs. To date we have increased our Visitations. New ideas for fund-raising often come from our visitations to other Lions Clubs.

Finally, it is every Lions responsibility to invite prospective new members into our club. Not every prospective visitor will become a Lion, but we must remember that "together" we are more efficient than if we try to accomplish things alone. The Montgomery Central Derwood Lions Club "WELCOMES" our newest Lion - Lion Israel Bajarlia of Derwood Maryland. "Can you hear those Lions roaring their approval?" Congratulations, Lion Israel.

# Food Drive Success!



The Montgomery Central Derwood Lions Club held their 2nd Annual Canned Food drive on Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22 at the Crabbs Branch Giant. With the help of the Shady Grove Middle School Leos Club and the Magruder High School Leos Club some 50 large boxes of canned foods were collected for Saint Martin's Pantry in Gaithersburg, MD.

One could feel the "electricity" especially as young middle school Leos and high school Leos asked Giant shoppers to contribute cans of food to help the area's needy. As Leos and Lions have learned "togetherness" beats individual efforts. With spirits running high both Lions and Leos are looking forward to next month's canned food drive which is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13.

## Lions Club Holiday Party

We are coming to the end of 2009. As we look to celebrate our accomplishments and excitement about what 2010 will bring, join the Montgomery Central-Derwood Lions, family, and friends for our annual holiday party on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Montgomery Country Club. The MCC is located in Laytonsville: <http://www.montgomerycc.com>  
6550 Laytonsville Road  
Laytonsville, MD 20882 Phone: 301-948-5393

Please contact Lion Joe Pursel for more information, to help out, and/or to RSVP.



## **MONTGOMERY CENTRAL DERWOOD LIONS**

### **Board Meeting Minutes, Tuesday November 10, 2009**

**ATTENDEES:** Lions Jeff Robertshaw, Jack Waters, Jim Pope, Joe Pursel, Ken Twentey, Karen Buscemi Mike Planty, and Bill Duce. We had two guests, Israel Bajarlia and Charlie Kearse.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Board for the month of November was called to order by KL Jeff Robertshaw at 7:30PM.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted with no changes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Lion Joe Pursel presented the Administrative and Activity financial reports. These were accepted with no changes.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Charlie Kearse will speak to the board on Membership.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

White Cane – Lion Joe Pursel stated that we made \$846 from the Fall White Cane this year.

Entertainment Books – Lion Jack has Entertainment books. The cost is \$30.00 this year. Please sell them, he doesn't want any back.

Citrus Fruit Sale – Lion Jim announced that the Citrus sale could possibly be falling short of the 200 cases that we need. We need a big push.

Visitations – Lion Ken announced that we are off to a very good start. Have 7 visitations already, including 4 out of the region (extra points)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Canned Food Drive – The canned food drive will be at the Crabbs Branch Giant on Nov 21 & 22. Still need volunteers to fill our vacant spots. Please register to help with KL Jeff.. Also it was suggested that we hand out a flyer with a list of what foods are needed at the pantry (as well as some MCDL advertising about our club and deeds). Jim Pope stated that he could get some banana boxes for hauling away the food.

Community Holiday Outreach – Dec 19-20. Help KL Jeff in making Christmas a little nicer for some families who have fallen on hard times. Distribute food, toys and gifts. The board voted to give KL Jeff \$200 for this cause

Committee Budgets – The board reiterated the need to present a proposed budget to the board for approval prior to the treasurer being authorized to reimburse the committee Chairman for any expenses. This should be done for both Administrative and Community Service activities. An example was the Peace Poster expenses of \$7.50, plus potentially two \$50 bonds. Would this need board approval? The answer is yes, even though we had done it for years, it still needs approval. Lion Charlie, an outsider to MCDL, suggested we have an annual operating budget to cover normal expenses.

MCDL Sign - Lion Bill Duce proposed two solutions for a new sign. One solution was a new design with only a single pole. The second solution was a duplicate of the current design with two poles. The board voted on the two pole design and allocated \$100 for expenses

Meetings – It was suggested that we meet once per month at another location instead of the OTWC. The cost of two dinners is too much for some prospective new members. No action was taken on this suggestion.

Leos – Lion Karen stated that the Leos will be working with Lee Shaw on "Rebuilding Together" to help some disadvantaged family repair their home. She suggested we go together with another club to help defray some of the expenses.

Projects – Lion Mike stated that we need more projects (possibly one per month) in order to get more members. We need to do more than just collect money. Examples like the KL's canned food drive, the

KL's Community Holiday outreach, and the Leos working in "Rebuilding Together" are good examples of Lions in action. This is our best recruiting tool!!

### **Guest Speaker**

Charlie Kearsse spoke on Membership. Some suggestions were:

- Hold a Friendship dinner to get to meet new prospective members
- Have a Membership Night
  - o Have a New Member Packet with brochures and handouts
  - o Have a PowerPoint presentation explaining LCI, District 22-C, and our club and some of the activities we get involved with
- Combine Membership with community activities (\*\* Best way \*\*)
- When mailing out citrus requests, include a brochure about your club
- Canvassing local area businesses. Many have a 'community involvement' clause in their manager salary plan

KL Jeff adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 8th, at 7:30 PM. It will be held at Lion Karen Buscemi's home. All Lions are invited to attend.

## **New Derwood Lions Sign**

Check out the new Derwood Lions sign on the corner of Redland and Muncaster at the Exxon Gas Station. After 25 plus years the old sign was in disrepair and in need of a facelift. Thanks to Jim Walker to designing and building the new sign. Bill Duce and Mike Planty installed it on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>.

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# December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Meeting OTWC 7:00	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting 7:30	9	10	11	12 Food Drive
13 Food Drive	14	15 Holiday Party at MCC	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Birthday Lion Cris Rowse	25 Merry Christmas!	26 Susan Hughes (Tal) birthday
27 Anniversary Jim & Stephanie Baker	28	29	30	31 Birthday Lion Tom Rowse		

## NOTES



**Montgomery Central  
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**Monthly Meetings**


1st & 3rd Tuesday  
of each month

6:30 Social-  
7pm Meeting

At

**The Outta the Way Café**

Redland Shopping Center  
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