



# Monty's Roar

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LEOs and Lions working together in harmony at Celebrate Gaithersburg in Olde Towne.

## Celebrate Gaithersburg

By King Lion Mike Planty

The Derwood Lions and LEOs were out in force in Olde Towne Gaithersburg enjoying the sunny weather, music, and food at the "Celebrate Gaithersburg" day festival. We held our annual raffle with three prizes this year: a 42 inch plasma TV donate at cost by Best Buy, 2 tickets to the Redskins-Rams game (donated by Lion Jeff Robertshaw), and a Growlers brew master's dinner for 2 (\$150 value). Thanks to Lions Tim Watts and Tommy Rowse for pulling together such a great set of raffle items.

Our booth was located in front of Gaithersburg Rental and we thank the Chiswell's for supplying us with the electricity to run our TV and have the Redskins game on during the afternoon. A number of Lions helped out all day setting up and breaking down the booth, selling raffle tickets, and talking with the community.

The fundraiser netted just about \$500 after subtracting the cost of the TV (\$299). We sold almost 650 tickets the day of the festival in the 5 hour window between noon and 5 and had a pretty good presale among club members. This is an improvement from last year's take of about \$450 (\$700 minus the TV cost of \$250).

The winner of the plasma TV was Kevin Hendricks in our Derwood community just off of Snouffer School Rd. The winner of the Redskin tickets resides in Gaithersburg and the dinner was taken by a resident of Bethesda. The Lions would like to thank Best Buy once again for their generosity in supporting our Gaithersburg festival fundraiser. In addition, we had a couple of inquires about membership from a few Derwood residents. I have followed-up on one of these contacts and I'm sure we'll be seeing him in the coming months. Overall, between the fundraising, publicity and Redskins win, it was a great day for the Derwood Lions.



Lion Bill Duce at the raffle table. (All Pictures by Lion Mike Planty)

## LEOs at Shady Grove Middle School

On Wednesday, September 17th an informational meeting was held at Shady Grove Middle School to check interest by returning students as well as incoming 6th graders. Posters had been posted around the school as well as announcements made each morning promoting the meeting. Present were Lion Joe Purcell, returning school liaison Alison Brecher and myself. Mrs. Brecher and I will continue to run the LEOs and hopefully as I get into the year I will recruit additional parental help to co-lead. We had 41 students attend. Lion Joe showed a power point presentation to illustrate what LEOism is all about with a description of what Lions do as well. We passed out membership forms and discussed officer duties with the intent that we would hold elections at our next meeting which is to be held Wednesday, October 22nd. Mrs. Brecher says that many students have returned their forms already and seem very excited. We had some of the kids from last year get up and speak about what their favorite activity from last year was. Some loved visiting the soldiers at Christmas, some loved making scarves for the homeless, some liked making Valentine's Day dinner for the women's shelter and to no one's surprise many said they enjoyed ice cream dipping at the fair! I have purchased mountains of polar fleece and our October activity will again be making polar fleece scarves for the many children who come to Saint Martin's church for the coat drive held there. I have also ordered the Peace Poster kit and we are awaiting permission from the school board to Ok the students taking part in this endeavor. The Peace poster contest is sponsored by Lions Club International and open to all students ages 11,12 and 13. It is an art contest promoting peace in the world. We will need two Lion volunteers from our club to help judge the posters if the contest takes place. We feel like we are off to a great start and are going to strive to earn the Governor's award again this year!

On the Magruder High School front we have successfully found a liaison to support us within the school and have just received notification that we have the principal's permission as well. Ms. Jenny Foster Heller will be our liaison within the school and I will co-lead with her. We are checking our calendars to set up an informational meeting soon but just waiting for the madness of Homecoming to be over with first! We'll keep you updated on what unfolds at Magruder but several students have expressed interest including some of our 8th grade LEOs from last year.

Thanks for your continued support!!  
Lion Karen Buscemi

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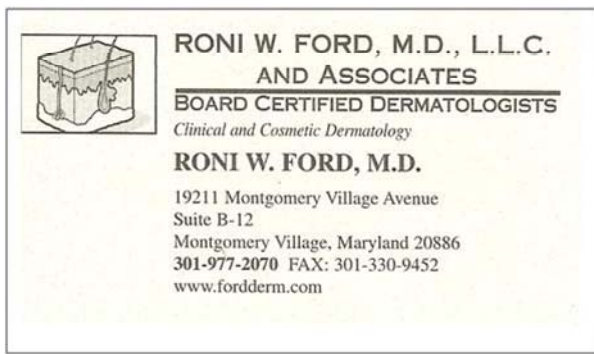
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# Montgomery Central Derwood Lions

## Calendar of Events

### October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Birthday Lion Naseem Ahmad	6	7 Regular Meeting OTWC 7pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting Lion Bill Duce's 7:30pm Birthday Lion Joe Pursel Anniversary Joe & Paula Pursel	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Regular Meeting OTWC 7pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Birthday Lion Ken Brace	

## Minutes of Board Meeting, Tuesday August 2, 2008

**ATTENDEES:** Lions Jim Pope, Tim Watts, Jack Waters, Mike Planty, Jeff Robertshaw, Bill Rowe, Tal Hughes, and Bill Duce.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Board for the month of September was called to order by the King Lion Mike Planty at 7:30PM.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted with one change to the date.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Lion Tal Hughes discussed the Administrative and Activity financial reports. Both were accepted

### OLD BUSINESS:

Audit – King Lion Mike and Lion Tal will get together on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> to audit the treasurer's books.

White Cane – Lion Bill Rowe has scheduled White Cane for Oct 18 and 19. He will also request the presence of some Leo's.

Dues – It was asked that the Secretary place the breakdown of the dues into the minutes.

### Montgomery Central Derwood Lions Dues 2008-2009

International	\$19.50 (August 2008) \$19.50 (January 2009 estimated)
MD-22C	\$17.53 (August 2008) \$ 3.68 (January 2009 estimated)
MCDL	<u>\$ 6.79</u>
Total	\$67.00

Mentoring Program – Lion Jeff Robertshaw will be meeting with Big Brothers to get more direction

### NEW BUSINESS:

Special Ed Teacher - A Special Education teacher from Roberto Clemente School asked for \$500 for a speaking machine. Board voted to table this until next month and invite the teacher to a general meeting so we could see the actual machine.

Montgomery County Fair Brick – The board voted to table purchasing a brick for the Montgomery County Fair Grounds.

Ag History Farm Park – Minnie Stubbs will be our next guest speaker (Sept 19) and will tell about future activities at the History Farm Park.

Band – The board voted to pledge a donation of \$200 for the Lions Band scholarships.

Baton Twirler – Casey , a baton twirler from Magruder High School will be visiting Peru as a guest of the Peru Lions. She asked our club to give her items that she could trade with the Peru Lions. The board voted to give her 40 Trading Pins to trade and a shoe box of full glasses to donate to the Peru Lions Glasses Recycling Program.

Hearing Aids – Lion Jim Pope said he has two requests for Hearing Aids. These are expensive as one pair can go as high as \$600 or more. Lion Jim said he would visit the Zone meeting Sept 17 to request assistance (\$100-\$200) from other clubs in our zone (Note: At the zone meeting all other clubs said they would take this back to their individual boards for a vote).

Glasses – Lion Jim received a request for eye glasses for someone from Derwood. It will be fulfilled.

Leos – The board voted to sponsor a 2<sup>nd</sup> Leo club from Magruder High School. This club along with the Shady Grove Leos will have a combined membership of 100+ Leos. King Lion Mike said he will come up with a budget for the sponsorships.

Leadership Training – Lion Jeff will be attending the Leadership Training at Camp Merrick , Oct 11 & 12. The board voted to pay Lion Jeff's entry fee of \$45.

Zone Meeting – Lion Bill Duce, acting as Zone Chairman, said he would ask all five clubs in the zone to participate in 1 new community program at the upcoming zone meeting. Please give Lion Mike any suggestions.

KL Mike adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at Lion Bill Duce's home. All Lions are invited to attend.

## From the King Lion's Lair

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The year has ramped up nicely and we have a number of activities underway. Thanks again to Lions Tommy and Tim in producing a great booth and raffle during Celebrate Gaithersburg Day. We have made tremendous strides with our Shady Grove LEO club and membership seems to be in very good shape (see Lion Karen's write-up in this newsletter). We anticipate the advent of our Magruder High School LEO club this year thanks to the hard work of Lions Karen and Tony Buscemi and Joe Pursel. I know they could use some more help so please feel free help out throughout the year. The LEOs afford us a number of opportunities to help within the community, but also provide a unique source for potential new members. LEOs have parents and we need to reach out to this group and invite them to see what we are all about. I am working with our membership committee, lead by Lions Bill Rowe and Tim Watts, to develop a form letter we can use to contact LEO parents. In addition, the membership committee is working hard on putting together a recruiting event this fall followed up with another in early spring.

I would like to thank our Treasurer, Lion Tal Hughes, for putting together the documents for our club's audit. Over the past week I was able to work my way through the last three years worth of deposits, withdrawals, and banking statements I am confident that our accounts are in good order. All accounts matched, are balanced, and monies appear to be correctly classified between the administrative and activity accounts. This is also a good time to remind each member that annual dues are due. Please contact Lion Bill Duce and be sure to pick up your membership card.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to cancel our fall Big Band Picnic this year. Lion Dale has taken the lead on working on ideas for a spring picnic so please contact him if you would like to help out.

Finally, at the last zone advisory meeting each president was charged with the task of creating a new club project. I have a number of ideas in mind but I would like to hear from each member. It can be any type of event but it must be something we have not done before (or at least in the recent past). It would be nice to think about involving the LEOS with this new activity and holding the event within the Derwood community (at the Agricultural Farm, for example). Please forward me your ideas and we can discuss at the next board meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> (Lion Bill Duce's house).

YIL,  
Mike

## Melvin Jones

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal,

they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, however, had other plans. "What if these men," he asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions Clubs earned

the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader outside the association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.



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get very far  
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## Montgomery Central Derwood Lions Melvin Jones Fellows

Donald King-1993  
Bill Chiswell-1994  
John Mohler-1994  
Ken Twentey-1995  
Jack Waters-1995  
Jim Pope-1996  
Paul Hassler-1997  
Larry Hawley-1997

Jim Walker-1997  
Ed Rowse-1998  
John Knight-1999  
Tony Koontz-2000  
Bill Hall-2001  
Roger Rowse-2002  
Tal Hughes-2003

Bill Duce-2004  
Ken Brace-2006  
Bill Rowe-2007  
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### White Cane Days

The Derwood Lions will be holding White Cane Days on Saturday and Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Shady Grove Giant. If you haven't done so already, please find some time to help out and volunteer. Contact Lion Bill Rowe for the schedule.



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