



The President's Message

Happy April 1st and Happy Spring!

As I look back to last year's April Lions Tale I see that our chickens were brand new. Now they are a year old and we are actually getting about 5 eggs a day! We do have one chicken that's determined to become a mother hen as she keeps hiding eggs. One day we found her "nesting" on a pile of 7 eggs in the corner of the coop!



Our March pancake breakfast appeared to be a huge success from my vantage point. Our big "flipper" was watching over us from her walker. We had a big crowd and actually ran out of some food. The bake table was packed with goodies and by the end of the day it was almost empty. Chris and I certainly enjoyed our 1/4 of Viola's famous coconut cake.

Don't forget about our District's 22C Night on April 18. The theme is Hawaiian luau so no need for formal dresses or 3 piece suits! This night honors our district Governor, Kelley Randolph. If you'd like to attend see Lions Marcia or Charlie Holpuch.

Start thinking about what committees you'd like to sign up for. I will bring the committee sheets to the next few meetings so feel free to put your name down for many committees. I think this year we need to focus on publicity. Maybe we all should be a part of that committee.

A few events to keep in mind, we have White Cane in May and our Golf Tournament in June. I know there are plenty of ways to help out with each event. We will celebrate our youth night on May 19 at DUMC. The following "meeting" will be our annual picnic - and this year's venue will be at Gladhill's in Frederick. Our Installation night will be June 16 at the Golden Bull in Gaithersburg.

Like I always say, keep your fellow Lions in your thoughts and prayers. If you haven't seen a member at a meeting in a while, give them a call. One of the best parts about being a Lion is fellowship. So please Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your Lion family.

Take Care!
KL Barbara

Pancake Breakfast Report

By Lion Joy Schwab

The spring Pancake Breakfast and Bake Table event was held Saturday, March 21, in the dining room at Damascus UMC from 7-11am. On Friday, March 20, the set-up helpers made the dining room ready; the kitchen helpers prepared the needed food. They were Lions Sue Suddath and Kenny Sue Robertson, Certified Kitchen Manager of DUMC.

Early Saturday morning the food and drinks were prepared. Bake Sale Table items were accepted. Helpers during the day were Lions Barbara and Tony Barry, Martin Carr, Ken Cook, Chris Fletcher, George Hibbard (and granddaughter), Charlie and Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Ray Molesworth, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Julie Sain, Joy and Warren Schwab, Roy Stanley, Sue Suddath, Jennifer Warfield, and John Washington. Also helping were Leos Erica Evans, Brandon Saunders, and Michelle Romero; Boy Scouts Gage North and Anton Hanger; and Cub Scouts Pack 438, Jean Panning, leader, with Maicel Panning and Connor and Stacy Stonich.

We served 234 for breakfast. The Bake Table received items and/or donations from Lions and Partners in Service. Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Ann Davis and Fran Burlas sold the many items. Bake Table profit was \$326. Profit from the breakfast was \$ 2, 121.35 with a total profit of \$2,447.35.

Special thanks go to all who helped.

Birthdays

Lions:

- Apr. 7 - Marcia Holpuch
- Apr. 7 - John Warfield
- Apr. 8 - Cindee Rogers
- Apr. 18 - Tom Jackson
- Apr. 27 - Barbara Devine

Partners-in-Service

- Apr. 11 - Jennifer Molesworth

Anniversaries

- Apr. 17 - Jerry and Jay Mallack

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
10 Mar 2015

Attendees: B. Barry, T. Barry, M. Carr, T. Gladhill, M. Gosnell, M. Holpuch, T. Jackson, P. McKenzie, R. Molesworth, J. Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, M. Thornett

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.
Club Treasurer Report: Approved. Foundation Treasurer Report: Approved.

Treasury Summary:

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Foundation</u>
Income Feb	1145	212
Expenses Feb	1174	454
Net Feb	-29	-242

Treasurer Tony noted that auction income will be essential to see us through the end of the year. Attendance at dinner meetings continues to be a concern. Letters will be mailed to all past due memberships.

A motion was passed to donate \$250 to Damascus Elementary School in support of their Read-a-thon as their youth night donation and in support of the International literacy initiative. A request was also received from the Damascus High School for \$200 in support of the Post Prom party.

Lion Joy has enlisted Kenny Sue to be the kitchen supervisor for the upcoming pancake breakfast. Volunteers are needed on all shifts for all duties. The bake table will need donations as well.

Youth Night will be May 19th at Damascus United Methodist Church.

Elections must be held at the first April meeting. A slate is being prepared for presentation at the next dinner meeting. Lion Joy does not feel healed enough to assume the duties of King Lion next year and an alternate must be found.

The District Advisory Meeting will be attended on Saturday by KL Barbara, Membership Chair Chris Fletcher and Secretary Marcia.

Lion Patricia reported that the current price for a bench is \$908 plus 230 shipping and 40 for engraving for a total of \$1,178. She will ask Gary Bellison if he would be willing to pay for ½ the cost of a bench and the club will

Upcoming Events

- Apr 7** Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC
- Apr 14** Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros
- Apr 18** District 22-C Night Dinner – Luau at Waldorf Jaycees (Lion Charlie Holpuch)
- Apr 21** Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC
- May 5** Dinner Meeting - Wesley Grove UMC
- May 6-9** White Canes - Around Town (Lion Wayne Marr)
- May 9** Relay for Life - VFD Activity Center
- May 12** Board Meeting - Gladhill Bros
- May 16** Damascus Art Show Damascus Recreation Center (Lion M. Thornett)
- May 18-21** Multiple District 22 Convention - Dover, DE (Lion Mary Frances Gosnell)
- May 19** Dinner Meeting – Youth Night - Damascus UM Church

buy 1.5 benches to be placed in front of Tom & Ray's. The club bench will be to honor all passed Lions.

Lion Mike reported that the Arts & Craft fair is a "go" with 35 vendors signed up so far. The recreation center fees have been waived for this event. Lions will be needed to volunteer in support of this joint effort with Faith Connections and the Thor Team. To date, Lion Mike has done all the work.

The picnic will be held at the Frederick Gladhill Brothers Museum in Frederick on Tuesday June 2nd. Lion Tessie has offered her facility and we will have the opportunity to see Lion Buck's collection in a more organized fashion.

Installation Night will be on Tuesday, June 16th at the Golden Bull unless another location is secured.

A donation request was received from Hospice Caring for their spring fundraising drive.

Lion Tessie reported that the theme for Celebrate Damascus this year is "The Wonderful World of Disney" whereupon we feverishly tried to think of the names of all seven dwarfs. Perhaps we should stick with 'The Lion King.' The celebration will be held on July 10-11th and will include the parade, flea market and pancake breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting
10 Feb 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry.

The minutes of the January meeting were amended to correct the amount of club expenses to be 1432 and approved. Club Treasurer Report: Approved. Foundation Treasurer Report: Approved.

Treasury Summary:

	Club	Foundation
Income Jan	3026	776
Expenses Jan	2404	192
Net Jan	622	584

Treasurer Mary Frances reported that a new version of QuickBooks that will run on her computer has a cost of \$380. The version the club owns is many years old and

will not run on current equipment. She has converted to using Quicken which she already had at no cost to the club. She also reported that there was a \$50 filing fee for the foundation 990-EZ tax filing due to the fact that gross receipts exceed \$25,000. Copies of the filing were available at the meeting as prepared by Lion Mike Thornett. Lion Mike also submitted the audit report for the Foundation for 2013/14. The audit report was accepted and approved. Club Treasurer reported that the International dues have been paid. Both reports were accepted.

KL Barbara attended the community meeting at Baker MS last month and felt that it went well with many organizations present in support of the youth of the community.

Damascus HS awards night is May 5th and our Youth Night is scheduled for May 19th.

Zone Chair Gary Burdette will hold a new member orientation on Thurs., Feb. 19th at the Germantown Community Center at 12900 Middlebrook Road at 7pm.

Speakers for the remainder of the Lion year have been secured.

Lion Patricia was not present to report on the current price for a bench.

Lion Tom Jackson reported that the Sign Committee met in January. We got all the dates we requested, to include Blood Drives, Pancake breakfast and the golf tournament.

Lion Dale Ryan has submitted the Damascus Lions Club for the Friends of the 4-H Award to be presented on February 21st at the fairgrounds. Julie Sain will attend as the club representative.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell also reported that LCOF President Gary Burdette donated 5 cartons of hearing aids to the University of Maryland that they will use to help the students become familiar with various technologies used in hearing aids.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

**Damascus Arts Festival
By Lion Mike Thornett**

A committee of Lion Wayne, Lion Mike, two local artists, and interested volunteers has convened several

times since December for the purpose of planning the upcoming "Arts Festival". Three Damascus non-profits are participating in the planning and implementation. They are:

- The Damascus Lions, whose share of the profits will be used for scholarships for needy youth
- Faith Connections, whose share of the profits will be used for scholarships for their successful GED students for the purpose of furthering their education
- Thor Teams Inc., whose share of the profits will be used for its mentoring and tutoring program for needy Damascus youth.

One other major participant is the Damascus Recreation Center which has arranged for our use of the Center facilities free of charge.

The event: Friday and Saturday, May 15 and May 16

- Thursday, May 14.....Lions mark the Rec, Center gym and social hall for the booth assignments
- Friday, May 15.....Art and Crafts vendors are welcome to set up their booths during the afternoon. There will be an invitation only reception for participants, dignitaries and sponsors from 6pm to 8pm on Friday, May 15. Fifteen original paintings of "Damascus as it is today" by David Terrar will be on display.
- Saturday, May 16.....The Festival from 9am to 5pm.

Other Notes: Currently 32 Artists and Crafters have registered. Many other details will follow

Since this is our first year, our expectations of financial rewards are very conservative. Therefore, spending the anticipated profits before actualization is ill advised.

Kites over Clarksburg By Lion Chris Fletcher

Below is a picture of Joanne Woodson and myself braving the elements at Kites over Clarksburg on Saturday, 3/28. It took over an hour after I got home for my toes to thaw out. It was COLD, but great weather for flying kites.

One of the ladies I talked to was a beneficiary of one of the holiday baskets a few years ago. She thanked the Lions Club again for our generosity and wanted to make sure we knew how very much her family appreciated everything that they received.

I did talk to a few other people and handed them the membership card with my phone number and the website on it.



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION NEWS

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Multiple 22 Convention will be held May 18 – 21 at Dover Downs, Delaware this year. This is the 93rd Convention for our Multiple Districts. The theme this year is "Strengthen The Pride"!

International President Joe Preston will attend our convention. This is great news! Also, the golf tournament is in a new location and is a super nice one. The pre-convention social entertainment will be a night club atmosphere with cash bar and live acts plus a pre-show and interlude DJ with dance lessons, if you want. It is going to be so much fun!

For the first time ever, we are doing a service project in conjunction with the convention. We are participating in World-Wide Service Week to help children. Each registrant is asked to bring a children's book to donate.

We will be voting on the International Delegate endorsement from our Multiple District. We have two candidates, PCC Dick Liebno and PCC Bob Muchow. The final decision will be at the International Convention in Honolulu!

For more information or to register for the Multiple District Convention, contact Mary Frances. We need to turn our delegate list in by April 15. The Damascus Lions can have 8 delegates. Time for our club to fulfill our quota for voting. We have a competitive election for 2nd Vice District Governor this year!