



DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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The President's Message

Hello Lions!

Well the summer flew by as expected. I feel like I should be more rested. Tony and I took a cruise around Hawaii (no "kids") and it was great. I believe it is a cruise the Stones have not been on! Then a month later we went to the Outer Banks and again, with no kids. I'm feeling the empty nest.



Damascus Days kept the Damascus Lions busy. Friday night many Lions helped out with the parade. This year I did not melt in the Lion suit because our number one helper, Erica volunteered to wear it! Saturday was another busy day with the flea market and the pancake breakfast. I think both events were well attended by Lions and customers.

The Keys game on July 20 was a blast. We had friends from Laytonsville and Rockville Lions there. This was the first year we had to stay 'til the bitter end and the Keys did win in the last inning.

Lions Marcia, Chris, Mary Frances and myself attended a District 22C Advisory Meeting on Saturday August 15 in Temple Hills. It is a long drive but the meeting was worth it. Sonia Wiggins started off the meeting with a quick zone meeting.

One of my favorite days of the year is the Tuesday of the Montgomery County Fair when the Damascus Lions Club's dip ice cream. The weather cooperated and we were BUSY. The seniors like to cash in their coupons for a free cone! I always have fun on ice cream day. I can't wait to hear the final reports from ice cream; they say it was one of the better years. A special thanks goes out to all of you for your help.

I also want to thank our Lions for helping out with the Mobil Health Unit (the "eye bus"). Lion Sandy Gill did a great job of getting plenty of coverage for Thursday. Unfortunately some of us could not attend due to John Warfield's funeral.

September 1 is our first meeting back "home" at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church. I hope every Lion wears their Lion's polo shirt (a solid black or white shirt will suffice if you do not have a polo) so we can gather outside Wesley Grove for a group photo. It will be

a busy night as we have some business to conduct and some ice cream to sample. Please try to attend this meeting.

We are quickly approaching the Damascus Community Fair on September 11, 12 & 13. There will be plenty of events for Lions to attend from popping popcorn to taking entries and even making our own ice cream! We will be doing a test run of ice cream making on Sunday August 30 at my house. We plan to make 2 or 3 different flavors so come on over, have some lunch and sample the ice cream.

Some people truly believe that the Damascus Lions Club is like their second family, I know I do. Please remind your fellow Lions of upcoming meetings and events. Also keep some of us in your prayers. Remember to Appreciate, Believe in and especially Care for our fellow Lions. Have a great rest of the summer!

KL Barbara

Amazon Smile

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

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Birthdays

Lions:

Aug. 11 – Tom Didone
Aug. 16 – Sandra Gill
Aug. 21 – Tom Ferleman
Aug. 21 - Charlie Holpuch
Aug. 25 - Patricia McKenzie
Aug. 27 – Sandeep Somaiya

Sept. 1 – Carol Stone
Sept. 2 – Ken Cook
Sept 10 – Suresh Malhotra
Sept. 16 – Cheryl Wyatt
Sept. 30 – Tony Allen

Partners-in-Service

Sept. 14 Melissa Washington
Sept. 15 Kathy Thornett

Anniversaries

Aug. 18 - Vi and George Hibbard
Aug. 31 - Joy and Warren Schwab

Sept. 5 – Barbara and Tony Barry
Sept. 8 - Del and Bonnie Mayhew
Sept. 20 - John and Melissa Washington
Sept 28 – Katie and John Holpuch
Sept. 29 - Wayne and Naomi Marr

Upcoming Events

Sept 1 - Dinner Meeting (Picture night) @ Wesley Grove UMC
Sept 8 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Sept 11- 13 - Damascus Community Fair @ DVFD Grounds
Sept 15- Dinner Meeting- Prospective Members @ Wesley Grove UM Church
Sept 17 - Blood Drive 1pm – 6:30pm @ DUMC
Oct 6 - Charter Night @ utch's Daughter- 581 Himes Ave, Frederick
Oct 13 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros
Oct 17 - Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UMC
Oct 20 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC

**Board of Directors Meeting
14 Jul 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Club Treasurer Report: Approved.

Foundation Treasurer Report: Not available at meeting time. Will be presented at August. meeting.

Treasury Summary:

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Foundation</u>
Income Feb	1295	-
Expenses Feb	2038	-
Net Feb	-743	-

A follow up email will be sent to Monocacy & Laytonsville clubs to join us at the Keys game. Approx. 50 tickets have been sold so far. Discussion regarding whether the funds should be club or foundation receipts. If all purchases are from Lions, it can remain with the club; however, if any tickets are purchased by non-Lions, then the funds must go to the Foundation. We will wait to see who ultimately purchases the tickets to determine where the income will go.

Assistance for non-scholarship winners is deferred to the August meeting.

The 2 benches will be ordered with discounted delivery fee by delivering at Gladhill. Plaques will be donated. This will exhaust the bench fund.

Proceeds from the Arts Festival were received from Lion Mike at \$484.61. There were 42 vendors and the event was quite successful for a first time function. A poll of the vendors will be made to gauge participation for next year.

Lion George Hibbard reported that about \$1575 was taken in at the pancake breakfast. Expenses were about \$500. Approx. 175 people were served, all appearing between 8 & 10am.

Our flea market sold the same number of booth spaces as last year. Booth vendors expressed a desire for access to food and restroom facilities during the day. These suggestions will be addressed by the Celebrate Damascus committee. 21 pairs of eyeglasses were received at the flea market. Total booth sales = \$420 and the sale of our own "fleas" netted an additional \$230. Thanks to those who helped for the pancakes and the flea market and participation in the parade.

Lion Bob Snapp has requested that funding for the Lion of the Year/s trophies be approved in time to make the presentations at Charter Night. Discussion of plaque vs. trophy took place and request that Lion Bob get price quotes and comparisons. Also discussed was the possibility of using a single trophy with a second plate installed on the base for those Lions who have received both awards.

The district advisory meeting is Aug. 15th. 4 attendees are needed to represent the club.

Our participation at the Community fair will include helping with exhibit check-in, fielding a team for the ice cream competition, popcorn give-away and possibly a flea booth if the cost is not prohibitive.

We will need to have a vote to replace Lion Wayne Marr as the 2nd VP for this year. PP Lion John Washington has stepped up to fill the vacancy. A 2 week notification must be sent to the full membership and will go out with the dues bills & directory mailing.

Coming up:

Dinner meeting on 8/4 at Montgomery UMC – Spouse Night – RSVP to Lion Tessie

Board meeting is Aug. 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
11 Aug 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry.

The minutes of the July meeting were not available.

Club Treasurer Report: Approved.

Foundation Treasurer Report: June & July reports were approved.

Treasury Summary:

	Club	Foundation <u>(June)</u>	Foundation <u>(July)</u>
Income	271	4635	3620
Expenses	885	800	4519
Net	-614	3835	-899

The student loan report was submitted. There remain only 2 outstanding loans for a total of \$3,284 and they are both in good standing. The report was approved.

The club will again sponsor the awards at the Community Fair for the most entries for the teen and child categories.

Two more donations were received in memory of Lion Dave Davidson. Those donations are being sent to LCI for the measles initiative in keeping with the wishes of his wife, Gail.

Resignations were received from Mary Kroll, Bernie Duplan and Vicki Dotterer. Bernie and Vicki resigned in good standing.

There will be training on the eye equipment this Thursday (8/13) at the fairgrounds from 6-8 pm. Lion Sandy has passes for workers on our screening day next Thursday (8/20).

Lion Tammy will need help loading the ice cream freezers on Wed. or Thurs. evening at 7pm. There will be 4 registers in the ice cream barn this year and credit card payment will be accepted. Ice cream workers who are not "Seniors" can get passes from Lion Tammy.

KL Barbara, Lion Chris, Lion Mary Frances and Lion Marcia will attend the Advisory meeting on Saturday in Camp Springs.

Lion Bob submitted anticipated expenditures for the Lion of the Year/s as \$90 for the trophies or \$60 for plaques. Expenditure approved to purchase 2 trophies at this time.

Lion Patricia reported that Cy would like to continue the bench program. An additional purchase request has already been received.

Popcorn for the fair will be purchased by Lion Mary Frances. Fair volunteers will be needed to man the popcorn booth throughout the weekend and to assist with exhibit check-in on Thursday evening. The cost of a booth for the club to sell our "fleas" is \$100 and determined to be too expensive to generate a profit. Lion Julie suggested that we consider a "fun booth" such as rings on bottles with trinket give-aways and/or goldfish. It is too late to accomplish such an activity for the fair this year, but will consider for next year. The ice cream competition is on Friday evening and a churning team needs to be finalized.

Mary Ellen Cotton is the new advisor for the DHS Leo Club.

Our next dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 1st back at Wesley Grove UMC and will be our annual photo night. RSVP for the meeting to Lion Tessie.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

It was a hot and busy day at the Montgomery County Fair on Tuesday August 18th 2015. It was senior day and the seniors were not going to miss out on all the freebies.

The Damascus Lions that came to help really stepped up and did a great job. I can't thank them enough for making it all work out. The Leo's clubs and partners in service did awesome. We were worried with the new age requirement that we were going to miss our middle school age volunteers however our 9th-12th graders did a great job. Everyone did an outstanding job. We all worked very, very hard. We had over 70 volunteers who worked over 250 hours.

I would like to thank Lion Steve and his dad Tom from the Rockville Lions Club. They ran the Ice Cream Parlor all week again this year. They did a great job. There are a few other people I would like to thank for making the Ice Cream Dipping go smoothly: lions Tony and Barbara Barry and Lion Ken Cook for stocking the freezers on Thursday night. The cash registers were new. However once you had a few minute training the ladies were able to run them like pros.

Thanks to my mom Virginia Hertel , Lions Christine , Mary Francis, Barbara, Patricia, Ronnie, Jerry, Dale, and Tessie, for working the cash registers all day long. Lion Ray, George, Tony, Tom, Kenneth and Bob helped Lion Tammy with the Leo's and behind the counter dipping. My daughter came to dip and clean and Lions Gary and Bob helped greet everyone. We had Mary Ellen Cotton , our new Damascus Leos Club Advisor come help dip. My dad was awesome at cleaning and stayed with my mom until closing. They are to be admired at 85 years old. I also could not do this without my wife, Tammy. She organizes the whole day with emails and phone calls. She then trains all the youth and Leos as they come in. She helps with all the little issues that come up during the day and always has a smile on her face.

As the day was ending and we were tired, Lions Charlie and Carol came as the clean-up crew. I would like to personally thank all the Lions that came out and helped. Even if I didn't mention your name, we still appreciated all your help .We even had Jonathon, the past Leo president for helping. It was one of the best days we have ever had at the fair. The Damascus Lions Club took in a total of \$11,033. 50. We sold 3,418 cones, floats, sundaes and shakes and 129 drinks. We don't know our profit yet however it was a great job at the fair and we had so much fun. What a great job we all did!!! Thank you.

70TH ANNUAL DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

By Mary Frances Gosnell

SEPTEMBER 11-13

Mark your calendars for the Damascus Community Fair - The fair is celebrating its 70th Anniversary, a tradition of agricultural heritage for young and old and promises a commemorative fair to embrace the past, the present and to look forward to the future.

Damascus Lions has offered free popcorn to the fair attendees for past 15 years, handing out approximately 2000 bags each year. We serve students on Friday morning as the schools bus them in to tour the fair. In the afternoon day care, young and old, visit the fair. Friday night, the public embark upon the fair grounds for the various activities; one being the Ice Cream Making Contest which the Lions are competing with a team and live entertainment. Saturday dawns with a Fun Run for kids and then animal shows and entertainment along with good food from the fire department members. In the evening is the Cake and Animal Auction which proves to be very profitable as well as interesting. Sunday brings forth more animal shows, the Grandparents Program and closing of the fair. A huge tent on the grounds houses vendors sharing their wares or introducing you to their services. All in All, there is something for everyone and beyond that - It Is All Free!!!

Lion Tess Gladhill needs help with the entries on Thursday evening from 4 to 9 PM.

The Popcorn Booth needs Lions to help with the popcorn, packaging it and greeting the fair goers with the handout from Friday until Sunday.

The Membership Committee needs your help in spreading the word about Lionism and our club.

The Ice Cream Team can always use some cheerleaders!

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Sept. 1 dinner meeting for all of you to tell us when you can lend a hand. Two and three hour shifts and you have served!

