



The President's Message

Greetings Damascus Lions!

As spring starts the Lions come out of hibernation and move into another busy year. First we start off with our new slate of officers. Hey maybe it's time YOU served on the board ! Also now is a good time to think about what committees you would like to be on for next year. Let Lions Joy, Marcia or Mary Frances know if you are interested in holding an office next year or wish to be on a committee.



The second meeting of the month is our in house auction on March 15. This is a great time to do a little spring cleaning and donate anything you no longer want or need. Maybe you would like to do a little cooking instead. Homemade goodies (cakes, pies, cookies, candy, jams & jellies) all bring in the big bucks at our auction. Perhaps you'd rather just visit your favorite "spirits" store. Those spirited gifts probably sell the best. Don't forget we love to buy tickets to sporting events, weekends at the beach, limo services, the use of a truck, etc. See Lion Marcia with your list of donations. Besides dues, this is the only income for the club administrative account. We appreciate your support.

On March 19 we have our pancake breakfast. Most of us typically participate in this big fundraiser. We have our favorite task and we all do it well. Lion Joy will definitely need help during the week preparing for this event. See Lion Joy if you can help out. Also don't forget to sell Pancake Breakfast tickets and to tell your friends and neighbors to attend. We always serve the best food. I love the potatoes!

Maybe now that it is warming up we will see more Lions at our meetings. Remember to contact those we don't see often and remind them of our events and perhaps offer them a ride to a meeting. I'm sure some of them would appreciate a card or a visit or even a home cooked meal. As always remember to Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your fellow Lions.

Happy March!
KL Barbara

Highway Cleanup

By Lion Tony Barry, Chair

On Saturday morning, February 20, 2016, eight (8) members of the Damascus Lions club and one volunteer in service participated in a trash cleanup of Valley Park Drive. The Lions Club "Adopted" the one mile stretch of Valley Park Drive between Ridge Road (Rt 27) and Woodfield Road (RT 124) as part of the Montgomery County Adopt A Road (AAR) program. Montgomery County has posted signs on our adopted roadway which clearly identify the DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB as being responsible for the roadway. The signs are excellent publicity for the Lions club and one of them is clearly visible from busy Rt 27. Part of our responsibility is to perform a road cleanup six (6) time per year, and to report to the county after each cleanup, identifying how many volunteers we had and how much trash we picked up. The AAR chair, Lion Tony, has sent the report to the county informing them that we picked up five (5) large garbage bags of trash. The following lions participated in the event on Saturday morning: Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry (AAR Chairman), Lion Del Mayhew, Lion Tom Jackson, Lion Bob Snapp, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Joe Howerton and his son Ben, Lion Warren Schwab, and Lion Ray Molesworth

The weather was beautiful and the recently melted snow revealed a lot of interesting trash items on the roadway, including an office chair, a mattress and an unopened can of Stella Artois beer. Fun was had by all.

Our next scheduled road cleanup will happen in the Spring.

Mom Hardy's 100 Birthday

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

I invite the Lions to participate in a Card Shower for Mom's 100th birthday on March 8. She is holding her own for the first 100 years – will see how the next one goes!!! She always enjoyed coming to the Lions meetings and talking with all of you. You are special folks to her!

Cards can be sent to Mrs. Irene P Hardy, Lorian Assisted Living, 713 Midway Ave., Apt. 207, Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

Thank you for being so thoughtful.

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Upcoming Events

Mar 8 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.

Mar 15 - Dinner Meeting - In-House Auction @
Wesley Grove UMC

Mar TBD - Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UMC

Apr. 5 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC

Apr. 12 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.

Apr. 16 - 22C Night @ Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD

Apr. 19 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC

May 5 – Dinner Meeting: Youth Night @ DUMC

May 4-7 – White Canes around town

May 10 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.

May 16-19 – Multiple District Convention in
Hagerstown

May 17 – Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC

May 19 – Blood Drive @ Damascus UMC

Birthdays

Lions:

Mar. 1 – Bobbie Warfield

Mar. 4 – Woody Ward

Mar. 10 – George Hibbard

Mar. 28 - Jack Peters

Mar. 29 – John Holpuch

Partners-in-Service

Mar. 19 - Sue Phillips

Anniversaries

Mar. 14 - Tom and Jonnie Jackson

Mar. 30 - Jack and Frann Peters

Multiple District 22 Lions Convention in Hagerstown!

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Lions – now is your opportunity to attend the 2016 Multiple 22 Lions Convention. It is only an hour away and you can attend for the entire time or one day! It will be held May 16- 19 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center on the Dual Highway in Hagerstown

Tuesday is a busy day with Opening Session at 9 AM followed by the Melvin Jones Luncheon, cost \$ 32.00, Seminars, an Open Discussion with the International President (a must) and the Multiple District Banquet (cost \$43.00) where the International President will speak and present awards. Wednesday's schedule includes the Memorial Service, District Meetings, and a Hospitality Night. Thursday is the final District Meeting and the Election of District Officers.

Whether you elect to attend a one day session or the entire event, you need to register. See Lion Mary Frances for more Convention information. Reservations must be in by April 10.

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
9 Feb 2016**

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

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

The minutes of the January meeting was approved.

Club Treasurer Report: Approved.

Foundation Treasurer Report: Approved.

Treasury Summary:

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Foundation</u>
Income	492	1762
Expenses	1330	712
Net	-838	1050

District and International dues have been paid.

Lion Mary Frances reported that the membership policy states that a prospective member attend 2 meetings and/or activities prior to joining the club. The meal policy will be modified to show that the club will pay for one meeting and the installation meeting for a prospective member.

KL Barbara encouraged us to look at the web page to see the updates made by Lion Cindee Rogers.

Lion Tom Jackson reported that the sign committee met and we will have the sign for all requested dates except the fall Pancake breakfast.

Discussion regarding assisting the Mt. Airy Lions with the flea market and/or carnival. Determined at this time to query the members if they would commit to a shift for the carnival and if there is sufficient interest, KL Barbara will talk with Lion Ben Gue and see exactly what can be done. Any proceeds from this work would be Foundation funds. Lion Marcia will send the question to the club in an email.

The District Advisory meeting is scheduled for Sat., March 5th and the Leadership weekend is the weekend of Feb. 20th. Relay for Life is moving back to Damascus High School and is scheduled for Sat., June 4th. Lion Marcia will attend the Relay Rally at DUMC on Feb. 25th.

Lion Barbara has heard of a service project done in 22-W for Children of Incarcerated Parents (CoIPP) that provides local children with blankets. Lion Patricia will

check to see if a similar program exists in Montgomery County.

The New Market Lions will be holding a cash bingo fundraiser this Saturday, the 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

SPRING PANCAKE, SAUSAGE AND SCRAMBLED EGG BREAKFAST

By Lion Joy Schwab, Chair

Mark your calendars for March 19 - Time for the Spring Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast is from 7 am to 11 am and we need many hands to make it happen, starting as early as 5:30 Saturday morning. There is a job for everyone from cooking in the kitchen, keeping food available on the buffet, to seating and serving guest, making a donation to the Bake Table and helping with the cleanup. And even doing prep work on Friday, the 18th! Lions can sign up for a time slot at the March dinner meetings. We need all hands on board to make this project work. Advance tickets are available from Lion Joy and she encourages you to sell, sell, sell!

So make sure you do your part in helping with flipping the pancakes whether it be in the kitchen or in the dining room or making something for the bake table by contacting Lions Joy Schwab or Sue Suddath.

Make it a fun day and a day to connect with your fellow Lions while sharing our rewards to benefit our Damascus Community. WE SERVE! In more ways than one!

Sign Committee Report

By Lion Tom Jackson, Chair

The Community Sign Committee met on January 29. The Lions were allocated all requested dates with one exception. We have the week of 3/13-19 for the Spring Pancake Breakfast, the week of 5/14-21 for the second blood drive at DUMC, the week of 5/22-28 to advertise the annual golf tournament, and the week of 10/2-8 to advertise the Fall Pancake Breakfast which does not occur until the following Saturday, Oct. 15.

2016-2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President	Joy Schwab
1st Vice President	John Washington
2nd Vice President	Chris Fletcher
3rd Vice President	Patricia McKenzie
Secretary	Tom Jackson
Assistant Secretary	Ken Phillips
Club Treasurer	Del Mayhew
Foundation Treasurer	Mary Frances Gosnell
Tail Twister	Charlie Hertel
Assistant Tail Twister	Tony Barry
Lion Tamer	Martin Carr
Assistant Lion Tamer	Warren Schwab
Chaplain	Ken Phillips
1 year Director	Ray Molesworth
	Tammy Hertel
	Charlie Stone
2 year Director	Tess Gladhill
	George Hibbard
	Sue Suddath
Membership Committee	
1 year Director	Marcia Holpuch
2 year Director	Ann Davis
3 year Director	Julie Sain
Permanent Director	James Belcher
Immediate Past President	Barbara Barry