



## The President's Message

King Lion Barbara was in Ireland this past week, chasing leprechauns. So there is no president's message this issue.



## DAMASCUS LIONS NEW SCHOLARSHIP

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

The Board of Directors voted several years back to discontinue the Student Loan Program.

The Principal paid back on these loans has been kept in a Student Loan Principal Fund and there is one student loan outstanding. During the 50 plus years of the program, the Lions had one loan that defaulted some years ago. The fund was originally started and funded by Damascus Motor Company in honor of its Comptroller Lion Basil Burdette.

Thus, the Scholarship Committee created a special Scholarship Program to recognize *Unique Achievement* for graduating seniors in the Damascus/Clarksburg Cluster. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000 each and will cover expenses of books and/or necessary equipment required for continuing education. Up to three scholarships may be given in a year. The requirement is submission of a 500 word essay entitled "*My Journey*" explaining the applicant's response to a particular hardship and how that struggle has brought the student to where they are today.

Applications may be obtained for the Lions Club web site or from Mary Frances Gosnell. Applications are due by April 15 and will be presented at the Club's Youth Night and at the school's Awards Night.

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## Pancake Breakfast

From Lion Joy Schwab, Chair

Our pancake breakfast was a great success. We served 275 people, which is probably the most we've

served in years. Our gross take was \$3059.50. After expenses we netted \$2070.89 of which \$439.50 came from the bake table. Thank you, Lions, for all your hard work in making this such a successful endeavor.

One of our customers was "Mom" Hardy who recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## Preschool Vision Screening

By Lion Ken Phillips, Chair

On March 4, 2016 Lions Ken Phillips, Fran Burlas and Woody Ward conducted a preschool vision screening at Pleasant Plains Preschool in the Damascus UMC. During the morning, 22 children were screened with none of the children referred with detected vision problems. There is another screening scheduled for April 11 at the preschool in the church in Nealsville on Rt. 355. Also, we are still working to schedule a screening at Montgomery UMC sometime in April. If you want to help, contact Lion Ken Phillips.

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### Upcoming Events

Apr. 12 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
Apr. 16 - 22C Night @ Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD  
Apr. 19 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC  
May 3 – 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  
June 6 - Golf Tournament @ Glade Valley GC  
June 7 - Dinner Meeting - Family Picnic TBD  
June 14 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
June 21 - Dinner Meeting - Installation Night TBD

### Birthdays

#### Lions:

Apr. 7 - Marcia Holpuch  
Apr. 8 – Cindee Wolford  
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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### Multiple District 22 Lions Convention

By Mary Frances Gosnell

Lions – now is your opportunity to attend the 2016 Multiple 22 Lions Convention. It's only an hour away and you can attend for the entire time or one day! It's being 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.

Should 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

Secretary Marcia was also on vacation this past week, so no board minutes this month.

### Spring White Cane Days: May 4-7, 2016

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Hello, Lions. Our Spring White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, May 4 and runs through Saturday May 7. For those of you at our April 5 Lions dinner meeting, you will see the signup sheet as it is passed around the tables. A copy of the signup sheet is also included in this Lions Tale. Please put your name down for at least one two-hour shift. Also, anyone may call me (301-237-3034) or email me ([waynemarr@aol.com](mailto:waynemarr@aol.com)) at any later time to sign up for a shift. As you know, this fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion. Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult.

With Tom & Ray's moving from its location of many decades, our usual schedule necessitated some changes. The new Hornet's Nest restaurant (located where Tom & Ray's used to be) has agreed to participate with the Lions for White Cane; so we have one lunchtime shift there on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Saturday morning, we will have one "Tom & Ray's" shift outside of Main Street Pollo (a restaurant at 9871 Main St. where Tom & Ray's is currently serving breakfast. It is located in the same business strip where Tom & Ray's used to be).

Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years. Here's a picture from many years ago, of two Lions and a White Cane contributor outside the old Tom & Ray's Restaurant.

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**



## Spring 2016 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>May 4</b> Manager: Ken Phillips	11:30am - 1:30pm	Hornet's Nest	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>May 5</b> Manager: Tom Jackson	11:30am - 1:30pm	Hornet's Nest	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
<b>Friday</b> <b>May 6</b> Manager: Del Mayhew	7:30am - 9:30 am	Clarksburg Liberty	
	11:30am - 1:30pm	Hornet's Nest	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>May 7</b> Manager: Wayne Marr	7:00am - 9:00am	Red Rooster	
	8:15am - 10:15am	Tom & Ray's	
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway East	
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway West	
	8:45am - 10:45am	CVS	
	9:00am - 11:00am	Red Rooster	
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway East	
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway West	
		10:45am - 12:45pm	CVS