



## The Immediate Past President's Message

I was looking at my first acceptance speech, I spoke of my Fore mothers and what kind of President I might evolve into. Well, 3 years later, I think I just evolved in to



being *me*. As a teacher I am familiar with different teaching strategies. In most traditional classrooms the teacher is the central figure, the "Sage on the stage", the one who has the knowledge and transmits that knowledge to her students. The Students are passive learners rather than active ones. In contrast, the more contemporary teacher functions as the "guide on the side" by facilitating learning in less directive ways. As King Lion I think I have evolved into the "Guide on the side". Thanks to you, we have increased the number of our preschool vision screenings. We have resurrected the High Way Committee. We even have a new community service, our Damascus Shred. Let's hope it continues in the years to follow. Of course we still have our successful fund raisers such as our Golf Tournament, pancake breakfasts and White Cane. The idea behind being Guide on the Side is that it should not involve one person acting **on** another, but rather people working **with** each other. I believe we've done that well these past 3 years.

I just want to say "Thank you" my fellow Lions for the honor of serving in the proud tradition as King Lion. I hope my motto continues on and the Damascus Lions will always Appreciate, Believe & Care and Remember, "We Serve"

## The President's Message

As my initial message, I wanted to include my inauguration speech: how it has touched my life and what I plan to achieve in the coming year.



The Damascus Lions Club has touched my life in many ways! How!

- my Dad, Grandad, Uncle were Charter Members
- waitress each month at dinners at DHS
- attended Youth Halloween and Valentine Party

- attended a Fundraiser - Shot Gun Wedding, all Lions; my Dad-Mother of the Bride, dressed in large brimmed hat and high heels, wow!
- helped Mother and others prepare and serve dinners at DUMC
- Summer swimming lessons, transported by School Buses
- Later cousin Lion Uncle Cleve decided that we needed a Pool in Damascus; each Lion family bought a membership. (The Pool is still there.)
- Dad volunteered me for a Miss Pancake Contest; I was the youngest and rather embarassed. I was 13 and they were 16 years old, but I did it. Some girl entered just before the contest and won.
- Damascus Carnival in July, Lions had the Bingo stand; played a lot.
- Later, Lion Bob Newlin asked Warren and I to a Breakfast to talk about Lions.
- We joined.
- We have spent 11 years involved in Lions activities.

Now it's my turn to serve as President/King Lion!

I have a Literacy project in mind - more to come.

At Convention there was a workshop on Getting to Know each other better. You may have some ideas on achieving this goal, let me know.

I can't do this without your help!!

LET'S SERVE TOGETHER!

Lion Joy.

## Message from your Editor

By Lion Tom Jackson

After 20 years of editing the monthly newsletter, this is my last. It's been interesting, to say the least. Starting with the August edition, IPP Lion Barbara will be your new editor. I wish her every success and hope she has as much fun as I have had.

I went back to my first year, 1995-96, to see what was going on back then. Guess what, the technology has changed so much, I can't even open the files anymore! Anybody have a 1995 version of Word Perfect around?

Anyhow, good luck to Lion Editor Barbara.

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## Birthdays

### Lions:

July 4 – Rick Kendal  
July 6 - Jim Belcher  
July 13 - Joy Schwab  
July 18 - Bob Snapp  
July 24 - Ken Phillips  
July 30 - Tony Allen

### Partners-in-Service

July 6 - Vi Hibbard  
July 8 - Peggy Sicotte

## Anniversaries

July 1 - Jennifer and Ray Molesworth  
July 4 – Woody and Fran Ward  
July 11 – Nick and Jessica Holpuch  
July 26 – Cheryl and Joe Wyatt

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## News about The Club

Until the new roster books are out, make the following changes in your books.

Fran Burlas' new address: 804 Parade Lane, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Cindee Wolford's address is: P.O. Box 151, Monrovia, MD 21770 Her cell phone number is her home phone number: 301-414-5414

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## Upcoming Events

July 5 Dinner Meeting @ Gladhill Bros  
July 12 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
July 7 Senior Birthday Party @ Senior Center  
July 8 Celebrate Damascus Parade @ High School  
July 9 Flea Market @ Damascus Motors  
July 9 Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus UM Church  
July 21 Keys Game  
  
Aug 2 Dinner Meeting @ Montgomery UM Church  
Aug 9 Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros  
Aug 16 Ice Cream Dipping @ Mont County Fair  
Aug 18 Sight & Hearing Testing @ County Fair  
Aug 25 Blood Drive @ Damascus UM Church

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
21 Jun 2016**

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

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

The minutes of the May meeting were approved. Thank yous were received from Damascus Elementary School, Clarksburg Helping Hands 4-H, and Michael Manfredi in response to funds distributed at Youth Night.

**Club Treasurer Report:** Approved.

**Foundation Treasurer Report:** Approved.

**Treasury Summary:**

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Foundation</u>
Income	1185	2586
Expenses	1902	5181
Net	-717	-2595

Budgets for both the Club and the Foundation were approved. The club budget has a net gain of \$81 and the Foundation with a net loss of \$6505. Lion Mary Frances noted that the District approved a \$.50 increase in dues and that will reduce our club gain without an increase in the club dues charged to members.

Payments in support of program speakers this year were approved as follows: Operation 2nd Chance, 200; Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept., 200 Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 200, 4-H, 50. Additional support approved for: Special Olympics, \$250; Damascus Heritage Society, \$250.

We have received a request for a nomination from the Visiting Angels for a person worthy of community recognition. The presentations will be made on July 8th at the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn. Lion Julie Sain will handle our nomination.

**Past month activities:** KL Barbara attended the Memorial Day service at the American Legion and marched in the National Memorial Day parade. We provided hearing and vision screenings with the MHU from the District at the Damascus Relay for Life; Lion Chris Fletcher assisted with the event for the duration.

We will get a block of 100 Keys tickets for the July 21st game. They will be available for sale at the flea

market and the pancake breakfast during Celebrate Damascus.

Upcoming activities: Celebrate Damascus parade is on Friday, July 8th, and the pancake breakfast is on Saturday, July 9th from 7 - 10am.

One final expenditure was approved to pay for the repairs to the large capacity coffee pot at Damascus United Methodist Church. Our interest in the repair was to provide adequate coffee for the pancake breakfast. Making one 10-cup pot at a time is onerous. Lion Joy had paid for the repair and we will reimburse her in the amount of \$397.40.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

**Report from the Sight Conservation Committee**

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

For the 2015-2016 year, your Damascus Lions Club provided financial assistance to seven Damascus and Clarksburg citizens so that they could receive eye examinations and/or purchase glasses. Two individuals are still awaiting their glasses. The other five were assisted at a total cost to our club of \$642.18.

We help needy citizens obtain eye appointments and glasses if they reside in the Damascus/Clarksburg area and they can explain why they need financial assistance from our club. Individuals from outside our Damascus/Clarksburg area are referred to other Lions clubs. Our club helps in three ways:

1) if the individual receives Medicaid and does not have a current eyewear prescription, we refer him/her for an eye examination with an optometrist that accepts Medicaid. Medicaid pays for the appointment. Then, with the new prescription, we send him/her to Eyeballs in Damascus to be fitted for glasses. Eyeballs bills the Lions Club directly for the glasses.

2) if the individual does not receive Medicaid and does not have a current eyewear prescription, we refer the individual to Mt. Airy Eyecare Center for both an eye examination and glasses. Mt. Airy Eyecare bills the club directly.

3) if the individual has a current prescription and just needs glasses, we refer him/her to Eyeballs. Eyeballs bills the club directly.

Mt. Airy Eyecare Center and Eyeballs provide our club with reduced pricing. For eyewear, they often just charge us for the costs they incur from their suppliers.

### **Celebrate Damascus Days 2016**

By Lion Tessie Gladhill, Chair

Damascus the town is 200 years old. We are having a parade on Friday July 8, 2016 @ 6pm.

The lions have decided to be in the parade, so if you would like to ride on a wagon or walk the parade please show up at the Damascus high school around 6:00 to 6:30 for the line up on the 8th. If you would prefer to not be in the parade you still can come and watch the parade along RT27 and Lewis Drive to the activities center and old carnival ground where chicken dinner is served from 5pm to 8pm by the fire dept.

On Saturday July 9, the lions are having a pancake breakfast at Damascus United Methodist Church from 7am to 10am. Please contact King Lion Joy if you can come to help at any time even on set up on Friday. If pancakes are not your thing the lions are hosting a flea market again this year, but it will be back at the Damascus Motor Company. On Saturday the 9th set up help is needed to man the Lion's booth of goodies. Set up starts at 6am. Contact Lion Tess if you can help. We will also be marking off spaces on Thursday July 7th at 7pm at the Damascus Motor Company on the parking lot on the south side. Contact Lion Tess if you can help!

### **Let's go to the Ballgame**

By Tessie Gladhill, chair

After all that work lets have a little fun & raise money too. As a fund raiser we have 100 tickets to sell to the Frederick Keys VS Salem Red Sox on Thursday July 21. This will be an easy fund raiser no work involved. Tickets are \$9 each. This is in place of our second July meeting so please come out and support your lions club. Contact lion Tess if you need tickets.

### **Road Clean-up**

By Lion Tony Barry, Chair

On Saturday morning, June 18, 2016, six (6) 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) times 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 (1) large garbage bag of trash.

The following Lions participated in the event on Saturday morning; Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry (AAR Chairman), King Lion Barbara Barry, Lion Del Mayhew, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Joe Howerton and his son Ben and Lion Ray Molesworth

The weather was beautiful and it only took the industrious lions about 30 minutes to clean up the roadway. Our bi monthly cleanups are really showing and have resulted in less and less trash appearing on our stretch of road. Fun was had by all.

Our next scheduled road cleanup will happen in August and I hope to build momentum so we can increase club participation in this community betterment activity.