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## The President's Message

October is here. Congratulations to our newest LION, John Ampia-Addison. He was inducted at our September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting by PDG Dee Hawkins. John is the pastor at

Wesley Grove United Methodist Church, as well as other small churches in the area. Welcome Pastor John. PDG Dee Hawkins presented the program- Challenge 100 making a difference with YOUTH, VISION, HUNGER and ENVIRONMENT projects. We need to work on these.

October 4<sup>th</sup> at Charter Night we will be celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> years of service to the community. I look forward to seeing you at Dutch's Daughter in Frederick.

October 15<sup>th</sup> is the Pancake Breakfast. This is usually the largest gathering and the most successful fundraiser. Lots of help is needed in the kitchen, at the Steam Table, Dining Room, Bake Table, Dishwashing, Set-up, and Cleaning up. Tickets are available to sell or buy some and give them to others. For Tickets contact King Lion Joy 301-253-3294. King Lion Joy

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### Damascus Community Fair Entry Night

On Thursday Sept. 8 our lions club showed their support to the community by coming out and helping take entries at the Damascus Community fair. I wish to thank Lions Chris, Mary-Frances, Dale, Patsy, Sandy and partner in service Fran Peters for all the hard work that they did. The fair entries were down by about 80 people. We had Vegetables, Baked Goodies, Canned Products, Art, Photos, Sewing, Woodworking, & Electric products. There are many talented people of all ages in our community & the fair gives them a chance to show it. There still was a good display at the end of the night when everything was put in place. Lion Tessie Gladhill

## Ice Cream Churning-Sept 9

The Damascus Lions had a great turn out for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Ice Cream Churning contest at the Damascus Community Fair. There were 9 teams of experienced churners including our rivals, Gladhill Brothers. Lions who showed up to churn were Lion Chris Fletcher, Lion Ken Phillips and partner-in-service Sue, Lions Barbara & Tony Barry, Lion Del Mayhew, Lion George Hibbard, Lion Marcia Holpuch and Lion-to-be Neville Levi. We chose to go with Lion Marcia's Aunt's famous ice cream recipe and try a nice fall flavor, Apple Pie Crumb ala Mode! We churned for about a half hour and then unveiled one of the best flavors so far (in my opinion). People gathered for miles to sample our magnificent creation! Soon the judges called out the winners starting with 5<sup>th</sup> place. Then 4<sup>th</sup>, then 3<sup>rd</sup>, then 2<sup>nd</sup>.



By now we knew we won it! Everyone said ours was the best. And finally first place went to the Damascus 4-H for their raspberry Cheesecake! We couldn't believe our ears! We actually won nothing this year, not even the green participation ribbon! Congrats to Tessie and Gladhill Brothers for winning 4<sup>th</sup> place with their peppermint ice cream. It was very tasty. Next year we'll win 1<sup>st</sup> again- so start thinking of your winning flavors!  
Lion Barbara Barry



## Greeting Fair Goers with Popcorn at the Fair

"Help yourself to a bag of popcorn, courtesy of the Damascus Lions Club!"

That was the "hawk" for the Damascus Community Fair Weekend resulting in giving out some 1700 bags of the best popcorn in town. The weekend resulted in a collection of eye glasses, inquiries about of Medical Loan Closet, promises to attend the Pancake Breakfast, questions about our Blood Drive and 4 fair goers actually signing up wanting to know more about Lions!!! One of them was awarded the basket of goodies that we gave away valued at \$100. The basket contained a \$25 Gift Certificate for Mary Kay Products courtesy of Lion Marcia Holpuch, a Lions mug donated by IPP Lion Barbara Barry and some goodies and a Longaberger Basket donated by Lion Mary Frances Gosnell. The happy recipient was awarded the Basket of Goodies before the Board Meeting on Tuesday night, the 13th. Although the fair attendance and exhibits were down from previous years, the Fair Board deserves a salute for the great work in putting on the 71st Damascus Community Fair. Quite a feat for an organization of all volunteers! The weekend used 17 Lions, taking 147 hours to their time, touching at least 1700 people and costing the Lions \$ 270 with supplies left for another year. Thank you to all the Lions who gave of their time for the weekend, some taking in some of all the three days. When the call is made for much needed help, you rally! Thanks to all!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fall White Cane Days: November 2-5, 2016

Hello, Lions. Our Fall White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, November 2 and runs four days through Saturday, November 5. For those of you attending our October 4th Lions Charter Night, you will see the signup sheet as it is passed around the tables. Please put your name down for at least one two-hour shift. Also, anyone may call or text me (301-237-3034) or email me (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. We have eliminated the week-day Hornet's Nest shifts, since they didn't do well last Spring. On Saturday morning, we again will have one "Tom & Ray's" shift outside of Smokehill. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years.

Lion Wayne Marr





## Where to Go to Drop off Eyeglasses

1. Eyeballs  
26035 Ridge Road, Damascus
2. Damascus Opticians  
26135 Ridge Road, Damascus
3. Damascus Library  
9701 Main Street, Damascus
4. Montgomery County Eye Care  
702 Russell Ave, Suite 105  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
5. Damascus Volunteer Fire Department  
26334 Ridge Road, Damascus
6. Sandy Spring Bank  
26250 Ridge Road, Damascus
7. Harwood House Thrift Shop  
Rt. 124&108

## Time to Celebrate

### October Birthdays:

Donna Feuillet	10/1
Barbara Barry	10/4
Ray Molesworth	10/8
Chris Fletcher	10/26
Charlie Stone	10/30

### Partners in Service

Tom Kish	10/28
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### October Anniversaries:

Ray & Peggy Sicotte	10/3
Jenny Redifer- Allen	10/19
Marcia & Charlie Holpuch	10/25 36 years
Tom & Marie Didone	10/30

## Upcoming Events

**October 4-** Charter Night  
Dutch's Daughter- Frederick MD

**October 11-** Board Meeting  
Gladhill Bros

**October 15** –Pancake Breakfast  
Damascus United Methodist Church  
for information contact KL Joy  
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**October 18-** Dinner Meeting/  
Wesley Grove UM Church

## Updates

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# September Board Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes

9/13/2016

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Joy Schwab at 7:06. Attending were KL Joy Schwab, Lions W. Schwab, G. Hibbard, M. Holpuch, J. Washing, B. Barry, T. Jackson, P. McKenzie, D. Mayhew M. F. Gosnell, R. Molesworth, and T. Gladhill.

The minutes of the 8/9 meeting were approved, they appeared in the Sept. Lions Tale.

## Treasurers' Reports

The Club and Foundation Reports were approved.

For August:	Income	Expense	Net
Club Treasury	4567.00	1933.80	2633.20
Foundation	687.26	2180.00	-1492.74

## Secretary's Report

Fifty-one members have paid dues, with twenty prepaying for meals. Fifteen members have not yet paid. The membership chair, Lion Marcia, is contacting each of those members.

We received information about a potential fundraiser from Whitley's Peanut Factory in Virginia selling their peanuts. After discussion, the board decided not to pursue at this time.

A limited number of district roster books are available. Anyone interested, please contact Sec. Tom Jackson. They are free to members while supplies last.

## Business items:

At the recent Advisory Board meeting, Value Village presented information on a potential fundraiser. Value Village accepts old clothes, shoes and furniture, paying a set rate per pound. The board discussed the possibility of collecting clothes and delivering them to Value Village. It was recommended that we hold a collection from the community in conjunction with the shredding event. And it was recommended that we meet with Nancy from Harwood House Thrift Shop to discuss adding their unusable clothing to our collection. Lion Del will follow up with Nancy on the Thrift Shop Steering Committee.

Lion Tess reported that the attendance and exhibits at the fair were down significantly this year. Our ice cream churning team did not place this year.

The Damascus Historical Society Museum has contacted our club about having a Lions Exhibit at the Museum. KL Joy is pursuing this. If you have ideas or material for exhibits, please let her know.

KL Joy is working on a dictionary project, which will give a dictionary to students in our Damascus Cluster. This was a Rotary Club project, but we have taken it over in Damascus. Approval must be obtained from the MCPS superintendent. Lion Joy will meet with him soon.

Lion Patsy suggested a potential fundraiser with area restaurants. Several local restaurants (e.g. Chipotle, Ledo's) will donate a percentage of their take for an evening to non-profits for every meal eaten by someone who mentions the club. Lion Patsy will follow-up.

LCOF paid for the tickets to the Montgomery County Fair used by the Lions who worked at the Mobile Health Unit on Thursday. LCOF would like the club to reimburse them for the tickets. The board approved the request.

A Damascus Crafts Festival and Business Expo is being held Oct. 11 from 11am to 4pm. Our club was invited to host a table. The board decided to not pursue this at this time.

Membership Chair Lion Marcia reported that we have a new membership application form Neville Levi who is a teacher's assistant at Hallie Mills Middle School. His application was unanimously approved. He is also interested in starting a Leo club at the school.

Lion Mary Frances reported that we gave out 1700 bags of popcorn at the Community Fair. Seventeen Lions put in approximately 147 hours of service. The cost to the Lions was \$270 for supplies, with enough left over to handle next years fair.

Lion Mary Frances also reported the Holiday Basket Project would be held in the basement of the Activities Center of the DVFD this year. The Damascus UM Church was booked the week we plan to prepare and deliver them.

Before the meeting, Lea Purvis, the winner of our basket drawing at the Damascus Community Fair, was presented with the basket. She is interested in learning more about the Lions. Lion Marcia invited her to attend our next dinner meeting.