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2016-2017 Officers

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The President's Message

On August 25th, the Damascus United Methodist Church and the Damascus Lions Club held a Community Blood Drive. It was

scheduled from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall of the Church. Cathy Heinbaugh, DUMC and Charlie Hertel, DLC were in charge. Results - 30 People gave blood; 34 Units of blood collected. The Red Cross had made some changes in their organization; it went smoothly. There were 8 helpers; I was 1. I volunteered to be at the snack and drinks table, being sure they were ready to leave. I was entertained by three small children, who's Mother was giving blood. They asked questions, ate cookies, drank water. The found it hard to sit still. I asked questions. We played games, they told jokes; we laughed a lot. They were with me for 2 hours. These three and I entertained each other. When Mother was ready to go, they wanted to stay. I encouraged them to tell her about all the things we talked about. She thanked me for taking care of them; out they went. They had entertained me for those 2 hours. Even though they had been a challenge; I missed them when they were gone. As they left, they had asked when Mother would be giving blood again.

King Lion Joy

AUGUST EVENTS

Ice Cream Dipping- August 16

It was senior day and the seniors were not going to pass up their ice cream. I was working outside with Lion Martin Carr around 9 am and a gentleman asked us what time we open. I said, 11 am. I see him about an hour later with ice cream coming out of the Dairy Barn. I asked what gives to Lion Gary Rogers of Damascus, he said the seniors just started coming in and we could not stop them. Our 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 awesome. Everyone did an outstanding job. We all worked very hard. We had 15 Lions, 60 volunteers, who worked over 300 hours. I would like to thank Lion Gary Rogers for all his hard work and taking over after Lion Bill's wife had a heart attack. There are a few other people I would like to thank for making the Dairy Barn run successfully. Lions Doug and Gerda from Laytonsville. The cashiers were awesome, Lion Christine, Lion Ronnie, Lion Mary Francis, Lion Barbara, Lion Patricia, Lion Dale, and Lion Tessie for working the cash registers all day long. Lion Martin in the morning to ready the

Mobile Health Unit- August 18

Seventeen people stopped by the Lions Mobile Unit at this year's County Fair. Several of our visitors were referred for further analysis of their vision or hearing. Thanks to Wayne Marr, Bobbie Warfield, John Washington, and Mary Frances Gosnell for helping with the event.
Lion Sandy Gill

Blood Drive- August 25

The Lions had a blood drive on Thursday August 25th at D.U.M.C. This is our second blood drive for Lions year 2016 - 2017. We collected 34 units of blood. I wish to thank all the donors who came in and gave blood that day as well as our Partner in service Cathy Heinbaugh and her group for all of their continued support of the Damascus Lions Blood Program. Also for the American Red Cross staff and drive coordinator, David for their hard work. I even heard that our King Lion was seen in the canteen working. Our next blood drive is Thursday November 10th, 2016.
Lion Charlie Hertel

Parlor with me. Along with Lion Ray, Lion Joe, Lion Tony for all their hard work behind the freezers. Lion Bob Snapp for just hanging out and Lion Warren for sitting out front greeting everyone and bringing in customers. Everyone asked about my parents, Thank You So Much. They missed



because they had chiggers and were itching. 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, handles all the passes and community service hour questions. She helps with all the little issues that come up during the day and always has a smile on her face. I love you. We now have a washer and dryer in the Dairy Barn for the aprons and rags. As the day is getting towards the end. We are all starting to tire. Lion Wayne came in this year as a replacement for Lions Charlie and Carol as the cleanup crew. Great Energy. We walked out 4 minutes before midnight and the Dairy Barn was ready for the Lions on Wednesday. I would like to personally thank all the Lions that came out and helped and to my daughter Candice and Ivo, my son Lee along with some of their friends that were so much help on the late shift. If I didn't mention your name we still appreciated all your help. We don't have any numbers or know our profit yet. I will update you in the future when they become available.

Thank you to all who participated and making this an absolutely fun day.

Lion Charlie Hertel

Road Clean up- August 27

On Saturday morning, August 27, eight (8) members of the Damascus Lions club and two (2) volunteers 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 three (3) large garbage bag of trash. The following lions participated in the event on Saturday morning;

Lion Barbara Barry
Lion Del Mayhew
Lion John Washington
Lion Warren Schwab
Lion Wayne Marr
Lion Tom Jackson
Lion Joe Howerton
Dave White
Viper White
Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry
(AAR Chairman)



Damascus Community Fair- Sept 9-11

Mark your calendars for the Damascus Community Fair - The fair is celebrating its 71st Anniversary, a tradition of agricultural heritage for young and old in the Damascus Community. A fair with an exhibit hall full of exhibits from foods, flowers, photography, art, handicraft to woodworking; barns of animals, educational displays, entertainment and good food - all with no admission nor parking fees!!!
Damascus Lions has offered free popcorn to the fair attendees for past 16 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 churners as well as some cheerleaders!

A sign-up sheet with hours that help is needed is included in this Lions Tale and will be available at the Sept. 6 dinner meeting for all of you to tell us when you can lend a hand. Two and three hour shifts and you have served! Should you not be in attendance at the Sept. 6 meeting, please email me with your time slot to help with the booth.

See you at the 71st Damascus Community Fair!

Mary Frances Gosnell

Prospective Member Night

Are you tired of seeing the same old faces at meetings and functions? One of the best ways to keep our club exciting and healthy is by adding new faces along the way. That's why we have Prospective Member Night. As a member of the Membership Committee (yes, YOU are a member of the membership committee), you need to look around and find someone to invite to our special meeting on Tuesday, September 20th. We have a great program planned and will learn more about the LCI Centennial Celebration. When you sponsor a new member this year, you will receive a special Centennial Sponsor pin and we will all benefit by the enthusiasm that a new member brings to the club.

Pay attention to the people around you that would make great Lions... people in your neighborhood or from your church, people who have become empty nesters and have a giving spirit, the newly retired. You already know someone who has the heart of a Lion. Take the next step and invite them to the Prospective Member Night. Remember, if they say 'no,' they aren't rejecting you, it's just not time for them yet. If they aren't available for that meeting but would like more information, we will have membership information at the Community Fair the weekend of 9/9-11 as well as the Pancake Breakfast on 10/15. Additionally, we will reinstitute the Information Breakfast starting on October 29th where they can ask all the questions they like.

So step out of your comfort zone and extend an invitation to someone for Prospective Member Night. They will be our guest (i.e. they won't have to pay for their meal) and can learn about Lions around the globe, in our community, and all the places in between. Please let Lion Marcia know if you have someone who would like to know more about Lions or if you are bringing a guest as information packets will be prepared for each prospect.

Time to Celebrate

September Birthdays:

Carol Stone	9/1
Ken Cook	9/2
Suresh Malhotra	9/10
Cheryl Wyatt	9/16
Anthony Allen	9/30

Partners in Service

Melissa Washington	9/14
Kathy Thornett	9/17

August Anniversaries:

Barbara & Tony Barry	9/5	29 years
Del & Bonnie Mayhew	9/8	54 years
John & Melissa Washington	9/20	36 years
Katie & John Holpuch	9/28	3 years

Upcoming Events

September 6- Dinner Meeting
Wesley Grove UM Church

September 9-11- Damascus Community Fair
Popcorn - DVFD Grounds
For more info contact Lion Mary Frances Gosnell
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September 9- DCF Ice Cream Contest
DVFD Grounds
For more info contact Lion Barbara Barry
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September 13- Board Meeting
Gladhill Bros

September 20- Dinner Meeting/
Prospective Member Night
Wesley Grove UM Church



Updates

Add new Member Jenny Redifer-Allen (cell) 301-992-5130 to your roster book

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August Board Minutes

On August 9, 2016, 7PM King Lion Joy Schwab called the Board meeting to order. Lions attending were Lions Joy and Warren Schwab, Tony and Barbara Barry, Ray Molesworth, Tess Gladhill, George Hibbard, Marcia Holpuch, Julie Sain, Del Mayhew, Mary Frances Gosnell, Chris Fletcher and Sue Suddath.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. Lion Del Mayhew gave the Club Treasurers report; Mary Frances Gosnell gave the Foundation report.

The Treasury summaries-

Club - total income \$4,567.60, total expenses \$1,933.80, net income \$2,633.20. Foundation - total income \$2,916.50, total expenses \$3,604.03.

The Heritage Museum sent a thank you for the \$250 received from the Lions Club.

Ice Cream Parlor at MCAF is in real need on August 17th. Contact the Hertel's for more information. Lions are also needed that week to conduct sight and hearing tests. Contact Sandy Gill.

Ann Davis and Ken Phillips need to be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

King Lion Joy will talk with MCPS about supplying dictionaries to 3rd graders in the Damascus Cluster, as part of a literacy project.

The Community Fair will be from September 9-11. Lions will be needed to help with handing out popcorn. Lion Barbara Barry will have a meeting at her house Sunday September 4th at 3PM to test a new ice cream flavor for the Ice Cream Contest, Those who can help should contact Lion Barbara.

2016 Charter Night will be October 4th at Dutch's Daughter. Lions Marcia, Mary Frances, Sue Suddath and King Lion Joy Schwab will be meeting to discuss the program. Lion Bob Snapp will make Dinner arrangements,

Lion Barbara discussed having the Lions Tale printed in Color. After discussion, the club decided the cost was too great.

The September 6th meeting will be at Wesley Grove UMC Hall. A group picture will be taken.

Sue Suddath, Acting Secretary