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Immediate Past President's Message

My Damascus Lion term as King Lion is over. I thank each of you for your support during this year. Together we have served the Damascus Community in many ways. Let's keep it going!
Your IPP Lion Joy !



The President's Message

I would like to say thank you to IPP Joy Schwab for the work she did as President. The Damascus Lions appreciate your service. Thank you to all of our officers and committee chairs for their contributions and to our members and partners in service.

We have a busy summer coming up with our June 27th meeting and fund raiser set up by Lion Patricia at 6:30 PM. Remember, there is no meeting on July 4th. We also have The Celebrate Damascus Parade on the 7th, Flea Market on the 8th as well as the Pancake Breakfast on the 8th from 7-11am. The Board meeting on July 11th and the Keys game on July 20th.

Lots of work and lots of fun.
KL John

JUNE EVENTS

SKATE PARK RENOVATION – June 17

After performing some 360 flips, 50/50 grinds and an ollie the Damascus Lions Club settled down to renovate the Damascus Skate park. Eight Lions, 2 Leos, and 2 Friends showed up to the Damascus Recreation Center skate park on a misty Saturday morning. We cleaned and scrubbed the sides of the ramps then painted them in a light grey paint. Lion Tony spent 2 Saturdays before June 17 replacing rotten plywood on several of the ramps. I'd like to thank the following people for their help on Saturday; Lions Tony Barry, Ray Molesworth, Bob Snapp, Mary Frances Gosnell, Joe Howerton, Marcia Holpuch, Charlie Holpuch, 2 Leos Sara Chepkait and Aura Rodriguez and friends of the Lions, Dave White and his son Viper.

Lion Barbara Barry

SKATE PARK HISTORY

On April 20, 2011 the Damascus Community Recreation Center had the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Damascus Community Recreation Skate Park. The Skate Park was inspired by Ryan Didone, 15 year old son of Montgomery County Police Captain, Thomas Didone, who died in a car crash in 2008. Funding for the skate park was funneled through the Damascus Lions Club and we are responsible for maintaining it.

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LIONS 100TH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The 100th Centennial Challenge celebration asked for the Lions to help reach the challenge by serving more the 100 million people by June 2018. Since July 2016, we have reached and exceeded that goal thru local and worldwide service! What's next?

The Challenge continued by asking, "Can your Club make a difference by participating in ...

- Engaging In Youth, support youth of community
- Sharing the Vision, participate in vision screenings and educational events
- Relieving the hunger, improve healthy food access
- Protecting our environment, make our community a better place to live in



The Centennial then challenged us with some Legacy Projects ...

- Raise your Community Visibility
- Provide a Community Gift
- Make a Community Impact

Now, how has the Damascus Club met this Challenge?

Did you know that ...

- To raise Community Visibility, we placed a park bench in town in the front of the Druid building. We made a donation to have the water tower painted with the town name and Hornet logo.
- In providing a Community gift, we donated a Chrome book to the Clearspring Elementary School as well as books for students in 6 cluster elementary schools for the last two years. We have provided scholarships to students and supported community youth service organizations
- **To make a community impact, we have begun the process to rehab the Skate Park at the Recreation Center that we helped establish in 2011. A Lions logo will be placed at the Skate Park with our contact information.**

We serve! Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



INSTALLATION NIGHT –June 20

The Damascus Lions Club celebrated our 72nd Installation Night at the Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville. Our favorite PDG Gary Burdette installed the 2017 – 2018 officers. IPP Joy passed the gavel to our new President John Washington who will be serving his 3rd term as Club President. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell received the Hyatt Trophy. We also had a memorial moment for our PDG Jim Belcher. A big “Thank You” goes out to Lion Bob Snapp for organizing this event and planning the delicious meal.

Lion Barbara Barry



Upcoming Events:

ICE CREAM Dipping – August 15

Come out and support your Damascus Lions Club on Tuesday August 15, 2017. Remember that this is in place of our Damascus Lions Club Dinner Meeting, everyone is welcome. 3 shifts are needed morning, afternoon and evening or stay all day. Call Lion Tammy Hertel to schedule and or receive a pass to get into the fair. Also remember it is senior day at the fair. Admission is free to seniors that day as long as you are in before 4:00 pm. We will give out passes at the

Lions Club Dinner on Tuesday August 1st at Montgomery UM Church if needed. The Damascus Lions are responsible for helping open the Dairy Barn before the start of the fair. The work days are July 29th, and August 5th beginning at 8 am to 12:00 pm with a free lunch at 12:30 pm. Thank You !! Tammy Hertel Cell (301)370-6414. We are still needing some support for the opening day of the Montgomery County Fair in the Ice Cream Dairy Barn. The Parlor opens at 1:00 pm on Friday August 11th and the Damascus Lions are needed to help staff the opening day. Please let me know if you can help for a few hours. This work day is a must!

Lion Charlie Hertel

Time to Celebrate

July Birthdays:

Joy Schwab 7/13
Bob Snapp 7/18
Ken Phillips 7/24

Partners in Service

Viola Hibbard (George) 7/6
Peggy Sicotte (Ray) 7/8

July Anniversaries:

Ray & Jennifer Molesworth 7/1 45 years
Nick & Jessica Holpuch 7/11

Upcoming Events

July 7- Damascus Days Parade for more information contact Lion Tess Gladhill

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July 8- Pancake Breakfast/ DMUC 7 – 11 am for more information contact Lion Joy Schwab

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July 8- Flea Market for more information contact Lion Chris Fletcher chrisfletcher@verizon.net

July 11 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

July 20 – (Thursday) Frederick Keys Game for more information contact Lion Tess Gladhill

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August 15 – Ice Cream Dipping/ Montgomery County Fair Grounds for more information contact Lion Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com and Lion Tammy Hertel Tammy_hertel@mcpsmd.org



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June Board Minutes

The monthly Damascus Lions Club Board of Directors meeting was held at Gladhill Brothers, Damascus, MD. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by King Lion Joy Schwab. Those Lions in attendance were Patsy McKenzie, Tessie Gladhill, Mary Frances Gosnell, John Washington, Marcia Holpuch, George Hibbard, Warren Schwab, Del Mayhew, Joy Schwab and Ray Molesworth. King Lion Joy appointed Ray Molesworth as the temporary secretary for the meeting. The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on May 9, 2017 were approved as reported in the June 2017 Lions Tale. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Foundation Treasurer, reported the foundation assets as of 5/31/2017: Certificates of Deposit \$52,000.03; Foundation Checking account \$44,637.05 and Student loan outstanding balance of \$1,702.93. The Foundation Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Lion Del Mayhew, Club Treasurer, reported a balance of \$7,468.07 in the Damascus Lions Club administrative account as of 5/31/2017. The Club Treasurer's Report was approved by the Board as presented.

Old Business

A continuation of the discussion of the coming year's Foundation Budget was led by Foundation Treasurer Lion Mary Frances. The Board was previously provided with a copy of the proposed budget for review. A motion to approve the Foundation budget was made by Lion George with a second by Lion Del. The proposed 2017-2018 Foundation budget was approved by the Board of Directors as presented. (See Attached Foundation Budget)

Club Treasurer Lion Del presented the proposed administrative club budget for the year 2017-2018. The Board had previously been provided with a copy of the proposed budget for review. A motion was made to approve the Club budget as presented was made by Lion Marcia with a second by Lion John. The proposed club budget was approved by the Board of Directors as presented. (See attached Club Budget)

The Club will participate in the "Celebrate Damascus", parade on July 7, 2017. The board decided to provide pencils in lieu of candy as giveaways during the parade. The club will also sponsor a pancake breakfast at the Damascus United Methodist Church on July 8 from 7AM until 11 AM. A flea market will be held at the Damascus United Methodist Church on July 8 in connection with "Celebrate Damascus".

Lion Tony Barry is coordinating a previously approved project to refurbish and maintain the Skate Park at the Damascus Community center. This project requires replacement of rotten boards and painting. This activity will take place on June 17, 2017 at the Damascus Community Center. An additional \$250 from the Foundation account was approved by the board to purchase and install a Lions Club sign at the Skate Park. The motion was made by Lion Marcia with a second by Lion Ray. Lions Marcia and Tony will follow up on the sign.

New Business

Lion Patsy has arranged a fund raiser with Ledo's in Damascus for June 27, 2017. The club will receive 20% of all sales that are made between 11AM and 9PM including carry out orders if the customer mentions the Damascus Lions Club. The regularly scheduled meeting on July 4th will be held at Ledo's on June 27 to coincide with the fund raiser. Lion Patsy is also researching the possibility of the Club having a "Big Money Bingo" as a fund raiser.

The board discussed a request from the Damascus Sports Association to contribute to the painting of the Damascus Hornets logo on the Damascus Water Tower that is currently being repainted by WSSC. A \$250 donation from the Foundation was approved for this request.

There will be no organized event at a Frederick Keys Baseball game this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Yours in Lionism,

Ray Molesworth, Acting Secretary