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The President's Message



It was a hot July even as the hours of daylight shortened with the passing of the summer solstice. For the folks who like hot days, don't fret, you will not be disappointed in August.

The July 2, 2024 dinner meeting with special guests

from the Paramount Jazz was fantastic! The Blood Drive and Damascus Parade events on July 12th, and the Lions Flea Market on the 13th made for a busy Damascus Days weekend. Our Lions Picnic meeting, scheduled for July 16th at Lion Nanda's house was relocated at the last minute to Wesley Grove UMC (WGUMC) because of excessive outside temperatures. A very special thank you to WGUMC and Lion Nanda for a wonderful get together. We finished the month with Road Cleanup and Dairy Barn Cleanup on July 27th.

We begin August 2024 with our second of two Dairy Barn Cleanups on August 3rd. The club will meet on August 6th at Montgomery UMC. They will have blue bins for us to place our donated school supplies. Please refer to the July 2024 Lions Tale for a list of needed supplies. The Senior Birthday Party event is on August 8th at the Damascus Senior Center. We end our month of activities on August 9th and 13th, dipping Ice Cream in the Dairy Barn at the Montgomery County Fair. Take care,

KL Charlie

JULY EVENTS

Our July 2 dinner meeting was at the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Activities Building. Our program for the evening was a performance by the Paramount Jazz Band. The tuba player is our very own Damascus Lion Charlie Holpuch! It was a great performance and enjoyed by all!



Partner in Service is Receives the Honey Award

Partner in Service, Barbara Hilton, wife of Lion Gary Hilton, received the prestigious Honey Award at the Mayland State Fireman's Convention in Ocean City MD. It is the top state award that an auxiliary member can receive in the state of Maryland. The award was started by past Damascus Lion member Kenneth King and his son Leonard, in honor of his wife and Leonard's mother Olivia "Honey" King. The King family were very active in the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department and Maryland State Fireman's Association, as well as other community organizations. Barbara has been an active member of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary for over 40 years. She has been the Auxiliary president since 1996, which was the position that Honey King had also held and was a mentor to Barbara. The award is given to a member to recognize not only what they have done in their local, county, and state fire organizations, but for their many years of volunteer activity in their community. Barbara's activities outside of the fire service includes, 4H leader and mentor, Montgomery County Fair & Damascus Community Fair volunteer, Santa day at Gladhill's top cookie baker, and Santa's helper on our Lion's Christmas Baskets delivery to our community. Her receiving this award has brought it back home to Damascus and is the second member of the Damascus Ladies Auxiliary since the 1st award was

given. The very 1st winner of this award was given to Damascus Auxiliary member Ethel Gladhill, wife of Lion Buck Gladhill in 1996. It is a very nice award and can be seen at Gladhill Brothers Store until the next Convention to be presented to the next winner and at which time Barbara will get a smaller version to keep for herself. So, stop by if you would like to get a look at it.

Lion Tessie Gladhill



Lion Chris is awarded the membership "Key" pin from International



Blood Drive - July 12

The Damascus Lions Club hosted our first blood drive for year 2024-2025 at the American Legion Hall on Friday July 12th, 2024. We collected 54 units of blood for the American Red Cross. I would like to thank Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Joan Paseur for their continued support of our local blood drives. They both worked the canteen and spoke to the donors about Lionism and some of our upcoming events as we worked along side the American Legion Staff. We also have seen several Lions come into support the Lions Blood Drives by rolling up their sleeves. Our next ARC Blood Drive for 2024-2025 year will be Friday September 6th,

2024. This drive will be at the American Legion Hall in Damascus.

We are in need of new donors Please ask a relative, friend or neighbor!!

Lion Charlie Hertel

Celebrate Damascus Parade- July 12

It was a wonderful evening to Celebrate Damascus and a record number, 23, of Damascus Lions gathered at the DHS parking lot to decorate our float. The theme was "Summer Fun" so we had beach balls and other beachy decorations. After decking out the float, we enjoyed a delicious dinner consisting of subs, cookies and water. Lion Tony proudly pulled the float with his 1962 red Mack Truck decorated with the "Damascus Lions" banner and plenty of American Flags. A special thanks to Lion Roy who provided the hay wagon for our float. Thank you to all the Lions who came out to participate in the Celebrate Damascus Parade and a very special "Thank You" goes to Vahe's future daughter-in-law Juliana De Almeida Silva for wearing the lion costume! She did an awesome job again of entertaining the crowds!

Lion Barbara Barry

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Flea Market Day – July 13

There are so many Lions I would like to thank for their support throughout the day. I started setting up the booth early with the help of Lions Jon Inglefield, Bob Ippolito and Nanda Alapati. Lions Joan Paseur, Tess Gladhill and Pasty McKenzie help man the booth throughout the day. Several Lions donated goods to be sold. We also had several Lions or their family members that made purchases or stop at our booth to

chat. Lions Bob Ippolito, Ray and Tess helped with cleaning up the booth and loading everything into my truck. I certainly was glad to see that there weren't as much stuff as we started with at the beginning of the day. Please forgive me if I missed anyone. Again, thanks to everyone who helped to make the day successful. We raised \$402 for our efforts of the day. I know I could not have done it without your help.

Lion Chris Fletcher

Road Cleanup - July 27

We had a great showing of Lions for our July Road Cleanup on our adopted road, Valley Park Drive. I have reached out to the county to cut the grass on the south side of the road and it looked like it had been cut at least once. Nothing significant was found in our endeavors. Our next road clean up is September 14. I want to thank Lions Vahe Aghamalian, KL Charlie, Carol Stone, my son John Barry, Andrew Oliverio, Bob Ippolito, and Barbara Barry.

Lion Tony Barry



Popcorn

Hello everyone the Damascus Community Fair is fast approaching. We look forward to handing out "free" popcorn again this year. So please signup to volunteer. The dates are September 6-8 at the DVFD grounds. There will be signup sheets at the next meeting. Thank You to all for volunteering!

Lion Joan Paseur

Visitation Program This Year

The club has received exactly zero information from District 22C concerning any requirement for visits in the upcoming Lions year from 2024-2025.

Last year the requirement for visitations was eliminated by the district governor. Other clubs will be holding fund raisers in August and September. I am requesting that members be aware of visitation opportunities this year. An active visitation program requires Damascus Lions to attend meetings, social events, and fund raisers of other Lions Clubs. Attending another club's fund-raising event is an excellent way to obtain new fund-raising ideas for the Damascus Lions Club.

Pictures from the Parade



(Visitation Continued) Lions clubs in District 22C and 22W are scheduling fund-raising events for 2024-2025. Please be aware of Lions Club fund-raising functions in areas where you may be vacationing this year. Stop by the function to observe and participate in the fund raiser. Let me know via an email to jrmolesworth03@gmail.com if you make a visitation. No paperwork is involved. Just confirm the name of the club visited, date of the visit and the name of the visiting Lion or Lions.

Lion Ray Molesworth

AUG 6 – Bring Your School Supplies

Our August 6th meeting will be at the Montgomery United Methodist Church and they will have a blue bin that we can place our supplies in. (The complete article explaining the school supplies project was in July's Lion Tale)

Below is a list of the supplies needed.

Paper (wide or college-ruled):

- spiral notebooks
- composition books
- loose leaf paper
- post-it-notes

Writing tools:

- pencil boxes (hard or soft)
- dry erase markers
- pencils & sharpeners
- erasers & eraser caps
- pens (blue, black & red)

Organization:

- backpacks
- binder (1 or 2 inch)
- dividers
- pocket folders