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## The President's Message



The leaves are changing to their beautiful autumn colors with the reduced daylight. The shorter days, however, didn't slowdown the Damascus Lions Club community service activities.

October started with our 79th Charter Night at Dutch's Daughter restaurant on October 1st. Lions 22-C District Governor (DG) Rodrick Harris, and all but one Cabinet Officer also attended. In addition to 22-C Officers, we had visitors from 22-W, PID Richard Liebno (Deer Park Lions Club) and

President of FSK Lions Club, Guy Everhart. A very impressive guest list thanks to Lion Mary Frances Gosnell. DG Rodrick presented plans for increasing membership and serving communities as part of his theme "Positive Lions Make A Mark in the World." In addition to his presentation, he and PID Liebno presented Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) awards to Lions Ray Molesworth and Mary Frances Gosnell.

On October 12th we held our Shred Fest event in Clarksburg. Then, on October 14th there was the 21st Annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley Golf Club; where for the first time, we used "Square" products to process credit card payments. A special event for our club was having a booth in the First (and maybe only) Damascus Placemaking Festival held on October 19th & 20th. We had excellent turnout. Next was White Cane Days at Damascus Safeway, October 23rd through the 25th. A fun time was having dinner & show at the "Give A Hoot Comedy Club" on Oct 24th through Oct 26th. Our final event in October was the Fall Pancake Breakfast, held on Oct 26th at the Damascus UMC.

November 2024 starts with a Blood Drive on November 1st at the American Legion. Our dinner meeting on November 5th will have District Lions discussing required programs for DG recognition. On November 9th we help support the Tradesman MC Toy Drive at Vanessa's Corner Pub in Taylorsville. There will be a Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th at the Damascus American Legion Post 171. On November 16th we return to Valley Park Dr for Road Cleanup. The dinner meeting on November 19th is Spouse Night. KL Charlie

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### Ice Cream Churning- Sept 6

The Damascus Lions Club took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with their extra chocolatey ice cream recipe! If you recall, it won 1<sup>st</sup> place last year and 2<sup>nd</sup> the year before (perhaps there's a pattern to our winnings).

As always, it is a fun event and gets our name out into the community! And it was fun having our grand daughter, Isla there!

Lion Barbara Barry



KL Charlie and First Lady Carol accepting our red ribbon!

### Popcorn Popping- Sept 6 – 8

We had a good turn out all 3 days. We collected 20 pairs of eyeglasses and 2 pair of hearing aids.

Friday (9/6) we handed out about 482 bags of popcorn and used about 38 packets of popcorn.

Saturday (9/7) we handed out 1,125 bags of popcorn and used 79 packets. (Mary Frances thinks this was a record!) Sunday (9/8) we handed out about 449 bags of popcorn and used 34 packets.

Total bags that was used 2,056 and 151 packets of popcorn. We made \$30.00 in donations.



### Road Cleanup- Sept 14

We had a great showing of Lions for our September Road Cleanup on our adopted road, Valley Park Drive. Nothing significant was found in our endeavors. Our next road clean up is November 16. I want to thank Lions Carol Stone, KL Charlie, my son John Barry, Bob Ippolito, and Barbara Barry.

Lion Tony Barry



## OCTOBER EVENTS

### Ice Cream Numbers

We have our Ice cream numbers. We apologize it took so long however we were having a dispute with Pepsi. Wow, what a year! We beat last year by \$10,000 totaling almost \$100,000. Tuesday was the busiest day, we earned \$16,233.00. This is the highest gross day in fair history at the dairy barn. The customers just kept coming! We want to thank everyone for your hard work and let you know what a great job you all did. You all are awesome and we're proud to be a Lion!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Also thank you to those that came in on other days to help. We worked as a team. Lion Charlie handed over a check for \$3,096.42 at the Damascus Lions Club Dinner Meeting on October 15th. Thank you to all who participated and made this fundraiser a success!!

Lions Tammy & Charlie Hertel

### 79TH CHARTER NIGHT- October 1

The Damascus Lions Club celebrated 79 years of service to our community at our Annual Charter Night held at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, October 1. The Damascus Lions were happy to welcome PID Richard Liebno and Lion Grace Liebno, Deer Park 22-W, DG Rodrick Harris, partner Lion Tim Schaefer, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lois Barb, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Courtney McAlmont, Cabinet Secretary Cornelly McAlmont, Administrative Assistant Leslyn Aaron, Region 2 Zone 2 Chair David Aaron, PDG Sonia Wiggins, PDG Maxine Hooker, Lions Deryck and

Juneanne Blair, Midtown Lions and Lions Guy and Suzanne Everhart, FSK Lions 22-W to our Charter Celebration.

Special Presentations were presented,  
Emerson Slacum Community Service Award to  
Lion Wayne Marr

Lion of the Year to Lion Joan Paseur,

Lion of the Years to Lion Joe Howerton

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lion

Ray Molesworth and Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

DG Rodrick Harris presented a most positive message with encouragement to all to SERVE and instilled "Positive Lions Make a Mark in the World"! King Lion Charlie Stone was grateful for all in attendance as we embraced 79 years of Service to our Damascus community, our District, our Multiple District and the World. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



## ShredFest- October 12

We finally had some pleasant weather for our annual fall Shred Fest in Clarksburg. Twelve Lions and partners in service assisted customers and raised \$756 toward our White Cane Fundraising efforts along with some non-perishable food items and glasses. We also met two prospective members! Wesbanco continues to be a critical partner making this event possible by sponsoring the cost of the shred truck. We also thank Cedarbrook Community Church for providing their parking lot and Cleancut Shredding for always providing excellent service.

Lion Joe Howerton



## Golf Tournament – October 14

Lion Charlie and Lion Tammy rounded up 62 players this year to play golf on a breezy but comfortable fall day. Our day starts early arriving at Glade Valley at 6 am to set up for the tournament. New this year was Lion Joe setting up an



account through Square so we could allow the golfers to pay with a credit card for their registration. We can't thank him enough for the technology upgrade. We missed Lion Ray at the registration table this year. Besides the cost of registration, we also sell mulligan's and raffle tickets for 50/50. Golfers get 2 drink tickets to use throughout the day and a raffle ticket for door prizes. We also give out goodie bags with some snacks, fruit and an inspirational message for all golfers.

The playing of the National Anthem at 9am gets us off to a roaring start! I played golf this year with my brother Bill as well as Lion Bob Snapp and Paul McKenzie. What a wonderful day together. We shot +2. A darn good round!!

I would like to thank the following Lions who worked very hard to make this event a huge success; Lion Bob Snapp who brings donuts. He also puts out the signs with Lion Vahe. Lions Joe, Chris, Joan, Bobby, Nanda and Jon all worked the registration area. They also prepared the back of the club house for the golf participants to eat, gather their winnings, and have a chance at the prizes after the golf is completed.

A shout out to Lion Chris and Lion Joan for all the lovely parting gifts. Almost every golfer walked away with something. I want to thank Lion Wayne for bringing 12+ golfers and his dozens of golf balls for door prizes. A big thank you goes to Candice Hertel for all of her support from the beginning to the end. She helped run the putting contest with Lion Vahe and rode around with Lion Bobby to make sure the players were keeping up their pace. We would like to thank all the players who participated, the generous sponsors (some are Lions), local businesses and our partners in service. We even had personalized signs

made for our sponsors by Lion Pat McKenzie and family!!

Thank You to all who supported this wonderful event. The outcome of this event allows the Damascus Lions Club to give back 100% of the proceeds from the golf tournament towards the community.

We brought in \$7,414.

Thank You to all for making this a big success and for your continued support of the Damascus Lions Club Golf Tournament.

Lions Charlie & Tammy Hertel

## Damascus Placemaking – Oct 20-21

Over a dozen Damascus Lions and partners in service participated in the Damascus Placemaking Festival held October 19th and 20th by the county Planning Department to "Reimagine Main Street". The event was well attended and featured a variety of vendors and performances by bands, dance studios and martial artists. Our club provided a Facepainter from Smiles4Miles that did a phenomenal job keeping a constant flow of happy kids and parents. We also provided a coloring contest with 59 entries and collected quite a few contacts for potential membership. Throughout the weekend we had the opportunity to discuss what it means to be a Lion. Our club was given credit by the planning department and elected officials for inspiring this event through our community advocacy and being an integral part of its success.

Lion Joe Howerton



## White Cane- October 23-25

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! At Safeway East and West during the three days of October 23-25, 2024, we received \$2,001.90, for a shift average of \$69.03. Though these are not records, they are excellent numbers. **Absolutely every shift was important to our total.** We had 25 dedicated Damascus Lions performing storefront collections across 29 shifts. Just

one shift was unassigned. At our recent Clarksburg Shredfest, we used a White Cane sign and bucket to collect \$756.11, including credit card contributions. Our grand total was \$2,758.01! Thank you, Storefront Lions; and thank you, Joe Howerton and your Clarksburg Shredfest!

For the first time, we used our Square credit card reader; both at the Shredfest and at the storefronts; for a total credit card collection of \$162.11. We made almost no use of the white canes and flags this time around. I think it is time to drop their use altogether in future White Cane collections. They are expensive: >10 cents each! And almost no one wants them. Also, I agree with those that think we need to update our signs. I'll see to it that we get new signs prior to our Spring 2025 collection. The new signs will not say "Help the Blind", but will have wording that reflects the wider nature of our Lions Club community benevolences.

Think the word: "Lion" in front of all names in this article! As always, special thanks go to our White Cane committee members who served as both Managers of the Day and as money counters: Del Mayhew and Tom Jackson. Additional money counters were George Hibbard and Lion Partner Bonnie Mayhew.

### Special Recognitions:

**Over-\$100-in-OneShift Awards** go to: Ray Molesworth (twice!), Chris Fletcher, George Hibbard, Bob & Colleen Newlin, and Vahe Aghamalian.

### Storefront Lions:

Here is the list of 25 Damascus Lions who gave of their valuable time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): Aghamalian, Alapati, B. Barry, Fletcher(2!), Gosnell, Grysavage(2!), C. Hertel(2!), T. Hertel, Hibbard, Howerton, Inglefield, Ippolito(2!), Mackay, Marshall, Molesworth(2!), B. Newlin, C. Newlin, Oliverio (first time!), Passeur, Peters, Sain, W. Schwab, Snapp, Suddath, and Washington. Thank you, one and all storefront Lions!

Lion Wayne Marr



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST- October 26

Years ago and in the beginning, Pancake Day was a day long event, from breakfast time to dinner time - 7 am to 7 pm. Serving pancakes and sausage and beverages. Our memories take us back to the early 1950's. The first breakfast was held at the Damacus Chevrolet garage service area before the garage was completely built. Not sure of the setup other than it was in the service area and the driveway was not paved. It was muddy, cars got stuck and mud was being traped into the breakfast area. We can't remember but must have used gas griddles. Do not know about the tables and seating arrangements. Yet it was a success! And some 75 years plus later, we are keeping the tradition – a Damascus Lions Pancake Breakfast. Just a four hour breakfast buffet nowadays, though!

Again, we were all anxious to get to cooking, preparing the foods and the dining room for our patrons. Where do you want to me to work? What can I do? Where is whatever? Do we have oil? Where are the onions? I need milk, where is it! We all knew we had to have things ready before 7 am! PDG Hawk Hawkins asked us if he could get two carryouts before 7. He was to participate in the District Officer Training day and didn't want to miss our breakfast and bake table! We were ready! And then toward the end we heard - we have run out of forks? We only have one more crate of eggs! Do we need more sausage cooked? Need more onions and oil! But we made it with the last 6 diners not having any eggs. One never knows how much food we will need, it is an educated guesstimate. Prior guidelines and notes are good but just do not hold true to each situation.

The morning started very slow but about 8:30, we became a popular gathering place! The dining room was crowded for about 2 hours. The bake table was laden with baked goodies and kiddie treats. Four DHS Leos, Mikayla Moore along with Lions family members Mathew Aghamalian and Juliana and John Barry were excellent addition to our crew!

There was very little food leftover – Maybe a few pounds of sausage and a bit of chipped beef gravy etc, Our records reflected that 274 tickets were turned in but in reality, there were more diners than that! The Bake Table brought in donations totaling \$438. Had

some generous donors. Diners look forward to the baked goods and crafts! The donation jars on the tables brought in \$97. The overall profit for the breakfast is a whopping \$ 3,114. Damascus Lions has many tremendous willing members – We cooked and set up on Friday! Saturday, we put it into action. Lions had every angle covered and did it well. We heard many compliments from the diners – and that says it all! Thanks to each and every Lion, the Leos and family members for preparing and serving another great Pancake Breakfast. Thank You Lions! Great Job!

Lions Warren and Joy Schwab, Sue Suddath, Mary Frances Gosnell, Breakfast Committee

## Visitations Report

The Lions Club of Damascus has participated in three required visits to other Lions Clubs to qualify for the 2024-2025 District Governor's Achievement award as part of the District Priority/Club activities criteria. Lion Ray Molesworth attended the Quarterly Draw Down at the Taneytown Lions Club, District 22-W on September 17, 2024. On September 24 Lions Vahe Aghamalian, Chris Fletcher, Carol Stone and Charlie Stone attended the Francis Scott Key Lions Club, District 22-W, 65<sup>th</sup> Charter Night. Lion Joe Howerton and Lion Wayne Marr participated in the annual Monocacy Lions Club, District 22-C, golf tournament on October 21, 2024. These three visitations completed the visitation requirement to qualify for the DG Achievement award. Lion Ray Molesworth

## NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING PROGRAMS

The Programs planned for the upcoming Dinner Meetings -  
November 5 – District Programs – Camp Merrick, Lions Community Outreach Foundation and Worldwide program, Lions Club International Foundation, This is a *District* Requirement!  
November 19 – Disaster Relief by Jill Shumaker representative of a team of Farmers, Small Businesses and Horse Friends.  
December 3 – New Member Orientation presented by Lion Barbara Barry  
Encourage members who have become a Lion in the past few years to attend – this is a District

Requirement! Will do a follow-up in the Spring for those who can not attend.

December 17 – Holiday Party – In lieu of bringing a gift for exchange, bring nonperishable foods to complement the Holiday Giving Project. Truck will be outside the door for your donation.

Lion Mary Frances & Eloise Woodfield

### Years of Service Recognition

Lion Sushma Borra is a new member of the Lions Club of Damascus. Lion Sushma provided her application and membership fee after attending several Lions Club activities. Lion Sushma expressed an interest in Lionism to Lion Chris Fletcher who sponsored Lion Sushma for membership. Lion Joan Paseur presented Lion Sushma's application to the board on 10/9/2024. The board unanimously approved the application. Lion Susma lives in Gaithersburg and is employed as an Information Technology Specialist. The club will invite Lion Susma and her spouse to a future club meeting for Lion Sushma's installation as a new member. Please extend a warm welcome to this new Lion. The Damascus Lions Club has fifty-nine members.

These Damascus Lions have achieved another year of community service:

Lion	Date Joined	Years of Service
Mary Frances Gosnell	October 1992	32
Del Mayhew	November 2000	24
Carol Stone	November 2000	24
Charlie Stone	November 2000	24
Joann Woodson	November 2003	21
Tony Barry	October 2008	16
Seyed Mousavi	October 2023	1
Sena Dzobo	October 2023	1
Bethel Dzobo	October 2023	1

Lion Ray Molesworth

### TRADESMEN MOTORCYCLE CLUB TOY RUN

The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club is having their Jingle Bell Toy Run on Saturday, November 9 from 2 pm to 6

pm to support the Lions Holiday Giving Project families. Their base for this year will be Vanessa's Restaurant at Taylorsville corner of Routes 26 and 27. Lions are encouraged to attend for an hour or so to offer our support and show our appreciation. Wear your T-shirt or Vest. The Tradesmen generally donate enough toys for each child to have 2 nice toys as well as a gift for the family. They also make a contribution of cash that was collected at the event.

Don't need to drive in on your motorcycle – just drive in however. Vanessa's offers some great sandwiches! Let's support them!!! See the Tradesmen flyer in this newsletter.

### Give a Hoot Comedy Club

Give a Hoot Comedy Club is Maryland's only full time comedy club. It shares a building with La Mexicana. The show typically starts at 8 pm, but it is recommended to get there early for a delicious Mexican meal. The motto of the club is *Comedy for the Community - We Partner With One New Charity Each Week!* This is Damascus Lions 3<sup>rd</sup> time partnering with them. It is another one of our fun "fundraisers"!

### Picture from Friday 10/25



## Time to Celebrate

### November Birthdays:

Mary Frances Gosnell	11/4
Tess Gladhill	11/6 *
Dale Ryan	11/10 *
Mike Thornett	11/12
Tammy Hertel	11/17
Nanda Alapati	11/19 *

\*Significant Birthday

### Partners in Service

Fran Peters (Jack)	11/4
Jonnie Jackson (Tom)	11/21

### November Anniversaries:

Charlie & Carol Stone	11/22 (27 yrs)
Wayne & Bobbie Marr	11/30 (5 yrs)



### Please add the following new member to your roster book

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## Upcoming Events

**November 1** – Blood Drive, DMUC Church, for more info contact Lion Charlie Hertel [chtelco@aol.com](mailto:chtelco@aol.com), 10am – 3:30 pm

**November 5** - Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

**November 13**– Board Meeting, Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

**November 16**– Road Clean up 9 am meet at Damascus High School parking lot, for more information contact Lion Tony @ [Daniel8barry@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel8barry@gmail.com)

**November 19** - Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm/ Spouse's Night

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## Charter Night



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### HOLIDAY BASKET TIMELINE 2024

*Holiday Giving Project will take place at  
Gladhill Brothers, Route 27*

Saturday ,November 9, 2024		Tradesmen Toy Run for toys at Vanessa's Taylorsville
Tuesday, November 19, 2024		Sign-up Sheets for Teams and other duties
Tuesday, December 3, 2024		Sign-up Sheets - one final time
Wednesday, December 4, 2024		Clothes shopping at Kohls
Thursday, December 12, 2024		Team Assignments sent out with instructions to contact families
Tuesday, December 17, 2024		Lions bring canned goods to meeting to support the school food drives
Wednesday, December 18, 2024	6:30	Sort canned foods at Gladhills
Thursday, December 19, 2024	Noon - 5 pm	Teams Pack boxes, Pack clothes and toys
Friday, December 20, 2024	Noon - 5 pm	Teams Pack boxes, Do final packing
Saturday, December 21, 2024	8 am - 10:30 am	Deliver food and gifts to families
		Excess food delivered to HELP Closet
		Clean-up
		HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

More information in the December Lions Tale