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The President's Message



We opened the new Lions year with a productive Celebrate Damascus week. On July 7, 2023, we had a Blood Drive at the Legion in the morning and the parade in the evening. The Lions Float was pulled by Lion Tony's classic red Mack tractor. Our Lion Mascot costume was worn by Juliana De Almeida Silva, a dear family friend of Lion Vahe. She had a special rapport with the crowd, especially children. A spectator shouted, "Your Lion is the MVP of the parade." Everyone on the float agreed. The Best Ever! The next day, July 8th was busy with the Pancake Breakfast and Flea Market. Both events were very successful raising over \$2400 and \$1000, respectively. The Mont. Co. Police Drug Take Back program and the Battery Collections by Critical Power, Inc. were well received by the community. Road Cleanup on July 15th had many Lions participating, including one of our new Lions, Delphine Bambous. Our July 18th picnic meeting was held at 61 Vineyard. The owners, Mark and Pam Giganti provided information about how they started and their future plans. The food was catered by Maggi's Pizza & Subs of Damascus. It was the perfect picnic. Completing our July activities is the Dairy Barn Cleanup on July 29th in preparation for the Ice Cream Dipping in August. Thinking of August, we have the Senior Birthday Party at the Damascus Senior Center on August 3rd; another Dairy Barn Cleanup on August 5th; and Ice Cream Dipping on August 11th & 15th at the Montgomery County Fair. Our only dinner meeting in August 2023 is August 1st. We will meet at the Montgomery United Methodist Church on Kemptown Road. Get ready for some scrumptious corn on the cob, fresh tomatoes, potato salad, fried chicken, and dessert. KL Charlie

JULY EVENTS

Flea Market Marking Spaces - July 6

On Thursday July 6, at exactly 6pm several of our Lions including Mary Frances, Joan, Jack, Patsy and myself met at the Damascus United Methodist Church front yard to measure off the flea market spaces. I had brought the paint and marker tool, but where was the Tom Jackson's trusty tape measure? We stood and waited for it and its owner to appear. We thought that maybe he forgot about us and that we greatly needed him and his tape measure. So, we called, probably woke him up from his early evening nap and since he had such a LONG DISTANCE to travel, we waited. Here he came and he really wasn't that late at all. So, with him at one end and Mary Frances at the other end of the trusty tape measure, Jack expertly sprayed the X'S at the exact spots that Patsy and myself pointed at every 12ft. Joan then carefully counted our spaces until we had 25 marked. Each person doing their job so carefully and efficiently we were done and on our merry way to our next good deeds for the evening. Thanks, guys, for all the help!
Lion Tess Gladhill

Blood Drive - July 7

The Damascus Lions Club hosted its first blood drive for year 2023-2024 at the Damascus American Legion Hall on Friday June 7th, 2023. We collected 42 units of blood for the American Red Cross. This was our first time hosting at the American Legion Hall in Damascus. This was there first drive since 2019. I would like to thank Keith the retired Colonel from the Damascus American Legion for his support along with the American Red Cross Staff that worked very hard that day to collect the blood.
Our next drive is scheduled for September 8th, 2023
The location is to be determined.
Lion Charlie Hertel

Celebrate Damascus Parade- July 7

It was a wonderful evening to Celebrate Damascus. Many Lions gathered at the DHS parking lot to decorate our float. The theme was "Cartoon" so our mascot, the Lion, fit in well. 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 good friend Juliana De Almeida Silva for wearing the lion costume! She did an awesome job of entertaining the crowds!

Lion Barbara Barry

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CELEBRATE PANCAKES ROAR

Lions, once again, came to the growling call! Our breakfast was attended by 177 ticket holders; many of which are repeat diners. The menu continues to get enjoyable reviews. And all of this was possible by you, Damascus Lions! You came to the call, worked like lurking Lions preparing, serving and cleaning up! The breakfast netted a profit of \$1,842.31. There were four Lions who donated to the Bake Table enabling it's take to be \$414.00 while the "Donations Jars" on the table brought in \$146. Thus, a profit for the July pancake Breakfast \$ 2,405.31. Lions, as I have said before - you ASTOUND me with your "WE CAN DO THIS" Attitude! Thank you for your time, your energies, your financial support and for being wonderful, dependable and caring Lions!
Mark your calendar for October 28 for our next breakfast!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



Fleas Market Day – July 8

It cannot be time to get up! Saturday July 8 at 4:45am, I rolled myself out of bed after a late night of parade walking, firework watching, and being a part of the clean-up crew for the events of the evening. After getting myself ready, out the door I went and, on my way, stopping at the local DUNKIN DONUTS, to pick up some sweets for the flea market vendors, since they would be too busy setting up and could not eat at our pancake breakfast. I had arrived at the church front yard promptly at 6:03am. This time a few vendors and Lions were waiting for me to arrive. Lions Tom Jackson & Vahe Aghamalian had been waiting with their extra valuable goodies for the Lions flea market table. Apparently, Tom had enough nap that he could get up early that morning and it was me they were waiting on this time. After having left their valuables in my possession, he and Vahe hurried off to help at the pancake breakfast. As the early morning went on, the other flea vendors started to arrive, and they carefully picked their perfect spot to flea market their own valuable goodies. A few early buyers arrived as some vendors were still setting up. By 9am, everyone was set up and selling. Our crew of Lions were working hard at our Lions table. At 10am the Montgomery County Police had arrived-no there was no trouble of people fighting over the valuables- they were there for the drug take back program. They took their spot and started to collect drugs. By the noon hour they had collected enough to almost fill 2 thirteen-gallon garbage bags. When they were ready to depart at 2pm, there were several more bags of drugs that had also been collected. Also, at 10am Mike from Critical Power had arrived with his truck to collect old batteries. By 2pm, he had collected a good truckload of all types of batteries- car, boat, flashlight, hearing aids and lawn mower batteries, etc. Both the police and Mike thought it was worth their time and effort to

be a part of the Lions flea market. They said that it helped to keep the drugs and batteries out of the community and clean up the environment. The day was warm, and the crowd came out early and tapered off in the early afternoon. By 4pm the vendors were packing up their unsold goods and things were winding down. After all was gone, we walked the lawn and picked up what few pieces of trash that were left behind. The front yard was once again as before, and ready for next year. After all was done, we had sold 23 spaces@\$25per space for a total of \$575 and \$5 extra for a late entry making our take for the day a total of \$580 for spaces sold. That did not count the money from our flea market table. The profit from our club table was \$444 for an overall profit of \$1024. It was a successful day because of all the Lions that help. Thank you.

Lion Tess Gladhill



Road Cleanup - July 15

We had a great showing of Lions for our July Road Cleanup on our adopted road, Valley Park Drive. It went fairly quickly because of the tall grass on the south side of the road made it impossible to pick up any trash. I have reached out to the county in hopes

they will send out a grass cutting crew. Nothing significant was found in our endeavors. Our next road clean up is September 23. I want to thank Lions Ray Molesworth, Bob Ippolito, Barbara Barry, Vahe Aghamalian, Carol Stone, KL Charlie, Wayne Marr, Delphine Bambous and a friend of Lions, Juliana De Almeida Silva

Lion Tony Barry



Everybody Loves a Picnic- July 18

On Tuesday, July 18, it was a hazy summer evening, the kind you would expect in the middle of July to have a picnic. Promptly at 6pm, Lions, friends & family were beginning to arrive at 61 Vineyards for our annual Lions Club Picnic. Our hosts and owners, Mark and Pam Giganti had a fine selection of Charcuterie consisting of fruits, nuts, honey, meats, cheese & crackers, etc. They also had several of their wines made from the grapes of the vineyards to enjoy throughout the evening. After some socializing and tasting, King Lion Charlie opened the meeting, followed by an informative talk by Pam and Mark and

their adventure in how the winery came about and where it got its name. Next was a buffet of Italian salad, Bow Tie pasta salad and several varieties of pizza, all freshly prepared and catered by Maggi's Pizza & Subs in Damascus. For desserts we had a homemade birthday cake made by Lion Barbara Barry, for our "YOUNGEST LION MEMBER", no not her granddaughter who attended her first Damascus Lions Club event, but for LION Bob Snapp. We sang Happy Birthday and celebrated with him. Hey Bob, don't the Damascus Lions know how to throw a birthday party? If you didn't prefer birthday cake, we also had pies- cherry, blueberry, pecan and peach crumb from Baugher's Bakery and Market in Westminster or a choice of a variety of mini bundt cakes from Nothing Bundt Cakes in Frederick. Although there wasn't much



of a fantastic sunset because of the clouds and haze, which you can experience at the vineyards on a better day, I think we all left there having a full belly and a great evening spent with 42 of our

friends, family and fellow Lions. We all work so much to serve the community all year long, it is good to have a great downtime, fun event like this each year. Thanks to all that came out.

Lion Tess Gladhill

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Pictures from the Parade



Time to Celebrate

August Birthdays:

Kevin Yates	8/10
Carolyn Marschall	8/10
Charlie Holpuch	8/21*
Patricia McKenzie	8/25

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Graham Moore (Kim)	8/13
Joanne Breiner (Bob)	8/16

August Anniversaries:

George & Viola Hibbard	8/15 (64 yrs)
Dale & Scott Ryan	8/21 (41 yrs)
Bob & Leslie Ippolito	8/26 (47 yrs)
Warren & Joy Schwab	8/31 (63 yrs)

Upcoming Events

August 1 – Dinner meeting, Montgomery Methodist Church, 6:45 pm

August 3 - Senior Birthday Party, Damascus Senior Center

August 5 - Clean Dairy Barn, Montgomery County Fair

August 9 - Board Meeting, Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

August 11 & 15- Ice Cream Dipping, Montgomery County Fair for more information contact Lions Tammy or Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com



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