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The President's Message



May 2024

The amount of daylight continues to increase daily as we approach the Summer Solstice. All of nature is blossoming and bringing with it the pollen that changes the color of your vehicle.

In April, our Road Cleanup on the 6th collected several bags of trash. Later that day, we had nine Lions attend District 22-C Night in Waldorf, MD. Then, on April 19-22, 2024, two Lions attended the Multiple District 22 Convention in Ocean City, MD.

May 2024 will be another busy month for us. We have White Cane, May 1st through May 3rd at Damascus Safeway. There will be a Blood Drive on May 3rd at Damascus UMC, followed by our Shred Fest event on May 4th at Damascus UMC. The Youth Celebration occurs May 21st at Damascus UMC. Thank you, Damascus UMC. The last scheduled event for May 2024 is Road Cleanup on May 25th.

Happy Mother's Day!

KL Charlie

Let's keep the momentum going!

Vision Screenings- April

APRIL EVENTS

Road Cleanup – April 6

On Saturday morning, eight (8) members of the Damascus Lions club and two (2) volunteers in service participated in a trash cleanup effort along Valley Park Drive in Damascus. 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. This road cleanup effort had been delayed several weeks due to bad weather. The AAR chair, Lion Tony, has sent the report to the county informing them that we picked up Four (4) large garbage bags of trash. The following lions participated in the event on Saturday morning; King Lion Charlie Stone and Lion Carol Stone, Lion Barbara Barry, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Bob Ippolito, Lion Joe Howerton and his son Ben, Lion Ray Molesworth, and Prospective Lion Andrew Oliverio.

Thanks to all the lions who helped with this community betterment activity.

Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry



On April 10, Lions Joan Pasuer, Sue Suddath, Wayne Marr and I conducted Preschool Vision Screenings at the Montgomery UMC Childrens Center. On a very busy morning, we managed to screen 39 children with only two being referred for possible vision problems.

On April 11 and 12, we conducted Preschool Screenings at Pleasant Plains Preschool at Damascus UMC Over the two days, 38 children were seen with the successful screening of 35. Of those, 34 passed the vision tests and 1 was referred for possible problems. Thanks to Lions Joan Paseur, Sue Suddath and Susan Smarte for their help.

Vision and Hearing screenings were conducted at the Damascus Senior Center on April 17. Lion Mark LeRoux from the South Potomac Lions brought the vision and hearing equipment. Lion Mark assisted us with the hearing screenings. Lion Sue provided the vision screenings while I provided the eye pressure testing. We had 25 people stop by to be tested in a little over 2 hours. Thanks again to Lions Joan, Sue, Susan, Wayne and Mark for their support. And thanks to the Preschool directors, Kate Martin and Cora Horst; and the Senior Center director, Cathy Richards, for inviting us.

Lion Chris Fletcher

22C Night- April 6

This was not your grandfather's 22C Night! Governor Chris Wooters did an outstanding job of making this evening full of entertainment. There was a tribute to Oklahoma with music, a video and dignitaries parading around on inflatable animals. Our Zone Chairs participated in a "land the ball in the cup" competition. Chris's family was amazing as they sang tunes from the movie "Greatest Showman"! Even the keynote speaker, Daniel Marney Elkins was very entertaining. (Pictured below with Governor Chris and Lion Chris Fletcher)

There was not however, much Lion business being conducted. I believe there were only 2 people who were recognized, one was our very own Chris (Christine) Fletcher for winning the "Most Members Inducted into a Club" award !



The buffet dinner was a major improvement over the previous sit down meals served at this event. Overall, the following Damascus Lions did enjoy themselves, Patsy McKenzie, Tony & Barbara Barry, Eloise Woodfield, Delphine Bambous, Chris Fletcher, Mary Frances Gosnell, and

Barbara & Vahe Aghamalian.
Lion Barbara Barry



*Governor
Chris as
the
"Greatest
Showman"!*

Upcoming Events

White Cane Days: Spring 2024

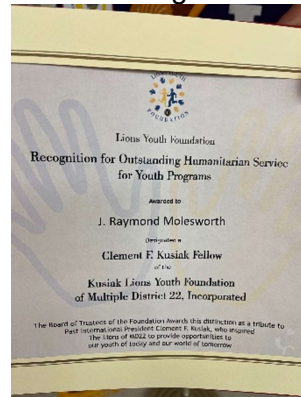
Hello, Damascus Lions. Our Spring White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, May 1, 2024. It runs just three days and ends on the evening of Friday, May 3. The schedule calls for 30 2-hour

shifts at Damascus Safeway and, so far, Lions have signed up for all 30 shifts! For those who have signed up, please refer to the signup sheet included in this Lions Tale as your reminder. If you have any questions or concerns about your shift, contact me on 301-237-3034 or email me at waynemarr@aol.com.

Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Every month, it seems, our Club is helping someone in this way. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years. Lion Wayne Marr (see sign up sheet on page 6)

Special Recognition

KL Charlie presented Lion Ray with a certificate for Recognition for Outstanding Humanitarian for Youth Programs!



LIONS 101st MULTIPLE CONVENTION

Ocean City was a cold, rainy, windy place. But we had a great hotel that if you looked out the window, you could get a glimpse of the rolling waves coming onto the beach. We didn't venture out on the beach as the Convention Agenda was packed full of things to do.

The Ashore Hotel was a new venue for us. The Convention was to be at Hunt Valley but the Delta Hotel at Hunt Valley closed. The Multiple District Convention Committee was set to task to locate another venue within only 6 months. The Ashore had changed ownership, had been fully rehab and the Lions Multiple 22 Convention was their first

occupants. Needless to say, it was very clean but lacked some amenities, none of which we were not able to work around. The Conventions meetings/sessions were easily located and the meals were good! Ashore knew the Lions were on premises. Lion Eloise and I attended all the business sessions, Informative Seminars, as well as Hospitality Night. The International Guest this year was Leo-Lion Liaison Alicia Kiri Beer. Alicia was accompanied by her Father and Brother. She is from Alberta Canada. Quite an accomplished speaker with a can-do personality. She participated in all the sessions and was in one of the costumes for Hospitality Night. Her focus was Leo Clubs. Our DG Chris did a repeat of 22-C Night at Hospitality Night. This is the night that the incoming District Governors set up rooms with food and drinks - you have the opportunity to get better acquainted while being entertained and enjoying food. Alicia and her brother donned a costume and joined in the fun. Even PID Joe Gaffigan was seen on the dance floor along with PDG Andrea Cumberland.

We found new friends and listened for new ideas! We elected new District 22-C Officers - incoming DG is Rodrick Harris along with his 1st VDG and 2nd VDG. We voted to confirm the changes in the bylaws of Multiple District 22 - Changing the number of years to 3 to reach out for future conventions and the Ad Min for the Multiple to 1 year - previously was 2 years.

For more antics and information about the convention, come to the Lions Dinner Meeting May 7.

Mary Frances Gosnell



A Cute Article from 1957

Comments made in the year 1957

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind', it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used one."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

Wesley Grove's Yard Sale

Wesley Grove United Methodist Church
 23640 Woodfield Road
 Gaithersburg, MD 20882

**Community
 Yard Sale**

**Saturday, May 11
 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Rent a Space for \$20
 Table Rentals - Additional \$5 Each
 Call 301-253-0044 to reserve your space.

Cooked-to-Order Breakfast & Lunch Sandwiches
 Homemade Baked Goods

Benefit Our Church & Your Closets!

Time to Celebrate

May Birthdays:

Warren Schwab	5/9*
Wayne Marr	5/19
John Washington	5/24
Joe Howerton	5/25**
Sue Suddath	5/26
Joann Woodson	5/26 **

*Significant Birthday

**VERY Significant Birthday !

Partners in Service

Barbara Aghamalian (Vahe)	5/21
Marcia Allen (Anthony)	5/23

May Anniversaries:

Tammy & Charlie Hertel	5/2 (37 yrs)
Anthony & Marcia Allen	5/12
Julie Sain & Tom Marley	5/14 (10 yrs)



Upcoming Events

May 1-3- White Cane, Safeway shopping center Damascus. For more information contact Lion Wayne waynemarr@comcast.net

May 3 – Blood Drive 10am-3:30pm, DMUC, register to donate at redcrossblood.org or contact Lion Charlie Hertel to volunteer

May 4 – 9- 12 noon Shred Fest – Damascus United Methodist Church Parking Lot – for more information contact Lion Joe Howerton joehowertonsales@gmail.com

May 7 – 6:45pm, Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC-

May 15– 7:00 pm Board meeting at Gladhill's

May 21 - 6:00pm, Lions Youth Night – DMUC
*dinner for Lions starts at 6pm, Youth Celebration starts at 7:30

May 25 – 9 am, Road Cleanup meet at DHS Parking lot–for more information contact Lion Tony Barry Daniel8Barry@gmail.com

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Spring 2024 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday May 1 Manager: Del Mayhew	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	Joan Paseur
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Ippolito
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Joan Paseur
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Chris Fletcher
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Ken MacKay
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Tammy Hertel
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
Thursday May 2 Manager: Tom Jackson	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	Susan Smarte
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	Chris Fletcher
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Ippolito
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Carolyn Marshall
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	George Hibbard
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Vahe Aghamalian
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Sue Suddath
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Charlie Stone
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Carol Stone
Friday May 3 Manager: Wayne Marr	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Newlin
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Snapp
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Nanda Alipati
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Joe Howerton
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Warren Schwab
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Eloise Woodfield

4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Ray Molesworth
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Jon Inglefield
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Delphine Bambous
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Nanda Alapati

Thank you! Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!