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The President's Message



The amount of daylight is longer and the weather is becoming milder as we leave Old Man Winter behind us. Yeah!

The Blood Drive on March 7th at the Damascus UMC went well. Our Spring Pancake Breakfast held on

March 15th at the Damascus UMC was a big success. We also had a Road Cleanup on March 22nd. Five Lions participated.

We start April 2025 with Mr. Tom Foolery at our April 1st meeting! Be prepared for a fun, backwards night. We will also have a guest speaker from a Conner's Kits at our April 1st meeting. In addition, we will review our slate of officers for the Lions year 2025-2026. Then on April 5th, we have the District 22-C Night at the Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Our meeting on April 15th will be our in-house auction. Bring your goodies and we'll buy them. We will also elect our officers for the next year.

The Damascus Lions are planning for a very busy May 2025.

Happy Spring!

KL Charlie

MARCH EVENTS

Blood Drive-March 7

The Damascus Lions Club hosted their sixth blood drive for year 2024-2025 on Friday March 7th, 2025. I would like to thank our Lion volunteers Lion Chris Fletcher, Lion Joan Passeur and Lion Sue Suddath for always supporting the ARC blood program in Damascus. I picked up Lion Chris at her residence again early that morning to get her to the DUMC to help even with her recovery a few weeks ago from hip surgery and took her back home in the late afternoon. We collected 52 units of blood for the American Red Cross at Damascus United Methodist Church. We had 57 people presented, 4 were first time donors. This puts our total units for 2024-2025 = 246 Units.

Our next ARC Blood Drive for 2024-2025 year will be Friday May 2nd, 2025. This drive will be at the Damascus United Methodist Church. This will be our last blood drive for 2024-2025 year. Our first blood drive for 2025-2026 will be on Friday July 11th, 2025 at the American Legion Post 171. We are in need of new donors please ask a relative, friend or neighbor!! *These are the next 3 blood drives for 2025- 2026 Friday July 11th, 2025 - American Legion Post 171

Friday, September 5th - American Legion Post 171

Friday, November 7th - American Legion Post 171

Lion Charlie Hertel

Road Cleanup- March 22

On Saturday March 22, five Lions performed a road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park Drive. Lion Bob and Barbara started the clean up on Valley Park at the Route 27 side, where Lion Barbara found a flower pot and a stainless-steel dog bowl! Lion Andrew met them half way. Lion Peter cleaned both sides of the piece of Valley Park starting from Route 124. I want to thank the following: Lion Bob Ippolito, Lion Peter Grysvavage, Lion Andrew Oliverio and Lion Barbara Barry.

Lion Tony Barry

Pictures from Road Cleanup



Pancake Breakfast- March 15

The Damascus Lions Club had a Pancake Breakfast on March 15th and it was the first one for the new Pancake Breakfast Committee consisting of Lion Sue Suddath and Lion Joan Passeur (myself). We want to thank Lion Mary Frances for all of her support. We had a great turn out and it was a big success (even with the price of eggs) AND we made a profit for the club.

We had 22 Lions help out with a total of 112.50 hours worked. We also had 7 Leo's help in the dining room with a total of 14 hours worked.

We want to THANK everyone who volunteered their time to help and look forward to are next one.

Thank you again!

Lions Joan & Sue



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 Meeting

Our meeting Tuesday, April 1, will be a Tom Foolery Backward Night. Wear your shirt, Sweater or hat backward. Have a couple of other interesting things for you as well - So watch out! Tom is roaming!

Seriously, we have PDG Hawk Hawkins and his friends coming to bring us up-to-date on the Conner's Kits for Diabetic Students project.

See you yadseuT Night!

Lions Mary Frances and Eloise Woodfield

In House Auction- April 15

Our annual In house Action will be on April 15 during our dinner meeting. Funds raised from this event go to support our club account. Please email Lion Barbara with your list of donations ASAP. Barrybar24@gmail.com

Popular items are: Homemade jams/ Jellies, cakes, and fudge. Bottles of wine. Gift cards. Services such as trips to the Airport or use of a truck for a day. Tickets to sporting events sell well. The use of a beach house for a weekend also brings in lots of money. With out this fundraiser, our dues will have to increase significantly.

Thank you

Lion Barbara Barry

White Cane Days: Spring 2025

Our Spring White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, April 30 and runs for three days ending Friday, May 1. There will be 10 two-hour shifts each day at the Damascus Safeway. Initial signups for shifts will be solicited at our Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, April 1 (no foolin!). For those who will miss that meeting, please review the signup sheet displayed here in this Lions Tale and then please contact me by text, phone call, or email (301-237-3034 or waynemarr@aol.com) to arrange to take a shift or two.

Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. So far this Lions Year (since July 1, 2024), we have helped 15 needy people

in this way. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years.
Lion Wayne Marr

SIGHT CONSERVATION FEEDBACK

It's not terribly often that our club receives a thank you from a recipient of our sight conservation program funds. Here is one recently received;

*Good Morning, Mr. Marr,
I want to update you that my mom has completed her eye exam and received her glasses. We are truly grateful for the assistance and support we received and sincerely appreciate it.
Thank you ! Ravi Dhote*

And here is a note from a staff member at Stedwick ES who has referred several students to our program:

*Good Morning Mr. Marr:
I would like to share some screenshots from one of our bulletin boards at school. As a Title I/Community school we try to post school events and recognize organizations that work with us like the Lions Club. Your organization has been supporting many Stedwick families in the last years, and we really appreciate your help.
Thanks,
Marilu Salas~ Parent Community Coordinator
Stedwick Elementary School*

Lion Wayne Marr

(See sign up sheet on page 5)

Childhood Cancer

Our 22-C Childhood Cancer Representatives receive a donation from the Damascus Lions Club.



Update on Lion Bob Newlin

I had a very nice visit with Lion Bob on Friday, March 21. Lion Bob has been living in the memory unit at Somerford House Senior Living Community for approximately four weeks. Lion Bob asked about the Lions Club and Damascus in general. He has adjusted quickly to his new surroundings. Lion Colleen said that he is helping other residents with some of their daily activities. Lion Bob can walk around the grounds and to nearby Lake Whitter Park with an escort. He and Lion Colleen have found several restaurants within walking distance. Bob seems to be happy with his new home. Somerford House does not have set visiting hours. When I arrived, I found Bob participating in a group activity. Bob's new address is Somerford House, 2100A Whittier Drive, Frederick, MD 21702. Bob enjoys having visitors from Damascus. He does not have a phone in his room.

Lion Ray Molesworth

Years of Service Recognition

The following Damascus Lions Club members who joined the Damascus Lions Club during the months of March and April are recognized for their commitment to community service. Join me in congratulating them on their service.

Lion	Join Date	Years of Service
Bob Snapp	March 1970	55
Barbara Barry	March 2003	23
Patsy McKenzie	March 2008	17
Rick Kendall	March 2009	16
Tom Jackson	April 1987	38
Tony Allen	April 1998	27
Dale Ryan	April 2000	25
Charlie Holpuch	April 2002	23
Ben Lewis	April 2005	20
George Hibbard	April 2006	24
Jennifer Cano	April 2008	22
Bob Williams	April 2008	22
Julie Sain	April 2011	24
Vahe Aghamalian	April 2018	7

Lion Ray Molesworth

Time to Celebrate

April Birthdays:

Jon Inglefield 4/12
Tom Jackson 4/18
John Ampiah-Addison 4/24*

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Jennifer Molesworth (Ray) 4/11
Cathy Hyman (Rob) 4/30

April Anniversaries:

Bob & Joanne Breiner 4/25 (38 yrs)

Upcoming Events

April 1 – 6:45pm, Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC

April 5 – 5:30 pm, 22C Night – Rockville MD, for more information contact Lion Vahe Aghamalian vaghamalian@aol.com

April 9 – 7:00 pm Board meeting at Maryland/Gladhill Tractor

April 15– 6:45pm, Dinner meeting & In House Auction at Wesley Grove UMC for more information contact Lion Barbara Barry at barrybar24@gmail.com

April 30 - May 2- White Cane Safeway Damascus, for more information contact Lion Wayne waynemarr@aol.com.



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Spring 2025 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday Apr 30 Manager: Del Mayhew	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
Thursday May 1 Manager: Tom Jackson	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
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	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
Friday May 2 Manager: Wayne Marr	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	

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

Pancake Breakfast Pictures

