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The President's Message



August 2023 was another busy month for us. On August 3rd, seven Lions served about 45 people at the Damascus Senior Center Birthday Party.

Two days later, we had the second cleanup of the Dairy Barn in preparation for Ice Cream Dipping at the Montgomery County Fair Aug 11-19, 2023.

The Damascus Lions Club staffed the Dairy Barn on August 11th & 15th. The 15th was a very busy day. The Peach ice cream was a big hit. Other flavors sold out as well. Thank you to all the Lions who helped make this a success! A special shout-out goes to Lion Tammy Hertel for her dedicated efforts organizing six Lions Clubs to staff the Dairy Barn and show the community that as Lions, We Serve. On August 23rd there was an eye glasses sorting and packing event at Mission BBQ in Germantown. Seven Damascus Lions attended the event to help support the District 22-C service project.

Looking forward to September 2023 brings several familiar activities. We return to Wesley Grove UMC on September 5th for our dinner meeting. It's Picture Night so wear your Lions shirt, vest, or both. The 77th Annual Damascus Community Fair will be held September 8-10, 2023. Several Damascus Lions will help register Fair entries on the 7th and serve popcorn during the Fair.

On September 19th we will have Prospective Member Night. Bring a future member of our club. There is a Road Cleanup scheduled for September 23rd.

KL Charlie

AUGUST EVENTS

ICE CREAM DIPPING- August 15

A big thank you goes to Lion Tammy who is the volunteer coordinator for the Damascus Lions Club and for coordinating all of the other clubs who work at the Dairy Barn! A big bonus was that it only two Saturdays to get the barn ready to open!

On Thursday August 10th Lion Charlie and Ivo (Lion Charlie's and Lion Tammy's son in law) unloaded ice cream from the delivery truck and stocked the bins, the pantry and refrigerator. We also cleaned and mopped the mud off the floor, repaired the awning and readied the Dairy Barn for opening day. Also thank Lion Chris for her labeling of all the flavors!! Friday afternoon August 11th, the first day of the fair, Lion Tammy, Lion Chris and Lion Joan were there to start their nine day marathon at the 74th Montgomery County Fair. WOO HOO!!! GO LIONS!!!

On Tuesday August 15th the Damascus Lions Club is in charge of serving the senior citizens ice cream.

The Lions that morning were ready a little early to start serving ice cream to the seniors as always. Our Damascus Lions that came to help really stepped up and did a great job all day long. We can't thank them enough for making it all work year after year.

The Leo's clubs, volunteers, partners in service did excellent work. Everyone did an outstanding job. We all worked very hard. I would like to thank Lion Tammy for being in charge of the Dairy Barn and all of our dippers, cashiers and stockers. There are also a few other people I would like to thank for making the Dairy Barn run successfully. Lion Gerda for coming in to clean the shake machine when needed. Lion Chris, Lion Joan, Lion Dale, Lion Mary Francis, Lion Vahe, his son Matthew and girlfriend Juliana, Lion Bob Snapp, Lion Bob Ippolito, Lion Tessie, Lion Ray, Lion Barbara, Lion Tony, Lion Jack, Lion Joe, King Lion Charlie and Lion Carol and Lion Wayne for helping get us out of there:) A special shout out to our very own Damascus Lion Kevin Yates the Principle at Damascus High School

along with Catherine Schwartz the Principle of Woodfield Elementary School. Lion Kevin dipped ice cream and Catherine ran a register. New Damascus Lions Susan Smarte and Lion Nanda Apalito also worked very hard that day. A special thank you to my

parents Ray and Virginia for still be able to support the Damascus Lions and my daughter Candice for helping so much and staying to close several nights!! I can't thank her enough for all her hard work and supporting her MOM!! We had so many other great volunteers that worked tirelessly and helped on other days when needed. Another shout out to Lion Chris and Lion Joan who were there every day, way cool!! As I have been informed the Damascus Lions Club has a potential of 9 new members and the Rockville Club has 3. This is Just Awesome!! I am also thanking Lion Barbara, Lion Tony and Lion Mary Francis for coming back in on the final day Saturday August 19th to help when the Leisure World Lions needed staff. If I didn't mentioned your name we still appreciated all your help. Also a lot of our volunteers helped other Lions clubs on other days. We did almost 9K on Tuesday. This was a record day for us. For our work day Tuesday August 15th we earned an estimated \$2,700.00 Thank you to all who participated and making this an absolutely fun day.

Lion Charlie Hertel (See more pictures on page 6)



SENIOR CENTER PARTY – Aug 3

Wow! What a nice gathering – there were 40 Seniors waiting for the Damascus Lions Gathering Time. The Seniors enjoy their time with us – we played several games. One was to draw a flag on a paper plate that

was on top of your head!!! Another was writing down US States, and one Senior got 40! Also had several other activities. We celebrated two August Birthdays. As the Seniors departed, they were given a goody bag with pen and notepad and more plus homemade cookies. Refreshments included 5 homemade cakes, ice cream and ginger ale. Lions Ray Molesworth, Chris Fletcher, Joan Passeur, Eloise Woodfield and Mary Frances Gosnell helped with the party. The Seniors always like to see us – we don't play bingo!!!!

(See more pictures on page 5)



Upcoming Events

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

We need your help at the 77th Annual Damascus Community Fair. Popcorn days are Friday September 8th, Saturday September 9th and Sunday September 10th.

Please sign up at the September 5th meeting. We need at least 4 lions for each shift.

We also need ice cream CHURNERS for Friday September 8 at 6 pm.

Thank you, Lions Sue, Chris, Joan, Barbara & Mary Frances

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER NIGHT

Our September 19 dinner meeting is Prospective Member Night. We are planning an informative program for both Members and Prospective Members. Invite a Prospective Member to attend that evening – They are our guests – However, please make a reservation for dinner with Lion Tess Gladhill.

The best way to get new members is to ASK – You have planted a seed! Some seeds take a little bit of time to grow! Looking forward to some new faces this Lions year.

Sue Suddath, Membership Chair

Years of Service Recognition

Please congratulate the following Lions on the completion of another year of service.

Lion	Date Joined	Years of Service Completed
Bob Breiner	May 1991	32
Bob Ippolito	May 2021	2
Suresh Malhotra	June 2013	10
Bobbi Marr	June 2003	20
Jack Peters	June 1982	41
Joy Schwab	July 2003	20
Warren Schwab	July 2003	20
Sue Suddath	July 2003	20
Eloise Woodfield	September 2021	2
Joan Passeur	September 2022	1
Colleen Newlin	September 2022	1

Lion Eloise Woodfield was a Damascus Lion from

January 2001 until January 2014. Lion Eloise served as our King Lion from 2008-2009 and Secretary from 2004-2005. Eloise rejoined the club in September 2022. Lion Eloise has 15 years of service with the Damascus Lions Club.

Lion Ray Molesworth, Assistant Secretary

EYE GLASS SORTING- Aug 23

Lions from Damascus and Rockville met at Mission BBQ to sort eyeglasses. I want to thank the following Lions for their help with this joint service project: Lion Mary Frances, Lion Wayne, Lion Del, Lion Bobbie, Lion Tony, Lion Charlie Hertel. We met Bob Martin who is runs the clinics in Mexico. It was a fun night and the food was great! (See pictures on page 5)

Lion Barbara Barry

Time to Celebrate

September Birthdays:

Carol Stone	9/1 *
Colleen Newlin	9/10
Suresh Malhotra	9/10
Roy Stanley	9/19
Delphine Bambous	9/27
Anthony Allen	9/30

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Melissa Washington (John)	9/14
Kathy Thornett	9/17

September Anniversaries:

Tony & Barbara Barry	9/5 (36 yrs)
Del & Bonnie Mayhew	9/8 (61 yrs)
Joe & Angie Howerton	9/13 (17 yrs)
John & Melissa Washington	9/20 (43 yrs)

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Please add our 2 new members to your roster book

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Upcoming Events

September 5 – Dinner meeting & Club Photo, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

September 8 – Blood Drive, Damascus United Methodist Church, 10 am – 3:30 pm, for more info contact Lion Charlie Hertel at chtelco@aol.com,

September 8-10- Damascus Community Fair, DVFD Building, Ice cream churning Sept 8, 6 pm and Pop corn popping Sept 8 – 10. For more information contact Lion Barbara at barrybar24@gmail.com or Lion Mary Frances at mgnosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

September 13 (Wednesday) - Board Meeting- Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

September 19 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, prospective member night, 6:45 pm

September 23 – Road Cleanup, Meet at DHS parking lot at 9 am- for more info contact Lion Tony at Daniel8barry@gmail.com

October 3– Charter Night- Dutch's Daughter, Frederick

October 9- Golf Tournament -Glade Valley Golf Club, Shotgun Start, 9:00 am -for more info contact Lion Charlie Hertel at chtelco@aol.com,



Pictures from Senior Party



Pictures from Eye Glass Sorting



Pictures from Ice Cream Dipping

