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## The President's Message



Summer officially started on June 20th and the recent daytime temperatures above 90 degrees F help to prove it. Not long ago, some folks were looking forward to warmer weather. Now, it seems the cool weather wasn't so bad after all; human nature at work.

In June 2024, five Lions attended the Damascus Placemaking Initiative on June 3rd at the Damascus HS. In addition, several Lions had a relaxing evening while helping to raise funds on June 14th and 15th at the Give a Hoot Comedy Club. We finished the month with our 79th Installation Night on June 18th at the Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville. Council Chair (CC) and PDG Gary Burdette inducted Lions Peter Grysavage and Andrew Olivero; and the 2024-2025 Incoming Officers.

Looking forward, our July 2, 2024 dinner meeting will be held at the Damascus VFD Activities Building on Lewis Drive. There will be special entertainment. We will have a busy Celebrate Damascus days starting on July 12th with a Blood Drive at the Damascus American Legion and in the evening, the Damascus Parade; followed by the Damascus Flea Market on the 13th. Our second dinner meeting of the month, July 16th will be held at Lion Nanda Alapati's home. We finish a busy month with two activities on July 27th, County Fair Dairy Barn Cleanup and Road Cleanup.

Happy 4th of July!

KL Charlie

## JUNE EVENTS

KL Charlie and QL Carol recognize Pastor Karen Davis for her service to the church and to the Damascus Lions Club.



## INSTALLATION NIGHT- June 18

The Damascus Lions Club celebrated their 79th Installation Night on June 18 at Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville. Bob Snapp did his usual excellent job of planning this annual event. Congratulations to Lion Ray Molesworth for winning the Hyatt Trophy Award.



A big Thanks to CC PDG Lion Gary Burdette for doing an outstanding job of installing the new officers and inducting our 2 new members, Peter Grysavage and Andrew Oliverio. The Damascus

Lions Club want to thank KL Charlie Stone for stepping up to the plate and serving our club as King Lion for a second term!

Lion Barbara Barry

## MEETING PROGRAMS FOR 2024-25

As to King Lion's plans, we will do one informative, speaker, planned program a month - Generally the first meeting of the month. The Second Meeting will be for upcoming event presentations, informing and encouraging us to participate. And possibly a recognition or whatever may need to be presented.

We encourage all Lions to suggest or recommend a program they would like to have. There will be some required programs by the District Governor. However, we will not be aware of them until the First Advisory Meeting and the distribution of the District Roster.

Looking forward to bringing some interesting, informative and entertaining evenings to our membership!

Lions Eloise Woodfield and Mary Frances Gosnell

## DAMASCUS LIONS HANDBOOK

Several years ago, our Club Officers and Committees worked on a Handbook that would/could guide Lions in the commitment to serve. It was offered in print form.

Your Board of Directors have discussed updating the Handbook and putting it on the Damascus Lions Web site available for DAMASCUS LIONS ONLY. The Handbook contains descriptions and guidance for all Officers as well as Committees. Thus, it needs updating since the last update was 2021. (It was a project of Marcia and I.) Therefore, as I go through the Handbook, I will be emailing Committee Chairman for updates of their projects including the previous information. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. There is no target for completion but would like to get it off my agenda by September. Thanks Lions, looking forward to working with you again!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

# Sight and Hearing Conservation Committee Report of Fiscal Year 2023-2024

The Damascus Lions Club expended \$2,097 over the past year to help fifteen financially-strapped eye care patients in the Damascus/Clarksburg area. This expenditure was considerably more than the prior fiscal year, as school nurses took more advantage of our program than in prior years. Many of the cases were children. Our committee budget was \$2,500.

When an individual has a current written vision prescription and just needs help in obtaining glasses, we assign the individual to Peepers Family Eyecare in the Damascus Weiss shopping center or to Eyeballs in Monrovia. When an individual needs both a vision exam and eyewear, we assign them to Montgomery Village Eye Center (MVEC) in Gaithersburg. MVEC is particularly adept at managing our patients; more so than any other provider I've worked with in all my years of managing this program. And they speak Spanish, which is a huge help! All our vision providers give us special low rates for the cases they receive from our Club. Our vision cases come to our attention from: county social services organizations, the Damascus Senior Center, school health staff, Damascus Help, vision providers, and directly from patients themselves.

This program is a very worthwhile offering of our Club to financially-needy residents of Damascus and Clarksburg; a great example of Lionism in action.

Lion Wayne Marr

## Fifty-four Years of Active Community Service

Lion Bob Snapp has continuously served the Damascus Lions Club for over 54 years. According to Lion Bob, he became a Lion at "age 12" in March 1970. Lion Bob was a lifelong resident of Damascus until he moved to Fairfield, PA after retirement. He continues to be an active member of the Damascus Lions Club. Lion Bob knew all the Damascus Lions Club Charter Members. Lion Bob is the unofficial club historian with stories about the origin of the Lion's Club participation

in Montgomery County Fair Ice Cream booth, the ill-fated Lions Club Teen Center at American Legion Post 171 in the 1970's, the smoky holiday basket collection booth, and many other endeavors of the Lions Club. He can relate how the club received a donation of Band Uniforms as part of the used clothing collection for Holiday Basket Project. He can also explain the origin of "Albert's Collection Jar" that appears annually in December.

Lion Bob has many "back in the day" stories about the club and Damascus to share with club members. He has firsthand knowledge of Lions Club antics at the convention in Atlantic City, NJ. Once, Lion Bob and other Damascus Lions put a "For Sale" sign in the front yard of Lion Ollie Watkins' house while Lion Ollie was spending the winter in Florida. Lion Ollie began receiving buyer inquiries while in Florida and returned to Damascus furious. Lion Bob and Lion John Warfield started the first Damascus Lions Club golf tournament. Bob has served as King Lion and other leadership positions. Lion Bob commutes from his retirement home in Fairfield, PA for the bi-monthly dinner meetings and to actively take part in club fund raisers and activities. He currently is the chairperson of Installation and Charter Nights. Bob has been an active contributor to the Damascus Lions Club for the last 54 years. Congratulate Lion Bob on his dedication to community service. Please no congratulatory texts or emails to Bob.

### Years of service recognition this month goes to the following Lions:

Lion	Date Joined	Years of completed Service
Joy Schwab	July 2023	21
Warren Schwab	July 2023	21
Sue Suddath	July 2003	21
Joe Howerton	September 2015	9
Pastor John Ampiah-Addison	September 2016	8

Lion Ray Molesworth

## July 16 Picnic/Dinner Meeting

July 16 Picnic will be held at Lion Nanda's house. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow Damascus Lions, and partake in a catered meal including burgers, dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cookies, brownies and watermelon. Beverages included. No cost to members, but you must RSVP to Lion Nanda at Nalapati@aol.com by Thursday, July 11 so we can get an accurate head count. Picnic address will be emailed back when you RSVP.

Lion Nanda Alapati



## School Supply Project

Faith Connections, an ecumenical council in the Damascus/Clarksburg area, has closed. They ran the Holiday Giving Project, School Supply Project as well as other needs of the communities.

Faith Cares will be taking care of the Holiday Giving Project and is headed up by St. Paul's Catholic Church. Our Holiday Giving Project will not change much.

Faith in Action will be serving the students and our Lions Club has been asked to take over the School Supply Project.

The project runs from July 14th – August 11. There will be blue bins placed at the churches that will be participating in the project.

Our August 6th meeting will be at the Montgomery United Methodist Church and they will have a blue bin that we can place our supplies in.

Below is a list of the supplies needed.

Paper (wide or college-ruled):

- spiral notebooks
- composition books
- loose leaf paper
- post-it-notes

Writing tools:

- pencil boxes (hard or soft)
- dry erase markers
- pencils & sharpeners
- erasers & eraser caps
- pens (blue, black & red)

Organization:

- backpacks
- binder (1 or 2 inch)
- dividers
- pocket folders

Arts & Crafts:

- safety scissors
- markers
- colored pencils
- glue sticks
- rulers

\*Please note that Staples and Walmart currently have school supplies on sale.

Lion Sue Smarte



## Time to Celebrate

### July Birthdays:

Rick Kendall	7/4*
Joy Schwab	7/13*
Bob Snapp	7/18
Bethel Dzobo	7/19

\*Significant Birthday

### Partners in Service

Viola Hibbard (George)	7/6
Leslie Ippolito (Bob)	7/25

### July Anniversaries:

Ray & Jennifer Molesworth	7/1 (52 yrs)
Rob & Cathy Hyman	7/22 (19 yrs)
Vahe & Barbara Aghamalian	7/28 (40 yrs)

## Upcoming Events

**Tue., July 2** – Dinner meeting Damascus Vol. Fire dept.  
RSVP to Lion Tess at [General@gladhillbrothers.com](mailto:General@gladhillbrothers.com)

**Wed., Jul 10** - 7:00pm, Board meeting @ Gladhill's - in person

**Fri., July 12** - 10am - 3:30pm - Blood Drive @ Damascus American Legion- Contact Lion Charlie Hertel to help [chtelco@aol.com](mailto:chtelco@aol.com)

**Fri., July 12**- 6 pm -Celebrate Damascus – parade, meet at DHS parking lot contact Lion Tony [Daniel8Barry@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel8Barry@gmail.com)

**Sat., July 13** Celebrate Damascus -flea market  
see Lion Chris [Chriswfletcher@verizon.net](mailto:Chriswfletcher@verizon.net)

**Tues, Jul 16**- 6:45 pm- Dinner Meeting at Lion Nanda's house. Contact Lion Nanda to RSVP [Nalapati@aol.com](mailto:Nalapati@aol.com)

**Sat., Jul 27**- 9:00am, Road Cleanup- meet at DHS parking lot close to Weis market. See Lion Tony [Daniel8Barry@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel8Barry@gmail.com)

**Sat., July 27** – 8:00 am Dairy Barn Cleanup – Montgomery Cty Fair grounds, contact Lion Tammy to help [Tammy\\_hertel@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tammy_hertel@mcpsmd.org)

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# Pictures from Installation Night

