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## The President's Message



The month of August brought hot days and thunderstorms, but did not deter the Lions from serving the community.

August 2024 was another busy month for us. On August 3rd we held the second of two Dairy Barn Cleanups. The club met on August 6th at Montgomery UMC

for dinner and to fill blue bins with our donated school supplies. The Senior Birthday Party event was held on August 8th. The Damascus Lions Club staffed the Dairy Barn on August 9th and 13th, dipping Ice Cream at the Montgomery County Fair. 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 local Lions Clubs & Leos to staff the Dairy Barn, and showing the community that as Lions, We Serve.

Looking forward to September 2024 brings several familiar activities. We return to Wesley Grove UMC on September 3rd for our dinner meeting. It's Picture Night so wear your Lions shirt, vest, or both. On the 6th, there is a Blood Drive at the Damascus UMC. The 78th Annual Damascus Community Fair will be held September 6-8, 2024. Several Damascus Lions will compete in the ice cream making event on the 6th and will prepare bags of popcorn on the 6th-8th. On the 17th we will have Prospective Member Night. Bring a future member of our club. There is a Road Cleanup tentatively scheduled for September 28th.

KL Charlie

## AUGUST EVENTS

### ICE CREAM DIPPING- August 13

It was the 75th anniversary for the Montgomery County fair this year. Our special flavor this year was birthday cake to celebrate the fair's 75th year. It was a great seller this year but our top seller was a new flavor Lion Charlie picked out, Strawberry cheesecake and as always our wild mountain blackberry was the top of the list.

Lion Tammy was this year's coordinator for the Ice cream barn all week. The top 2 leaders were also Chris Fletcher and Joan Paseur that were there every single day. Tammy could not have done it without them.

On Tuesday when Damascus Lions Club ran the booth Lion Charlie was in charge. We had 280 student volunteers that received SSL hours and 140 lions pulled together to serve over 900 gallons of ice cream. We took two Saturdays at the Dairy Barn prior to opening to get it ready. We had so much great help to get the Dairy Barn ready from the Lions, Leos, Damascus 4H and volunteers.

Thank You to all those who helped!!

On Thursday August 8th Lion Charlie, Lion Chris, Lion Joan, Lion Susan, Lion Bob, and Ivo unloaded ice cream from the delivery truck and got the Ice Cream barn ready for the 1st day of the fair!

Friday, August 9 the fair was canceled due to weather. It gave us time to get new ice cream cones. The 1,000 cones provided by food pro were way to small. Rick, a C H Tel Employee came to the rescue. He ran to a food warehouse off of 495, about an hour 1/2 away in rainy weather to get 1,000 new cones. He did have to go back during the week to get more boxes. Thank you RICK.

On Tuesday August 13 the Damascus Lions Club served over 120 seniors plus all the regular customers. 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. We all worked very hard. I would like to thank Lion Tammy for overseeing the Dairy Barn and Lion Chris and Lion Joan for being there all day from 8: 30 am to 11:30 pm and all our dippers, cashiers and stockers.

There are 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 John and Kathy, Lion Dale, Lion Mary Frances, Lion Vahe, his daughter in law Juliana, John Barry, Lion Ken, Lion Nanda, Lion Andrew, Lion Kim, Lion Delphine, Lion Patsy and Debbie, Lion Bob Snapp, Lion Bob Ippolito, Lion Tessie, Lion Ray, Lion Joe, King Lion Charlie and Lion Carol, and Lion Wayne for helping get us out of there:)

A special shout out to our new Damascus Principal, Bradley Rohner and the new Principal at Baker Middle School ,Samuel Levine and the new principal Jessica Bay at Clearspring Elementary school. They helped dip ice cream and met all the student volunteers. They were so impressed how our community comes together to do this every year. They were amazed at the student volunteers. We do have a great community we live in. We should be proud of our students. Baker is going to work on getting a Leos Club and Brad wants to look into becoming a Lion.

A special thank you to my parents Ray and Virginia for coming to work for about 6 hours. Virginia does the register, and Ray cleans everything in sight. I want to thank my daughter Candice for helping so much and staying until we closed almost every night with her husband Ivo. 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. Thank you to all the members who came other days to help out. If I didn't mention your name we still appreciated all your help. We have many days of clean up after the fair you don't realize. Lion Charlie, Rick and Ivo went back several days to clean the barn and get it ready to close.

No totals yet. I will update you when I get that information. (See pictures on page 5)  
Lion Charlie Hertel

### Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection

The Damascus Lions have typically collected over a thousand pairs of used eyeglasses each year. Last year we collected and delivered to LCOF (Lions Community Outreach Foundation of District 22-C) 2,507 pairs of glasses and 20 hearing aids. So far this year we have provided 600 sorted and packaged ready for shipping

to LCOF plus another 143 to a Rockville sorting and packing activity. LCOF then sends these glasses to a distribution center in Mexico where they are calibrated and provided to those in need. EYE GLASSES HELP 153 MILLION IN NEED PRINCIPALLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HEARING AIDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED.

#### EYE GLASS AND HEARING AID DROP OFF BOXES

##### *Damascus Library*

9701 Main Street, Damascus

##### *Damascus Volunteer Fire Department*

26334 Ridge Road, Damascus

##### *Montgomery Village Eye Care*

18310 Montgomery Village Ave, Suite 105, Gaithersburg

Gaithersburg

##### *McKenzie Law Office*

26317 Ridge Road, Damascus

##### *For Eyes*

20680 Seneca Meadows Parkway

Germantown, Md.

##### *Damascus Heritage Society Museum*

9701 Main St

##### *WesBanco*

26500 Ridge Road, Damascus

##### *V. EYE P. Eye Care*

22610 Newcut Rd Suite E 4-A

##### *Peepers Eyecare Center*

26035 Ridge Rd, Damascus, MD

Lion Del Mayhew

## Lionism in Damascus

You will notice two fresh faces at our Lions Club meetings and projects. Please take a moment to welcome two new members to the Damascus Lions Club who were installed in June 2024. Both have contributed to fund raiser activities and Lions Club meetings.

Lion Andrew Oliverio was interested in community service. He was attracted to Damascus Lions Club through the Lions Club information found on the community sign on Route 27. Lion Chris Fletcher sponsored Lion Andrew. Lion Andrew lives in Damascus and is employed as a Biomedical Equipment Operator. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and is currently an active member of the Air National Guard.

Lion Peter Grysavage lives in Damascus with his wife, Barbara. Lion Peter is a Registered Nurse. He expressed an interest in community service with the Lions Club and was directed to our membership chairperson, Lion Chris. Lion Peter was sponsored by Lion Chris.

Please welcome Lions Peter and Andrew as new members of the Damascus Lions Club. Lions Colleen Newlin and Joan Paseur have completed another year of service. Both have been active members since joining the club in October 2022. Lion Eloise Woodfield completed 16 years of service in September 2024. Lion Eloise initially became a Lion in January 2001 with a break in service from January 2014 until September 2022.

Lion Ray Molesworth

## DAMASCUS LIONS DINNER MEETING PROGRAMS

Lions, we will attempt to keep you informed of the Programs for our Lions Dinner Meetings going forward. We hope that this will inspire attendance as well as inviting guests and potential new members.

Sept. 3 - Program by Jim Starcher, President of Damascus Heritage Society

Sept. 17 – Prospective Member Night. Our Membership Chair will present an informational program. Invite a friend, neighbor or relative!

Oct. 1 - Charter Night - DG Rodrick Harris will attend

More interesting programs being planned.

Lion Eloise Woodfield and Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



*Lion Eloise making her Pencil Cookies*

## Time to Celebrate

### September Birthdays:

Carol Stone	9/1
Colleen Newlin	9/10*
Suresh Malhotra	9/10
Andrew Oliverio	9/14
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 (37 yrs)
Del & Bonnie Mayhew	9/8 (62 yrs)
Joe & Angie Howerton	9/13 (18 yrs)
John & Melissa Washington	9/20 (44 yrs)

**The August Board Meeting was  
cancelled**

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## Upcoming Events

**September 3** – Dinner meeting & Club Photo, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm \*WEAR YOUR LION SHIRT!

**September 6** – Blood Drive, Damascus American Legion, 10 am, for more info contact Lion Charlie Hertel at [chtelco@aol.com](mailto:chtelco@aol.com),

**September 6- 8**- Damascus Community Fair, DVFD Building, Ice cream churning Sept 6, 6 pm and Pop corn popping Sept 6-8. For more information contact Lion Barbara at [barrybar24@gmail.com](mailto:barrybar24@gmail.com) or Lion Mary Frances at [mgnosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com](mailto:mgnosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com)

**September 11** - Board Meeting- Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

**September 14** – Road Cleanup, Meet at DHS parking lot at 9 am- for more info contact Lion Tony at [Daniel8barry@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel8barry@gmail.com)

**September 17** – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, prospective member night, 6:45 pm



Pictures from Ice Cream Dipping

